



Shepherd's Voice

A Weekly Publication of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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Rev. Joseph Hughes, Pastor

Date: January 29, 2017

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 29th

- ❖ Quarterly Voters Meeting, following Sunday School class – LUNCH PROVIDED.

January 31st

- ❖ John Stephens' Birthday Celebration

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

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PASTOR'S POST

4th Sunday in Epiphany - January 29, 2017

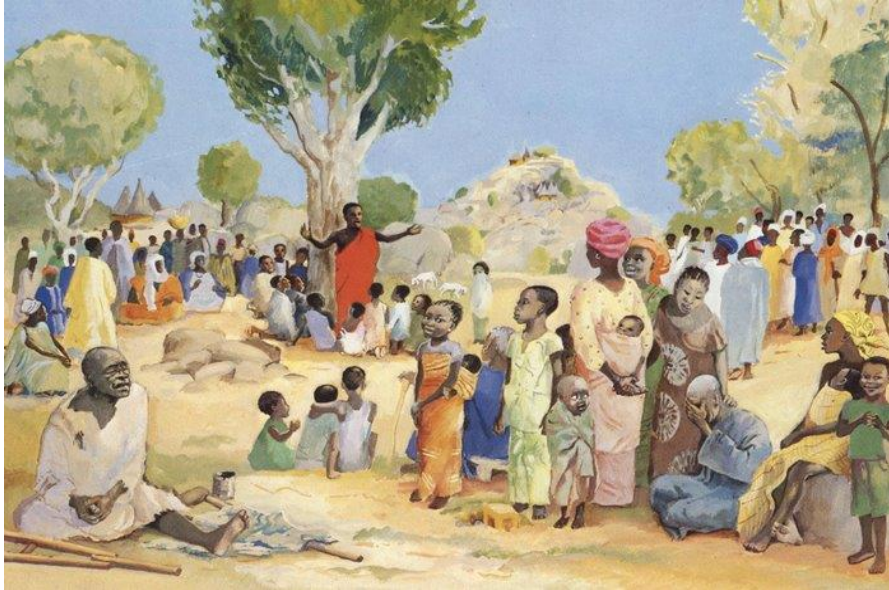


Image above: JESUS MAFA. **The Sermon on the Mount**,
from *Art in the Christian Tradition*,
a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville

Dear friends in Christ,

This Sunday, January 29, we begin a four week series focusing on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as found in Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7. This Sunday Jesus' opening words in the Sermon on the Mount will be our Gospel reading, Matthew 5:1-12. These words may be familiar to many people, but I think that they can be easily misunderstood or worse taken for granted. They are commonly called The Beatitudes, the "beautiful sayings." Each of the first verses of His sermon begins with the word "blessed."

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

What does the word "blessed" mean in your world? What did Jesus' disciples understand by the word "blessed?" What did Jesus mean by the word "blessed?" Why does he tell us, why did he tell them they were blessed? It's important to note, too, the conditions which Jesus says are evidence of blessedness, and they aren't what you would expect in the common sense use of the word blessed. For Jesus, to be blessed is not to be merely fortunate or lucky. The list is rather a list that sounds like the real world in which most of us live where there is poverty of spirit (read discouragement?), there is sadness, there is a desire for doing what's right even when it isn't popular: being merciful, seeking peace, and maybe suffering persecution.

Pastor David Lose, who was the featured speaker at the Byberg Preaching Conference I attended earlier this month in Canon Beach, posed a very interesting question some years ago. He asked, "Is Jesus teaching the disciples the conditions for being blessed, or is He actually blessing them in His preaching?"

Personally I think it was the latter. Jesus was blessing those disciples on that day. He was telling them that regardless of their circumstances, they could rest securely in the knowledge that they were God's blessed and beloved people. He wanted them to know that everything he was going to tell them in the rest of His sermon was all based on this one thing: they were blessed!

What would happen in our lives if we began each day and faced each challenge and struggle in our lives in the sure and certain hope that we were God's blessed people? Would our attitudes be different? Would the way we relate to others be different? Would we end our day differently knowing that whatever happened we were blessed, sometimes in ways we are unaware of at first?

The pastor who baptized and confirmed me was a victim of childhood polio and walked with a limp. As he grew older he had to use a wheelchair. He continued to serve as a pastor and I was there to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination some years ago. Late in his life he started a new mission congregation in Lacombe, Louisiana near New Orleans. He began a new tradition in that congregation. Before he welcomed the congregation to Sunday worship he would ask in a loud voice, "How are you today?" And the whole congregation would respond, "Blessed! How about you?" And he would respond, "Blessed indeed." Maybe we should all give that a try!

