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Shalom!

I have mixed feelings about when old friends get together

and talk about the glory days. A college friend came down from Alaska a few weeks ago and a bunch of us friends got together at Washington Park in Portland. We all have kids, careers, and life is moving forward at ludicrous speeds. We had not seen each other in years so I understanding sharing the past to catch people up on where you are and maybe to even interject old college memories. Those old memories can be like salt in cooking, they heighten flavors. But what happened at Washington Park was not that. Sure, we did some debriefing where we are at in life. People talked about sports, kids, and some recent news. But there was also so much time spent on talking about the college days. Fun stories, embarrassing stories, people from those days, etc. When we were talking about those things it was like we were reliving and making the past more present than the present. Why? College was yesterday and today is different. It was like we were remembering each other and days long ago instead of seeking to be present as we watched our kids play while eating wasabi potato chips. By the way, wasabi potato chips are

amazing. There is something in me that just doesn't like talking about the past in such a way that makes the present seem secondary. We could have played a game, taken a hike, played tag, talked more about us guys flying up to Alaska for adventures and hunting, but for some reason we kept going back to college days.

Imagine if God didn't do a new thing in Jesus Christ. The old covenants would have been it. He would have been the new King David, but not the son of God. He would have restored the promised land, but not defeated the power of Satan and wouldn't be seated at the Father's right hand and rule over all creation in a gracious and powerful way. If Jesus wasn't the new Adam then we wouldn't have the hope of a resurrection like we do. If God didn't do a new thing at Pentecost then we gentiles wouldn't have the relationship with God like we do. Memories are like salt, they enhance the flavor of cooking. Salt aids, but it's the main ingredients that matter the most. In fact, too much salt ruins good flavors and doctors tell us that too much salt is bad for us. I prefer to see life from the present moment, to focus on what we can do to live well presently. I want to focus on the present with each other and to seek the new things God is doing through the Holy

Spirit. God is so good and amazing I want to taste what He's cooking up for us.

As a church we live in the present and our sacramental faith is a great example of that. We talk about baptism and the Lord's Supper in such a way that they give us grace for the present. In baptism we are united with Christ's death, which is a way of making a key event in the life of Jesus mystically ours so we can live presently with the hope of a resurrection like his. It's not re-crucifying him each time we are baptized and it's not so we can hope to become infants in the faith again. It's a way of making the past present, but God did such a thing so our present life can be transformed. It's about a foundational identity for the present moment. The Lord's Supper is about Jesus Christ being present with us today, the table is set today. It unites us to Jesus so we may know today how God has made one in his mystical body. Its an activity done for today. We don't yearn for the last supper of Jesus and disciples because Jesus gives us a present supper far greater than that one in the past.

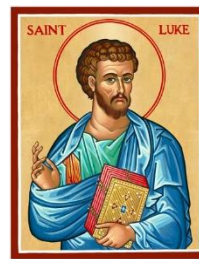
The bible is just as present moment focused as the sacraments. Yes, it does contain accounts of the past but it is also the Word of God and the Holy Spirit uses such past memories to enhance the present moment. How many times have you read God's Word and later that day or week God has given you a way to make sense of the present moment and or support someone else? In Act's Paul's mission to the Gentiles is a great example of living in the present reality God is giving. There were those who wanted to make everyone relive the past covenants, but God did a new thing through Jesus Christ and Paul made sure Peter and everyone remembered that.

To live in the present means to seek to be in the present. Brother David Steindl-Rast teaches a way to live presently and he uses the image of a stop sign. He teaches us to Stop, Look, and Go. Stop: tell yourself to stop and look up. Look: what is the unique opportunity before me/us? Go: avail yourself to the opportunity. Seek and taste the present things God is doing, don't live in the past. Be present and eat wasabi potato chips.

I first learned of Br. David Steindl-Rast from an episode of On Being with Krista Tippett and this teaching has stuck with me. Follow the link below if you are interested in knowing more about him.

