



# Shepherd's Voice – Special Double Edition!

August 28-September 4

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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Sunday, <b>August 28</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 7:00pm	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Damascus GG
Monday, August 29	10:00am 6:00pm	Fellowship Bible Study Transition Team Meeting
Tuesday, August 30		
Wednesday, August 31		
Thursday, Sept. 1	10:30am	Park Place Devotion
Friday, Sept. 2		
Saturday, Sept. 3		
Sunday, <b>Sept. 4</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen
Monday, Sept 5	10:00am 6:00pm	Fellowship Bible Study Transition Team Meeting
Tuesday, Sept 6	10:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Anniversary Team Meeting Deaconess Team Meeting MTL & Elder Team Meeting
Wednesday, Sept 7	10:00am	Women on Wednesday
Thursday, Sept 8	10:30am	Park Place Devotions
Friday, Sept. 9		
Saturday, Sept. 10	12:00 – 4:00pm	Crossroads Free Methodist Church will be using our Parking lot for their Fall Kick-Off Event. YOU are invited.
Sunday, <b>Sept. 11</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sun. a. Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 3:00pm 7:00pm	Holy Communion Fellowship Cross+Gen Bethel GG Damascus GG

## ***A PASTOR'S POST FOR AUGUST 28/SEPTEMBER 4, 2016: OUT OF WORDS?***



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

I lay awake part of the night last night, realizing that my post for the next two Sundays was due and frustrated that it felt like I had run out of words. I have no interesting stories to tell. I realized that one of my "points of pride" is trying to have something encouraging and helpful to say to the folks I serve as pastor, and somehow last night it felt like I was "out of gas." But this morning I awoke with an idea that embraced this rather strange sense of not having something to say: **don't!**

Instead the Holy Spirit gave me the idea of sharing in this post a few of the Bible passages that are personally important to me. And then it occurred to me that I was living out the Gospel reading for this Sunday (Pentecost 15, 8/28/16) which is about humility from Luke 14. On his way to Jerusalem and to the cross and resurrection, Jesus turns aside to dine at the home of a chief Pharisee – and the text says "they were watching him." Jesus uses the occasion to do two things that probably made the big deal Pharisee regret his invitation – the invited guest probably became the regretted guest.

What Jesus does is heal a man with "dropsy" who has somehow shown up at this dinner party, and then teach (or attempt to teach) two parables of the wedding feast as metaphor for the Kingdom of God to the assembled guests. We get the one where Jesus urges humility. "Don't choose the best place at the table because the master of the house may come and tell you to give up your seat to another who is more important. Rather choose the lowest place, so you may be invited higher." Then comes the zinger: "Everyone who exalts himself humbled and everyone who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 14:11). This business of humility is so tricky. Whenever you think you have it, you don't! When you think you don't maybe you do.

So instead of trying to think of something interesting, intelligent, or clever for me to say, maybe God has reminded me that it is more important to share what He has said to me in His Word. Here are three I committed to memory a very long time ago.

The first passage that comes to mind for me is my Confirmation passage (Romans 1:16-17): *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."* As I remember that day in 1967 when I was confirmed at my church I see this passage as a touchstone for what I only later came to realize what God was calling me to do with my life.

Another that comes to mind and that has been formative for my understanding of who I am as a Christian is Ephesians 2:8-9: *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

A third Bible passage that has been important to me is Psalm 23:1-4: *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.* Like many people I've been through some difficulties in my life, and these words, memorized so long ago in Sunday School, have sustained me in faith and the love of God.

So what are your favorite Bible passages? Do you have any verses memorized? I think it would be interesting to invite some of our Shepherd's Voice readers to share the Bible passages that are important to them in their Christian faith and why. Please consider this just such an invitation!

God's blessings to you and yours on your Labor Day Holiday!

