



Shepherd's Voice

September 11 - 18th

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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Sunday, Sept. 11 17 th Sun. a. Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 3:00pm 7:00pm	Holy Communion Fellowship Cross+Gen Bethel GG Damascus GG
Monday, Sept. 12	10:00am 6:00pm	Fellowship Bible Study Transition Team Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 13	6:30pm	4-H Garden Gnome Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 14	11:00am 7:00pm	Fellowship Potluck Council Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 15	10:30am	Park Place Devotion
Friday, Sept. 16	6:30pm	DIGG – 1 st meeting
Saturday, Sept. 17	2:00pm – 6:30pm	Outside Group using Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
Sunday, Sept. 18 17 th Sun. after Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Nazareth GG

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A PASTOR'S POST FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK (SEPT. 5-11)



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

Being married to a survivor of suicide has changed my perspective on the impact and implications of what the church has said about suicide and its victims, which include not only the person who has chosen to end his/her life, but the survivors, the family and friends who are left to wonder, or worse speculate, on the reasons for the person to take their own life.

This week is National Suicide Prevention Week. To learn more about the organization behind National Suicide Week log on to their website: <http://www.suicidology.org/about>. To help prevent suicide in our communities, join me on the Salem "Out of the Darkness

Walk" on October 8. For more information log on to:

<http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=3871>

According to a 2013 article in *Christianity Today* someone takes his or her own life every fifteen minutes in the USA, totaling roughly 35,000 suicide a year. Suicide kills a disproportionate number of young people and the elderly, and now is increasingly common among returning veterans. The same article reported that more active duty soldiers now die from suicide than in combat. But the victims of suicide are far more than those who take their own lives. There are an average of six to ten survivors of every suicide, and they are also victims. Healing from such pain and loss is often a long and difficult journey. Grief counselors term this a "complicated bereavement" because the survivors of suicide are dealing with a flood of emotions from anger to self-blame to guilt and shame and so much more.

There are many myths and there are more than a few incorrect religious notions people can have that get in the way of caring for people who have survived suicide. Even educated people can be terribly misinformed and do terrible emotional harm to already traumatized survivors. So I want to take a minute in this post to share an important Biblical truth about suicide.

It is contrary to Scripture and to the doctrine of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod that a person who takes his or her own life is automatically condemned. No one but God knows the true state of a person's soul at the moment of their death. Rather we trust that God's mercy and saving grace are sufficient as they come to us in Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Holy Scripture. When Jesus said, "Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die," He did not say, "except for suicides." One of the only suicides mentioned in the Bible is that of Judas, and yet even the writers of the Gospel do not say that Judas went to hell because he committed suicide. If someone ever says that a victim of suicide is lost eternally to God, ask them to show you where it says that in the Bible. It doesn't! Suicide is not and never has been "the unforgiveable sin" some people make it out to be. It is a tragedy!

Sadly God has ample reason to condemn us all for the sins we commit throughout our lives. Only God's mercy for Jesus' sake saves any of us. No one is in any position to say definitely who is in heaven and who is not. To say such things is to put ourselves in the place of God who quite clearly commands, "You shall have no gods before me." The Bible also clearly says that "Nothing in all creation is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" in Romans 8:38-39. Samson in the Old Testament died at his own hand, but Hebrews 11 lists him among God's faithful people.

I believe suicide is a result of unhealthy mental states like deep depression, deep shame, delusions of other kinds, and even drug addiction. It is not a moral fault. If someone dies of cancer God does not hold the cancer against the person as a sin. Neither should we hold a person's mental difficulties against them as if they were unforgiveable sins. The Bible teaches us to trust God in all things. We can trust God to be gracious and merciful to those who sadly choose to take their own lives. If Jesus is the one who goes and rescues the lost, as this Sunday's Gospel from Luke 15 proclaims, will He not also rescue those so lost as to take their own lives? Pray for victims and survivors of suicide this week!

