



Shepherd's Voice

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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 (4th 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

Reminders

January 23rd

❖ Fellowship Text Study CANCELLED

January 29th

❖ Quarterly Voters Meeting, following
Sunday School class.

**Do you have an event you would like to see
on the front page? Let us know!**

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PASTOR'S POST

3rd Sunday in Epiphany - January 22, 2017

Dear friends in Christ,

If you have been paying attention to the Gospel readings from Matthew lately you have frequently heard these words commenting on something that happened to Jesus, or because of Jesus; "...SO THAT WHAT WAS SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET...MIGHT BE FULFILLED." For example we heard them recently on the following occasions:



- When Joseph learned that his wife would have a child though she was still a virgin (Matt. 1:22),
- when the Magi inquired when the new born king is to be born (Matt. 2:5),
- when the holy family fled to Egypt to escape murderous Herod (Matt. 2:14),
- when Herod ordered the baby boys in and around Bethlehem to be killed

(Matt. 2:17),

- when John the Baptist was preaching in the wilderness (Matt. 3:3),
- and in this Sunday's Gospel (Matt. 4:14) when Jesus begins his ministry proclaiming the Kingdom of Heaven after John was imprisoned by Herod Antipas. Each time Matthew says, "This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet..."

I am not sure if we really appreciate the importance of the statement that in Jesus God was fulfilling His promises through the prophets. I think we tend to glance over it without much thought. If we do pay attention maybe we see them as something we Christians, living 2000 years after Matthew collected and wrote his gospel narrative, can take for granted. Maybe think, "Of course, Matthew, we know this, now get on with the story."

But to Matthew and his early Christian community these words were vital and polemical. Matthew wrote his narrative at a time when Judaism and Christianity were bitterly going their separate ways. Extended families found themselves on opposite sides of the "Jesus issue." It is important to realize that in the beginning (at the time of Pentecost) all the earliest Christians were Jewish Christians. They were Jews of one sort or another (Pharisees, Sadducees, Zealots, Essenes, and Jewish people who had simply given up on their faith altogether - probably like Matthew himself, perhaps also known as Levi the tax collector). It was St. Paul who was most instrumental in opening up membership in the early church to non Jewish people, people the Bible calls gentiles. By the time the Gospels are being written down in final form, toward the end of the first century, things have gotten very bad between those Jews who refused to acknowledge Jesus as the long promised messiah and those who embraced him as the risen Lord.

For the earliest Christians, the idea that Jesus was in fact the fulfillment of God's prophecy in Scripture was very important, and very contentious, for it was precisely on that issue that their belief in Him rose or fell. So when Matthew writes, "This was to fulfill the prophecy" when he comments on something that happens in his story of Jesus, it is by no means a throw-away line. Jewish Christians and Jews who refused to accept Jesus were making a decisive and in some cases bitter split with one another, and that phrase was a critical part of the argument between the two sides.

I think many of us can identify with that because it still happens in our own families that people divide over religion, and sometimes in churches too. Many of us deal with friends and loved ones who have turned away from the church. Others of us have experienced the pain of people leaving "our" church to go to another church because they are disgruntled or dissatisfied in one way or another.

One of the ways the first century controversy made its way into our Bibles is the way the Old Testament books are ordered. I am told that the Bible of Judaism today, what we would call the Old Testament, ends differently than our collection. We end with the prophets, as if to say, "Look, there is more to come. There is a fulfillment yet to be manifest." But the Jewish scriptures conclude with what are called "The Writings," i.e. Psalms, Ezra, Nehemiah, I & II Chronicles. These books seem to end their scriptures with an appeal to Jewish people to simply continue to be good Jews, know the Law and live a good life. Everything is fulfilled in the present, and there is no future hope for most branches of Judaism today, Orthodox, Reformed, Conservative, etc. I once asked a reformed Jewish rabbi what was the real point of Judaism and he told me it was to simply help people to be good Jews and preserve Judaism to another generation.

The Christian Old Testament ends with the prophets, chief among them Isaiah, who longs for the time when "the people who walk in darkness" will see a great light (Isaiah 9). For Christians today, and for those earliest Christians 2000 years ago, that light came in the person of Jesus, the long promised Messiah, who was born at Bethlehem. He was crucified, died, was buried, and rose again on the third day. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." That is our confession of faith. That is our witness too as Christian people who read Matthew in a world of many rivals for our faith. Jesus IS fulfillment of God's promises! That's no empty throw away phrase. In fact it is the foundation of what we boldly teach, believe and confess: that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

So next time you hear words like "This was to fulfill what was spoken of by the prophet..." think how important they were to Matthew and his early Christian community, and ask how important it is in our own day to understand Jesus as fulfillment, and as our hope for a fulfillment yet to come.

