



# Shepherd's Voice



A Weekly Publication of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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Rev. Joseph Hughes, Pastor

Date: February 12, 2017

## 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

- 6:30pm 4-H Garden Gnome Meeting (4<sup>th</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

- 11:30am Fellowship Luncheon (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, location varies)
- 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

## Reminders

### February 12<sup>th</sup>

- *Senior Servants Sunday followed by a special celebration.*
- *Multi-Gen Sunday School: "Matthew Gospel of Identity".*

### February 16<sup>th</sup>

- *Seed to Supper Workshops start.*

### February 23<sup>rd</sup>

- *Seed to Supper Workshop #2.*

**\*\*\*PLEASE SEE THE LAST PAGE  
FOR AN IMPORTANT PROPOSAL  
AND INFO FROM YOUR  
ELDERS!\*\*\***





# Pastor's Post

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany - Senior Servants  
Sunday - February 12, 2017

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At Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church we have some of the best old folks you will could want to meet. It's true we don't have many children or young people around. Hearing a baby cry in a church service is a welcome sound for us. Many people think that having young families with school age children in the church service is THE indicator of a particular vitality in the life of their church. Well, it is one sign of vitality. But it's not the only one. **Having a lively crew of seniors can be equally joyful and a sign of church vitality too.**

And it better be, because none of us is getting any younger. What is more we old folks (I include myself) don't have to pretend about life any more. We all know that none of us is getting out of this life alive. Death is the "real deal." We don't have endless tomorrows to "get real" about life or finally do what we need to do in life. We don't have time to live in denial, and pretend that having the newest techno widget is going to make life really meaningful. We old folks know a secret. **Life is meaningful because of the people** with whom we share our lives, and our **faith is meaningful** because we know that God has promised us a day when "all things will be made new!" Even us! We know that we matter to God.

Like a lot of you I've experienced age discrimination in my life. I've actually had people tell me that I wasn't considered for this or that position or call in ministry because I was too old, and wasn't bringing a nice young family and pretty young wife into the congregation. Outrageous, don't you think! Age is just a number. I know a lot of younger clergy who are so districted they never seem to get anything done. My faith and energy and focus for serving God have never been greater. I like where I am in life right now and I hope you do too. Thanks be to God! Let's make our church a **discrimination free zone** where everyone is joyfully welcomed to be part of the church family, and where everyone is celebrated for who they are and the wonderful gifts God has given them as people, no matter their age or anything else.

For this reason, and just because they are really neat people, we are celebrating **SENIOR SERVANTS SUNDAY THIS Sunday, February 12** in worship and in our fellowship time after the service. We will be recognizing the following members and friends of the congregation **aged 90 or older in 2017**. Not all of them will be able to be with us, but they are all witnesses to lives that are following Jesus.

<b>Names</b>	<b>Born</b>	<b>Place of Birth</b>
June Lange Buschman	February 14, 1927	Glencoe, Iowa
Agnes Nelson Goetzinger	June 25, 1925	Tygh Valley, Oregon
Opal Barrett Grossnicklaus	February 17, 1924	Creston, Nebraska
Robert Mueller	June 3, 1925	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Marie Mueller	August 13, 1925	Napa, California
Mary Hatfield Nunery	December 22, 1923	Brooksville, Kentucky
John W. Stephens	January 31, 1927	Goldburg, Idaho
Frances Gates Weyers	February 1, 1925	Rodman, New York

