

**Shepherd’s Voice**

**A Weekly Publication of**

**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church**

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**Rev. Joseph Hughes, Pastor**

Date: December 25, 2016

**Weekly Schedule**

\*Recurring Events\*

**SUNDAYS**

* 9:00am Holy Communion
* 10:15am Fellowship
* 10:30am Multi-Generational Sunday School
* 3:00pm Bethel Growth Group (2nd & 4th Sun.)
* 7:00pm Damascus Growth Group (2nd & 4th 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 (4th Monday)

**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

* 10:00am Women on Wednesday (1st & 3rd Wed.)
* 2:00pm to 6:15pm Violin Lessons

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

* Office Closed

**SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS**

**December 21st**

* 6:00pm Soup Supper
* 6:45pm Time for Prayer
* 7:00pm Advent Service

**December 24th**

* 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**December 25th**

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



Dear friends in Christ,

**PASTOR’S POST: *A Family Christmas Letter***

**Christmas Day, December 25, 2016**

*We celebrate the Nativity of our Lord in worship this weekend with* ***Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion at 7:00 PM on Saturday*** *and* ***Christmas Day Communion at 10:00 AM on Sunday.*** *I hope to see you then. Meanwhile I am pleased to share our family Christmas letter with all of you (below).*

Dear friends and family:

We are home in the Salem, Oregon area on a day where there will surely be rain, as there almost always is this time of year, but maybe not too much today! We have already survived the “big snow” of last week. Joe was the only one on the block with a snow shovel and so we had the only clean driveway on the *cul de sac*. We are having a rainy late fall in Oregon, which is good, because there’s been some drought the last few years. New Snow has fallen this week on Mount Hood, so all may be well around here.

We each are pastoring a church these days. Patricia serves in Salem at Holy Cross, and Joe serves at Shepherd of the Valley in Corvallis. We are busy, but the people are good, and the Holy Spirit seems to be increasing opportunities for people to care for each other in community, and share God’s unfathomable love in Jesus so that we can be God’s hands and feet to others.

This year, Joe’s son, Aaron, got married to Nicky, in California, and it was lovely. Later in the year they moved to Chicago and have a wonderful apartment not too far from Wrigley Field – home of the World Champion Chicago Cubs! Patricia’s nephew Beau married Alana in Arizona and it was amazing too. This year also included a lot with Patricia’s father, Dallas Wolf, as he fell in February, which began a long series of health issues. So, Patricia and her sister Debbie have both visited him in Houston multiple times. We would all be glad of your prayers for him.

The rest of our year’s highlights were getting to see grandchildren. Joe managed to get to Chicago a couple of times to see his daughter Janet, her husband Matt, and their two sons Trevor, 7, and Wesley, 5. Chris, Patricia’s son lives an hour north of us, and he brings his daughter Maddy to visit us often, and they will be with us the week after Christmas for a day or so. Maddy has turned 8 now and is a lovely young lady. We haven’t spent much time with Patricia’s daughter Faith and her husband, Tim, in Austin, but we will see them for New Year’s Eve when we head south to see family and visit Joe’s home town – New Orleans, before the craziness of Mardi Gras begins.

We also managed to fit in a week in the South of France this year, which means we are awfully spoiled. It was amazing. The summer daylight on the sunflowers made us realize just why Van Gogh lived and painted there. Well, Merry Christmas and Joyful New Year to you all!

Much love, and God’s blessings!

Pastor Joe & Patricia Hughes

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**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.

January 1, 2017 First Sunday after Christmas First Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 8 Epistle Hebrews 1:1-12

Gospel John 1:1-14

January 8, 2017 Epiphany Sunday First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-11(12-15)

Epistle Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

January 15, 2017 The Baptism of Our Lord First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Epistle Romans 6:1-11

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

January 22, 2017 Third Sunday after Epiphany First Reading Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1-9 (10-14)

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel Matthew 4:12-25

January 29, 2017 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany First Reading Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

February 5, 2017 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany First Reading Isaiah 58:3-9a

Psalm 112:1-9

Epistle 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

February 12, 2017 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany First Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

Epistle 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Gospel Matthew 5:21-37

**THRIVENT ANNUAL MEETING**

First and foremost, a big THANK YOU to all the Thrivent members who designated their 2016 Thrivent Choice Dollars to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. With these funds we are able to support many activities and projects that enhance our facilities and our mission outreach.