Blessings!

Pastor Joe Hughes

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Seeking God's Will for Our New Settled Pastor

Your Call Committee of Katy Trautman, Lisa Boylan, Bill Randall, Jay McDougal, Peter Klammer, Bill Chambers and Dennis Anderson, has been hard at work over the Christmas season.

First a refresher on the activities that have led us to this point.

About a year after Pr. Joe began serving Shepherd of the Valley as an Intentional Interim Pastor, the Transition Team (Bill Randall, Rob Durbin, Jay McDougal, Jennifer Klammer, Nichole Havranek and Katy Trautman) completed the Congregation Self-Assessment document. This information was put into a standardized format suggested by the Northwest District. The information was reviewed with the Congregation and delivered to District President Paul Linnemann. The Transition Team is a great resource if you would like more details or a refresher on this self-study of our history, skills and service to our Lord in the 50 years we have served Him in this place and time.

President Bill Chambers then asked the seven members of the Call Committee to serve in a process to find God's will in who would serve as the Congregation's next settled pastor. In the organizing meeting of this group, Dennis Anderson was asked to act as Chairman and Secretary of the group. If you have questions on the efforts of the Call Committee, find him during the fellowship time after service and ask him for details.

Pastor Mark Hoelter, District Vice President, is our official contact with the District office as we worked together to create a list of rostered pastors who are qualified to serve in Missouri Synod Lutheran churches. Pr. Mark attends sessions of our Call Committee meetings as he is able, to offer his experience and counsel.

Through the month of November your Call Committee set out a ballot box and sought nominations from the Congregation on who they believed might be called to be our pastor. Nominations were received and confidentially passed to the District President to research their qualifications to serve as settled pastor of Shepherd of the Valley. From those Congregation nominations and from the District list of available qualified pastors, the District was to compile a Call List so that the Call Committee could begin interviews.

In a testimony to Pastor Joe Hughes effectiveness and dedication to his mission at Shepherd of the Valley, he was one of the nominated individuals by a member of our Congregation. The Call Committee and the District were not in a position to put Pastor Hughes on the District Call List for several reasons. Pastor Hughes is effective due to his dedication, but also because he is a highly trained and experienced preacher who acts as a Synod-wide resource for congregations in transition. The loss of his skills to the Synod and District missions would be difficult. In order to prevent this loss, both the District and the Congregation agreed at the beginning of his service as Intentional Interim, that Pr. Joe would not be available in the call of a settled pastor. After much prayer and seeking the Holy Spirit's will, both the District and the Call Committee believe we should adhere to this agreement.

The Call Committee has reviewed the 4 qualified names on the District Call List and has begun contacting them to see if the Spirit is calling them to consider Shepherd of the Valley as their next service to our Lord. In a congregational meeting after services, your Call Committee disclosed the four rostered candidates and asked for prayerful consideration of the Lord's will for the next stage in the call process. These names should be held in confidence within our congregation as we seek God's way forward. Over the next couple of weeks please contact Dennis, or any other member of the Call Committee as the Spirit moves you, to raise any thoughts, concerns or objections to these four individuals. At the next meeting of our Call Committee on February 9th we will begin considering these individuals and setting up interviews, so your prayers and input are urgently needed in this most important step in our service as the body of Christ.

Let us seek His way together

Dennis Anderson
Call Committee Chairman
(541) 760-7322

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 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
March 5, 2017	First Sunday in Lent	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Genesis 3:1-21 32:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

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***

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

John Stephens is turning **90!!!** **And YOU are invited!!**

Join us Tuesday, January 31st

11:30am Soup & Salad Luncheon with Birthday Cake
followed by a Special presentation by John at 12:30pm
(speech to be read by the Stephens' Daughter)

at

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
2650 NW Highland Drive.

Come and help him celebrate his special day!!



