



# Shepherd's Voice

## July 31 – August 7

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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### ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, <b>July 31</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	Holy Communion Fellowship Quarterly Voters Meeting
Monday, August 1	10:00am	Fellowship Bible Study
Tuesday, August 2	9:00am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Giving Garden Event Anniversary Team Meeting Deaconess Team Meeting MTL & Elder Meeting
Wednesday, August 3	10:00am	Women on Wednesdays
Thursday, August 4	10:30am	Park Place Devotion
Friday, August 5		
Saturday, August 6	9:30am – 4:00pm	Outside Group using lawn & fellowship
Sunday, <b>August 7</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Sunday School



## A Pastor's Post for the Week of Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.



Dear friends in Christ,

This morning we are "up with the chickens" (if they say that in France) to catch our flights back home from Lyon to Brussels to New York to Portland. I am sure we will be pretty tired by the time we get back home.

Patricia and I have had a wonderful time exploring the south of France, the region called Provence, starting from Avignon and going north on the Rhone River to Lyon. This whole area is a birthplace for Christianity in Western Europe. We stood over the ruins of the first church edifice in Lyon on Monday, dating to ca AD 150, right about the time the New Testament collection of documents was probably completed.

Yesterday we visited the ruins of the Abbey at Cluny, one of the largest and most influential monasteries of the Middle Ages, dating to the 10th century. This was a fascinating place, destroyed by the French after the French Revolution. One could begin to see how the monks tried to create "a little bit of heaven" in the difficult and unsettled Middle Ages. The abbey offered safety, community, and a contemplative life of prayer and work...a good deal in those days.

We also learned a lot about the Impressionist artist Vincent van Gogh. The story behind his painting is a sad story of mistreatment and misdiagnosis. It was at the Cloister of St. Paul in Arles that he found some peace and security to do some of his most interesting work and was blessed with a time of healing, again through the ministry of the church in the late 19th Century.

We pray for safe travel as we make our way back home today.

This Sunday we will be officially commissioning our transition team. My thanks to those who have agreed to serve. They have been very busy and will be meeting weekly through the month of August. Please keep them in your prayers and support their efforts to set a vision for the kind of pastoral leadership needed at our church. Don't forget that we have our congregational voters' meeting this Sunday right after fellowship so there will be no "Cross Gen" Sunday School.

Our Gospel reading this Sunday reminds us that every day God gives us life and joy that is a blessing beyond measure. So let us gather and give thanks to God for all our blessings, especially for the blessing of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ who sustains and equips His church by the Holy Spirit in this and every age.

In Christ,

*Pastor Joe Hughes*

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## LECTIONARY BIBLE READINGS FOR WORSHIP: AUGUST 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 31	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21
August 7	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-6 Luke 12:22-40
August 14	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Jeremiah 23:16-29 Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3 Luke 12:49-56

Holy Communion in the sanctuary, 9:00 AM

Set ups for church picnic, 10:30-12:00 noon

**50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration picnic at the church, 4:00-6:00 PM**

August 21	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 66:18-23 Hebrews 12:4-24 Luke 13:22-30
August 28	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Proverbs 25:2-10 Hebrews 13:1-7 Luke 14:1-14
September 4	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-35





# ANNOUNCING CROSS+GEN SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS

## JULY 24 - OCTOBER 2, 2016

7/31 Summer Voters Assembly Meeting  
Financial update  
Transition team update  
Discussion of additional communion assistants

8/7 Discovering Genesis on its Own Terms (the ancestral story continued)  
Isaac & Rebekah

### **8/14      *Set up time for 50th anniversary celebration picnic***

8/21 Discovering Genesis on its Own Terms (the ancestral story continued)  
Rival Brothers Jacob & Esau

8/28 Discovering Genesis on its Own Terms (the ancestral story continued)  
Jacob's Sons

9/4 Discovering Genesis on its Own Terms (the ancestral story continued)  
The Joseph Saga 1

9/11 Discovering Genesis on its Own Terms (the ancestral story continued)  
The Joseph Saga 2

9/18 Discovering Genesis on its Own Terms Genesis  
Jacob/Israel Sojourn's in Egypt, Conclusion of the ancestral story

9/25 How We Worship 1  
Unpacking the *Lutheran Service Book*

10/2 How We Worship 2  
Tentatively: learning a new liturgy for Shepherd of the Valley: *Now the Feast & Celebration*