Pastor Joe Hughes

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Out of the Darkness

Have you lost someone you love to suicide?

Sadly many people have a story that connects them to suicide in some way or other. The statistics in our world today are scary, too. Suicide claimed 41,149 lives in the United States in 2013 (the most current year for statistics). We need to be aware, to bring this issue Out of the Darkness, to let people know there is help and support available.

Some of you may know that Pastor Joe's wife's late husband, Gary Hoenshell, succumbed to suicide in 2010. The emotional ripples for people affected by this tragedy continue to this day.

You may also know that early in my ministry two parents of confirmation students at a church where I was serving succumbed to suicide. Many of us mourn not only the loss of loved ones but the silence of the church in the face of such tragedy.

I would like to invite you to join Patricia and me in the Salem/Keizer area's first Out of the Darkness walk this October 8. I am not aware of such an event here in Corvallis, but it would be great to have you with us in Salem for the morning.

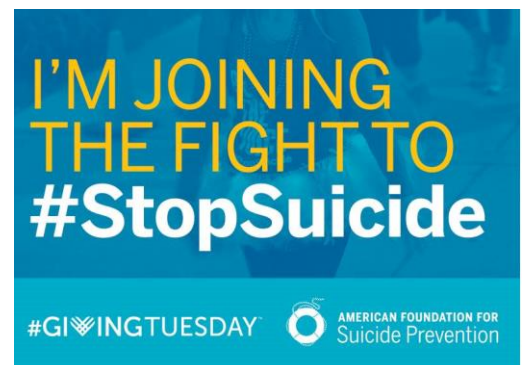
Like many awareness raising opportunities this is also a fundraiser – to bring funding to suicide prevention hotlines, to fund research and intervention. Thrivent Financial is a sponsor of our team. So Patricia and I are inviting people from Shepherd of the Valley to join us in the Salem Out of the Darkness walk October 8. Please feel free to invite your friends and family to be part of our team. Information to register on our team is available at the following website

<http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=portal.home>

Or you can talk to me about registering by calling me at 217-898-9063. The Out of the Darkness Walk takes place at Riverfront Park in Salem. Check-in/Registration Time: 8:30 am. Walk Begins: 10:00 am and ends by 1:00 pm. We hope to see you there.

Thank you,

Pastor Joe Hughes



I'd like to delete the words *just* and *simply* from church vocabulary. They're dishonest. I know; I used them way too often as a pastor. As in, "To be a disciple of Jesus Christ, all you have to do is *simply* give your life to him." Or, "To join this church, you *just* have to come to a new member's class." Or, "*Just* give what you are able." Or, "To be on this committee, we *just* need you to attend a monthly meeting."

I used those words because I was afraid to scare people off. I wanted them to dive in, unafraid. Like the old Alka Seltzer commercial, "Try it, you'll like it." Here's the trouble. *Just* and *simply* are indicative of a low expectation culture. One that practices mediocre grace and doesn't bear much fruit. Jesus didn't have much use for trees that didn't bear fruit. Or churches that were lukewarm. People responded to my *just* and *simply* invitations. The church seemed to grow. But the growth wasn't sustainable.

The truth is, discipleship takes effort and courage, and lots of it. There's nothing simple about it. Even being an effective or committed church member requires much more than *just* attending a new member's class. It takes a lot of commitment: prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. So how do we go from a church of *just* and *simply* to a church that grows and bears much fruit? I'd like to suggest adding these three words to church vocabulary.

Expect

As in, "Expect the Spirit to move in worship." At a recent Mixed Messages about Money workshop, we looked at the hidden messages communicated in worship bulletins. "Why not begin with the vision of the church?" I asked. One pastor hesitated, "Well, I wouldn't want to get people's hopes up about what might happen in worship." Why not? If we lead with low expectations, it's unlikely that much will happen. If we expect a miracle, we might actually see one. I say raise people's expectations, and then strive to meet them.