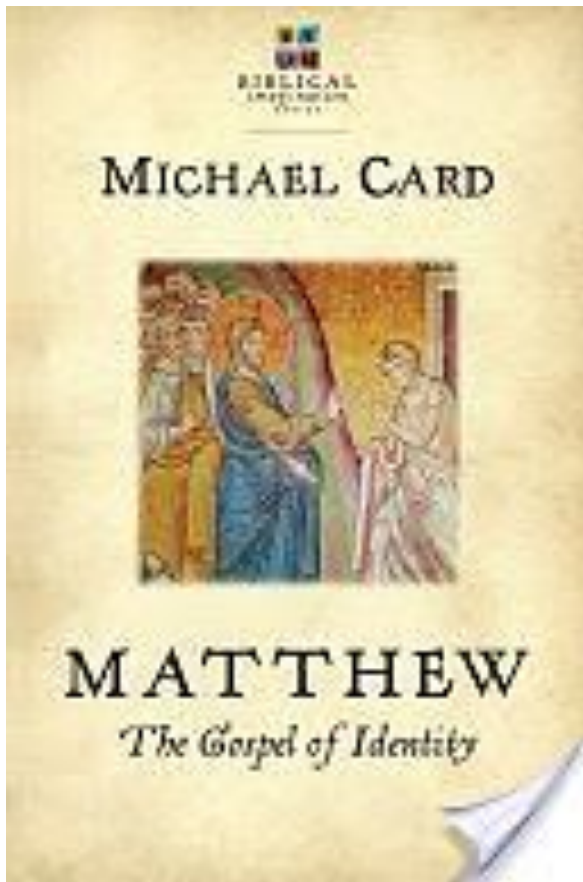
God loves them. God's love has been shown in the way they live their lives, and we are grateful to have them as part of the Shepherd of the Valley church family! **Let's celebrate senior servants Sunday!**

*Pastor Joe Hughes*

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# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY TO BEGIN READING *MATTHEW-THE GOSPEL OF IDENTITY*



Have you ever actually read through a whole Gospel, maybe at one sitting? There are four stories of Jesus in the New Testament, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Have you ever read one from beginning to end? That is the challenge the Biblical Equipping Team is putting before everyone in our church starting this Sunday. We are challenged to read the Gospel of Matthew. Here's why.

In our worship we get "snap shots" of the life, sayings, and ministry of our Lord Jesus. Every Sunday we stand up to hear "the Gospel" for the day being read. As a result we have in our minds perhaps a series of disconnected events. It's rather like looking at a photo album. We see the individual scenes, but we don't necessarily understand how they are connected.

This is especially true of newer people in the Christian life. Fewer and fewer people who come to the Christian life and attend worship have read much of the Bible, and probably not a whole Gospel. But in fact the Gospels are narratives, they are more like a movie than an album of snap shots. The individual scenes are connected, and as has been said "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts." There

is a story in the Gospels that invites us to not just know about Jesus, but to really know Jesus.

Matthew invites us to know Jesus in a particular way: as the one who calls us to discipleship, that is, to be followers of Jesus in our lives. Matthew begins and ends with invitations to discipleship. In the beginning Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James, and John to leave their fishing nets and follow him as he makes his way along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. And later in a surprise that would have stunned the others, Jesus calls Levi (later Matthew) a tax collector – a traitor to his people and a collaborator with their oppressors. At the conclusion Jesus commissions the disciples to likewise "go therefore and make disciples." So as we read God's Word through his servant Matthew we pray that we will be discovering God's call to each of us to "follow Jesus." Because that's Matthew's and our new identity – we are disciples of Jesus today.

*Matthew, The Gospel of Identity* (above) by Michael Card will be the primary resource for our upcoming study of the Gospel of Matthew starting February 12 in our Multi-Gen Sunday School class led by Pastor Joe on Sundays 10:30-11:30 AM. Michael Card's book helps us to understand the connected narrative nature of the Gospels so that we can come to **know Jesus instead of just know about him**, and understand better why Matthew tells his story of Jesus the way he does. There will be a number of copies available, or you might consider buying your own copy. The book has the entire text of the Gospel along with Michael Card's comments inviting discussion. **Come share the joy of following Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Identity Sundays, 10:30-11:30 AM.**

# 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 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.***

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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
March 12, 2017	Second Sunday in Lent	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Genesis 12:1-9 121 Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 John 3:1-17
March 19, 2017	Third Sunday in Lent	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Exodus 17:1-7 95:1-9 Romans 5:1-8 John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)



# From Our Seminarian!!!



## THANK YOU.

Would you like to write to Dustin and Family?

Dustin Atkinson  
27 B Founders Way  
St. Louis, MO 63105

Members of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church,

It has been a wonderful winter quarter here at Concordia Seminary. I enjoy all of my classes, which makes the work much easier. Each class gets me more excited about serving a congregation as pastor. That excitement is intensifying as Call Day approaches. In fact I have already been scheduled for interviews with congregations looking to call associate pastors.