***Pastor Joe Hughes***

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## ANNOUNCING CROSS+GEN SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS JULY 24 - OCTOBER 2, 2016

<b>8/28</b>	Discovering Genesis on its Own Terms (the ancestral story continued) Jacob's Sons	Jacob/Israel Sojourn's in Egypt, Conclusion of the ancestral story
<b>9/4</b>	Discovering Genesis on its Own Terms (the ancestral story continued) The Joseph Saga 1	<b>9/25</b> How We Worship 1 Unpacking the <i>Lutheran Service Book</i>
<b>9/11</b>	Discovering Genesis on its Own Terms (the ancestral story continued) The Joseph Saga 2	<b>10/2</b> How We Worship 2 Tentatively: learning a new liturgy for Shepherd of the Valley: <i>Now the Feast &amp; Celebration</i>
<b>9/18</b>	Discovering Genesis on its Own Terms Genesis	



## 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.

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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
September 11	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Ezekiel 34:11-24 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10
September 18	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-15 Luke 16:1-15
September 25	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Amos 6:1-7 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

# 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.

## Readings for: Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

*Proverbs 25:2-10*

*Hebrews 13:1-7*

*Luke 14:1-14*

## Readings for: Sunday, Sept. 4

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

*Philemon 1-21*

*Luke 14:25-35*

## GIVING

Weekly Contribution Goal	\$3077.00
General Fund	\$1098.50
Anniversary Fund	\$20.00
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.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> and will be accepting donations of items up until August 24<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Callie or Brian if you have something that needs to be picked up!

**GIVING GARDEN VOLUNTEERS:** Yikes! It's crazy heat! We will start early and end early on Saturday. We'll continue harvesting green beans, melons, lettuce, cucumbers, and zucchini. The tomatoes are starting to gear up! Please join in the harvest/maintenance in our mission to deliver fresh, really local produce to community food banks. If you would like to be updated on the times of each harvest event please contact Jennifer Klammer!

**49<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND RETREAT** at Camp Serene. September 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>. Tents are \$10/person, Cabins \$13/person, RV \$21/person, Day Use: \$3/Person, Pet Fee: \$3/pet per day. Sunday's dinner served at 4:00pm includes tri-tip roast & pork shoulder, corn on the cob, baked beans, potato & three bean salad. Suggested meal donation \$15 for adults & \$6 for children under 12.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for a wonderful concert Grant Ruiz, classical guitar and Berto Boyd, flamenco music Sunday, September 18, 2016 (3 PM) at the Church of the Good Samaritan, 333 NW 35th Street, Corvallis. Donations gratefully accepted.

**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](http://lutherwoodoregon.org).

**LUTHERHOUSE SUNDAY** to be held at Shepherd of the Valley on October 9<sup>th</sup> 2016. This will feature in the service as well as for Cross+Gen on that Sunday!

## **Romanian Updates**

*Submitted by Fred Taft*

The following is an excerpt from several emails sent to SVLC by the Tafts:

*August 19<sup>th</sup> – Flight from Portland to Bucharest went without a hitch...Trip Leader and another team member had flights cancelled due to weather and will be arriving a day late...Florin and Lorenzo (primary contact in Romania will be picking up on schedule and taking the group to Brasov, where a majority of the work will be done.*

*August 20<sup>th</sup> – Bucharest to Brasov – 2 ½ hour car ride. Chatted about many things included Foreign Adoptions (not in the foreseeable future), Keeping kids connected with their families during the summer (some get to stay with family), Summer trip to Ireland (for a few kids). Hotel reservation was messed up so they ended up staying with a contact from two years back.*

*August 21<sup>st</sup> – Brasov – Easy day to allow acclimation to the time change. Went out for breakfast, then to sightsee, group leader finally made it to Bucharest sans luggage (still in London). Thanks to all generous donations Fred, Dianne, and Ronda were able to bring almost 200lbs of donations!*

*August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Brasov – Started the process of being granted permission to hold babies at Children's Hospital, very invasive! Visited transitional housing for young men who come out of an orphanage and still need to acquire skills to live a productive life. Visited CHIPs orphanage (22boys) this area badly in need of beds of the appropriate size generous donations have allowed for beds to be built. Some interaction with children. Many are shy and weary of strangers. Some would warm up after awhile.*

*August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Victoria Orphanage & Manastirea Brancoveanu – Traveling almost 2 hours round trip there was a visit to an orphanage that seemed very "institutionalized" compared to others. Within the orphanage was also a floor for adults. After treats, games, sports and fun with the kids the group was taken to a monastery and given access to rooms that are rarely toured by outsiders. More to come...*