As in, "We expect you will grow here." That means giving them opportunities to grow spiritually, emotionally and intellectually. As one district superintendent friend recently commented, "We say we do leadership development for lay leaders, but that's pretty much a misnomer." Most churches don't. Review your small group offerings: Do they encourage people to grow in their thinking, their actions and their compassion? Do you challenge people or just comfort them? New discoveries are made in biblical studies all the time. Are you passing them on?

As in, "We expect ourselves to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ." People rise to the expectations we have of them.

Make sure your church provides the structure for this growth. Be sure to discuss the value of prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness often. Then make opportunities for testimony, story-sharing and recognition.

Vision

As in, "This is the vision of our church; the vision we believe God has called us to." High expectation churches live with vision. These churches have a sense of purpose and power. They know where they are going, even if they don't know how they'll get there. Vision requires faith. Faith requires trust. Trust empowers growth. Growth invites action. And action gets people going.

As in, "This is how we'll live out our vision." Talk about the vision often. Vision unites and inspires people. It creates momentum and fuels expectation. Think you're talking about it too much? Just about the time you get sick of proclaiming the vision, some people will finally hear it for the first time.

Try

As in, "Let's try it!" Invite experimentation, adventure and faith in service of the vision. If your church has nixed new ideas for a long time, or been overly cautious about risk, saying yes will feel risky. The key here is to continue saying yes to the new idea — with your energy, your prayers and your support — until you have seen it through to completion.

As in, "We invite you to try a covenant group." Covenant groups done well are high accountability experiences. Once the foundation is laid for personal accountability then organizational accountability is not far behind. On the flip side, group covenants done well also create accountability. I invite you to try being intentional about how your church operates. When Jesus counseled us to let our no be no and our yes be yes, he was speaking about intentionality. Give meaning and purpose to your words and your life. Covenant groups and group covenants accomplish that.

As in, "Let's trust God and try new things." Here are some more things to try. Try working with deadlines; holding people to account moves things along. Try new ministries; you just might find your unique niche. Try leaving the building; set up a prayer or listening post at your local pub, coffee shop or park. Try being honest and transparent; that's always refreshing. Try risking in love; that's what Jesus did.

Most of all, try giving up *just* and *simply*. See if you can replace them with the vocabulary of growth. I expect great things will come as you try living into a new vision of church!

7/2016 President's Letter

Resolution 13-02A

Pray!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ in the Northwest District,

This letter is a follow up to the letter dated July 14 that I wrote from the 2016 Synod Convention regarding the adoption of Resolution 13-02A - "To Regularize the Status of Licensed Lay Deacons Involved in Word and Sacrament Ministry." In that letter I shared that the Northwest District Board of Directors would be meeting in August to discuss the matter and begin formulating a response. As I write these words that meeting has just ended, and I want to share with you the substance of our conversation and some thoughts about a way forward.

To provide some context, here's a brief history of how we have reached this point. The Synod in convention established the use of Licensed Lay Deacons for Word and Sacrament ministry in 1989, giving responsibility for administering such ministry to the Districts. Over the years there has been a divided opinion as to whether this practice is supported by Scripture, with people arguing on both sides of the issue. Delegates to the 2013 Synod Convention adopted Resolution 4-06A that called for the establishment of a task force to address the issue and make a report to the Synod. Visits were paid to the six Districts that make the most use of Licensed Lay Deacons, of which the Northwest District was one. The task force issued its report in July of 2015 and then advised Floor Committee 13 this past summer. Floor Committee 13 then brought Resolution 13-02A to the 2016 Convention, and the Convention adopted the resolution.