The more I think about ministry, the more I'm reminded that I've only made it this far with your help. Everything you have done through prayer and financial assistance has been crucial to continuing my seminary education. Thank you so much for all of your gifts!

Speaking of gifts, my wife and I had an extra special one this Christmas. Our son, Louis Carl Atkinson, was born at 9:41 am on Christmas Eve! He was also baptized into Christ on January 7th, 2017. It has been amazing getting to know this little guy. That is his picture on the front of this card. God has given us a wonderful blessing, and we couldn't be happier.

I pray that God be with you during this year, and during this Season after Epiphany. God's riches blessings upon you!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dustin Atkinson'.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name with a large 'A' and 'K'.



January 23, 2017

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
Rev. Dr. Joe Hughes  
2650 N W Highland Drive  
Corvallis, OR 97330

Dear Rev. Dr. Hughes,

Thank you so much for your continued support of the work of Benton Habitat for Humanity. Your gift is bringing people together to make decent homes achievable for everyone in our community.

In 2017 we will be completing the certified "Passive" home for the Morton family, and beginning the Family Selection process for our next home, which will be located in south Corvallis.

In addition to the new home construction, we continue to keep very busy with our home repair program. In 2016 we provided labor and access to discounted materials for projects that maintained, repaired and weatherized twelve existing homes.

With your gift of \$277.85 on January 3, 2017, you joined a community of givers who are working together to create affordable housing solutions throughout Benton County.

If you have any questions or would like to talk, please feel free to contact me at [karen@bentonhabitat.org](mailto:karen@bentonhabitat.org) or (541) 752-3354, ext. 301.

With gratitude,

Karen Rockwell  
Executive Director

*P.S. Benton Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization operating under the Federal Tax ID #93-1040496. Your donation is tax deductible and this letter can be used as a receipt for your taxes. No goods or services were provided to you in return for this donation.*



**St. Vincent de Paul Corvallis**

501 NW 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Corvallis, OR 97330

541 757-1988 x 317

web: food97330.org

January 20, 2017

Rev. Dr. Joe Hughes  
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
2650 NW Highland Dr.  
Corvallis, OR 97330

Dear Rev. Dr. Hughes:

On behalf of the 2,787 households our food pantry provided food boxes during 2016, that's 9,152 individuals, we would like to express our deep appreciation to you and your parishioners for your donations of food and personal items.

As you certainly are aware, hunger and shelter are growing needs right here in Corvallis. Your continued support makes it possible for us to reach out to those who need a helping hand.

May all things be done in charity,

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL CORVALLIS**

Olive M. Davis  
President

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

### Lay Ministry February 12

#### Greeter:

Glen & Ellen Schmidt

#### Acolyte:

Kari Dort

#### Reader:

Katy Trautman

#### Sound & Slides:

Marla Crane

#### Ushers:

Ray Hart, Jim Dort, Craig Bell, Rich Millimaki

#### Communion:

Dennis Anderson & Peter Klammer

#### Refreshments:

Ellen Schmidt & Debi Anderson

#### Musician:

Lisa Boylan

### February Birthdays:

Scott Hart 3/6, Cheryl Viner 3/13, Anna Hintzman 3/16, Bill Randall 3/23, Gabriel Havranek 3/24, Donna Pompe 3/24, Nadine Wurtz 3/26, Bill Chambers 3/28

No February Anniversaries listed.



### Lay Ministry February 19

#### Greeter:

Cheryl Viner & Pauline Holthofer

#### Acolyte:

Caroline Hintzman

#### Reader:

Glen Schmidt

#### Sound & Slides:

Jeff Hintzman

#### Ushers:

Ray Hart, Jim Dort, Craig Bell, Rich Millimaki

#### Communion:

Dennis Anderson & Peter Klammer

#### Refreshments:

Karen Inman & Donna Pompe

#### Musician:

Lisa Boylan



**A Heart felt Thank YOU!**

John & Evelyn Stephens wish to say: "Thank You" to all of our Shepherd Family and friends for helping us celebrate John's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

There was some interest in getting copies of the reading and anecdotes told at the party! If you would like a copy please e-mail Evelyn at [evestep1@msn.com](mailto:evestep1@msn.com) and the copy will be returned via e-mail!