On Saturday, December 10, Thrivent members met to review the activities and projects completed in 2016 (with the use of Choice Dollars accumulated in 2015) and discuss the allocations for 2017.

In 2016, nearly $3000 in Choice Dollars supported: Partial purchase of new tablecloths for the fellowship hall; funding towards the 50th Anniversary Celebrations; hygiene kits for Community Outreach clients; additional irrigation for the Giving Garden; two new work tables for the Giving Garden; a beautiful sandblasted walnut sign for the Giving Garden; WinCo gifts cards for homeless student families from Linus Pauling Middle School to help with holiday meal purchases; Fred Meyer gift cards for homeless student families from Linus Pauling Middle School to help with a variety of ongoing support; and gifts for our Shepherd children at Christmastime.

The allocations for 2017, totaling $2460, are: $150 for the Rainy Day Fund; $50 for Christmas Celebration Treat; $500 towards the Sanctuary Refresh; $600 for Hygiene Kits for Community Outreach; $475 for concrete blocks for the Giving Garden Shrub and Wildflower Garden; $200 for Landscaping around the church sign; $200 for Hearts Across Romania supplies; and $285 for Linus Pauling Middle School homeless student support.

It is important to note that in order to accomplish each of the activities listed, volunteers work dozens, if not hundreds, of hours. The money alone means nothing. It is when combined with elbow grease, passion and faith that we make an impact for the work of the Kingdom. Many thanks to all who involve themselves!

Note: The list of 2017 allocations is featured on the Thrivent Bulletin Board located above the mailboxes in the church office hallway.



**While Pastor is on Holiday…**

**Deacon Larry Oliver will be providing Pastoral Care December 30, 2016 to January 6, 2017. You can reach him by phone or e-mail:**

* **(H) 541-738-0321**
* **(C) 541-730-6673**
* **loliverdc10@comcast.net**

**Pastor Rob Bjornstad will be the guest Pastor, leading worship on Sunday, January 1. Please let the office know if there are any questions!**

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Multi-Gen Sunday School on Sunday, January 1 & NO Text Study Monday, January 2.**

**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church (SVLC)**

**Council Minutes from 12/21/16, 7:45 pm Post Advent Service (subject to revision)**

Meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm. In attendance: Bill Chambers, Debi Anderson, Gail Millimaki, Jeff Hintzman, and Pastor Joe Hughes

**Opening Prayer** - Bill Chambers

**Approval of Agenda**

1. Gail Millimaki made a motion to approve the agenda
2. Debi Anderson seconded the motion
3. All ayes, motion adopted

**Approval of Minutes -** November Meeting

1. Debi Anderson made a motion to approve the November 2016 minutes
2. Gail Millimaki seconded the motion
3. All ayes, motion adopted

**First 24 Minutes** - Bill Chambers

Agenda for January Leadership Meeting & the Future of SVLC- Making a Conscious Decision)

Bill wants to propose three things:

1. The purpose of the Church is fellowship, worship, & supporting members.
2. Take care of widows, orphans (homeless children).
3. The Great Commission (example how to use the Giving Garden for evangelism)

Revisit the goals from last years Leadership meeting.

Debi Anderson suggested supporting single mothers.

Review Pastor Joe’s summary report.

**Pastor’s Report** - Pastor Joe Hughes - See Pastor’s printed IIP Report from 12/06/16 for full details

1. Listed ministry plan to Ash Wednesday.
2. Provisional wedding policy being reviewed by Elders.

**Elder’s Report** - N/A

**Treasurer’s Report** - Debi Anderson - See Treasurer’s Report for November 2016

Sent District $859.36.00 from 50th Anniversary Special Giving fund.

Propose using the Grappo fund to provide money for the altar refresh project.

Received $100.00 donation from wedding.

**Property Report** - Bill Chambers for Bill Randall

Bill Randall has agree to be the Property Chair but not the handyman for 2017-2018.

1. Debi Anderson made a motion to appoint Bill Randall as the Property Chair for 2017-2018.
2. Gail Millimaki seconded the motion.
3. All ayes, motion adopted.