The problem your District leadership has with the process is this - the Northwest District has the largest number of Licensed Lay Deacons providing Word and Sacrament ministry to congregations of any District in the LCMS. While we were visited by the task force chairman, we were not represented on the Task Force, despite the Board of Directors' request to be a part of that group. Similarly, the Northwest District was not represented on Floor Committee 13, again, despite our request to be included. In addition, 114 overtures were submitted to the 2016 Synod convention by District conventions, District Boards of Directors, circuits, congregations, and various other entities. Of these 114 overtures, 91 voiced support for the ministry of Licensed Lay Deacons. This seems to indicate that there is a breadth of opinion and strong support for Licensed Lay Deacon ministry that needs to be further addressed. The action of bringing such a significant matter forward for a vote before the Church and even before the delegates at the convention had sufficient time to consider and discuss the matter, has created a condition of division rather than unity we all seek.

Because we are a part of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, a group of Lutheran Christian congregations that have pledged to walk together as brothers and sisters in Christ, we have an obligation of love to one another. This obligation includes the blessed privilege of ongoing conversation with one another in matters of consequence regarding the ministry of the Gospel and the mission of the Church. This is a relationship

that we have committed to willingly and whole-heartedly. We love our church, and we love our partners in ministry. At the same time, we disagree with the adoption of Resolution 13-02A. As leaders in the Northwest District, we do not believe the process that resulted in the resolution allowed those most affected by it to be heard, nor did it allow the members of the Synod to engage in a thorough and meaningful theological conversation. The resolution is based on the false assumption that all the members of the Synod agree with the theological position underlying the actions called for in the resolution. That position may be articulated as follows, "The public use of the Word of God and the Sacraments is restricted only to those who are ordained."

Your Board of Directors has identified our challenge in this way: We seek to walk together with the other members of the Synod while also honoring and pursuing a ministry that has been so significant and important in our service to the people and communities of the Northwest District. This is a real tension that we recognize and deeply feel. Tension is nothing new to us as Lutherans. We live with many theological tensions, and we continue to walk, putting our faith in our loving God and staying receptive to how He might teach us and lead us along the way. With that prayerful and expectant spirit, your District Board of Directors has articulated the following plan of action:

- *We will abide by the dates adopted in Resolution 13-02A.*
- *As those deadlines approach in 2018, we will lift up those difficult cases in our District and ask the Council of Presidents for exceptions as allowed by Resolution 13-02A.*
- *We will assess all of the Licensed Lay Deacons involved in Word and Sacrament ministry in the NOW District, supporting and encouraging all qualified candidates to pursue the colloquy process as it emerges in the months ahead.*
- *We will continue to use Mission Training Center (MTC) as the main resource for equipping laity to lead in a wide variety of leadership roles within the church.*
- *We will diligently protect the atmosphere of freedom within our District so that congregations, through lay leadership as they find it necessary, remain able to meet the challenges of ministry. To facilitate this in a healthy manner, we will seek to provide support through the supervision provided by nearby pastors and through MTC training.*
- *We will continue to encourage our congregations to discern their ministries in their particular communities and to actively engage in sharing the gifts of God.*
- *We will articulate a formal written dissent to the theological basis upon which Resolution 13-02A is built.*
- *We will encourage our District President to fully participate in the conversation with the Council of Presidents as they seek to identify the processes and procedures by which Resolution 13-02A will be applied in the church.*

The leaders of the Northwest District recognize the powerful impact the service of Licensed Lay Deacons has had on the mission of the Gospel in our part of the kingdom for nearly three decades, and we are deeply grateful to God for providing leaders - both ordained and lay - where they are needed. We know that we stand on the shoulders of our forbearers, who, since the founding of our District over 100 years ago, have extended Word and Sacrament ministry to every corner of the District under the Office of the Ministry in a responsible way. As this chapter in the story continues to be written, we commit ourselves to both our partnership in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the call we have to share the Good News of God's Love in Jesus Christ with the people of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, and Hong Kong. We

want to encourage our congregations to pursue their Gospel mission in their communities, including continuing to use Licensed Lay Deacons as allowed by Resolution 13-02A.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to the congregational leaders of the Northwest District, the members of the Northwest District Board of Directors, and to our loving God, that I share these thoughts with you. Through you, the mission of the Gospel in our corner of the Kingdom is active and on the move, bringing the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ to many who haven't heard. Missional practice is Christ-centered. Its focus is on bringing the gifts of God to the people He loves in a way they can recognize and receive them. We will continue to walk together to follow Jesus into the communities of the Northwest District. God bless us on the journey, and may He help us to do our best work together in His name.

