



# Shepherd's Voice

## July 3 - July 10

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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Due to the  
Holiday & Vacation times  
this  
Shepherd's Voice will include two weeks of  
activities!

Have a  
**HAPPY**  
**INDEPENDENCE**  
**DAY!!**



## ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEK

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, <b>July 3</b> 7th Sun. after Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Sunday School
Monday, July 4		Office closed – No class
Tuesday, July 5		<i>MTL &amp; Elder Meeting next week.</i>
Wednesday, July 6	10:30am	Women on Wednesdays
Thursday, July 7	10:00am	Park Place Devotions
Friday, July 8		
Saturday, July 9		
Sunday, <b>July 10</b> 8th Sun. after Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 7:00pm	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Sunday School Damascus Growth Group
Monday, July 11	10:00am	Fellowship Bible Study
Tuesday, July 12	10:00am <i>11:00am – 4:00pm</i>  6:30pm 7:00pm	Anniversary Team Meeting <i>TENTATIVE youth blood drive event.</i> 4-H Garden Gnomes Meeting MTL & Elders Meeting
Wednesday, July 13	11:00am 7:00pm	Senior's Potluck Council Meeting
Thursday, July 14	10:30am	Park Place Devotions
Friday, July 15		
Saturday, July 16		
Sunday, <b>July 17</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Sunday School



## A PASTOR'S POST: GIVING THANKS ON THE 4TH

Dear friends in Christ:

As we come upon the weekend when our nation celebrates Independence Day I am feeling especially thankful. For one thing I am very grateful for all the effort put forth by the Biblical Equipping Ministry Team and the Growth Groups during June and especially last Sunday, June 26, which was Growth Group Sunday at Shepherd of the Valley.

The Christian movement has been gathering for public worship and in small groups, often at member's homes, from the very beginning. In the Book of Acts Paul tells us that his ministry was conducted his ministry is this twofold fashion. "...I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you **in public and from house to house,**<sup>21</sup> testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 20:20)

It wasn't until long after the time of Jesus that believers constructed the large edifices we call "churches" today. Some congregations today are following that model. Does the church really need a building that's only used for a couple of hours a week? The simple fact is that **Christians do not "go to church," they are the church,** the community of believers baptized in the name of the Triune God, nurtured in the Word of God and the Holy Supper, and sent out to make a positive difference in the world for the sake of Christ. Growth Groups help individual believers get a handle on what that means in their personal lives as they gather for fellowship, food, Bible study and prayer.

The Biblical Equipping Team will be following up on those who shared that they were interested in creating a new Growth Group...watch you "in box" for an email soon. I am thankful that our Growth Group Sunday turned out so well. Kudos to the Damascus Growth Group for providing us with a delicious "Wurst Blunch" (combination of brunch and lunch).

I am thankful for those who have provided special support for Fred and Diane Taft as they undertake yet another mercy mission trip to share God's love with the orphans and foster children of Romania where so many have grown up without the love and warmth of a real family. The benefit concert went well and raised over \$1500 for their travel and other expenses. Thanks for your support.

As we approach the 4<sup>th</sup> of July I also want to share that I am thankful for the freedom and opportunities we have as Americans. I invite and encourage you to pray for our nation, for our president, for the armed forces, and for all who are in authority. When Europeans came to North America many of them came for the opportunity to practice their religion as they saw fit. We call it freedom of religion. That was clearly true of those who eventually formed the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the 1847.

Today the freedom of religion can mean everything from the most conservative to the most liberal, however one may define these two increasingly useless terms. One recent book event suggests we shouldn't have to choose one, we can be "Relig-ish," and I suppose where there is "freedom of religion" that is true.

Some of us may be uncomfortable with the new religious scene in America these days. Many of us may feel that something has been lost. One writer said it feels like the church in the US is "limping along like a puppy with a sore paw." (*Christian Century*, June 22, 2016, p. 29). But I would agree with those who err on the side of optimism. Christianity is grounded in two great truths: the forgiveness of sin, which is nothing less than a healing of the past, and the resurrection to eternal life, the claim that our future in Christ has no end.