Once again...Thank you for making John's 90<sup>th</sup> a VERY special day!



**Thank You!**



*2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday every month*

The luncheons will be held at different restaurants in the Corvallis area... so come and meet us every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 11:30am and help us decide the next location!

**March Location:**

**McGrath's**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Sunday, February 12</i>	<i>Sunday, February 19</i>	<i>Sunday, February 26</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	Glen & Ellen Schmidt	Cheryl Viner & Pauline Holthofer	Craig & Sandy Bell
<i>Acolyte</i>	Kari Dort	Caroline Hintzman	Gabriel Havranek
<i>Reader</i>	Katy Trautman	Glen Schmidt	Peter Klammer
<i>Sound &amp; Slide Tech</i>	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
<i>Communion Asst.</i>	Dennis Anderson & Peter Klammer	Dennis Anderson & Peter Klammer	Dennis Anderson & Peter Klammer
<i>Fellowship</i>	Ellen Schmidt Debi Anderson	Karen Inman Donna Pompe	Jennifer Klammer Cynthia Dort

## Sundays @ 3 presents

ALL ABOUT LOVE

A Free Concert Event

at the

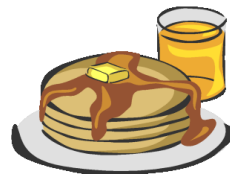
Good Samaritan Church,

35th and Harrison

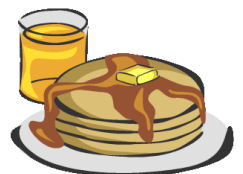
On SUNDAY, February 12 at  
3PM

## It is PANCAKE time!

*Zion's Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper*



Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  
5pm-7pm in Zion's Gym



Free will offering is taken at the door. Proceeds will be used to purchase a gate for the safety fence and an electronic sign for Zion Ministries.

## 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](http://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.



## Communion Assistant Proposal for Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

January 29, 2017

Proposal by the Board of Elders, to be brought forth at a future Voter's meeting

We propose to open the service of communion assistants to non-Elder members of the congregation with the following qualifications and conditions -

Lay assistants who assist the pastor with the administration of the sacraments at Shepherd of the Valley shall:

- *Be voting members in good standing as defined by bylaws.*
- *Be selected jointly by Pastor and Elders based on spiritual maturity, individual gifts and desire for service.*
- *Be supervised and trained by Pastor and Elders. Training to include:*
  - *Study of and agreement with the Lutheran understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and of the Liturgy of the Sacrament.*
  - *Procedural training in communion assistance practices.*
  - *Training references: Lutheran Catechisms, Lutheran Service Book, and the resources available on LCMS.org (the synod website).*

### Rationale:

- The Pastor is the person *called by the congregation* to administer the sacraments. As such, he fully exercises the role of officiant in the office of public ministry to lead and preside at the celebration of the Holy Sacraments (Baptism & Holy Communion)
- The Pastor leads the Service of the Sacrament, consecrates the elements (bread & wine) with the words of institution and supports and encourages lay assistants on behalf of the congregation.
- The ministry of assisting the Pastor with the administration of the sacraments is an important and valued area of service that brings joy to those who serve and is a blessing to the whole congregation.
- Lay assistants are enlisted to assist in communion distribution to make it an orderly and efficient process. Communion assistance is an act of service that is made available to all members with these gifts.
- To maintain reverence and understanding of the Sacrament, training is provided for lay assistants and assistants are prayerfully chosen by Pastor and Elders to serve.

### Comments / Questions / Feedback

Please provide your written feedback on this proposal and return this form to any of the Elders. This written feedback will be held in confidence by Pastor and the Elders. In addition, you are encouraged to meet with Pastor or any of the Elders to discuss any questions or concerns.

- Do you support this proposal?
- What questions / comments / feedback do you have?

Name \_\_\_\_\_