## OVERVIEW OF THE INTENTIONAL INTERIM PROCESS

### DEVELOPMENTAL TASKS of the congregation:

- Coming to terms with history, embracing the heritage of the congregation.
  - ✓ Transition team: members, expectations, job description to begin meeting Fall 2016.
  - ✓ Continued every home visitation – personal visits with 35 out of 55 households as of 12/1/2015, suspended during Lent/Holy Week.
  - ✓ Organized 50th Anniversary Celebrations Team, next meeting 4/15/16 9:30 AM. There were 106 RSVP's as of 4/4/2016 for the catered brunch on 4/17. Six pastors including District President will be attending. District President is preaching. Katy Trautman will serve as MC for program after the service.
- Discovering a new identity
  - ✓ Enabling needed leadership change. New leadership in place as of 1/3/16.
  - ✓ New website went live 3/8/2016 – training completed. Still need associate webmaster.
- Renewing denominational linkages
  - ✓ President Paul Linnemann was guest preacher for first 50th Anniversary Homecoming on April 17, 2016.
  - ✓ Attended interim pastors' meeting at district office 3/30/2016.
  - ✓ Participated in Lenten pulpit exchange with Pastor Jeremy Lucke (Peace, Philomath) and Deacon Larry Oliver (Immanuel, Albany).
  - ✓ Attending regular circuit pastors' conferences.
- Commitment to new directions in congregation's ministry
  - ✓ Networking to develop initiatives in campus ministry – SVLC to host LCMS campus ministry workshop with "Transforming Campus Ministry." **New date: 8/27/2016, 8:30-4:30 PM.**
  - ✓ Membership review and update using Shepherd's Staff – **summer 2016**. Individual letters to be sent to lapsed members asking them if they wish to remain affiliated with the congregation. Enclosing a return post card. If no return and no response will consider those individuals to have "self-excluded" from congregational membership.
  - ✓ **New website live as of 3/8/2016.**
  - ✓ Continuously be asking, "Who is our audience and how shall we 'brand' ourselves to them?" How does SVLC bring value to the lives of those it hopes to engage? Requesting faith stories and brief bios.
  - ✓ Leadership Summit 1/9/2016 generated additional new directions: re-dedication to completing goals and reporting on stages leading to completion. Set goals of reconfiguring the worship space. Elders taking responsibility to create a planning team. Head elder seeking names of volunteers. **Not aware of any progress as of this report.**

### PROCESS TASKS of the intentional interim pastor:

- Joining the system
- Connecting with the denomination
- **WHERE WE ARE NOW: Facilitating the work of the Transition Team & preparation for call committee.**
- Provide pastoral ministry during the work of the call committee
- Exiting and evaluating

### GOALS OF THE INTERIM

- Restore/recover trust in the pastoral office. **Ongoing**



- Revision and clarification of definitions of SVLC Mission/Vision/Values for the future. In process. **Ongoing**
- Increasing the flow of first time and repeat visitors – visibility, encourage people to inviting others. **Ongoing**
- Increasing the involvement of children (members & non-members)- Cross+Gen Sunday School-**Ongoing**
- Attend to the roll of members by starting with “Shepherds Staff” database, dividing the published directory into “members and “friends” more clearly. **Updating Summer 2016.**

### ACTION ITEMS UPDATE

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations team meeting to plan **August 14, 2016, afternoon church picnic and outdoor service, November 6, 2-16 All Saints Sunday.** Last meeting Tuesday 6/7/2016.
- “Year at a Glance” ministry plan for April – December 2016 is attached for review.
- Church council has set dates/times for annual & quarterly voters’ assembly meetings per constitution & by laws.
- Fall 2016 recruit and train transition team and complete NW District self-study; **TWO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL HAVE SUBMITTED SUGGESTED NAMES TO DATE**, waiting for others. Submitted so far: Rob Durbin, Nichole Havranek, Jennifer Klammer, Jay McDougal, Sue Probus, Bill Randall