How thankful we can be that we live in a nation where we can practice and share the great optimism of our faith with as much joy and enthusiasm as we can muster. So have a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Be thankful for all the ways God has blessed America, and pray to that God would bless the world with peace and good will. After all, it's not all about us, is it?

Blessings!

*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.

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?

## News from the Church Office

### SVLC TO HOST "SOWING CAMPUS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES"

Shepherd of the Valley has been chosen to host a workshop called 'Sowing Campus Ministry Opportunities' on **Saturday, August 27, 9:00-4:30 PM** with former campus pastor Rev. Greg Fairow new serving as executive director of Transforming Campus Ministries. This all day, one day, event is designed to help congregations like Shepherd of the Valley explore ways they could be in mission and ministry with the campus communities in their area thanks to a grant from the Oregon District of the LWML.

As a congregation neighboring Oregon's prestigious Oregon State University it has always seemed that LC-MS congregations need to explore new ways we might see OSU as a mission field and attempt to meet the needs of any Lutheran students that are not now being met by "Lutherhouse" (a ministry of the ELCA).

To help with this event Pastor is in the process of forming a host leadership team of 3-5 people who have a passion for serving the spiritual needs of the university community and are willing to work with Greg and

Pastor Joe to explore new ways we could do that. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO HOST SO PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR JOE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!

**The Church is being Re-keyed. This means anyone with a current key will need to submit your name for a new key which will be distributed as soon as the process has been completed. Please see Fred Taft for any questions. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NAME TO THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET A KEY. This is how the keys will be described:**

- **Doors:** this type of key will allow a person to access the main doors; this means they can access the fellowship hall, the classrooms and the bathrooms.
- **Sub-master:** in addition to having access to the main doors, this will also allow access to the old office (photocopy room) and the sanctuary.
- **Master:** Allows access to all areas of the church, including the treasurer's office, your office and Pastor's office.

**A MESSAGE FROM FRED TAFT:** *"I spent a couple of hours weeding at Rita's place this morning (she was the woman who contacted the church looking for some help with weeding her property). Rita lives in an apartment, and has a fair bit of garden/plant area around the perimeter of the building she lives in. Rita is a wonderful Christian woman ... she has to use a wheelchair, because one of her legs was amputated ... this is also why she can no longer maintain her garden. She is a master gardener (and she knows both Jennifer and Cynthia). She really enjoys chatting, so I was thinking that it would be great if one of our growth groups went over and finished the weeding, taking turns talking with Rita. This is a great opportunity for our church to be doing something in our community."*

### Readings for: Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Isaiah 66:10-14

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Luke 10:1-21

### Readings for Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

Leviticus 19:9-18

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

### GIVING for last two weeks

Weekly Contribution Goal	\$3077.00
General Fund	\$1532.00
Romania Mission	\$1543.00
Anniversary Fund	\$3.00
Attendance	67

**\*Thank you for all who gave so generously to the Romania Mercy Mission both in prayer and in funds!\***



**July Birthdays:** Agnes Goetzinger 6/25, John King 6/30, Lisa Boylan 7/10, Marla Crane 7/10, Caroline Hintzman 7/11, Ryan Taft 7/11, Sonia Randall 7/15, Bud Reger 7/16, Kari Dort 7/17, Paul Durbin 7/18, Kolomona Hunter 7/23, Katie Schmidt 7/24, Charles Taft 7/24, Aaron Taft 7/26, Ellen Schmidt 7/27, Maradith Durbin 7/28.

**June & July Anniversaries:** Chris & Ray Fajardo 7/20, Katy Trautman & Fernando Henriques 7/20.

**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+

**ADOPT-A-STUDENT** is coming up again. So if you would like to support a seminary student please indicate on your check and your envelope that you are giving toward the Seminary Student Fund. We usually give them \$500 and right now we need to raise the funds to provide this blessing to the students.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you would like to be added to or removed from the prayer chain please contact Nevette Orth directly at [nevette@orth.org](mailto:nevette@orth.org). If you have a prayer request please contact Nevette at the email listed!