<https://onbeing.org/programs/david-steindl-rast-anatomy-of-gratitude-dec2017/>

Peace,
Pastor Eric



MultiGen+ Bible Study

is held in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Beginning May 26th, we will do a three-week study entitled, "Loving Our Neighbor." There are some

fun things planned around this topic as we prepare for our Block Party! Join us at 10:30 each Sunday as we study, learn and share together.



On hiatus for the summer to resume in September!



Watch the Scripture



Journal the Scripture

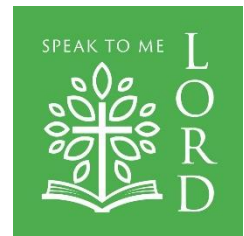


We are changing the frequency of Shepherd's Voice to a monthly publication. Weekly emails, will highlight upcoming

activities or changes that might be taking place. The monthly publication will have lots of information so get comfy and read thoroughly. Extra copies of the Shepherd's Voice and lay ministry and activities calendars will be available at the church near the 'Welcome Center.' Please talk with Pr. Eric or Lisa if you have questions and/or comments.

Deadline for your newsletter submissions is the 17th of each month. Our plan is to have the monthly newsletter out by the 24th. Suggestions for how we can make this a good resource for you are **always** welcome!! Thank you for your patience as we move forward ☺

Lectionary Bible Readings for Worship



June 2, 2019

Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 1:12-26

Psalm 133

Second Reading: Revelation 22:1-6 (7-11) 12-20

Gospel: John 17:20-26

June 9, 2019

Pentecost

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm: Psalm 143

Epistle: Acts 2:1-21

Gospel: John 14:23-31

June 16, 2019

The Holy Trinity

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm: Psalm 8

Epistle: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Gospel: John 8:48-59

June 23, 2019

Second Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalm: Psalm 3

Epistle: Galatians 3:23—4:7

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

June 30, 2019

Third Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9b-21

Psalm: Psalm 16

Epistle: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62



June 8th
2:00-6:00 p.m.
Games Music
Food Fun

Come and meet some of the wonderful folks representing the groups who use our building on a fairly regular basis: Girl Scouts, PEO, Corvallis Historic Car Club, Corvallis Evening Garden Club, 4-H Garden Gnomes, Home Life, WINGS, and the Corvallis Community Pain Education Group.

There are opportunities to volunteer; sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board. Also, please sign-up if you plan on coming so we can plan food! See you there ☺

Are you ready for the
2019 Summer Bible Challenge???

Join your Biblical Equipping Team for....

100
DAYS OF
SUMMER

Bible Verse a Day

June 1st through September 8th
Read a Bible verse(s) each day
selected from every book of the Bible.
Bookmarks are being (have been)
distributed! Check your mailbox and/or
see Katy Trautman if you haven't
gotten your personalized bookmark!



Giving Garden News

The sun is shining and there is already produce being harvested from our garden. Alongside our SVLC volunteers, are members of the community who wanted to come help! Love it!! Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

There are upcoming events in the Giving Garden with which Jennifer needs your assistance. Please let her know if you can help!

Thursday, June 27th 10:00-12:00

4-H Summer Conference Garden Service

Monday - Thursday, August 12th-15th

5:30-7:30 pm

Kids in the Garden - (Vacation Bible School)



Fellowship Luncheon meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. gathering at various restaurants in the Corvallis-Albany area. On June 12th, they will be gathering at Gamberetti's, 211 SW First Street, in downtown Albany (turn right off the bridge into Albany and the restaurant will be on your right). You are welcome to join them any time it works for your schedule. Great folks, good food and wonderful fellowship! Talk to Karen Inman for more information.



June baptismal birthdays, birthdays and anniversaries

Baptismal birthdays: Gabriel Havranek (6/1), Dianna Hart (6/2), and TJ Crane (6/15).