Lord of the Church, We are Your humble servants. We wish to follow You and Your command to share Your love with those around us. Bless the people of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod with a heart that seeks Your wisdom and direction as we work through the disagreements before us. Send us Your Holy Spirit that we might truly love one another and remain committed to the mission of the Gospel. Grant us patience, forbearance, forgiveness and grace as we seek to accomplish Your will for us and for the world. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Serving the Lord and His People,
Rev. Dr. Paul Linnemann
President of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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

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| 9/11 Discovering Genesis on its Own Terms (the ancestral story continued) The Joseph Saga 2 | 10/9 Luther House Sunday |
| 9/18 Discovering Genesis on its Own Terms Genesis Jacob/Israel Sojourn's in Egypt, Conclusion of the ancestral story | 10/16 How We Worship 2 – <i>Unpacking the Lutheran Service Book</i> |
| 9/25 Transition Team Presentation | 10/23 How we Worship 3 – <i>Unpacking the Lutheran Service Book</i> |
| 10/2 How We Worship 1 - <i>Unpacking the Lutheran Service Book</i> | 10/30 Reformation at 500! |



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.

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

Readings for: Sunday, Sept. 11

Ezekiel 34:11-24

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Giving

Weekly Contribution Goal	\$3077.00
General Fund – 8/28/2016	\$738.50
Anniversary Fund	\$30.00
Attendance – 8/28	66
General Fund – 9/4/2016	\$3657.84
Attendance – 9/4	51

NEW GROWTH GROUP STARTING AT SVLC:

Name: DIGG (Dwelling in God's Grace)

Meeting Times: 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month 6:30pm beginning Sept 16

Meeting Place: Members' homes (or church, at members discretion) on rotation

Craig & Sandy Bell will be your contact if you are interested in becoming a member of this group!

Topic of Study: one of the Pauline epistles for starters



September Birthdays: Jim Dort 9/6, Dianne Taft 9/8, Nevette Orth 9/11, Tom Stratton 9/14, Emily Klammer 9/16, TJ Crane-Falque 9/19, Sandy Bell 9/23, Dorothy Pratt 9/29

September Anniversaries: Bud & Char Reger 9/1, Bill & Sonia Randall 9/3, Mike & Virginia Kutsch 9/6

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

GIVING GARDEN VOLUNTEERS: If you would like to be updated on the times of each harvest event please contact Jennifer Klammer!

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 & wine, auction and events. Please RSVP no later than September 15 by calling 541-998-6444 or purchasing tickets online at lutherwoodoregon.org.

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

SAVE THE DATE for October 16th for a wonderful informative gathering. SVLC is planning and doing a seminar on "Decisions We Face As We Age – A Christian Perspective". The information presented will be on housing, financial planning, and Legal considerations that need to be made. The information will be a gateway for you to ask questions for yourself or for your loved one! Join us for this early evening gathering with a light meal provided afterward. There will be a need to RSVP so watch for that invitation to come out!

Romanian Updates

Submitted by Fred Taft

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

August 25th – Today was the day that all were to work in the Children's Hospital holding babies...much to everyone's surprise only the women were allowed to work within the hospital...the men were out cold. So they headed to the University of Transylvania and discussed a possible scholarship for needy students. Then they all headed out to the Tarlungen Orphanage for a second trip. Lots of fun and another late night.