**KEEP SUPPORTING SVLC** by signing up through Fred Meyer Rewards or shop AmazonSmile when you shop online!

**COUNCIL NOTES:** The Giving Garden shed was broken into so we will be installing motion lights in the garden. The Church was left unlocked one day. We are getting the doors to the Church re-keyed and when that happens the current keys will no longer work. We will let you know when this takes place. Thank you Dennis Anderson and son for helping repair the new Treasurer's Office. The "new" projector is currently not working. A committee will need to be formed to nominate five Church members to recruit new people for expiring lay positions.

**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.*



## SUMMER CELEBRATION

50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Picnic & BBQ

**42 Days** until August 14th

*Joyfully Serving the Shepherd for 50 Years*



## LUTHER HOUSE UPDATES

### **Refer a Student to Luther House**

It's that time of year when high school graduates turn their attention to college. So that we're ready to greet, welcome, and integrate students from your congregation to Lutheran Campus Ministry when OSU, LBCC, and WOU begin this fall, we're asking for your help. Please send their names and contact info (address, phone and email) to [info@luther-house.org](mailto:info@luther-house.org). We promise to contact every student referred to us and invite them to be part of all that Luther House has to offer. We also plan to distribute "Welcome to Campus" gift bags again this year to every new student we meet. In case you or they are curious about why we exist or what we do, check out our web site at [www.luther-house.org](http://www.luther-house.org) or find us on Facebook as "Luther House Campus Ministry." We look forward to connecting with college students from your congregation this fall.

### **Fall Football Parking**

Are you or your friends coming to cheer on the Beavers this coming football season? If so, Luther House will once again provide game-day parking at Grace Lutheran Church (corner of Kings and Harrison) for only \$10 per car per game. The lot opens three hours before kickoff. Park four times and the fifth time is free. All proceeds help offset program expenses throughout the year. Thanks for your support. Sorry, no tailgating or overnight parking is allowed. Go Beavs!

### **90th Anniversary Homecoming Reunion, Open House, and Tailgate Party**

Saturday October 29 is OSU homecoming. It's also the day we're planning a Luther House alumni reunion and BBQ starting three hours before kickoff. Besides reuniting with old Luther House friends and making new acquaintances, there will be games, lots of food, Luther House trivia, a tour of the house, and even door prizes – all free to you. Parking will be available at the Grace Lutheran parking lot, corner of Kings and Harrison. If you're headed to the game we ask a \$10 donation like all other football fans. If you're coming just for the party, you park free. We can't wait to see you.

### **Save the Date for Lutherfest 2017**

The fifth annual Luther House beer and cheese pairing fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, February 26, at the Samaritan Event Center in Lebanon, Oregon. Detailed information will be released this fall. For now, please mark your calendars, invite your friends, and plan to join us for the best Lutherfest yet!

## +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.

**LOVE INC IS HIRING** a Ministry Operations Manager. Please let the church office know if you are interested in full description and employment application.

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

**CORVALLIS KNIGHTS BASEBALL TEAM** wanted to contact our church about their **July 10th** game in partnership with HOPE 107.9. They are inviting congregations from around the area to join them for a fun night of baseball where the music will be provided by HOPE 107.9 FM. They offer group rates of \$5 General Admission Tickets and \$8 Reserved Seating for groups of 10 or more. If you have a group that would be interested, you can call their office at [541.752.5656](tel:541.752.5656), or visit them on the corner of 4th and Jefferson. Their office hours are 10 am - 4 pm during the season.

### **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.

## **JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**GREETER** SUE PROBUS

**ACOLYTE** KARI DORT

**READER** JEFF HINTZMAN

**TECH** MARLA CRANE

**USHER** ROB DURBIN  
BILL CHAMBERS  
DONNA DURBIN  
BILL RANDALL

## **COMMUNION**

BRIAN SANTORA  
PETER KLAMMER

## **FELLOWSHIP**

VIRGINIA KUTSCH  
TRACY MCDOUGAL

**ALTAR**

GAIL MILLIMAKI  
SUE PROBUS

**JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**GREETER** JOHN & EVELYN STEPHENS

**ACOLYTE** GABE HAVRANEK

**READER** PETER KLAMMER

**TECH** JEFF HINTZMAN

**USHER** ROB DURBIN  
BILL CHAMBERS  
DONNA DURBIN  
BILL RANDALL

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DONNA POMPE  
DIANNE TAFT

**ALTAR**

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