

SHEPHERD'S VOICE

A weekly publication of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, LCMS

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Upcoming events at SVLC

Sunday, December 30th

- 9:00 am Love Feast worship with Holy Communion
- 3:00 pm Bethel Growth Group
- 6:30 pm Nazareth Growth Group

Tuesday, January 1st

- Happy New Year – 2019!!
- Office closed

Wednesday, January 2nd

- 10:00 am Women on Wednesday
- 3:15 pm Violin lessons

Thursday, January 3rd

- 9:30 am Emmaus Growth Group
- 10:30 am Park Place Devotions
- 1:30 pm Violin lessons

Friday, January 4th

- 1:00 pm Violin lessons

Sunday, January 6th

- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:30 am MultiGen+ Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Damascus Growth Group

Monday, January 7th

- 1:00 pm Violin lessons
- 4:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 10118
- 4:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 12283
- 6:45 pm Evening Garden Club

Tuesday, January 8th

- 9:00 am Watch & Journal Scripture
- 11:00 am PEO
- 2:30 pm Violin lessons
- 5:30 pm Church Council
- 6:00 pm 4H Garden Gnomes

- 7:00 pm Leadership team meeting
- 8:00 pm Elders/Deaconess meeting

Wednesday, January 9th

- 11:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive
- 11:30 am Fellowship Luncheon
- 3:15 pm Violin lessons
- 6:30 pm Community Education

Future Events – Mark your calendars

Sunday, January 27th

- 10:30 am Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Saturday, February 2nd

- 9:00 am – 12:00 p.m.
Leadership Goal Setting Retreat



Pr. Eric and his family will be on vacation from December 31st through January 6th. If you need pastoral care or an emergency arises during this time, please contact an Elder or the church office for assistance.

Pr. Paul Doellinger will be our Guest Pastor on January 6th. He will also lead MultiGen+ Bible Study with an overview of the Gospel of Luke which begins our verse-by-verse study of this Gospel.

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Shalom and Merry Christmas!

This Sunday we will have our version of an Agape (love) Feast. Have this in mind as you participate in the meal: this is ritualistic meal. We do certain acts to guide our thoughts and heart to deepen our faith. A ritual meal is great because our thanksgiving and joy is given over to observing, tasting, smelling; to being a family of God around two dining tables. We taste and see what the Lord has done. On

Sunday we will be the prodigal sons and daughters of God who have been loving welcomed into God's Kingdom and his banquet table, for that we are very thankful.

Below you will see the 4 parts of the service and where those parts take place. I've taken many details out so you can see the general outline for Sundays' service.

1. Preparing ourselves for the Feast: (In the Sanctuary)
 - Confession & Absolution, Share the peace of Christ.
2. The Gospel feast (Fellowship Hall) - We eat the bread and drink from the cup as a symbol of thanksgiving and unity in Christ.
 - Ritual eating: The bread of thanksgiving and Cup of blessing
 - The Pastor offers a word of thanksgiving on behalf of the congregation.
 - Distribute the bread. (Challah bread)
 - Sing Now the Feast and then eat the bread.
 - **Eat brunch together**
 - After the meal: Cup of blessing. Give thanks for God's Kingdom.
 - Honey Milk or Honey almond milk.
 - Deliverance through Christ and hope for the eternal promised land through Christ's return.
 - Water: Baptismal remembrance
3. Service of the Word: Dining on the Word (Fellowship Hall)
 - 3 readings, sermon, testimony
4. Eucharistic Feast (Sanctuary)



Peace,
Pastor Eric

The office will be closed on January 1st.



MultiGen+ Bible Study is held on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Our new study will begin on Sunday, January 6th with an overview of the Gospel of St. Luke.

On January 13th, we will begin a verse-by-verse study of this magnificent gospel. Join us at 10:30 each Sunday as we study and learn together.



Watch the Scripture



Journal the Scripture

Tuesdays
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Bring a journal
Watch a video

Personal exploration of
Sunday's readings

All are welcome!

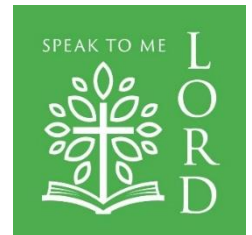
The Bible Project resumes on January 8th. You are welcome to join any time you find yourself with a free Tuesday morning. There is always a pot of tea for sipping!



Fellowship Luncheon will be held on January 9th at

11:30 a.m. Location this month is Papa's Pizza on Hwy. 99 just south of downtown Corvallis. Come and enjoy a time of wonderful fellowship!

Lectionary Bible Readings for Worship



December 30, 2018

1st Sunday after Christmas

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Psalm: Psalm 85

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 7:18-35

January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of Our Lord

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7

Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

January 13, 2019

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First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7

Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56



Shepherd of the Valley will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, January 9th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call the Red Cross to make an appointment or just show up at church during the aforementioned hours to donate.

If you have further questions, talk with Donna Durbin.

Congregational Meeting



Our Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Leadership Goal Setting Retreat'

Saturday, February 2nd
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Coffee and doughnuts

This retreat is open to any congregational member who is interested in helping discuss the direction of ministry at SVLC and goal setting for the next year, five years, and beyond!

LAY MINISTRY and ACTIVITY CALENDARS

The Lay Ministry and Monthly Activity calendars for January and February will be sent in a separate email early next week ☺



This event features six seated servings of a featured beer, a featured cheese, and a tasty appetizer. This year we are excited to feature cheeses and beer from three creameries and two breweries who have not participated in Lutherfest before. Come and enjoy these new samples! As usual, Boulder Falls Catering prepares all of the appetizers.

Tickets can be purchased online from the [Luther House](#) website – simply click on the Lutherfest 2019 picture. For the third year, the Lutherfest Traveling Trophy will be presented to the congregation with the most guests in attendance, so invite your friends! Consider buying a table of 8 for \$350 to enjoy the afternoon with seven of your friends!