August 26th – This was the last day for the ladies to work in the Children's Hospital. They made connections with some youngsters. Fred was able to go along to an interview for a family who would like to be sponsored through Hearts Across Romania. Dianne and Fred got to visit with Rebeca, a child they sponsor, and they celebrated her birthday. Generosity abounds as the trip's interpreter was surprised with a generous gift from one of the group members...Fred will tell the story later.

August 27th – Dacia & Rupia Picnic – attended by about 60 kids and 10 adults. Supplies were purchased ahead of time and the group had a beautiful setting to renew old acquaintances and form new friendships. The kids were energetic and loved doing crafts, playing and getting hugs.

August 28th – A visit to Bradet (orphanage for special needs). Lots of tours, foods, and interest in all things electronic. After the day at the orphanage all headed out for an evening of fun, bowling and Pizza with Florin's boys.

August 29th – Visiting with Sponsored Families – Two families, one girl, two boys, one eye exam, two trips to the mall and a day of fun ending with emotional good byes on both sides. Sponsoring the kids and getting to meet them is both rewarding and emotionally draining.

August 30th – Free day & Bradet Orphanage Dinner – The group got to visit Bran and Dracula's Castle. They enjoyed the market place and lunch out. On the drive back they were able to see what a gypsy settlement looks like (don't get out of the car!). Bradet Orphanage then took them all to dinner in a hill top restaurant where they were able to look at and select some artwork done by one of the autistic men at the orphanage. Hint...the artwork will be sold here as a fundraiser for the orphanage.

August 31st - Another busy day! Tour of the neo-natal intensive care unit at Maternity Hospital. Donated infant clothing went to mothers who are unable to cloth their infants. On to another orphanage for a first time visit. Codlea Orphanage housed a variety of ages and the kids were all fair at speaking English.

September 1st – Shopping for Supplies – This day was spent at a big general store purchasing furniture for some sponsored children who had outgrown their current sleeping arrangement. Even though delivery was paid for...the team had to do the actual loading and unloading of the items...that's right...only the truck service is provided!

September 2nd – Final full day and more supplies were purchased and the boys' new bedroom was admired. Back to Codlea Orphanage for some bonding and goodbyes. Many of the children have rough stories and many needed the joy and encouragement that the Team brought with them. Many prayers are needed for the children in this orphanage.

September 3rd – Good bye's at Tarlungen Orphanage and the drive back to Bucharest.

This is just a sampling of the amazing trip that Dianne and Fred enjoyed. They will fill you in on the details and some of the surprising things that happened while experiencing Romania!

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 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
“ERNST SCHWIDDER AND SACRED SPACE”**

Power-point by Joel Nickel

Peace Lutheran Congregation

1525 Glen Creek Road N.W., Salem, OR 97304 (at Parkway, across from W. Salem Fire Station)

Friday, Sept. 9, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

Salem artist / pastor Joel Nickel will discuss the work of 20th century NW artist Ernst Schwidder highlighting the visual context of Christian worship and the theology of the cross.

Info: J. Nickel, Tel. [503-763-1922](tel:503-763-1922)

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LITURGICAL ART TOUR

Viewing Schwidder Art in the Willamette Valley

Saturday, Sept. 10, carpool, 9:00 A.M. from Peace Lutheran, 1525 Glen Creek Rd. N.W., Salem, OR 97304

Join caravan or attend in your locale.

10 AM-- Our Saviour's Lutheran, 3111 S. Main Rd., Lebanon, OR 97355

11 AM-- Grace Lutheran, 435 N.W. 21st St., Corvallis, OR 97330

12 Noon—Good Shepherd Lutheran, 1910 34th Ave. S.E., Albany, OR 97322

1 PM optional lunch at Albany restaurant (location to be announced)

RSVP for tour, transportation and lunch before Sat., Sept. 3:

Ed Brandt, call / text [503-917-1326](tel:503-917-1326), email edgarbrandt@q.com

All are invited. Presentation and tour are free; donations welcome for Ernst Schwidder Project.