



# Shepherd's Voice

A Weekly Publication of  
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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## November Weekly Schedule

\*Recurring Events\*

### SUNDAYS

- 9:00am Holy Communion
- 10:15am Fellowship
- 10:30am Multi-Generational Sunday School
- 3:00pm Bethel Growth Group (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun.)
- 7:00pm Damascus Growth Group (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun.)
- 6:30pm Nazareth Growth Group (per group)

### Monday

- 10:00am Fellowship Text Study
- 3:15pm to 5:15pm Violin Lessons
- 6pm Car Club Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Monday)

### Tuesday

- 11:30am Senior Potluck (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)
- 6:30pm 4-H Garden Gnome Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues.)
- 3:00pm to 5:45pm Violin Lessons
- 6:00pm Deacon Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Tues.)
- 7:00pm MTL & Elder Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Tues.)

### Wednesday

- 10:00am Women on Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.)
- 2:00pm to 6:15pm Violin Lessons

### Thursday

- 9:30am Emmaus Growth Group (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs.)
- 10:30am Park Place Devotions
- 2:15pm to 5:15pm Violin Lessons
- 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs.)

### Friday

- Office Closed
- 12:45pm to 4:15pm Violin Lessons
- 6:30pm DIGG Growth Group (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri.)

### Saturday

- Office Closed

## SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

### November 23<sup>rd</sup>

- ❖ 5:30pm Individual Confession & Absolution
- ❖ 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service
- ❖ 7:45pm Homemade Pie Social

### November 24<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ 9:00am 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Bowl

### November 30<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ 6:00pm Soup Supper
- ❖ 7:00pm Advent Service

### December 7<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ 6:00pm Soup Supper
- ❖ 7:00pm Advent Service

### December 10<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ 10:00am Thrivent/SVLC meeting
- ❖ 11:00am Santora Adoption Fundraiser

### December 13<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ 8:30am-1:00pm Circuit Pastors Meeting
- ✓ 9:30am Holy Communion

### December 14<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ 6:00pm Soup Supper
- ❖ 7:00pm Advent Service

### December 21<sup>st</sup>

- ❖ 5:00pm Darkest Night Service (Tentative)
- ❖ 6:00pm Soup Supper
- ❖ 7:00pm Advent Service

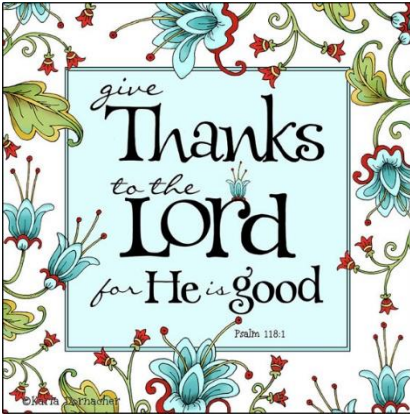
### December 24<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### December 25<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ 10:00am Christmas Day Service
- ❖ NO MULTI-GEN SUNDAY SCHOOL





Dear members and friends in Christ:

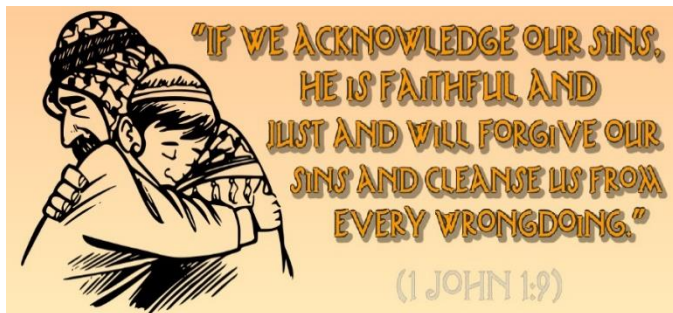
"Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. His steadfast love endures forever." That was one of the first Bible verses I memorized as a child. It was our table prayer at almost every meal.

At Shepherd of the Valley we have spent this year giving thanks for the steadfast love of the Lord as we celebrated 50 years of ministry as a church. As we concluded our celebration earlier this month, we were truly blessed to see the wonderful video Jeff Hintzman made celebrating the 50 years that our congregation has been sharing God's Word. I hope we find additional ways to make it available soon.

In the video I was able to recognize the young faces of many of our current members: vacation Bible school, Christmas programs, confirmations, youth and adult retreats, these and so much more reminded us that God is worthy of our thanks and praise all the time, and His steadfast love endures.

But we especially remember God's steadfast love at Thanksgiving time. **Our Thanksgiving Service will be Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve, November 23, at 7:00 PM.** After the service there will be a "pie fellowship," a tradition at Shepherd of the Valley. Please remember to sign up to bring a pie on the volunteer ministry bulletin board.