## **UPDATE FROM CEF**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow for His great faithfulness, blessings, and power in all of our CEF Summer Ministries! Praise God we just finished the Glad Tidings Newsletter which will be mailed out after Labor Day. We will be needing bulk mailing helpers towards the end of that week. Please pray for God's blessings, for a great turn out, and that God would speak to hearts at our upcoming **Fall kick-off Children's Workers Seminar! Thursday, September 22nd, starting at 9:30am, at Corvallis First Baptist Church in the Fireside room. Special Speaker: Tim Heaton from CEF Lane County.** Please pray and invite friends! If any of you are interested in helping with refreshments, contact CEF at [bccef@peak.org](mailto:bccef@peak.org) or call [541-752-3740](tel:541-752-3740) or Carole Ann Johnson [541-752-8783](tel:541-752-8783).

God bless and reward you! For Christ and the Children,

Carole Ann Johnson, Benton County CEF Director

Kayleen Talbert, Benton County CEF Office Assistant



## 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](mailto:edgarbrandt@q.com).

Lutheran Retreat Camp Serene  
91707 Poodle Creek Rd  
Noti, OR 97461



September 2nd - 5th, 2016

# 49th Annual Labor Day Weekend

An excellent opportunity for fun, fellowship and relaxation. Join us Labor Day Weekend for our annual barbeque fundraiser. Sunday dinner served at 4:00 includes tri-tip roast & pork shoulder, corn on the cob, baked beans, and potato salad & three bean salad. Suggested meal donation of \$15 for adults and \$6 for children under 12.

Camp Fees:	Tents: \$10.00/person
Cabins \$13.00/person	Day Use: \$3.00/person
RV \$21.00 for two	Pet Fee: \$3.00/pet per day

All other meals are served potluck style.

Call James, our Camp Manager to make your reservation (541)998-2593

**OPINION SURVEY**

**Attributes of a Settled Pastor for Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church**

**From the Transition Team August 2016**

Please take a few minutes to complete this simple survey. The information gathered will help the Transition Team prepare our "Congregation Self Study" which will guide the District President and the Call Committee when recommending a pastor for our congregation to call. A desired pastor's individual skills and qualities are grouped into four main categories; within each of those categories specific individual attributes are further listed. Thank you for your input!

For Survey Information, Contact Team Spokesman: Bill Randall, 541-752-0522, [bill@randallclan.net](mailto:bill@randallclan.net)

Transition Team members: Rob Durbin, Nichole Havranek, Jennifer Klammer, Jay McDougal,

Bill Randall, Katy Trautman, Pastor Joe Hughes

This survey has two sections:

**PART I** First rank the importance of the main categories.

**PART II** Select individual attributes that are most important for you (turn page over)

**Check one:**    ☐ **Member**                      ☐ **Regular Visitor**                      ☐ **Guest**

**PART I**

Evaluate each of the four categories by checking how important that category is to you on a scale of very important to not important.

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Less Important	Not Important
Leading the congregation					
Preaching and teaching					
Encouraging groups					
Personal character					

**PART II**

Within each of the categories below select three attributes that are most important to you. Put a check in the space preceding each of your selections.

**LEADING THE CONGREGATION** (Check the three that are most important for you.)

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership ability | <input type="checkbox"/> Lay leader development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation         | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal witnessing    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Innovation         | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration     | <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative           | <input type="checkbox"/> Tact                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Initiative         | <input type="checkbox"/> Discipler              |

**PREACHING AND TEACHING** (Check the three that are most important for you.)

- |                                            |                                          |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delivery          | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preaching content | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship service |

**MINISTRY WITH GROUPS** (Check the three that are most important for you.)

- |                                                |                                           |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Children         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Young adult      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Singles ministry      | <input type="checkbox"/> Older adults     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Families              | <input type="checkbox"/> Inactive members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small groups          | <input type="checkbox"/> New members      |

**PERSONAL CHARACTER** (Check the three that are most important for you.)

- |                                        |                                            |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patience      | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperation       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal grooming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specialist    | <input type="checkbox"/> Generalist        |

Comments:

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**DUE by Sunday, September 5, 2016 to the survey box in the Fellowship Hall**