

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

- 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

- 11:30am Fellowship Luncheon (2nd Wednesday, location varies)
- 10:00am Women on Wednesday (1st & 3rd Wed.)
- 2:00pm to 6:15pm Violin Lessons
- 7:00pm Council Meeting (2nd Wednesdays)

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

Date: March 12, 2017

March 9th

 6:00pm Seed to Supper Workshop

March 15th

- 6:00pm Soup Supper
- 7:00pm Worship

March 16th

- 5:30pm Papa's Pizza Banjo Night
- 6:00pm Seed to Supper

Spring Ahead!
Remember to set
your clocks ahead
1 hour Saturday
Night!





PASTOR'S POST Next Stop on the Lenten Journey: Nicodemus

2nd Sunday in Lent – March 12, 2017

Dear friends in Christ:

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday, as we make our way with Jesus toward the decisive events of Holy Week. This Sunday John the Evangelist permits us to eavesdrop on a midnight conversation between a Pharisee named Nicodemus

and Jesus.

The conversation is only revealed to us in the third chapter of John's Gospel. Oddly, even though it is the year of Matthew, for the next five Sundays the Gospel is read from John.

The conversation happens at night. We aren't told why. Maybe Nicodemus wanted some private time with Jesus. Maybe he was afraid that his fellow Pharisees and Sadducees would think him a traitor to their cause, which in a way he is. Maybe it was the only time Jesus was available.

As always the context is important. Just before, in chapter 2, John tells of Jesus "cleansing the temple." That's a misnomer really. It's not that the temple was dirty. What Jesus was doing was casting out the people and the practice of trying to put a barrier between God and all His people that required the exchange of money, excluding the poor. John 3:16 tells us why: "For God so loved the world!"

Nicodemus was doubtless a decent man; highly respected, well versed in God's Law. He was a spiritual elite. He doesn't get that God so loved "the world." He knows that Jesus is a teacher come from God. Well and good. But when Jesus tells him he must be born again of water and the Spirit, he becomes hopelessly confused.

The Lutheran Confessions say that by our reason and free will we are able to live an outwardly decent life to a certain extent, but only the Holy Spirit causes a person to be born anew and have inwardly a whole new heart and mind.

The very last words we hear from Nicodemus in the whole Bible are a question: "How can these things be?" Indeed, how can these things be? The response Jesus gave Nicodemus that night He gave to us all. We too must be born again, and that is possible because, "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up." This is Jesus telling Nicodemus and all who hear or read these words that these things can be only because He must be "lifted up," a technical term for "be crucified."

Jesus tells Nicodemus (and us) that His mission and purpose is to offer Himself in death on the cross that we might have life in His name. Eternal life comes only by way of His suffering and death. And the question is: is that what you believe, really?

We live in a world that wants easy answers. Just this week someone asked me, "Why can't the Bible and our faith be simple?" In one sense it is as simple as John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that all who believe in Him might not perish, but have eternal life."

But on the other hand what is so simple about the depth of God's love for us? That God's own Son should suffer and die so that those who believe might have life is not really a simple thing. It is rather an extraordinary mystery. As we gather for worship in Lent we focus on the solemn mystery of what God has given. God's blessings!

Pastor Joe Hughes

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PASTOR'S REPORT

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Corvallis, Oregon

March 7, 2017

PASTOR'S ITINERARY – FEBRUARY 2017

02/01/2017	Pastor's Text Study
	Office - Write pastor post
02/02/2017	Meeting with Chris Hawkins, School District office. Re. Homelessness in student population
	Worship preps
02/03/2017	Day off
02/04/2017	Sermon prep
02/05/2017	Preach & Officiate at worship
	Guest speaker for M-Gen Sunday School Chris Hawkins
	Prep for Fellowship Bible study
02/06/2017	Lead fellowship Bible study
	Office
02/07/2017	Lunch meeting with Jim Davidson re. Reformation@500-Corvallis
	Chili supper and goal setting meeting
02/08/2017	Write pastor's post
	Pastor's text study
	Corvallis Reformation Observance Ad Hoc Committee Mtg.
	Church council meeting
02/09/2017	Sermon prep work
	Contact and confirm with all Senior Servants
02/10/2017	Day off
02/12/2017	Preach & officiate worship
	Blessing of Senior Servants (members 90+ this year)
	Lead M-Gen Sunday School – Intro Gospel of Matthew
	Prep fellowship Bible study
02/13/2017	Lead fellowship Bible study
	Plan worship for Sunday
	Luther House Board meeting
02/14/2017	Circuit 4 & 5 Pastors meeting @ Bethlehem, Lebanon – serve as organist for Holy Comm.
	Bill Randall surgery
02/15/2017	Write Pastor's Post
	Pastors' text study
	Hosp. visit – Bill Randall
	Meeting re. STS Columbia River Chapter May 2017 retreat.
02/16/2017	Worship preps
	Preps for M Gen Sunday School
	Pastoral Consultation A. Capps
	Create Lenten mailing
02/17/2017	Day off
02/19/2017	Preach & officiate at worship
	Lead M-Gen Sunday School – Gospel of Matthew 2
	Prep Fellowship Bible study
02/20/2017	Lead fellowship Bible study
	Plan worship for 2/26
	PDX for flight to Charleston, SC for STS Leader Conference