Birthdays: Tanya Bray (6/2), Robert Mueller (6/3), Debi Anderson (6/15), Char Reger (6/18), and Dietrich Bohlmann (6/19).

Anniversaries: Jim & Cynthia Dort (6/5), Ray & Dianna Hart (6/12), Bruce & Nichole Havranek (6/15), Rob & Donna Durbin (6/18), Fred & Dianne Taft (6/20), Jeff & Alison Hintzman (6/22), Craig & Sandy Bell (6/23), Peter & Jennifer Klammer (6/29).



All women are welcome!

Women on
Wednesdays
1st and 3rd Wednesdays
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

The current study is, "The Rock Speaks" by Cindy Steinbeck. Talk with Jennifer Klammer for more information.



THRIVENT®

THRIVENT NEWS ~ JUNE 2019

*Submitted by Katy Trautman, Thrivent
Congregational Advocate*

The Thrivent Annual Meeting was held on May 11, 2019, during which 2018 activities were reviewed, 2019 activity ideas were discussed, and allocations of Thrivent Choice Dollars (designated in 2018) were specified.

In 2018 Thrivent members and friends at SVLC were busy with numerous projects. Once again, dozens upon dozens of Hygiene Kits were presented to Community Outreach, Inc. to bless those who use the shelter facilities for personal care and temporary residence. Donna Durbin coordinated the collection, organization, and distribution of kits with the help of \$500 in 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Worship activities were enhanced with the purchase of a high-definition monitor/screen mounted to the left of the altar, assisted by \$750 in Thrivent Choice Dollars. We thank Jeff Hintzman for spearheading this purchase. The Giving Garden was beneficiary of Thrivent Choice Dollars (\$40) for wood chips and (\$300) the new storage shed. Fernando Henriques oversaw these purchases. (A special note: As Fernando researched the purchase of wood chips, he discovered that Buena Vista Arbor Care is happy to donate and deliver chips to non-profits. Fernando arranged for a delivery in 2018 and again in 2019.)

We continue to support homeless students and their families at Linus Pauling Middle School by providing Fred Meyer gifts cards (10 \$20 cards) to our contact, Viviana Gonzalez. Viviana carefully and lovingly distributes these cards to families in need of various help (food, gas, shoes, pharmacy purchase, etc.) The grand total of Thrivent Choice Dollars used in 2018 was \$1790.00.

Additionally, three Thrivent Action Teams were at work in 2018. In spring, Fernando applied for the \$250 Thrivent grant to support the purchase of materials to paint the new Giving Garden shed and to build storage shelves. Katy received the \$250 grant to help support the purchase of

back packs for the Homeless Student Backpack and School Supplies project. SVLC members and friends were generous to contribute numerous supplies that were placed in the packs that were then delivered to Linus Pauling Middle School for distribution. The third Thrivent Action Team grant was received to support Trunk 'r Treat, held October 31st, blessing kids and families with a safe place to celebrate All Hallows Eve and garnering food supplies to donate to Community Outreach.

Thrivent members are already busy in 2019, with Char Bohlmann receiving a Thrivent Action Team grant of \$250 to help support the Block Party, to be held June 8th to bless those who use the SVLC facilities for various ministries and to receive donations of food supplies for Benton Food Share. Katy will again apply for a grant to support the annual Homeless Student Backpack project to be held later this summer.

At the May 11th meeting, Thrivent members voted on the following allocations for 2019: 1) Hygiene Kits for Community Outreach, Inc. - \$500 (project lead Donna); 2) Giving Garden Valves and Timers Replacement - \$300 (project lead Fernando); 3) New Landscape Around Church Sign - \$400 (project lead Fernando); 4) Linus Pauling Homeless Student Support - \$200 (project lead Katy); 5) Three Wood Floor Push Brooms - \$100 (project lead Lisa Boylan); and 6) Upright Vacuum Cleaner - \$165 (lead Lisa). The grand total for 2019 allocations is \$1665.00.