In Christ who is our fulfillment,

Pastor Joe Hughes

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PASTOR'S ITINERARY – DECEMBER 2016

- 12/3/16 Officiated **marriage** of Norma Delgado & Robert Surface
- 12/4/16 Prepare preach and lead worship for Advent 2
Prepare and teach M-Gen Sunday School
- 12/5/16 Prepare and teach Fellowship Bible Study
- 12/6/16 Diaconess, MTL's & Elders meetings
- 12/7/16 Preach and lead Midweek Advent Evening Prayer Service
- 12/8/16 Write Pastor's post for Shepherd's Voice
- 12/11/16 Prepare preach and lead worship for Advent 3
Prepare and teach M-Gen Sunday School
- 12/12/16 Pre Baptismal Conference - Abigail Watrud
- 12/12/16 Prepare and teach Fellowship Bible Study
- 12/13/16 Host, preach and officiate communion for circuit pastors' conference meeting at SVLC.
Serving on planning committee for **LC-MS Reformation 500th Anniversary service** planned at
Zion, Corvallis on **October 29, 2017 – 3:00 PM.**
- 12/14/16 SVLS Seniors' Luncheon at Elmer's
Church council meeting
Preach and lead Midweek Advent Evening Prayer Service
- 12/15/16 Write Pastor's post for Shepherd's Voice
- 12/18/16 Prepare preach and lead worship for Advent 3
Baptism of Abigail Watrud
Prepare and teach M-Gen Sunday School
- 12/19/16 Prepare and teach Fellowship Bible Study
- 12/21/16 Consultation meeting with Peter Klammer re. Church as Priesthood of all believers
Preach and lead Midweek Advent Evening Prayer Service
- 12/22/16 Consultation with District President – Portland
Write Pastor's post for Shepherd's Voice
- 12/24/16 Prepare Preach and lead Christmas Eve service
- 12/25/16 Prepare Preach and lead Christmas Day service
- 12/30-1/6/17 Holiday Travel Write posts for Shepherd's Voice for 1/1 & 1/8
- 1/7/17 Leadership summit cancelled -weather
- 1/8/17 Church cancelled - weather
- 1/9/17 Prepare & Teach Fellowship Bible study
- 1/10/17 Diaconess. MTL & Elders meetings – rescheduled 2017 planning summit to 2/7/2017 6:30-9:00
PM
- 1/11/17 **Planning group meeting for Reformation@500-Corvallis** – planning 500th anniversary of the
Reformation observances for Corvallis Community for October & November 2017. Planning
committee: Pastors Netsie Griffith, Wendell Hendershott, & Jim Norlie; Prof. Gary Ferngren.
January church council meeting – set agenda for January 29 voters meeting 11:30 AM (following
M-Gen Sunday School session on Church as Priesthood of All believers led by Peter Klammer).
Council minutes to be published in Shepherd's Voice subject to correction.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Joe Hughes

LECTIONARY BIBLE READINGS FOR WORSHIP:



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. ***NOTE that because of conferences pastor is attending Fellowship Bible Study will NOT meet January 16th and 23rd.***

January 22, 2017	Third Sunday after Epiphany	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 9:1-4 27:1-9 (10-14) 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-25
January 29, 2017	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Micah 6:1-8 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12
February 5, 2017	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 58:3-9a 112:1-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) Matthew 5:13-20
February 12, 2017	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37
February 19, 2017	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 119:33-40 1 Corinthians 3:10-23 Matthew 5:38-48
February 26	Transfiguration of our Lord Last Sunday after Epiphany	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Exodus 24:8-18 2:6-12 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9
March 1, 2017	Ash Wednesday	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Joel 2:12-19 51:1-13 (14-19) 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

UPDATES FROM THE OFFICE & LEADERS

- January 22, 29, 10:30-11:30 AM Three part series on seeing Church as Priesthood of Believers for M-Gen Sunday School led by head elder Peter Klammer in the fellowship hall.
- Sunday, January 29, 12:30 AM The January voters' meeting will follow M-Gen Sunday School - this will be a reporting meeting only – LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER MEETING.
- Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 PM 2017 Planning & Goals Summit is rescheduled.
- Sunday, February 12 Senior Saints Sunday - honoring those members of Shepherd of the Valley who are or will be 90 or older in 2017.

