



Shepherd's Voice

August 14 - 21

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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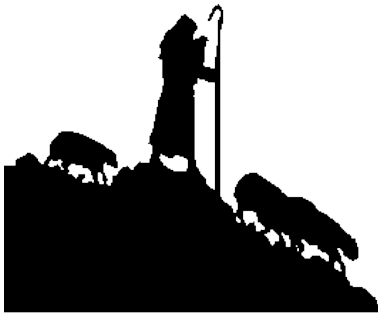
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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 14 13 th Sun. after Pentecost *ANNIVERSARY*	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 4:00pm 7:00pm	Holy Communion Fellowship Anniversary Set up ANNIVERSARY BBQ CELEBRATION Damascus Growth Group
Monday, August 15	10:00am 6:00pm	Fellowship Bible Study Transition Team Meeting
Tuesday, August 16		
Wednesday, August 17	10:00am	Women on Wednesday
Thursday, August 18	10:30am	Park Place Devotion
Friday, August 19		
Saturday, August 20		
Sunday, August 21 14 th Sun. after Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen

Should there be a pastoral care need while Pastor Joe is in Chicago visiting grandsons (**August 11th - 13th**), Pastor Jim Rehley has agreed to be 'On call' for us. You can reach Pastor Rehley at 541-757-0784 or by emailing jwrehley@juno.com.

A PASTOR'S POST FOR AUGUST 14, 2016- WHAT'S GOING ON?



Grace and peace to you and yours from God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

This Sunday August 14 we gather for the Shepherd of the Valley **50th Anniversary Celebration Picnic** on the church grounds from **4:00-6:00 pm**. The 50th anniversary team has worked very hard to organize this event so that it is a time of food, fun, and fellowship for everyone. Please invite your friends and family to join you on the lawn at the church, bring a side or dessert dish to share, and say a little prayer for good weather. There will be a bouncy house for children and the Reams family singers from Zion Lutheran in Corvallis will share their Blue Grass and Gospel musical talents including some sing-a-longs.

In order for the picnic to be a fun celebration for everyone it was decided to use the Cross+Gen Sunday School time this Sunday 10:30-11:30 AM for setting up, so stay if you can after worship and fellowship and lend a hand - many hands make light work. **Just to be clear, we will have the regular worship service this Sunday with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM.**

I want to thank Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for financially supporting the **school back pack mission project** this past week for needy students. Thanks to their support back packs filled with school supplies will be available to needy students at Linus Pauling Middle School when they start school. I am not sure how many back packs were filled by the volunteers last Sunday, but it was a bunch. I am guessing at least fifty. Katy Trautman, who spearheaded the effort, and I, delivered the back packs to **Love INC** offices last Monday and they were delighted to receive them. They even took our picture for their Facebook page. So let me say a heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with this project for reaching out to children in need in our community. It may interest you to know that there are about 150 homeless students in the Corvallis School District alone according to published statistics.

Our **Transition Team** has begun meeting weekly on Mondays this month and is making good progress toward completing its tasks. Thanks to those serving on the team: Bill Randall, Jennifer Klammer, Nichole Havranek, Katy Trautman, Jay McDougal, Rob Durbin and myself. We have reviewed the history of the congregation, had much discussion about the ups and downs of the life of the congregation, a draft statement brief statement summarizing, has been written, and a "SWOT Analysis" (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) has been completed. I really appreciate the fact that this team has had many frank discussions about Shepherd of the Valley and continues to learn from each other in every meeting. Next week we will be working on the self-study document for the Northwest District and we will be completing a group assessment of the traits the team feels are most important in a new settled pastor's ministry.

We are still struggling to figure out what our "missional responsibility" is toward campus ministry at OSU. Last week I had a conference call with Pastor Marcus Zill who is with LCMS Lutheran Campus Ministries and himself is a campus pastor. I was surprised when he told me that no LCMS congregation is registered with LCMS Campus Ministries in the state of Oregon. So I registered our congregation so that college students search on the LCMS website for a church with which to connect while a student at OSU will find our congregation and its website. If you have a heart for young people I would invite you to set aside Saturday, August 27, 9:00-4:00 to attend the workshop we are hosting on behalf of "Transforming Campus Ministries."

This Sunday in worship the **preaching focus** will be on the relevance of the Prophet Jeremiah and his message for our own day and time. Jeremiah is sometimes referred to as the weeping prophet, and that for a good reason. God gave him message no one wanted to hear, and when he did deliver it, the people of ancient Jerusalem tried to shut him up. We actually have more info about the life and personal experiences of Jeremiah in the Bible than any other prophet. I hope to see you in worship this Sunday and at the picnic Sunday afternoon.

God's blessings!

Pastor Joe Hughes

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ANNOUNCING CROSS+GEN SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS

JULY 24 - OCTOBER 2, 2016

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*



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.

August 14	13 th Sunday after Pentecost	First reading	Jeremiah 23:16-29
		Epistle	Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3
		Gospel	Luke 12:49-56

Holy Communion in the sanctuary, 9:00 AM

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

50th anniversary celebration picnic at the church, 4:00-6:00 PM

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

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 Fairow 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, August 14th

Jeremiah 23:16-29

Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3

Luke 12:49-56

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	\$3482.50
Seminarian Fund	\$75.00
Anniversary Fund	\$10.00
Attendance	56



August Birthdays: Scott McDougal 8/18, Sandy Nash 8/21, Priscilla Stratton 8/21, Chris Fajardo 8/27

August Anniversaries: Dave & Nevette Orth 8/8, Brian & Callie Santora 8/9, John & Evelyn Stephens 8/15, Charlie & Carol Taft 8/25.

+CHURCH HAPPENINGS+

HOMELESS STUDENT BACKPACK PROJECT: THANKS to all who donated school supplies and helped to pack the backpacks destined to be received by homeless students here in Corvallis. We also acknowledge Love, Inc. (In The Name of Christ) who partnered with us to identify the recipients. Additionally, thanks to Thrivent Financial for the grant to buy the packs. Many hands make light work!!

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. 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!

THE SANTORA's are raising funds for the adoption of a baby! Would you like to contribute? They will be having a garage sale at their home on August 27th and will be accepting donations of items up until August 24th. Please contact Callie or Brian if you have something that needs to be picked up!

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH invites you to attend the Installation of Rev. Michael A. Miller as their pastor. Sunday, August 21, 2016 at 4:30pm. There will be a dinner following the service.



SUMMER CELEBRATION

50TH Anniversary Picnic & BBQ

4 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 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.

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.