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Shalom!

I want to commend the perspective of Anna. Anna and her husband

were visitors at Shepherd of the Valley. They had moved from out of state to North Albany and were looking for a new church. They are Lutheran and thus came to check us out. They signed the guest book and a few days later I followed up with a phone call. I could tell by her voice that her guard was up and I suspected it was because she thought I was trying to get new members. She said that they were still looking but really enjoyed the people of SVLC. I wanted her to be at ease and know that I was calling to answer any questions she might have and that I wanted what was in their best interest rather than trying to get something from her. I asked her to check out a couple other of our LCMS church and mentioned Faith in Monmouth, Zion in Corvallis, and Peace in Philomath. Her voice changed after that and she was more conversational and thankful for my suggestions and I think it was because she sensed I was seeking her well-being.

After a month or so I wondered if Anna and her husband had found a church so I called and inquired. She and her husband had joined Zion because she is a retired

school teacher and felt she could volunteer and help with the school because of her vocation as a teacher. They joined the church to be fed by God's Word and gifts and because she could serve her neighbor with a skill & passion she had. That is what I want to commend to us all. We all have training, interests, personal strengths that can serve our neighbor for the glory of God. To all of those who serve Shepherd of the Valley through your unique gifts or are serving on leadership I thank you. To all who serve your neighbors in not so public ways I thank you for doing what you do. We all have skills and vocations that can be central to how God's Kingdom is shared and glory be given to God.

Ministry has many things that need to get done and positions that need to get filled and fulfilled. At the same time, the church also has the ministry of encouraging and supporting the body believers in sharing the faith through their words and actions. We can see ministry getting behind people and their unique ways of serving the church and the larger community. Our garden is a great example of this. We have supported the garden because it is a special interest of a few and by encouraging and supporting it we encourage and support personal vocations that become places

where Christ is shared and good will toward our neighbors take place.

We plug people into serving the church and her needs and we also plug into the unique vocations and dreams of God's people. Anna plugged into Zion through the school's needs and SVLC plugged into the garden because it was an individual passion and a way to love others. What should be common between these two perspectives is that we see both as serving God's Kingdom, giving God the glory, and seeking to love God and our neighbor through it. A common purpose should drive both. That common purpose is to be *in Christ Jesus* and to share his Gospel in Words and Deeds.

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.



Luke 21:29-30

²⁹ And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.³⁰ As

soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the **summer** is already near.

Highlights of the June 4, 2019 Council Meeting

- Reviewed the current total financial reserves
- Large print Bibles will be purchased.
- New flooring was completed and on budget

Extra copies of the Shepherd's Voice and lay ministry and activities calendars are available in the Fellowship Hall 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. Suggestions for how we can make this a good resource for you are **always** welcome!! Thank you for your patience as we move forward ☺

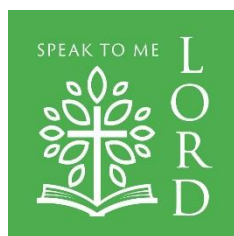
As a result of your generosity, 22 hygiene kits were assembled and donated to Community Outreach in the last month. Thank you so much for bringing your travel-sized



toiletries, toothbrushes, washcloths, etc., and placing them in the bin at the Door of Opportunity! Many are blessed by you!



Lectionary Bible Readings for Worship



July 7, 2019

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-7

Second Reading: Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-20

July 14, 2019

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Leviticus (18:1-5) 19:9-18

Psalm: Psalm 41

Epistle: Colossians 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

July 21, 2019

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a (10b-14)

Psalm: Psalm 27:(1-6) 7-14

Epistle: Colossians 1:21-29

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

July 28, 2019

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Genesis 18:(17-19) 20-33

Psalm: Psalm 138

Epistle: Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13



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 July 10th, they will gather at Panera Bread located at 320 Airport Rd. SE in Albany. 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.



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)

AND THEN THERE WERE 70

*Submitted by Katy Trautman, Ministry
Team Leader for Biblical Equipping*

With the end of June, we have completed the first 30 days of our **100 Days of Summer**



2019 Summer Bible Challenge. We have meditated on verses from Genesis to Isaiah, stepping lightly into each of the first

22 Books of the Bible.

Your Biblical Equipping Team hopes that the selected verses have inspired you to read the verses written before and after, as you sought context to the message being conveyed. We also hope that you have read these verses over several times, noting the verbs (action words) being used and how those same verbs might find their way into your daily life.

It is with profound gratitude that we indulge ourselves in The Holy Scriptures ~ that a message of love so connected and grand can also offer us short sentences, even small phrases, which impact our daily lives so significantly, is a great blessing.

