



# Shepherd's Voice

## June 12 ~ June 26

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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**This edition of the Shepherd's Voice will go over all news for the next two weeks. Please note that the secretary will be out of town. IF there is anything that needs to be added to the calendar or an announcement is needed. Please let Pastor know to include it in the Sunday morning announcements.**

**SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR THE CALENDAR FOR THE WEEKS OF  
SUNDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>  
&  
SUNDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Sunday, June 12 4th Sun. after Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 7:00pm	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Sunday School Damascus Growth Group
Monday, June 13	10:00am	Fellowship Bible Study  CALLIE OUT OF OFFICE
Tuesday, June 14	6:30pm	Garden Gnomes 4-H Meeting  CALLIE OUT OF OFFICE
Wednesday, June 15		CALLIE OUT OF OFFICE
Thursday, June 16	9:30am 10:00am	Emmaus Growth Group Park Place Devotions  CALLIE OUT OF OFFICE
Friday, June 17		CALLIE OUT OF OFFICE
Saturday, June 18	9:00am – 2:00pm 4:00pm – 10:00pm	Ba'Hai Group Meeting in Fellowship Hall Outside Group using the Fellowship Hall CALLIE OUT OF OFFICE
Sunday, June 19 4th Sun. after Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Sunday School CALLIE OUT OF OFFICE
Monday, June 20	10:00am	Fellowship Bible Study CALLIE OUT OF OFFICE
Tuesday, June 21	9:00am – 1:00pm	PEO Women's Group Event  CALLIE OUT OF OFFICE
Wednesday, June 22		
Thursday, June 23	10:00am 6:45pm	Park Place Devotions Piano Concert in Benefit of Romania Mercy Mission Trip.
Friday, June 24		
Saturday, June 25		
Sunday, June 26	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Sunday School

## A PASTOR'S POST – JUNE 12, 2016

### "NOT GOOD TO BE ALONE," REFLECTION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF GROWTH GROUPS



Dear friends in Christ:

Shortly after the creation of Adam out of the dust of the ground God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone." And so God created a helper fit for him. Have you ever wondered who God was talking to in that primeval conversation? Perhaps God was talking to the angels. Perhaps God was just doing what we all have done: talking to Himself. We may never know, but it does seem curious that although God made Adam with His own divine hands, and we are told that God made the man "in his image" God was still concerned that being alone was not good for Adam. Eventually in Genesis God creates a woman. Adam had a very favorable response to God's efforts: "this at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." At last Adam has a helper fit for him.

One thing seems clear to me in this. God created us to be in community with one another. We were not meant to be alone. It is, as the computer engineers say, community is "the way we are hard wired."

This idea of community has a wonderful word in the original Greek language of the New Testament: **koinonia**. This is the word the New Testament uses to describe the fellowship and unity of the early Christian believers. The Book of Acts gives us a twofold image of the life of the early church: they met publicly in the temple precincts, and privately in houses where they shared God's Word, prayed, and broke bread together.

At Shepherd of the Valley our Growth Groups are the contemporary incarnation of God's call to not be alone but to be in Christian community with one another. Our Growth Groups provide Christian spiritual community for people for much the same reason God created the first human family: we are hard wired to be in community. At rock bottom the source of our **koinonia** at Shepherd of the Valley is God's call in baptism.

In baptism God makes us all family! That's why we have moved the baptismal font to the center of the worshipping community on Sundays. On the way to receive Holy Communion we must pass by the baptismal font, and thereby be visually reminded that God has made us family in the waters of baptism. We can even dip our fingers in the water and touch our foreheads to remind ourselves what God has done in the waters of baptism. As Jesus was baptized and proclaimed Son of God at His baptism, so we are baptized and proclaimed sons and daughters of God at ours, and that makes us all family. Baptism welcomes us to the fellowship of the church as brothers and sister of the Lord Jesus. Holy Communion is what sustains and strengthens us as a family of God. That is why we call it "communion," it is a coming together of the family of God to be fed at the table of God, and receive that spiritual "manna" that will sustain us in our wilderness journey through life and death to new life, eternal life.

God uses the Growth Groups at Shepherd of the Valley to sustain and strengthen us as His family. God is giving the gift of being family to the people of our congregation through the ministry of Growth Groups. That's why this month is designated Growth Group month and June 26 will be Growth Group Sunday.

It has been said that one of the ironies of this age is that while we have so many means of communication: television, radio, internet, email, texting, tweeting, and on and on, and yet loneliness has become a greater social and spiritual problem for more people than ever before. This is why God calls us to be church and invites us to gather regularly in small groups: so that, like Adam in the beginning we would discover the joy of spiritual community, of **koinonia**. If you aren't part of a Growth Group and would like to be please check out the bulletin board, email or call the church office, or contact me directly. We will find a place for you.

