



Shepherd's Voice

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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

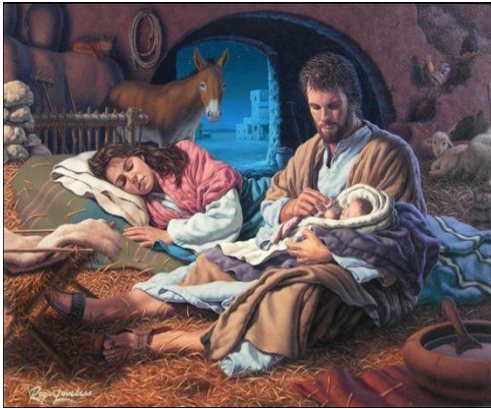
❖ 10:00am Christmas Day Service

- ❖ NO MULTI-GEN SUNDAY SCHOOL



PASTOR'S POST: *A Family Christmas Letter*

Christmas Day, December 25, 2016



Dear friends in Christ,

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.

December 24	The Nativity of our Lord (<i>Christmas Eve</i>)	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 9:2-7 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
December 25	The Nativity of Our Lord (<i>Christmas Day – 10am worship</i>)	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 7:10-14 110:1-4 1 John 4:7-16(7-12) Matthew 1:18-25
January 1, 2017	First Sunday after Christmas	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 52:7-10 8 Hebrews 1:1-12 John 1:1-14
January 8, 2017	The epiphany of Our Lord	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 60:1-6 72:1-11(12-15) Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12
January 15, 2017	The Baptism of Our Lord	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 42:1-9 29 Romans 6:1-11 Matthew 3:13-17

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.





Updates from the Council

Here are some important up dates from last night's council meeting to keep you in the loop.

- The February Council meeting is Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 PM.
- Bill Chambers shared that Bill Randall has agreed to serve as **Property Chair** on the church council. Bill will be coordinating repair work and is not to be seen as the "maintenance man."
- There will be a **meeting** to discuss the details of the agenda for the Leadership Summit this coming Tuesday **12/27 starting at 11:00 AM**. Those asked to attend in addition to myself and Bill Chambers are the elders: Dennis Anderson, Jeff Hintzmann, and Peter Klammer. We will meet in the old youth room by the offices.
- The 50th anniversary **Thank Offering for the Northwest District**, LCMS, which was received at Shepherd of the Valley in November totaled \$859.63. This amount was forwarded to the district office as a special anniversary thank offering from SVLC.

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.



So many events and learning opportunities

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

- 12/25/16** Merry Christmas – Holy Communion @ 10:00am
NO CLASS
- 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



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, <i>Worship & Prayer</i> Jennifer Klammer, <i>Community Building & Care</i> Ray Hart, <i>Missional Outreach</i> Jay McDougal, <i>Biblical Equipping</i>
Deaconesses	Donna Durbin Sandy Nash OPEN

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

It has been a tradition that each year we collect donations to give a Christmas blessing to our Pastor and staff.

If you are able to donate to the Christmas gift this year please see Peter Klammer.

All donations need to be in to Peter

NO LATER THAN

December 21st

so they may be presented
Christmas Eve.

Thank you in advance!



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 December 25th

Greeter:

Rich & Gail Millimaki

Acolyte:

Kari Dort

Reader:

Katy Trautman

Sound ONLY (no slides):

Peter Klammer

Ushers:

Fernando Henriques, Katy Trautman, Richard Hlavinka,
Bruce Havranek

Communion:

Peter Klammer

Refreshments:

Anyone who wants to!!

Musician:

Lisa Boylan

Lay Ministry January 1st

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

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. 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

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

*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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