May the blessing continue as you indulge yourself over the next 70 days.



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

All women are welcome!

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

Property Report

Bill Randall, Property Chair
Fellowship Floor

How do you like the new floor covering in the Fellowship Room? The old carpet is gone and replaced with vinyl planking. There is some surface texture so the floor is not slippery.

There was a small (large) problem with the oak laminate that we purchased. It was returned and we received a full refund even for those pieces that had been installed. Another vendor was selected and different material chosen.

What did this cost? Material was \$2092 and labor was \$3282 offset by special flooring donations of \$875. Church treasury funds were \$4500. Our initial estimates were in the range of \$5000 to \$6000 which was the bid range for using wood laminate.

Now we have a nice looking floor and we don't have bills for carpet cleaning (which never did remove the black spots and long discolored smears).

Worship and Prayer Report

Submitted by Lisa Boylan

As we enter into the Sundays after Pentecost (I hope you like color green!), it can be easy to fall into a rhythm that is void of the high festival Sundays out of which we have just come (think Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Holy Trinity). It is a few months until Reformation! I wanted to share this entry from the Concordia Publishing House music blog. I hope you find it interesting 😊

How the Season after Pentecost Illustrates the Life of the Church

by Nathan Grime

After the festivals of Pentecost and the Holy Trinity, the Church begins its longest yet perhaps least-celebrated season of the Church Year: the season after Pentecost. What comes at the end of the post-Pentecost calendar is not one of the Church's grand festivals, but rather, a reminder that the end times are near. In this way, the season after Pentecost reflects the Church's life as faithful members in Christ.

That "Other Half" of the Church Year

The season after Pentecost presents a degree of normalcy in the Church Year. Whereas the first half of the calendar began with the exhilaration of Advent and Christmas, continued through Epiphany and Lent, and culminated in the high point of the Church Year—the death and resurrection of Christ—the second half of the Church Year is that "season after" the joyous feasts and festivals.

After Pentecost, the red garments are tucked away with the palate of blue, white, purple, black, and gold, and the altar, pulpit, and pastor's vestments are adorned with a familiar green that will stay in the sanctuary throughout the second half of the Church calendar. Festival days are few and far between, and the Church settles into a faithful rhythm of hearing God's Word, receiving forgiveness from Christ, and partaking of His Sacraments.

After celebrating Jesus' nativity, Baptism, transfiguration, death, and resurrection, the season after Pentecost allows the Church to experience the life of Jesus in a different way. The Church steps directly into the story of Jesus, patiently walking alongside Him as He teaches, preaches, gives, and forgives. In

walking with Christ, the Church is conformed to His image.

Rooted in the Life and Teachings of Jesus

This conforming is a process; the season after Pentecost requires patience and faithfulness. Every week, the Church hears of how prophets pointed to the Messiah in the Old Testament, how the Church faithfully continued Christ's teachings in the Epistles, and how Jesus Himself taught and lived in the Gospels.

The long season after Pentecost clings to the life and teachings of Christ and nurtures the Church with rich gifts for Christian living. Day by day, week after week, and from year to year, the Church lives the season after Pentecost, praising the risen Jesus and immersing itself in His saving grace.

This season after Pentecost is a chance for the Church to reflect on what it has celebrated in the first half of the Church Year, but also to step into the story it has just heard—a story of God's love for His people marked by the incarnation of His Son, and His life, death, and resurrection in human flesh as a member of our human, broken world.

Growing toward Unity in Christ

Though no Christmas celebration or Easter festival arrives as the high point of the season after Pentecost, the Church looks forward to the Last Day on the final Sunday of the Church Year, before beginning anew with Advent.

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is known as "End Times Sunday," but the entire season after Pentecost is a faithful clinging to Christ's promise of His second coming, where we will experience the resurrection and renewal of our earthly bodies that He accomplished for us on Easter morning. We will ascend to heaven as He ascended; we

will be changed as He was changed on the Mount of Transfiguration.

All of this we look forward to and ponder as we mark the season after Pentecost. But we do not only look forward to what awaits us—again, we also see in Christ a perfect example of Christian living and service. As we live out our lives as fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, friends, and neighbors, we learn what it means to be faithful to our calling and live in love to one another.

In faith, the Church's patient observation of the season after Pentecost unites it to Christ, where He delivers the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation to His people.



July baptismal birthdays, birthdays and anniversaries

Baptismal birthdays: Rich Millimaki (7/12), Char Reger (7/13), Ray Hart (7/18) and Sonia Randall (7/23).

