



Shepherd's Voice

August 21-28

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 21 14 th Sun. after Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen
Monday, August 22	10:00am 6:00pm 6:00pm	Fellowship Bible Study Car Club Meeting Transition Team Meeting
Tuesday, August 23		
Wednesday, August 24		
Thursday, August 25	10:30am	Park Place Devotion
Friday, August 26		
Saturday, August 27	9:00am—4:00pm	Campus Ministry Workshop
Sunday, August 28 15 th Sun. after Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen

A PASTOR'S POST FOR AUGUST SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016



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

On behalf of the whole congregation I want to express my deep **appreciation for the 50th Anniversary Team!** What a wonderful job they did on the celebration picnic we had last Sunday. According to the count shared with me by one of our team members there were 80 people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the music provided by the Reams family and the "bounce house" was a big hit with the younger set. And what a joy it was to welcome people from the Baha'i Group that meets at our church, and folks from neighboring congregations including our Circuit Visitor Pastor Jim Rehley and his wife Margaret. Thanks to everyone who helped to make last Sunday's 50th

anniversary celebration a wonderful time of fun food and fellowship. We still have one 50th Anniversary Celebration event to look forward to this fall. On All Saints Sunday, November 6, Pastor Jeff Ries has been invited to preach (he is waiting to get approval from his elders before confirming), and the 50th anniversary video will be shown during a reception with cake a punch as we remember all those who have gone before us in the life of the congregation over the past 50 years.

We are entering into a critical phase in the **interim ministry process** we began last summer when you called me to serve you as your intentional interim pastor. Earlier this month the Transition Team, composed of six members of our congregation (Rob Durbin, Bill Randall, Jay McDougal, Jennifer Klammer, Nichole Havranek, Katy Trautman) and myself, began meeting weekly on Monday's to work on the tasks of the Transition Team. Do date they have concluded an assessment and summary of the history of the congregation and have completed a "SWOT Analysis" (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) of the congregation today.

Starting this Sunday, August 21, members and friends of Shepherd of the Valley are invited and encouraged to complete a **survey of the pastoral attributes** that you would like to see in a settled pastor. Bill Randall has worked hard at simplifying the original survey from the Northwest District Office so that everyone can participate. He will explain the details of the congregational survey this Sunday before worship. Surveys will then be distributed after worship. The deadline for completed surveys to be turned in is Sunday, September 5. Please take the time to complete the survey and then turn it in by placing it in the box that will be provided for completed surveys in the church fellowship hall. One of the things I appreciate most about the Transition Team is how honest and open they are in their conversations. These are people who clearly love God and want to see Shepherd of the Valley move forward in mission and ministry in the future.

New missional outreach? As a result of the School Backpacks that were filled with school supplies and donated to needy students at Linus Pauling Middle School (thanks to all who helped), I had the opportunity to meet with Mrs. Gen McConnell, the behavior specialist at the school. She stopped by my office to drop off a thank you card for the backpacks. Gen is an amazing woman who has been working with challenged and disadvantaged children and youth in our community for about 20 years. Gen believes that God called her to a ministry of working with children and youth. She began at "The Children's Farm Home," and then was hired by the Corvallis School District. She sees a lot of students going through some really tough times and sometimes they act out. She believes they need love and security and tries her best to give it to them, but most interesting of all she gives thanks to God for calling her to this work. I am wondering if God isn't calling us to be a supporting church family for her. I see her as one on front lines of the spiritual warfare we wage against sin and evil. What God calling Shepherd of the Valley to do to support Gen McConnell and help children in need in our community?

God's blessings!

Pastor Joe Hughes

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ANNOUNCING CROSS+GEN SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS

JULY 24 - OCTOBER 2, 2016

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

News from the Church

TRUCKS TO BE PARKED IN THE N.E. CORNER OF OUR PARKING LOT. Kingfisher Ecological, Inc. has gained permission from the Church Council to park up to 14 pick-up trucks in the 14 parking spots in the farthest NE corner of our lot. He has signed an agreement and has already paid a down payment. He has agreed to pay a monthly fee for each truck. Please let the church office know if you have any questions.

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, August 21st

Isaiah 66:18-23

Hebrews 12:4-24

Luke 13:22-30

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	\$3607.64
Coffee Fund	\$5.00
Anniversary Fund	\$5.00
Hygiene Kits Delivered	7
Attendance	



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.

HOMELESS STUDENT BACKPACK PROJECT: Gen McConnell from Linus Pauling has sent us a very nice Thank You note with much appreciation expressed for the 15 backpacks we sent in. Her gratitude is

incredibly deep and she wants everyone to know that the backpacks have found a place with a child who has no place to call home. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED.