**President’s Report** - Bill Chambers - See First 24 Minutes

**Old Business** - Bill Chambers

Altar Refresh Committee will give the Council a proposal in February.

Call Committee has met twice and will meet after the Leadership Meeting.

Nominations were sent to the District Office.

List of possible Pastor candidates should be coming by February 6, 2017.

**New Business** - Bill Chambers

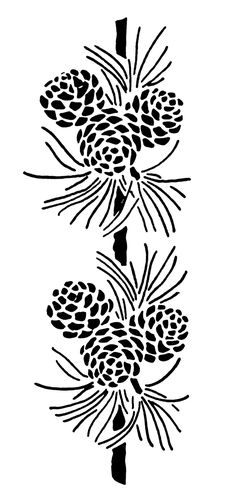
The Church received a gift of $25,000.00 from someone who wishes to remain anonymous. Bill Chambers suggested a celebration be held, an announcement be put in the Shepherd’s Voice and an announcement made at the next Voter’s Meeting.  Pastor Hughes suggested Bill could write a story of the gift for the Shepherd’s Voice and he stated that thank you for your support  letters will be mailed to each SVLC household. The Council will make the decision on what to do with the gift after input from the congregation, then a special Voter’s Meeting may be called to let the congregation know the Council’s decision.

Debi Anderson will contact the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) about depositing the gift with LCEF if the money can be taken out at any time.  She will send an email to Bill Chambers, Gail Millimaki, and Peter Klammer with the information and we can approve by responding to her email.

**Closing Prayer** - Pastor Hughes

**Next Meetings**: January 7 Leadership Meeting, January 11 Council Meeting, February 8 Council Meeting

**So many events and learning opportunities**



**ANNOUNCING MULTI-GEN SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS**

**December/January**

**1/1/17** Happy New Year – Guest Pastor – NO CLASS.

**1/8/17** An Open Conversation about Lutheran Theology & Practice – **Session 1** "The Priesthood of All Believers and the Church"

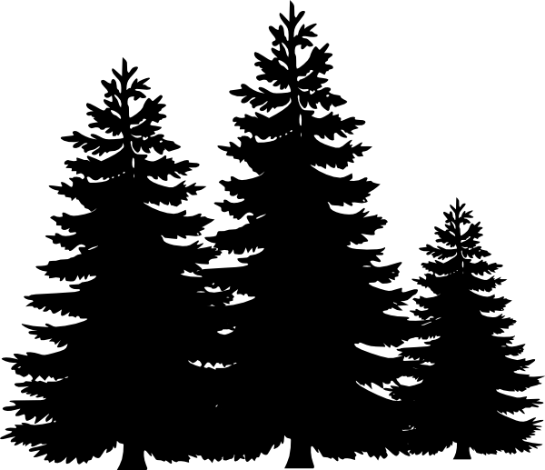
*These three sessions will be facilitated by elder Peter Klammer*

**1/15/17** **Session 2**"The Ministry and the Office of Public Ministry"

**1/22/17** **Session 3** "Word and Sacrament Ministry: Working together"

**1/29/17** Quarterly Voters Meeting

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| **Staff & Lay Leaders** | |
| Pastor | Joseph Hughes |
| Office Manager | Callie Santora |
| Musician | Lisa Boylan |
| President | Bill Chambers |
| Secretary | Gail Millimaki |
| Treasurer | Debi Anderson |
| Property Chair | OPEN |
| PR Coordinator | Sandy Bell |
| Elders | Peter Klammer  Jeff Hintzman (elect)  Dennis Anderson (elect) |
| Ministry Team Leaders | Lisa Boylan, *Worship & Prayer*  Jennifer Klammer, *Community Building & Care*  Ray Hart, *Missional Outreach*  Jay McDougal, *Biblical Equipping* |
| Deaconesses | Donna Durbin  Sandy Nash  OPEN |

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EXTRA, EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

Altar Guild is looking for YOU!

Can you step in for the month of February, August or December?

If so, please talk with Donna Pompe about how you can be of assistance on those months!

**Posting to Facebook?**

We are decreasing the number of places on Facebook that our members and friends post and get their information. I have archived ‘SVLC Corvallis’ group and will be archiving each group with the SVLC name or Shepherd Name. You should be using the Main Church Facebook page to share all your wonderful thoughts and fun Memes. As well as any photographs!