However, in spite of the joy of the season, I think we all realize too that not everyone feels especially grateful or joyful at Thanksgiving time. It may be that you yourself are stuck with old wounds, regrets, and sins that still bother you. The evil one is never far away from us in this life, ready to steal from us the joy of God's steadfast love.



For that reason I am inviting you to consider whether sharing Individual Confession and Absolution with your pastor might be helpful to you in your faith journey. Few of us have had the opportunity to share in Individual Confession and Forgiveness. But those who have, myself included, can find it to be a good way to put past sins and misdeeds behind them, in absolute confidentiality, and thus truly make a new

beginning this Thanksgiving.

I will be available to individuals in the sanctuary this Thanksgiving Eve from 5:30-6:15 PM for those who would like to receive Individual Confession and Forgiveness. The brief order for this is found in the *Lutheran Service Book* on pages 292-293. I've also provided a copy on the back of this letter. We will sit together in the chancel near the altar rail for the service. Only one person at a time may be in the sanctuary with me during this time to keep confidentiality. Others who may arrive desiring individual confession and forgiveness will be asked to wait in the hall. Please contact me if you have any questions about this. I look forward to seeing you on Thanksgiving Eve.

God's blessings!

**Pastor Joe Hughes**

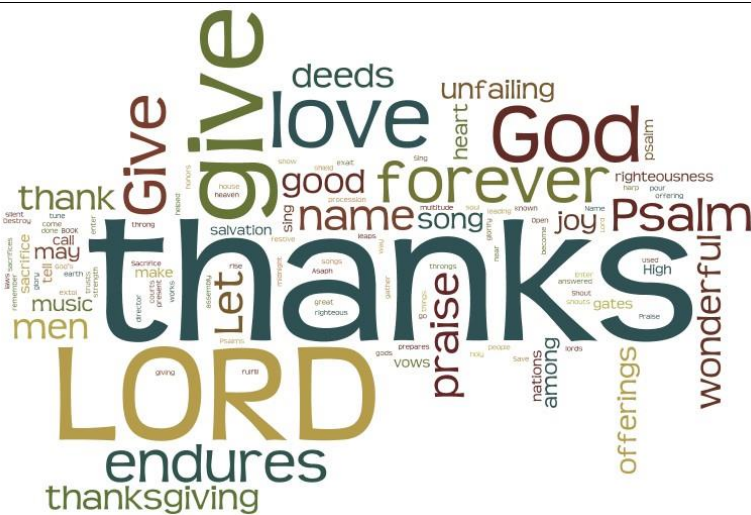
Voice & text: 217-898-9063

Email: j\_w\_hughes@hotmail.com

SERVICE

Pastor Hughes will offer **Individual Confession Absolution** as a ministry of pastoral care and spiritual renewal to those who desire to receive it on Thanksgiving Eve, 5:30-6:30 pm in the chancel (altar area) of the sanctuary.

THANKSGIVING EVE at SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY	
Individual Confession & Absolution	5:30- 6:30 PM
Thanksgiving Eve Worship	7:00 PM
Homemade Pie Fellowship Dessert	7:45 PM





# LECTIONARY BIBLE READINGS FOR WORSHIP: 2016

## YOU CAN HELP SHAPE SUNDAY'S MESSAGE!

Everyone is welcome to participate in Monday **Fellowship Bible Studies, 10:00-11:30.** 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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November 20	Christ the King - Last Sunday of the Church Year (white)	First reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Malachi 3:13-18 46 Colossians 1:13-20 Luke 23:27-43.
November 23	Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 PM (white) <i>Note: annual homemade pie dessert follows.</i>	First reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Deuteronomy 8:1-10 67 Philippians 4:6-20 Luke 17:11-19.
November 27	First Sunday in Advent Begins the new church year Begins lectionary series A (year of Matthew)	First reading Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44
December 4	Second Sunday in Advent	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 11:1-10 72:1-7 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12
December 11	Third Sunday in Advent	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 35:1-10 146 James 5:7-11 Matthew 11:2-15

### ✠ A SEASON OF PRAYER ✠

As the Call Committee begins its work of discerning the Holy Spirit's leading to our eventual "settled" pastor, committee members ask our entire church community to be in a Season of Prayer. Please pray for the energy and commitment committee members must have over the coming months as the Call Process is worked through. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's leading to be evident among us—both the committee and the congregation. Pray for open-mindedness and creative thinking as our community faces the realities of calling a Lutheran pastor to a small congregation. **Please pray.**





## THIS IS A DOUBLE EDITION TO COVER THE HOLIDAY



### PASTORAL NOMINATIONS PLEASE!

One of the first orders of business for your Call Committee is to offer the congregation an opportunity to submit nominations for our eventual settled pastor. A special (confidential) box and nomination forms are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please complete the form and place it in the sealed box on or before **December 4, 2016**. You must be a voting member of SVLC to submit a nomination and the person you nominate must be "rostered" by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Should you have any questions about this process, please contact Dennis Anderson, Committee Chair, or any member of the committee. Thank you!