### CURRENT/PROCESS GOALS FOR NEXT 30 DAYS

- After-action surveys and conversations indicate positive feedback on Advent and Christmas, esp. Christmas Eve/Day services and Lenten Midweek services, and Holy Week. Appreciation for offering both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services was expressed.
- Resumed every home visitations. Progress slow.
- Confirmation students Ellie Hintzman and Gabriel Havranek completed their studies and were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday May 15, 2016.
- Working with Biblical Equipping Ministry Team on month long focus on Growth Groups concluding with **Growth Group Sunday 6/26/2016.** Cross+Gen regular sessions on Genesis will continue except for June 26 and July 24.
- **Consider having quarterly voters meeting for the summer on either July 17 or 31 instead of July 24 as currently scheduled due to pastor on vacation.**
- MTLs have been asked to create teams and discuss programs – ongoing.
  - Pastor’s Vacation July 17-28. Rev. Joel Nickel will preach and lead worship July 24 and probably lead Cross+Gen that morning on aesthetics of worship with power point slides.

### THE IIP’s LOG May 8-June 7, 2016

05/08/2016	Easter 6 preach and lead worship, teach Cross+Gen, Explorations in Genesis 1; pre & study for Fellowship Bible Study.
05/09/2016	Teach Fellowship Bible Study; 50 Anniversary Celebrations Team Lunch & meeting. Study and prep worship, write Pastor’s Post for Shepherd’s Voice (SV).
05/10/2016	Attend pastors’ circuit conference meeting in Waldport.
05/11/2016	Office hours, 10:00-2:00 pm.
05/12/2016	Medical appointment. Play for Park Place devotions. Study and prep for worship and Cross+Gen, office hours 10:00-2:00. Hospital visit: June Bushman. Meeting with Ravi Sinha (Ba hai’ Community leader).
05/13/2016	Pastor’s day off.
05/14/2016	Sermon study and prep.
05/15/2016	Preach and lead worship, conduct rite of confirmation for Ellie Hintzman and Gabriel Havranek, teach Cross+Gen, Explorations in Genesis 2. Study and prep for Fellowship Bible Study.



05/16/2016 Teach Fellowship Bible Study, finalize liturgy, write pastor's post for SV, medical appointments.

05/17/2016 Pastors' weekly meeting/study group.

05/18/2016 Office hours 10:00-2:00 PM. Pastoral consultations with Ellen Schmidt and Evelyn Stephens

05/19/2016 Office hours, 1:00-2:00 PM. Pastoral visit: June Bushman.

05/20/2016 Pastor's day off.

05/21/2016 Sermon prep and Cross+Gen Bible study prep.

05/22/2016 Preach and lead worship, teach Cross+Gen Sunday School, Explorations in Genesis 3.

05/23/2016 Teach Fellowship Bible Study, write pastor's post for SV, finalize liturgy of 5/29.  
Office hours 10:00-2:00 PM.

05/24/2016 Pastors' weekly meeting/study group

05/25/2016 Office Hours, 10:00-2:00 pm. Pastoral visit with Cheryl Viner (suicide of great nephew)

05/26/2016 Hospital visit with Alia Orth (should surgery), office hours 10:00-2:00 pm.

05/27/2016 Pastor's day off.

05/28/2016 Sermon prep and study/prep for Cross+Gen.

05/29/2016 Preach and lead worship, teach Cross+Gen Sunday School, Explorations in Genesis.

05/30/2016 Memorial Day Holiday, office closed.

05/31/2016 Spiritual Retreat at Mt. Angel Abbey – The Authority of the Priestly Office

06/01/2016 Spiritual Retreat at Mt. Angel Abbey

06/02/2016 Office Hours, 10:00-2:00 pm.

06/03/2016 Pastor's day off

06/04/2016 sermon preps, study and prep for Cross Gen, worship planning for 6/12/2016.

06/05/2016 Preach and lead worship, teach Cross+Gen Sunday School – Explorations in Genesis.

06/06/2016 Continuing Education – Conference on Pastoral Ministry at PLU

06/07/2016 Continuing Education – Conference on Pastoral Ministry at PLU.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pastor Joe Hughes  
6/7/2016

## June 2016 Financial Summary

Contributions	June	YTD	Expenses	June	YTD
Actual	\$ 11,119.36	\$ 74,447.73	Actual	\$ 12,373.76	\$ 72,774.93
Budget	\$ 12,916.67	\$ 77,500.02	Budget	\$ 12,794.49	\$ 76,766.94
	\$ (1,797.31)	\$ (3,052.29)		\$ (420.73)	\$ (3,992.01)