02/21/2017	STS Leadership Conference
	Write pastor's post
02/22/2017	STS Leadership Conference
	Prep M-Gen Sunday School, Matthew 3
02/23/2017	STS Leadership Conference, return to PDX.
02/24/2017	Day off
02/25/2017	Worship/sermon prep
02/26/2017	Preach & officiate at worship
	Lead M-Gen Sunday School Matthew 4
	Pre Fellowship Bible study
02/27/2017	Lead fellowship Bible study
02/28/2017	Preps for Lenten midweek services
	Worship & sermon prep for Ash Wednesday
03/01/2017	Preach & officiate Ash Wednesday
03/02/2017	Finalize scripture and themes for Lenten midweek services
	Hosp. visit- Barb Schelp
03/03/2017	Day off
03/04/2017	Prep worship and sermon for Lent 1 (Lenten Journey – 1 st Stop)
03/05/2017	Preach and officiate worship
	Lead M-Gen Sunday School, Matthew 5

LENT MIDWEEK SOUP SUPPERS & SERVICES

Our **mission partners** are invited to join us for supper and to share at the beginning of the 7:00 PM worship service how our investment in their ministry has benefited them.

DATE	THEME	SCRIPTURE	MISSION PARTNER
03/08/2017	pride	Pharisee & publican	Luther House, Pastor Jim Norlie & students
03/15/2017	anxiety	Jesus on worry	Community Outreach, Chris Quake
03/22/2017	anger	Jesus on anger	Habitat for Humanity, Karen Rockwell, Exec. Dir.
03/29/2017	bitterness	Jonah Jumps	Love Inc., Lauren Schaffner
04/05/2017	discourageme	nt Elijah on the run	Options Pregnancy Resources, Karen Tameling

They are invited to share how our support as a church has made a positive impact on those they serve. This will be for 5-7 minutes during the offering. The service concludes by sharing in the Service of Compline (night prayer) in the Lutheran Service Book, 253, and should conclude by 7:45 PM.

I have agreed to pray for and ask God's blessing the **OSU racquet ball team** 3/12/2017 (Lent 2) at the conclusion of the service. At least eight players will be attending our service with Rob Durban, their coach. The team is header for Fountain Valley, CA for "nationals."

Shepherd of the Valley has received a **request from Light of Christ Anglican Church**, a congregation of the Anglican Church in North America, Cascadia Diocese. Fr. Scott Browning, Pastor. They have been meeting in member's homes, however this has placed limitations on their ministry and they have asked for a local church to share facilities with them.

- a. To join us for M-Gen Sunday School
- b. To use the worship space for their Sunday Services (after m-Gen Sunday School)
- c. To join with us for special services such as Maundy Thursday & Good Friday.
- d. Use of facilities at times that do not conflict with ministries and program of Shepherd of the Valley

It should be noted that the ACNA and the LCMS have been in conversation for some time now and progress is being made toward altar/pulpit fellowship (handouts). One possibility: agree to a "trial run" for a specific period of time and re-evaluate. I believe it would be best to make this on a suggested donation basis.

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Joe Hughes



Lent 2017 -Lord, Keep Us Steadfast!

Wednesdays in Lent 2017

March 15	6:00 PM	Soup Supper	Lord, Keep us Steadfast as we face Anxiety 7:00 PM Compline (Night Prayer)
March 22	6:00 PM	Soup Supper	Lord, Keep us Steadfast as we face our Anger 7:00 PM Compline (Night Prayer)
March 29	6:00 PM	Soup Supper	Lord, Keep us Steadfast as we face our Bitterness 7:00 PM Compline (Night Prayer)
April 5	6:00 PM	Soup Supper	Lord, Keep us Steadfast when we are Discouraged 7:00 PM Compline (Night Prayer)



April 16	9:00 AM	EASTER SUNDAY	Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord Easter Brunch follows the service
April 14	7:00 PM	Good Friday	Good Friday Liturgy Lord, Keep us Steadfast in our Loneliness and Dying
April 13	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday	Lord, Keep us Steadfast in our Failures Holy Communion

OUR BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

SYLLABUS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS in *MATTHEW, THE GOSPEL OF IDENTITY*February–May 2017

The Biblical Equipping Ministry Team is challenging everyone in at Shepherd of the Valley to read and study the Gospel of Matthew using Michael Card's book *Matthew, the Gospel of Identity.* Card argues that Matthew's first hearers (intended audience) were Jewish people who accepted Jesus as the messiah (Christ) and were probably living in or from Galilee in the time after Jesus' death and resurrection. Galilee was a land in turmoil. The Romans had destroyed the Jerusalem temple and many Jewish freedom fighters had died in the wars with the Roman occupation forces.