Birthdays: Lisa Boylan and Marla Crane (7/10), Caroline Hintzman and Ryan Taft (7/11), Sonia Randall (7/15), Bud Reger (7/16), Kari Dort (7/17), Paul Durbin (7/18), Katy Schmidt and Charles Taft (7/24), Aaron Taft (7/26), and Ellen Schmidt and Sue Probus (7/27), and Maradith Durbin (7/28).

Anniversaries: Ray & Chris Fajardo and Fernando Henriques & Katy Trautman (7/20)

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>



While it may be summer and you want to play,
Don't forget to read your Bible Verse(s) a Day!!



Do you have children? Know someone who has children? Grandchildren? Share with them this marvelous opportunity to attend Garden Camp at SVLC in August! We already have 9 children registered. It's definitely not too early to get that special child registered. The best part . . . it's FREE!! You will find a flyer attached to your email for sharing with your family, friends and neighbors.

Shepherd of the Valley Garden Camp

August 12th-15th
5:30pm-7:30pm
DINNER PROVIDED

REGISTER by August 1st
www.svlc-corvallis.org

Grades K-5th
Registration limited (25)

- How to garden • Bible Stories
- Cooking • Take home recipes
- Games/Activities



On April 12th, Camp Lutherwood in Chesire, Oregon, sustained a fire which destroyed their main lodge. They were back up and running within three weeks utilizing a large temporary tent for their main gathering space and separate rented trailers for their cooking, dishwashing, refrigeration and freezer needs. Summer camp will be taking place as scheduled!! They are now entering the rebuilding phase. If you would like to see their wish list of items, please click this link: <https://www.lutherwoodoregon.org/> and then select the "Give-Amazon Wish List" link at the top of the page. Your donations are greatly appreciated so they can continue making camp a special place for the children, adults, and families who look forward to camp activities at Camp Lutherwood each summer. Pr. Eric currently served on the board of Camp Lutherwood so please talk with him if you have any questions.





July Lay Ministry

	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
	July 7th	July 14th	July 21st	July 28th
Greeters	Sue P.	Bud & Char	Dennis & Debi	Chris F.
	Colleen F.	Reger	Anderson	Sandy N.
Acolyte	Kari	Kari	Kari	Norah
Musician	Lisa	Lisa	Lisa	Lisa
Cantor				
Reader	Jeff H.	Peter K.	Sue P.	Katy T.
Sound & Slide Tech	Peter	Jeff	Jay	Craig
Ushers	Rob	Rob	Rob	Rob
	Donna D.	Donna D.	Donna D.	Donna D.
	Jim D.	Jim D.	Jim D.	Jim D.
	Cynthia D.	Cynthia D.	Cynthia D.	Cynthia D.
Communion Assistants	Jay	Jay	Jay	Jay
	Debi	Debi	Katy	Katy
Fellowship	Donna P.	Karen	Char R.	Dennis & Debi
	Virginia	Jay & Tracy	Donna D.	Char B.
Altar Care	Sandy N.	Sandy N.	Donna P.	Donna P.
Counters	Karen I.	Alison	Brenda	Rob
	Sandy N.	Jennifer	Donna D.	Karen

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

July Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	1:30 pm Violin lessons	9:00 am Giving Garden 11:00 am Deaconess/Deacon 2:15 pm Violin lessons 6:30 pm Elders	10:00 am Women on Wednesdays 10:00 am Light of Christ core team 4:00 pm Violin lessons	Happy Independence Day!! 	1:30 pm Violin lessons	8:00 am Cars & Coffee
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Multi-Gen+	1:30 pm Violin lessons 7:00 pm Damascus GG	9:00 am Giving Garden 2:15 pm Violin lessons 5:30 pm Church Council 6:00 pm 4H Garden Gnomes 7:00 pm MTL meeting	11:30 am Fellowship Potluck 4:00 pm Violin lessons 5:00 pm LoC Women's Discipleship	10:30 am Park Place devotions 1:30 pm Violin lessons	1:30 pm Violin lessons	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
LCMS Synodical Convention						
9:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Multi-Gen+	1:30 pm Violin lessons 7:00 pm Damascus GG 7:00 pm Historic Car Club	9:00 am Giving Garden 2:15 pm Violin lessons 6:00 pm 4H Garden Gnomes	4:00 pm Violin lessons 5:00 pm LoC Women's Discipleship	10:30 am Park Place devotions 1:30 pm Violin lessons	1:30 pm Violin lessons	
28	29	30	31	 <p>If you see activities missing or there are things on the calendar that are incorrect, please let the church office know so that corrections can be made! Thank you!</p>		
9:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Quarterly Voters' Meeting	1:30 pm Violin lessons	9:00 am Giving Garden 2:15 pm Violin lessons	4:00 pm Violin lessons			