## ANNOUNCING MULTI-GEN SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS *November/December/January*

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| <b>11/20/16</b> | Congregational Voters Assembly – elections & Budget for 2017   |
| <b>11/27/16</b> | Accessing the meaning and Message of Advent through our Hymns  |
| <b>12/4/16</b>  | The Families of Christmas 1 – The Herodians – The “Bad Guys” of the Gospel.  |
| <b>12/11/16</b> | The Families of Christmas 2 – the family of Zechariah & Elizabeth.   |
| <b>12/18/16</b> | The Families of Christmas 3 – The Holy Family – Mary, Joseph, & Jesus.   |
| <b>12/25/16</b> | Merry Christmas – Holy Communion @ 10:00am NO CLASS  |
| <b>1/1/17</b>   | Happy New Year – Guest Pastor – NO CLASS.  |
| <b>1/8/17</b>   | The Lord’s Supper and the Priesthood of All Believers – An Open Conversation about Lutheran Theology & Practice – Session 1 (These three sessions will be facilitated by elder Peter Klammer.) |
| <b>1/15/17</b>  | Session 2  |
| <b>1/22/17</b>  | Session 3  |
| <b>1/29/17</b>  | Quarterly Voters Meeting   |



**THE WORD IS OUT!** The easy accessibility and convenient location of our church facility has been talked of in the community. We are having more parties, gatherings and meetings take place at all times during the week. As owners of this building it is important for us to clean up OUR events the way we would like to see outside groups clean up after their events. PLEASE be sure that all electronic equipment gets put away in the AV room. Make sure the garbage is taken out, and the dishes done and put away.

It is only fair that we are doing exactly as we ask others to do. Thank you!

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Bowl!!

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9am

Front lawn of SVLC

Burn off some calories before that big dinner!



## ***Thrivent and SVLC members***

*are invited to attend the annual  
Thrivent-SVLC Planning Meeting  
on Saturday, December 10, from 10:00 to  
11:00 a.m.*

*in the large classroom.*

*You are encouraged to submit ideas for  
projects*

*to be funded by Thrivent Choice Dollars  
accumulated for use in 2017.*

*Please contact Katy Trautman for details.*

**November Birthdays:** Jennifer Klammer 11/9, Peter Klammer 11/14, Dave Orth 11/18,  
Barb Schelp 11/23, Craig Bell 11/24

**November Anniversaries:** Glen & Ellen Schmidt 11/25



**December Birthdays:** Mike Kutsch 12/11, Rich Millimaki 12/12, Lidia Watrud 12/19, Mary Nunery  
12/22, Cynthia Dort 12/26, Ray Hart 12/26, Sharyn Heller 12/26, Ellie Hintzman 12/28

**December Anniversaries:** August & Dorothy 12/20, Tom & Priscilla 12/27, Bill & Sharyn 12/31



## **IF YOU ARE PLANNING AHEAD**

please note that through November and December we have multiple people who have booked our space for parties and events on Fridays or Saturdays. If you are one who likes to have Fellowship set up the night before this may be something to consider.

## GIRL SCOUT TOY DRIVE!!!

The Girl Scout Troop, that meets here, at Shepherd of the Valley, is doing a NEW Toy Drive to assist CARDV in giving toys to kids in need!

There is a box in the Fellowship Hall please assist where you can!



## LUTHERFEST 2017, TICKET SALES OPEN DECEMBER 1

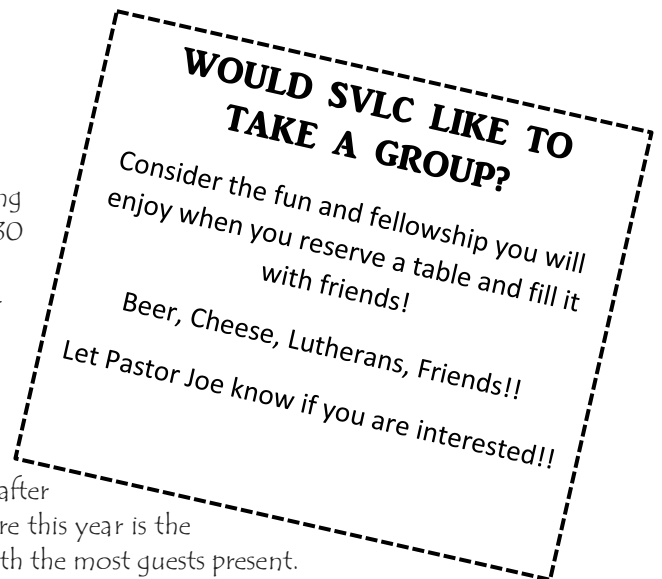
Lutherfest 2017, the fifth annual Luther House Beer and Cheese pairing benefit, is just around the corner – Sunday, February 26, from 2:00–4:30 pm at the Boulder Falls Event Center, Lebanon, Oregon.