In Christ,

*Pastor Joe Hughes*

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## LECTIONARY BIBLE READINGS FOR WORSHIP JUNE/JULY 2016

### YOU CAN HELP SHAPE SUNDAY'S MESSAGE!

Everyone is welcome to participate in **Monday Fellowship Bible Studies, 10:00-11:30 AM**. We read, learn about, and discuss the Bible readings for the coming Sunday. These important discussions help to shape pastor's message on the following Sundays, as well as provide a variety of ways you can get more out of your worship experience by sharing insights and questions raised during class. Want more information? Contact Pastor Joe (217-898-9063). Bring a friend! Everyone is welcome.

June 12	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-14 Galatians 2:15-21, 3:10-14 Luke 7:36-8:3
June 19	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 65:1-9 Galatians 3:23-4:7 Luke 8:26-39
June 26	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	1 Kings 19:9b-21 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62
July 3	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 66:10-14 Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18 Luke 10:1-21
July 10	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Leviticus 19:9-18 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37
July 17	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Genesis 18:1-10a Colossians 1:21-29 Luke 10:38-42
July 24	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Genesis 18:20-33 Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 11:1-13
July 31	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

Did you know the complete Three Year Lectionary is found in the front of *The Lutheran Service Book*, pp. xiv-xix?

# Volunteer for the next 2 weeks!

	Sunday – June 19	Sunday – June 26
GREETER	Dorothy Pratt & Colleen Fisher	Dennis & Debi Anderson
ACOLYTE	Gabe Havranek	Caroline Hintzman
READER	Ray Hart	Alison Hintzman
TECH	Craig Bell	Callie Santora
USHER	Ray Hart Jim Dort Fred Taft – Sub Rich Millimaki	Ray Hart Jim Dort Craig Bell Rich Millimaki
COMMUNION	Richard Hlavinka & Brian Santora	Richard Hlavinka & Brian Santora
FELLOWSHIP	Dianna Hart & Priscilla Stratton	Alison Hintzman & Debi Anderson
ALTAR	Virginia Kutsch & Donna Pompe	Virginia Kutsch & Donna Pompe

## News from the Church Office

CALLIE WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE STARTING JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> AND WILL BE BACK IN OFFICE JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>.

### Readings for:

Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

*2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-14      Galatians 2:15-21, 3:10-14      Luke 7:36-8:3*

Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

*Isaiah 65:1-9      Galatians 3:23-4:7      Luke 8:26-39*

## GIVING

Weekly Contribution Goal	\$3077.00
General Fund	\$4679.00
MITE	\$35.51
Anniversary	\$371.00
Attendance	61



**June Birthdays:** Tanya Bray 6/2, Peyton Orth 6-18, Char Reger 6/18, Karla Chambers 6/20, Agnes Goetzinger 6/25, John King 6/30.

**June Anniversaries:** Jim & Cynthia Dort 6/5, Bill & Karla Chambers 6/11, Ray & Dianna Hart 6/12, Bruce & Nichole Havranek 6/15, Rob & Donna Durbin 6/18, Fred & Dianne Taft 6/20, Jeff & Alison Hintzman 6/22, Craig & Sandy Bell 6/23, Peter & Jennifer Klammer 6/29.

**THOSE OF YOU WHO SHARED YOUR MEMORIAL DAY STORY** in church on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Joe would like to have you share your story of your loved one who served and died for our country. Please write or type their story and bring it in to the church office or email to us at [svlc.corvallis@gmail.com](mailto:svlc.corvallis@gmail.com). Thank you for sharing!

**APPEALS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT** have definitely increased with the onset of summer. Have you been asking yourself whether or not a certain charity is something you would like to support? Use Charity Navigator to see where they rate in legitimately helping the group they are asking for help with. Just go to <http://www.charitynavigator.org/> and search for the group you are wondering about.

## +CHURCH HAPPENINGS+

**KEEP SUPPORTING SVLC** Fred Meyer Community Rewards Customer Re-enrollment began on June 1, 2016 and goes through June 30, 2016. Your supporters who have their Rewards Card linked to your organization will be notified about the re-enrollment process via an email that will easily allow them to choose to re-link their Rewards Card to your organization. Please note that all households that do not re-enroll during this period will be dropped on July 1. Your supporters may still re-link their Rewards Card online after the re-enrollment period by visiting [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).

**PIANO BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE ROMANIA TRIP:** Please come to the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on **June 23<sup>rd</sup>** for a piano concert. Performance by Lisa Boylan. All proceeds are to assist in covering trip fees for the mercy mission to Romania. Enjoy the music and watch an amazing slide show of past trips and to see the faces you will be helping! See you there at **6:45pm**. While there is no admission fee, a free-will offering will be taken during the concert.