Not all Jews accepted that Jesus was the promised Messiah, as is obvious from the story of Jesus' passion and death. Those who did were a relatively small group that at first tried to blend in with those who did not. By the time Matthew's Gospel was in written form these Jewish Christians were being "stripped of their Jewish identity," expelled from synagogues and shunned by main line Judaism, says Michael Card.

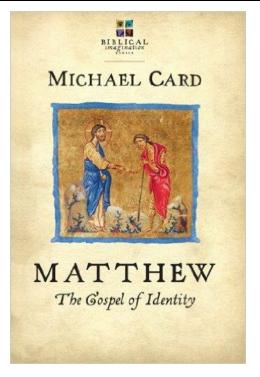
The first listeners of the Gospel of Matthew may have been living that experience, propelling them to ask the question, "Who am I, really?" In Matthew Jesus redefines the identity of his followers in light of His own identity and Immanuel, Go with us." In Him they are fishers of people, inviting the poor, sinful and unclean to enter the new kingdom on Jesus' authority, by "following Jesus," and ultimately sent into the world to "make disciples of all nations." (Card, pp 20-21).

What can we discover about what it means to be called to follow Jesus as a "priesthood of believers" from the Gospel of Matthew? How does God call us to embrace a new identity as followers of Jesus in the world today? Join the lively conversation Sundays, 10:30-11:30 AM.

3/12	Card, pp. 74-105	(Matthew 8 – 10)
3/19	Card, pp. 106-122	(Matthew 11-12)
3/26	Card, pp. 123-132	(Matthew 13)
4/2	Card, pp. 133-152	(Matthew 14-16)
4/9	Card, pp. 153-181	(Matthew 17-20)
4/16	Easter Sunday – no	class
4/23	Card, pp. 182-206	(Matthew 21-23)
4/30	Quarterly voters' me	eeting – no class
5/7	Card, pp. 207-222	(Matthew 24-25)
5/14	Card, pp. 223-246	(Matthew 26-27)
5/21	Card, pp. 247-252)	(Matthew 28)

Book

Bible



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.**

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)
March 26, 2017	Fourth Sunday in Lent	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 42:14-21 142 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 <i>or</i> John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39
April 2, 2017	Fifth Sunday in Lent	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Ezekiel 37:1-14 130 Romans 8:1-11 John 11:1-45 (46-53) <i>or</i> John 11:17-27, 38-53
April 9, 2017	Palm Sunday, Sunday of the Passion	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 50:4-9a 118:19-29 or 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 John 12:12-19 (Palm S. procession) & Matthew 26:1-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-66 or John 12:20-43
April 13, 2017	Holy Maundy Thursday	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Exodus 24:3-11 <i>or</i> Exodus 12:1-14 116:12-19 Hebrews 9:11-22 <i>or</i> 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 Matthew 26:17-30 <i>or</i> John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

March Birthdays:

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

March Anniversaries:

None listed



Lay Ministry March 12

Greeter:

Dennis & Debi Anderson

Acolyte:

Kari Dort

Reader:

WE NEED A READER

Sound & Slides:

Peter Klammer

(Someone may need to fill in)

Ushers:

Bill Chambers, Rob Durbin, Donna Durbin, Bill Randall

Communion:

Peter Klammer & Jeff Hintzman

Refreshments:

Alison Hintzman & NEED SOMEONE

Musician:

Lisa Boylan

Lay Ministry March 19

Greeter:

John & Evelyn Stephens

Acolyte:

Caroline Hintzman

Reader:

Charlie Rackley

Sound & Slides:

Craig Bell

Ushers:

Bill Chambers, Rob Durbin, Donna Durbin, Bill Randall

Communion:

Peter Klammer & Jeff Hintzman

Refreshments:

Debi Anderson & Virginia Kutsch

Musician:

Lisa Boylan





5:30pm

Pizza and Banjo Music!

Come early and join others for entertainment, food, and fellowship!

Every third Thursday you can enjoy this event.

Talk to Karen Inman or Bobby Webb if you would like specifics!









Church of the Good Samaritan

333 NW 35th St. Corvallis

presents

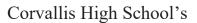
Sundays @ 3 Concert Series

Sunday, March 19th at 3 PM

Craig Hanson and Mark Bacon present an Organ and Trumpet Concert.

Reception follows.