Just go onto Facebook, search for Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church and like the page. And there you will be a part of what the public sees! Please let Callie know if you have any questions!



**December Birthdays:** Mike Kutsch 12/11, Rich Millimaki 12/12, Colleen Fisher 12/17,

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

Lay Ministry January 8th

**Greeter:**

Donna & Rob Durbin

**Acolyte:**

Gabriel Havranek

**Reader:**

Jim Dort

**Sound & Slides:**

Jeff Hintzman

**Ushers:**

Jay McDougal, Karen Inman, Bobby Webb, Sue Probus

**Communion:**

Elder

**Refreshments:**

Cynthia Dort & Char Reger

**Musician:**

Lisa Boylan

Lay Ministry January 1st

**Greeter:**

Donna & Rob Durbin

**Acolyte:**

Gabriel Havranek

**Reader:**

Jim Dort

**Sound & Slides:**

Jeff Hintzman

**Ushers:**

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**CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY Service…**

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).

**CHECK IT OUT!!**

Bulletin Board OUTSIDE Sanctuary

* Update on Lay Ministry Positions
* January & February 2017 are up!

This is for your convenience for planning purposes.

Entry way Bulletin Board

* Community Events
* Family activities
* Christmas Cards to all!



**TICKET SALES NOW OPEN**

The 5th annual Lutherfest Beer and Cheese Pairing event to support the ministry of Luther House is Sunday, February 26, 2017 (2-4:30 pm), at the Boulder Falls Event Center in Lebanon. Doors open at 1:30. Individual tickets are $50 and Tables of 8 sell for $350 (a $50 savings). Since ticket sales opened December 1, they’ve been going quickly. If you haven’t yet purchased yours, don’t delay or you might miss six local craft beers paired with six Oregon artisan cheeses, hearty appetizers, entertainment, student testimonials, a chance to win special gift baskets, and the option to purchase select products from some of our vendors. Like last year, free commemorative photos will be taken as you arrive. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit [lutherfest.luther-house.org](http://lutherfest.luther-house.org/). Thanks to generous sponsorship by the Grace (Corvallis) Foundation, St. Mark (Salem) Endowment, Atonement (Newport) Lutheran, Faith (Albany) Lutheran, and Ron and Virginia Mohr of Thrivent Financial, every ticket sold directly supports student programming at Luther House in 2017. The congregation bringing the most guests to the party wins the Lutherfest Traveling Trophy, a brand new feature this year! We look forward to seeing you at the party.

Lay Ministry Calendar for January 2017

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| Date | Sunday, Jan 1 | Sunday, Jan 8 | Sunday, Jan 15 | Sunday, Jan 22 | Sunday, Jan 29 |
| Greeters | Donna & Rob Durbin | Fernando Henriques & Katy Trautman | Richard Hlavinka & Sue Probus | Karen Inman & Bobby Webb | Peter & Jennifer Klammer |
| Acolyte | Gabriel Havranek | Ellie Hintzman | Kari Dort | Caroline Hintzman | Gabriel Havranek |
| Reader | Jim Dort | Donna Durbin | Ray Hart | Bruce Havranek | Alison Hintzman |
| Sound & Slide Tech | Jeff Hintzman | Ray Hart | Jay McDougal | Peter Klammer | Craig Bell |
| Ushers | Jay McDougal  Karen Inman  Bobby Webb  Sue Probus | Jay McDougal  Karen Inman  Bobby Webb  Sue Probus | Jay McDougal  Karen Inman  Bobby Webb  Sue Probus | Jay McDougal  Karen Inman  Bobby Webb  Sue Probus | Jay McDougal  Karen Inman  Bobby Webb  Sue Probus |
| Communion Asst. | Jeff Hintzman | Jeff Hintzman | Jeff Hintzman | Jeff Hintzman | Jeff Hintzman |
| Fellowship | Cynthia Dort  Char Reger | Donna Durbin  Ellen Schmidt | Alison Hintzman  Karen Inman | Virginia Kutsch  Jennifer Klammer | Tracy McDougal  Gail Millimaki |
| Altar Care |  |  |  |  |  |

If you are unable to fulfill your lay ministry duty,

please

talk with your fellow church family

find a substitute then let the church office know of the switch.

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