Interest Income	\$ 77.36	\$ 468.69
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Net Income – Monthly (*Actual Contributions – Actual Expenses*)  
\$11,119.36 - \$12,373.76 = \$ (1254.40)

Net Income – YTD (*Actual Contributions ytd – Actual Expenses ytd*)  
\$74,447.73 - \$72,774.93 = \$ 1672.80



# News from the Church Office

## **WHERE WILL YOUR LOVED ONE BE ATTENDING COLLEGE THIS FALL?**

Will you or someone you know be attending college this fall? As part of our emphasis on being more intentional about being in ministry with students in higher education, the church office is collecting the names and contact info on college students from Shepherd of the Valley, especially if they are attending a local institution like WOU, OSU or LBCC. We will be in touch with local students using the contact information you provide. For those attending institutions out of the area, we will forward the contact info to Lutheran Campus Ministries that are close by them. Email the information to the church office or put the information on a sheet of paper and place it in my box outside the church office. Thank you for your help!

Pastor Joe

## **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 Fairrow now 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!**

### Readings for: Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26*

*Colossians 3:1-11*

*Luke 12:13-21*

**Here is your chance to help!!** SVLC is in need of 4 more Sunday contribution counters or two more teams of people who are willing to do one Sunday a month. At least one member of the team needs to be comfortable using a computer and spreadsheet.



## GIVING

Weekly Contribution Goal	\$3077.00
General Fund	\$1354.12
Attendance	53



**July Birthdays:** 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, Sue Probus 7/27, Maradith Durbin 7/28.

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

## +CHURCH HAPPENINGS+

**HOMELESS STUDENT BACKPACK PROJECT:** Please continue to bring in school supplies to fill the 15 Thrivent-sponsored backpacks that will be distributed among homeless students before the start of school. Check the “Door of Opportunity” in the narthex and take a post-it note (or 2 or 3!) designating the needed supplies. Please bring all supplies to church before August 5. On Sunday morning, August 7, we will “assembly line” fill the backpacks with supplies and love! For questions, contact Katy Trautman.

**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!

## +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 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

**18 Days** until August 14th

*Joyfully Serving the Shepherd for 50 Years*



## LUTHER HOUSE UPDATES

### **Luther House “Welcome to Campus Gift Bags”**

It's that time of year when we at Luther House prepare to welcome new students to campus and especially to Lutheran Campus Ministry. Plans are well underway to assemble free gift bags for each new student we meet. The backpacks bear the name of Luther House and contain fun treats and useful information for students new to campus. All we need is your help identifying students you know who will attend OSU, LBCC, or WOU this fall. Please send us their contact information (name, campus, email and phone number) so we can touch base with them, invite them to Luther House activities, and deliver a gift bag in person. Either email us at [info@luther-house.org](mailto:info@luther-house.org) or address an envelope to Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street, Corvallis, OR 97330. We'll take it from there. Thanks for your help!

### **Fall Football Parking**

Once again Luther House is sponsoring game day parking at the Grace Lutheran parking lot (Kings and Harrison) for all home football games starting three hours prior to kickoff. The suggested contribution is only \$10 per vehicle. Park four times with us and the fifth time you park free. Please share this news with football fans you know. All proceeds support Luther House programming for the 2016-17 academic year.

### **90th Anniversary Homecoming Reunion Party**

October 29 is OSU homecoming. It's also the day the Luther House Council has designated as the Luther House 90th Anniversary Homecoming Reunion Party. Starting three hours before game-time, join friends of Luther House for tailgate food, games, Luther House trivia, prizes, and pre-game activities – nine decades of fun rolled into one terrific event. There's no charge to attend. Parking is available at Grace Lutheran. Yeah Luther House! Go Beavs!

### **Welcome Lunch and Student Panel**

The Luther House Student Leadership Team will host a preview lunch and student panelists sharing thoughts on “Priorities in College,” Tuesday September 20, 10:30-noon, at Luther House. Part of the many OSU Welcome Week activities, the goal of this event is to introduce new students to Luther House, provide them a free introductory lunch, and help them learn from peers some helpful tips on navigating college life. Spread the word, especially to students you know who'll be new to campus this fall.

### **Lutherfest 2017 is Coming!**



Save the date February 26, 2017 for the fifth, bigger and better Luther House beer and cheese pairing event at the Boulder Falls Center (same location as last year). Highlights, details, and ticket information will be released early fall.

## +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.

### **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.