Again this year guests will be treated to six seated-and-served pairings of Oregon artisan cheeses and craft beers accompanied by fresh Pacific Northwest appetizers. You'll be able to pose for your free memory photo, chat with vendors, mingle with friends, learn about craft brewing and artisan cheese-making in Oregon, hear testimonials from active Luther House students, possibly win a gift basket, and visit vendor tables after the party (bring your charge card or debit card with you). A new feature this year is the Lutherfest Traveling Trophy that will be awarded to the congregation with the most guests present.

Individual tickets remain a great value at \$50. Buy a Table of 8 for \$350 (a savings of \$50). Because of our generous sponsors – Grace Lutheran Foundation (Corvallis), St. Mark Lutheran Endowment (Salem), Faith Lutheran Endowment (Albany), Atonement Lutheran Endowment (Newport), and Ron and Virginia Mohr of Thrivent Financial – every dollar in ticket sales will directly support student programming and outreach in 2017. **Ticket sales open December 1. Only 220 tickets are available. Online purchases only at [lutherfest.luther-house.org](http://lutherfest.luther-house.org).**

Here's your opportunity to get that holiday gift for the person who's hard to please. Or, invite seven friends and enjoy an afternoon together. Or, treat yourself to a delicious afternoon sampling local fare. Or, just support Luther House because you care about our ministry on campus. Whatever your reason, we're grateful for your support and look forward to seeing you at the party.

Questions? Call [541-753-5213](tel:541-753-5213) or email [info@luther-house.org](mailto:info@luther-house.org).



## Lay Ministry - Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

**GREETERS:** Dorothy Pratt & Colleen Fisher

**ACOLYTE:** Caroline Hintzman

**READER:** Ray Hart

**SOUND TECH:** Craig Bell

**USHERS:** Jim Dort, Cynthia Dort, Colleen Fisher,  
Bill Randall

**COMMUNION:** Richard Hlavinka

**REFRESHMENTS:** Karen Inman & Priscilla  
Stratton

## Lay Ministry - Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

**GREETERS:** Dennis & Debi Anderson

**ACOLYTE:** Kari Dort

**READER:** Alison Hintzman

**SOUND TECH:** VOLUNTEER PLEASE

**USHERS:** Rob Durbin, Donna Durbin, Bill  
Chambers, Bill Randall

**COMMUNION:** Richard Hlavinka

**REFRESHMENTS:** Alison Hintzman & Donna  
Durbin

### ADVENT BEGINS...

Sunday, November 27. Advent Midweek Soup Suppers and Services continue on Wednesday evenings in Advent beginning November 30 and continuing December 7, 14, and 21. Soup supper at 6:00 PM Evening Prayer for Advent at 7:00 PM. Christmas Eve Candle light communion is Saturday, December 24, 7:00 PM. Christmas Day Holy Communion is Sunday, December 25, 10:00 AM (note one hour later than usual on Sundays).



# The Christmas Choral

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you!”

Isaiah 60:1

A service of Lessons and Carols *Featuring*  
Concordia’s music ensembles

Friday, December 2 – 7pm

Saturday, December 3 – 7pm

Sunday, December 4 – 3pm

St. Michael’s Lutheran Church  
6700 NE 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, Oregon

Admission is free. Donations Accepted.



## ORGAN CONCERTS IN DECEMBER

by our own  
Lisa Boylan & Company.

**December 4<sup>th</sup>** @ 2:15pm w/ Ann Capps

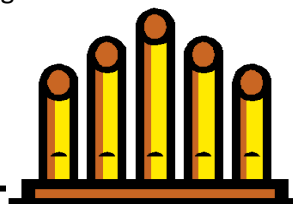
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Organ/Piano Duets, solo pieces, and sing a long

**December 18<sup>th</sup>** @ 4:00pm w/ Erik McKirdy

Albany First United Methodist Church

Organ Duets and Solo Pieces.



## OFFICE HOURS FOR THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING

Monday	11/21	10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Tuesday	11/22	10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Wednesday	11/23	1:00 PM - 8:30 PM (Thanksgiving Eve)
Thursday	11/24	Thanksgiving Day - Office closed
Friday	11/25	Pastor's day off
Saturday	11/26	work from home
Sunday	11/27	First Sunday of Advent