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

Lay Ministry February 5

Greeter:

Bud & Char Reger

Acolyte:

Ellie Hintzman

Reader:

Jeff Hintzman

Sound & Slides:

Ellie & Carolyn Hintzman

Ushers:

Ray Hart, Jim Dort, Craig Bell, Rich Millimaki

Communion:

Dennis Anderson & Peter Klammer

Refreshments:

Char Reger & Priscilla Stratton

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

<i>Sunday, February 5</i>
Bud & Char Reger
Ellie Hintzman
Jeff Hintzman
Ellie & Caroline Hintzman
Ray Hart Jim Dort Craig Bell Rich Millimaki
Dennis Anderson & Peter Klammer
Char Reger Priscilla Stratton



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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<i>Greeters</i>	Bud & Char Reger	Glen & Ellen Schmidt	Cheryl Viner & Pauline Holthofer	Craig & Sandy Bell
<i>Acolyte</i>	Ellie Hintzman	Kari Dort	Caroline Hintzman	Gabriel Havranek
<i>Reader</i>	Jeff Hintzman	Katy Trautman	Glen Schmidt	Peter Klammer
<i>Sound & Slide Tech</i>	Ellie & Caroline Hintzman	Marla Crane	Jeff Hintzman	Ray Hart
<i>Ushers</i>	Ray Hart Jim Dort Craig Bell Rich Millimaki	Ray Hart Jim Dort Craig Bell Rich Millimaki	Ray Hart Jim Dort Craig Bell Rich Millimaki	Ray Hart Jim Dort Craig Bell Rich Millimaki
<i>Communion Asst.</i>	Dennis Anderson & Peter Klammer	Dennis Anderson & Peter Klammer	Dennis Anderson & Peter Klammer	Dennis Anderson & Peter Klammer
<i>Fellowship</i>	Char Reger Priscilla Stratton	Ellen Schmidt Debi Anderson	Karen Inman Donna Pompe	Jennifer Klammer Cynthia Dort

February 2017

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1. 10:00 Women on Wednesday 2:00-6:15 Violin Lessons	2. 9:30 Emmaus Growth Group 10:30 Park Place Devotions 2:15-5:15 Violin Lessons	3. 12:45-4:15 Violin Lessons 6:30 DIGG	4.
5. 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Multi-Gen Sunday School	6. 10:00 Fellowship Bible Study 3:15-5:15 Violin Lessons	7. 3:00-5:45 Violin Lessons 6:30p-9:00p 2017 Goals & Planning Summit	8. 2:00-6:15 Violin Lessons 7:00 Council Meeting	9. 10:30 Park Place Devotions 2:15-5:15 Violin Lessons	10. 12:45-4:15 Violin Lessons	11.
12. 9:00 Holy Communion Senior Saints Sunday 10:30 Multi-Gen Sunday School 3:00 Bethel Growth Group 6:30 Nazareth Growth Group 7:00 Damascus Growth Group	13. 10:00 Fellowship Bible Study 3:15-5:15 Violin Lessons	14. 3:00-5:45 Violin Lessons	15. 10:00 Women on Wednesdays 2:00-6:15 Violin Lessons	16. 9:30 Emmaus Growth Group 10:30 Park Place Devotions 2:15-5:15 Violin Lessons 6:00 Seed to Supper 6:00 Girl Scout Troop	17. 12:45-4:15 Violin Lessons 6:30 DIGG	18.
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Sundays @ 3 presents

ALL ABOUT LOVE

A Free Concert Event

at the

Good Samaritan Church,

35th and Harrison on

SUNDAY, February 12 at

3PM

Chintimini Senior & Community Center

presents

Chintimini Night Club

featuring

Midnight Serenaders

Date: Friday, February 24, 2017

Time: 7:00pm-10:00pm

Venue: Chintimini Senior & Community Center, 2601 NW Tyler Ave., Corvallis

Admission fee: \$12 (in-city), \$15 (gen. adm.)

Event description: The Midnight Serenaders will be performing, bringing their signature mix of 1920 - 40s era jazz, pop and blues to the Center. Light refreshments included; wine and beer will be available for purchase. Tickets are available now at the center and at the door the day of the event.



SEED *to* SUPPER

A beginner's guide to low-cost vegetable gardening.

A six week course offered in multiple locations, including Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church:

To Register please go to extension.oregonstate.edu/Benton/seed-supper or call 541-766-6750.

Please see the information in full on the entry way bulletin board or speak with Jennifer Klammer.

LWML Annual Valentine BUNCO Party!

Saturday, February 11, 2017

12:30-2:30

Zion Lutheran Gymnasium
2745 NW Harrison Blvd.

Finger food lunch @12:30
White Elephant Prizes!

For more information call 541-757-0946