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 the email listed!

KEEP SUPPORTING SVLC by signing up through Fred Meyer Rewards or 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.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH invites you to attend the Installation of Rev. Mark Bringman as their pastor. Sunday, August 21, 2016 at 3:00pm with a light reception to follow.

CAMP LUTHERWOOD OREGON HARVEST FESTIVAL is on October 1, 2016 at 3pm to 7pm at Camp Lutherwood. This is the third annual fall fundraiser for the camp. Dinner and auction start at 5:00pm. For \$50/person you will enjoy a Farm-to-table meal, beer 7 wine, auction and events. Please RSVP no later than September 15 by calling 541-998-6444 or purchasing tickets online at lutherwoodoregon.org.

LUTHER HOUSE UPDATES

Anticipating Fall Term. Summer is fleeting, fall is fast approaching. Here at Luther House all systems are 'go' as we prepare to welcome new and returning students, launch an exciting year of programming, continue our 90th anniversary commemorations, and anticipate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

New Promo Film. Did you know we have a new film featuring several Luther House students who share their perspectives on why Luther House is important to them? Please take time to view it on the Luther House home page www.luther-house.org. Feel free to share it with others you think might be interested.

College Student Names, Please. We really want to connect with students from your congregation who will be attending OSU, WOU, or LBCC this fall. First we want to welcome them to campus. Second we want to invite them Luther House. Third we want to give them a free "Welcome to Campus Gift Bag." Would you give us their name, phone number and/or email address so we can reach out to them? It's easy to email us at info@luther-house.org. We promise we'll contact them. If students you know are headed to school elsewhere, you can use the Lutheran Campus Ministry referral finder <http://lumin-networkreferral.org/sites/> to connect them. Thanks for your help!

Fall Football Parking Fundraiser. Will you or your friends be attending home football games in Corvallis this fall? If so, we're again parking cars (\$10 donation suggested) at Grace Lutheran Church, corner of Kings and Harrison. You get a nice place to park – easy in, easy out – and you support campus ministry programming at the same time! Park four times, the fifth time is free!

Homecoming Party and Anniversary Reunion, Saturday, October 29. That day OSU plays WSU. Three hours before kickoff, the Luther House Council is hosting a free 90th Anniversary Homecoming Party and Reunion at Luther House. Please join us for tailgate food, games, prizes, Luther House trivia, and more. Parking is available at Grace Lutheran for just \$10.

Luther House is A Reconciling in Christ Campus Ministry. If Luther House is known for anything, we're known for our generous and genuine hospitality. Whoever you are, whatever your background, wherever you come from, whoever you love – you are welcome here. We're a community born of the heart of Christ's love. We're a community committed to sharing God's abundant, amazing, unlimited grace. We're a community called by the Spirit to serve those in need. All are welcome here.

LITURGICAL ART PRESENTATION AND TOUR

SEPT. 9-10, 2016 WITH JOEL NICKEL

Salem pastor and artist Joel Nickel will lead a visit to Lutheran churches in Lebanon, Corvallis and Albany, Oregon September 10, 2016 to view the liturgical art of 20th century Northwest artist Ernst Schwidder. Carpooling will be at 9:00 A.M. from Peace Lutheran Congregation, 1525 Glen Creek Road N.W., Salem, OR 97304. Pastor Nickel and colleagues are helping others to appreciate Schwidder art in churches across the region and country highlighting the visual context of Christian worship and the theology of the cross. Nickel will share a power-point / discussion "Ernst Schwidder and Sacred Space" Friday evening, 7:00 P.M., September 9 at Peace Congregation, West Salem. The three Saturday, September 10 visits will be 45 minutes each: 10:00 A.M.—Our Saviour's Lutheran, 3111 S. Main Rd., Lebanon, OR 97355; 11:00 A.M.—Grace Lutheran, 435 N.W. 21st St., Corvallis, OR 97330 and 12 Noon—Good Shepherd Lutheran, 1910 34th Ave. S.E., Albany, OR 97322 concluding with optional 1:00 P.M.lunch at an Albany restaurant (location to be announced). Congregation and community members of these locales are invited to join the caravan or simply to attend the presentation in their respective parish / location. All are invited to these free events. Donations are welcome to promote The Ernst Schwidder Project. For further information, please call Joel Nickel, Tel. [503-763-1922](tel:503-763-1922). To participate in the Saturday, September 10 art tour, arrange transportation and lunch, RSVP by Saturday, September 3, 2016 contacting Ed Brandt, Peace Lutheran Congregation—call / text Tel. [503-917-1326](tel:503-917-1326), email edgarbrandt@q.com.

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.