No charge but donations will be accepted.



production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's

Tickets available every weekend 7:00 pm through March 12.

Come watch our own **Caroline Hintzman** as one of the principle dancers.

The best way to get tickets is to order online

at corvallistheaters.com. Use the code DANCINGCATS to get \$1. Come enjoy an amazing show!





Interfaith Potluck Sunday, March 19, 2017 5:30-7:30 pm

First Congregational United Church of Christ in Corvallis 4515 SW West Hills Road, Corvallis, OR 97330

Please invite your congregations and friends. Vegetarian potluck to accommodate dietary preferences Bring labels to indicate gluten or dairy-free if possible

If it's easy, bring your own plate/cup/silverware. We also have some, and will have paper plates if needed.

Let us create and strengthen friendships among our faith communities. Let us be the peace and love we wish to see in the world.

FMI: UCC Church office, 541-757-8122



March Activity Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	9/2		1. 10:00a Women on Wed. 2:00p Violin Lessons 7:00p ASH WEDNESDAY	9:30a Emmaus GG 10:30a Park Place Devo 2:15p Violin Lessons 6:00p Seed to Supper	3. 12:00p-6:00p Mr./Ms. CV garage sale set up 12:45p Violin Lessons 6:30p DIGG	4. 8:00a-5:00p Mr./Ms. CV Garage Sale!
9:00a Holy Communion 10:30a Multi-Gen	6. 10:00a Text Study 3:15p Violin Lessons	7. 3:00p Violin Lessons 6:30p Deacon Meeting 7:30p MTL/Elder Meeting	8. 11:30a Fellowship Lunch at McGrath's 2:00p Violin Lessons 6:00p Soup Supper 7:00PM LENT SERVICE	9. 10:30a Park Place Devo 2:15p Violin Lessons 6:00p Seed to Supper	10. 12:45p Violin Lessons	11.
9:00a Holy Communion 10:30a Multi-Gen 3:00p Bethel GG 7:00p Damascus GG	13. 10:00a Text Study 3:15p Violin Lessons	14. 3:00p Violin Lessons	15. 10:00a Women on Wed. 2:00p Violin Lessons 6:00p Soup Supper 7:00PM LENT SERVICE	9:30a Emmaus GG 10:30a Park Place Devo 2:15p Violin Lessons 6:00p Seed to Supper	17. 12:45p Violin Lessons 6:30p DIGG St. Patrick's	18.
9:00a Holy Communion 10:30a Multi-Gen 6:30p Nazareth GG	20. 10:00a Text Study 3:15p Violin Lessons	3:00p Violin Lessons	22. 2:00p Violin Lessons 6:00p Soup Supper 7:00PM LENT SERVICE	23. 10:30a Park Place Devo 2:15p Violin Lessons 6:00p Seed to Supper	12:45p Violin Lessons	25. 12:00-11pm Baha'l Celebration fellowship hall
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HYGIENE KITS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE BLUE "DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY" FOR THE LATEST NEEDS FOR THE HYGIENE KITS

We need more individuals who are willing to be counters of Sunday Contributions!

Please talk with Debi Anderson to assist in this area.

Your help is appreciated!!

March Lay Ministry Calendar

Date	Sunday March 5	Sunday, March 12	Sunday, March 19	Sunday, March 26
Greeters	Dorothy Pratt & Colleen Fisher	Dennis & Debi Anderson	John & Evelyn Stephens	Tom & Priscilla Stratton
Acolyte	Ellie Hintzman	Kari Dort	Caroline Hintzman	Gabriel Havranek
Reader	Ellen Schmidt	NEED SOMEONE	Charlie Rackley	Sue Probus
Sound & Slide Tech	Jay McDougal	Peter Klammer	Craig Bell	Ellie & Caroline Hintzman
Ushers	Bill Chambers Donna Durbin Rob Durbin Bill Randall			
Communion Asst.	Peter Klammer & Jeff Hintzman			
Fellowship	Cynthia Dort Donna Durbin	NEED SOMEONE Tracy McDougal	Debi Anderson Virginia Kutsch	Donna Pompe Alison Hintzman
Altar Care				

Wednesday Services starting with Soup Supper at 6:00pm (sign up outside the sanctuary). Followed by a 7:00pm service.

March 15

March 22

March 29

Chintimini Senior & Community Center

Presents

Chintimini Spring Fashion Show

Saturday, **March 18, 2017** from 1:00-3:00pm Chintimini Senior & Community Center, 2601 NW Tyler Ave 541-766-6959

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

Event description:

Wine, delicious desserts, fun and fashion are waiting for you at the Center's 4th Annual Fashion Show! Local clothing stores are providing the latest in trends and styles. Enjoy the decadent dessert bar, and sip on a glass of wine during the show. The models are volunteers who will delight you with their unique style. Come indulge and enjoy!