Pastor is at Conference:

January 23rd – 25th in Fresno, CA and Pastor Jeremy Lucke will be covering for any emergent Pastoral Care needs he can be contacted by phone 541-709-8057 or email: pastorlucke@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCING MULTI-GEN SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS

January

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| 1/22/17 | Session 2 "The Ministry and the Office of Public Ministry" |
| 1/29/17 | Session 3 "Word and Sacrament Ministry: Working together" |
| 1/29/17 | Quarterly Voters Meeting after class
Lunch Provided |

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES. THEY ARE IN YOUR MAIL BOX IN THE HALL BY THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Staff & Lay Leaders

Pastor	Joseph Hughes
Office Manager	Callie Santora
Musician	Lisa Boylan
President	Bill Chambers
Secretary	Gail Millimaki
Treasurer	Debi Anderson
Property Chair	Bill Randall
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

Lay Ministry January 22

Greeter:

Karen Inman & Bobby Webb

Acolyte:

Caroline Hintzman

Reader:

Bruce Havranek

Sound & Slides:

Peter Klammer

Ushers:

Jay McDougal, Karen Inman, Bobby Webb, Sue Probus

Communion:

Elder

Refreshments:

Gail Millimaki & Jennifer Klammer

Musician:

Lisa Boylan

Lay Ministry January 29

Greeter:

Peter & Jennifer Klammer

Acolyte:

Gabriel Havranek

Reader:

Alison Hintzman

Sound & Slides:

Craig Bell

Ushers:

Jay McDougal, Karen Inman, Bobby Webb, Sue Probus

Communion:

Jeff Hintzman & Dennis Anderson

Refreshments:

Tracy McDougal & Virginia Kutsch

Musician:

Lisa Boylan



January Birthdays: Karen Inman 1/9, Joyce Robak 1/15, Carol Taft 1/15, Richard Hlavinka 1/16, Virginia Kutsch 1/17, Charles Rackley 1/17, Karl Schmidt 1/20, Declan Orth 1/26, Pauline Holthofer 1/29, John Stephens 1/31, Katy Trautman 1/31

No January Anniversaries listed.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sunday, Jan 22</i>	<i>Sunday, Jan 29</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	Karen Inman & Bobby Webb	Peter & Jennifer Klammer
<i>Acolyte</i>	Caroline Hintzman	Gabriel Havranek
<i>Reader</i>	Bruce Havranek	Alison Hintzman
<i>Sound & Slide Tech</i>	Peter Klammer	Craig Bell
<i>Ushers</i>	Jay McDougal Karen Inman Bobby Webb Sue Probus	Jay McDougal Karen Inman Bobby Webb Sue Probus
<i>Communion Asst.</i>	Jeff Hintzman	Jeff Hintzman
<i>Fellowship</i>	Virginia Kutsch Jennifer Klammer	Tracy McDougal Gail Millimaki
<i>Altar Care</i>		



LOOKS LIKE A SELLOUT!

We're thrilled at the response by so many to attend the 5th annual Luther House Beer and Cheese Pairing Benefit called **Lutherfest** on February 26. As this article is being composed we have *only 22 tickets remaining*. By the time it appears in your newsletter, we anticipate all tickets will have been sold. However, if you're really sad you missed the chance to buy a ticket, please give us a call at [541-753-5213](tel:541-753-5213) to inquire about whether there still *may* be a stray ticket or two that remain. Thanks to sponsorships by St. Mark Lutheran Church Endowment (Salem), the Grace Foundation (Corvallis), Faith (Albany), Atonement (Newport), and Ron and Virginia Mohr of Thrivent Financial (Salem), every dollar raised through tickets sales will support student programming this year! Thank you all for your enthusiasm, generosity, and support. Many will know the good news of God in Christ because of you.

"REFLECTIONS FROM ROME"



Pr. Jim represented the Lutheran World Federation as Fraternal Delegate to the IV World Congress for the Pastoral Care of International Students, hosted by the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Immigrants and Itinerant People, 28 November-2 December, in Rome. As a way of bringing the experience back to Oregon, he's prepared a one-hour summary of that global conference and is willing to share it with your congregation. Ideally, host congregations will provide a projector and technical support for a PowerPoint presentation. All he asks is mileage in exchange for this stimulating talk. To arrange a visit, contact Luther House at [541-753-5213](tel:541-753-5213) or

email info@luther-house.org.

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