Our abiding desire is for Thrivent members to take advantage of the \$250 in seed money that comes with each Thrivent Action Team Grant. Thrivent members are able to receive two TAC grants per year.

That represents thousands of dollars in seed money among our many SVLC Thrivent members.

If you would like to learn how to apply for Thrivent Action Team grants, please see Katy Trautman who will help you through the process. Seed money can be used to support a fund-raiser or to underwrite materials used in a hands-on project. Put your creativity to work and design an activity that supports your personal ministry and passion!

Staff & Lay Leaders

Pastor	Pastor Eric Bohlmann
Administrative Assistant	Lisa Boylan
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 Jay McDougal
Deaconesses	Donna Durbin Char Reger Karen Inman
Deacon	Dennis Anderson
Ministry Team Leaders	Katy Trautman, <i>Biblical Equipping</i> Char Bohlmann, <i>Community Building & Care</i> Ray Hart, <i>Missional Outreach</i> Lisa Boylan, <i>Worship & Prayer</i>

June Lay Ministry

	Sunday June 2nd	Sunday June 9th	Sunday June 16th	Sunday June 23rd	Sunday June 30th
Greeters	Rob & Donna	Chris Colleen	Fernando & Katy	Mary N. Sandy N.	Peter & Jennifer
Acolyte	Kari	Kari	Norah	Kari	Kari
Musician	Lisa	Lisa	Lisa	Lisa	Lisa
Cantor					
Reader	Jim	Donna D.	Colleen	Ray	Alison
Sound & Slide Tech	Peter	Craig	Marla	Ray	Ellie
Ushers	Jay	Jay	Jay	Jay	Jay
	Bobby	Bobby	Bobby	Bobby	Bobby
	Karen	Karen	Karen	Karen	Karen
Communion Assistants	Jeff	Jeff	Jeff	Jeff	Jeff
	Jim	Jim	Dennis	Dennis	Jim
Fellowship	Bud & Char Reger	Donna D.	Gail	Jim & Cynthia	Alison
	Karen	Jay & Tracy	Char B.	Brad	Jennifer
Altar Care	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
Counters	Sandy N.	Alison	Brenda	Rob	
	Dianne T.	Jennifer	Donna D.	Karen	

I will keep an eye on the bulletin board and reflect changes in the Shepherd's Voice weekly. Thanks for helping!

June Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
If you see activities missing or errors, please let the church office know so corrections can be made! Thank you!						1 8:00 am Cars & Coffee
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:00 am Holy Communion	1:30 pm Violin lessons	9:00 am Giving Garden	10:00 am Women on Wednesdays	9:30 am Emmaus GG	1:30 pm Violin lessons	2:00 - 6:00 pm Block Party!!!
10:30 am Multi-Gen+	4:30 pm Girl Scouts 10118	2:15 pm Violin lessons	10:00 am Light of Christ meeting	10:30 am Park Place devotions		
	4:30 pm Girl Scouts 12283	5:30 pm Church Council	4:00 pm Violin lessons	1:30 pm Violin lessons		
		6:30 pm Elders				
		6:30 pm Deaconesses/Deacon				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00 am Holy Communion	1:30 pm Violin lessons	9:00 am Giving Garden	11:30 am Fellowship Luncheon	10:30 am Park Place devotions	1:30 pm Violin lessons	
10:30 am Multi-Gen+	4:30 pm Girl Scouts 12283	2:15 pm Violin lessons	4:00 pm Violin lessons	1:30 pm Violin lessons		
	7:00 pm Damascus GG	6:00 pm 4H Garden Gnomes	5:00 pm Women's Discipleship	3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40447		
		7:00 pm MTL meeting		6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 20497		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:00 am Holy Communion	1:30 pm Violin lessons	9:00 am Giving Garden	4:00 pm Violin lessons	10:00 am Summer Garden Conf.	1:30 pm Violin lessons	
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