**SHEPHERD'S VOICE SUBMISSIONS WELCOME!** If you would like to submit an announcement or an article for the Shepherd's Voice please do so. Submissions for our weekly digital newsletter can be sent to the church office at any time. Please submit your article or announcement by email. Attachments in Word are welcome. We will do our best to get them in the next edition. Weekly newsletters are normally emailed to our email list on Wednesdays. We also send out a monthly activities and lay ministry schedule monthly with the Shepherd's Voice the last week of the month for the month ahead (i.e. you will get the May calendars the last week in April). If you know of someone who needs to get a hard copy of the weekly Shepherd's Voice please inform the church office. Due to postage and printing costs we are providing hard copies of the Shepherd's Voice only upon request. They will be placed in your box at the church on the day the digital copies are emailed. Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you! ~Pastor Joe and Callie

## +MISSIONS+

**HEARTS ACROSS ROMANIA:** For the third straight year, Fred & Dianne Taft will be traveling to Brasov, Romania, to work with orphans and at-risk children. They will again be collecting supplies and cash donations (which will be used to purchase supplies). They are looking to collect the following items:



- Cash · Socks · Underwear
- T-shirts · Pajamas

*Thank you for your continued support for this life-changing ministry.*

**MISSION TRIP TO CAMBODIA!** Do you like coffee and yummy baked goods? Well, come out and support Ashley, employee at Sweet Taste Bakery & Coffee Shop in Adair Village. Every Friday through June, 10% of all drinks will go toward Ashley's mission trip to Cambodia where she will be working with the Children's Church assisting with everything from education to cleaning.



### SUMMER CELEBRATION

50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary BBQ

**67 Days** until August 14th

*Joyfully Serving the Shepherd for 50 Years*



## LUTHER HOUSE UPDATES

**Lutheran Campus Ministry at OSU is 90!** The mission that began in 1926 has served students, faculty, and university staff continuously. Luther House is thriving. It's not too early to plan on joining alums and friends for a fall football homecoming open house party and reunion at Luther House, Saturday, October 29. We'll offer tailgate food, entertainment, tours of Luther House, mementos and prizes. Save the date and watch for more information as it develops.

**Student Names Please.** With high school graduation comes the decision many students make to attend area community colleges, tech schools, colleges and universities. If you know of a student coming to OSU, WOU, or LBCC this fall, please send us their contact information (name, address, phone number, email) at [info@luther-house.org](mailto:info@luther-house.org). We promise to welcome them to campus and invite them to keep their spirits alive by participating in the programs and activities of Luther House [www.luther-house.org](http://www.luther-house.org).

**What Good Will You Do?** To help answer that question, Luther House, Camp Lutherwood, Thrivent Financial, and InFaith Community Foundation are teaming up to bring you two free planned giving seminars, one at the

Children's Farm Home School on Tuesday, June 14, 6:30-8:00, and the other at the West Salem Roth's Community Room, Wednesday, June 15, 6:30-8:00. For more information or to register please contact Virginia Mohr at [503-362-3074](tel:503-362-3074).

**Fall Football Parking.** Once again Luther House will offer game-day parking for all OSU home football games at Grace Lutheran Church (Corvallis), corner of Kings and Harrison, starting three hours before kickoff. Suggested donation is \$10 per vehicle. Park four times and get the fifth time free. Proceeds support Luther House programming throughout the year. Go Beavs!

**Lutherfest 2017 - Save The Date.** The fifth annual Beer and Cheese Pairing Benefit is scheduled for the Samaritan Event Center, Lebanon, on Sunday, February 26, 2017.

+COMMUNITY+

**ABBEY BACH FESTIVAL NEXT MONTH!** Those who love great music won't want to miss the Bach Festival at Mt. Angel Abbey July 27-29. Log on to <https://www.mountangelabbey.org/home/> and click on "Abbey Bach Festival" from the menu at the bottom of the page.\

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN WEST SALEM** has been keeping SVLC in prayer for our interim process every week.





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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

We would like to invite you to join the prayer team for *Christian Youth In Action*<sup>®</sup> (CYIA<sup>™</sup>)! CYIA is a CEF leadership training ministry for teenagers that takes place each summer across the USA and in every region of the world. This years Oregon State CYIA training is June 18-24 at Aldersgate Christian Conference Center in Turner, OR. At CYIA teens are trained how to teach Bible lessons, memory verses, songs, missionary stories, how to share the Gospel with children, and much more! Through this amazing training they receive life-long leadership and missions skills!

CEF of Oregon's goal is to cover every waking moment of CYIA in prayer! Toward that goal, each chapter is recruiting a prayer team for certain days of that week with people like YOU who will commit to pray for at least 15-30 minutes.

Our Benton County CEF chapter is praying especially on **Sunday, June 19th, 7am-10pm.** You choose a 15-30 minutes slot in which you would like to pray for CYIA!

Would YOU commit to praying for our CYIA teens and staff as they study, team practice, and go out as teams to teach 5-Day Clubs in the Turner and Salem area, June 18-24. We will send out a prayer guide and schedule to anyone who would like to do this!

Let us know if you will join our prayer team! Please email us at [bccef@peak.org](mailto:bccef@peak.org), or call our CEF Office, 541-752-3740, to schedule when you are praying!

Serving Christ and the children with you,

Carole Ann Johnson, Benton County CEF Director

Kayleen Talbert, Benton County CEF Office Assistant

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**Please Notify the Church Office When...**

...You or a family member is going to be hospitalized. **Please let the hospital know you are a member of Shepherd of the Valley.**

...You or a member of your family is hospitalized.

...You have a change of address.

...Your phone number has changed.

...Your email address has changed.

...Members or you family are students attending school away from home or are living at a different address.