

SHEPHERD'S VOICE

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Shalom!

Paul uses some powerful words in Colossians to describe Jesus. He is God, the

resurrected Jesus is the first born of the dead, all things came into existence and maintained by his power, and that through the cross we are one with this powerful being. Take a look.

Colossians 1:13-20 - He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

Reflection Questions:

1. Do you know anyone who is important or famous to other people, either locally or farther afield? Who?
2. What is the difference between your experience of that person and other people's experience of him or her?
3. How does it make you feel when you stop to think about the many other aspects of the Lord's life and work, apart from those in which you know Him best? Why?

Peace,

Pastor Eric



MultiGen+ Bible Study

is held in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. following worship and

fellowship time.

In December, we will come together with the Light of Christ Anglican Church to study, "Old Testament Prophecies about Jesus the Messiah." Pr. Eric and Father Scott will lead us.

December 1st – The birth of Jesus

December 8th

Ministry/Death/Resurrection of Jesus

December 15th – The return of Jesus

December 22nd – Our witness to Jesus Christ

Join us each Sunday as we study, learn and share together.

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 8th

12:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided



Advent Worship

12:00 p.m.

Brown Bag Meditative and
Relational Worship

6:00 p.m.

Soup Supper

7:00 p.m.

Advent Evening Worship

Join us on Wednesdays during December for Advent Worship. Sign-up sheets for Soup Supper are on the bulletin board.



Fellowship Luncheon Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at

various restaurants in the Corvallis-Albany area. In December, they are taking a break so that they might attend the 12:00 p.m. Brown Bag Advent Worship. Stay tuned for the January location. Talk to Karen Inman for more information.



December baptismal birthdays, birthdays and anniversaries

Baptismal birthdays: Peter Klammer (12/2), Linda Lancaster (12/18), Sue Probus (12/26) and Nadine Wurtz (12/30)

Birthdays: Linda Lancaster (12/2), Mike Kutsch (12/11), Rich Millimaki (12/12), Colleen Fisher (12/17), Lidia Watrud (12/19), Mary Nunery (12/22), Cynthia Dort, Ray Hart and Sharyn Heller (12/26), and Ellie Hintzman (12/28)

Anniversaries: Bill & Sharyn Heller (12/31)



Join us on Sunday, December 15th as we go to two of our local assisted living communities – Park Place and Corvallis Manor – to share some Christmas carols, smiles and joy. We will meet at the church at 2:15 p.m. to carpool to the two locations. After we are done, everyone is invited to return to church for chili, cornbread, salad and fellowship! Mark your calendar!



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!!



Holiday Food Baskets

We have received a Thrivent grant which will allow us to purchase totes and food to create baskets for some of the families at Linus Pauling Middle School. Be certain to look for the Door of Opportunity for more information about how you can be involved in purchasing items to put into these baskets. We will assemble these items on Sunday, December 15th, following worship.



Watch the Scripture

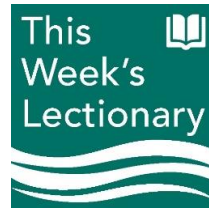


Journal the Scripture

Tuesday Morning Bible Class

There is some fun stuff going on Tuesday mornings, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. as a group of folks engage in

conversation about the upcoming Lectionary readings. While sipping on tea, they open with the viewing of a video from Portland-based *The Bible Project*, followed by discussion. Bring a journal and be ready to dig a bit deeper and engage in lively conversation. Pr. Eric leads this dynamic and fun discussion (and also makes the tea!). Each week 'stands alone' so you can come whenever you wish.



Lectionary Bible Readings for Worship

December 1, 2019

First Sunday in Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday in Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 172:1-7

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

December 15, 2019

Third Sunday in Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146

Second Reading: James 5:7-11

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15

December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17

Psalm 24

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-17

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

December 24, 2019

The Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Eve

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

December 29, 2019

First Sunday after Christmas

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-14

Psalm 111

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23



Emmaus Growth Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the church kitchen as they enjoy coffee, fellowship and yes, many times special treats ☺ as they delve into God's Word. All women are welcome to join!



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

All women are welcome!

They will begin a new study by John Stott on November 6th – Ephesians: Building a Community in Christ. "We long to belong. We crave unity. We want to be loved and accepted by others. Paul's letter to the Ephesians is about uniting all things in Christ. Here we learn how to break down what separates us from God, one ethnic group from another, husband from wife, parent from child, employer from employee. These studies provide a vision of the new society God has planned in his church. Talk with Donna Durbin for more information.



Nine hygiene kits were assembled and donated to Community Outreach in November. 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!



Giving Garden News

Crazy and hard to believe but there was actually some harvesting being done in November in the Giving Garden!!

With the very cold weather that we are having, it is probably safe to say that growing season has ended!

There is always room for you to volunteer. This is a wonderful way in which we connect with our community and it really is a two-way street when it comes to blessings. If you have an interest in this ministry, please talk to Jennifer Klammer.



You are invited to join the Light of Christ Anglican congregation for an Advent Hymn Sing on Saturday, December 14th at 2:00 p.m. here at SVLC. Talk to the one of their members for more information.



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

Mark your calendars!
There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, January 6th

from 1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. To donate, you may sign up by going to redcrossblood.org using sponsor code: Shepherdofthevalley, call 800-733-2767 or just walk-in. Your blood is always needed! Talk with Donna Durbin if you have questions.



2019 PROPERTY REPORT

How did SVLC property spend the members donated money this past year? A large amount was spent on heat, air conditioning and electricity. It takes the major allocation of funds just to have heat lights, water, communication, and sanitation services.

Early in the year a new fire alarm system was installed and no longer are there annoying buzzers, especially during Sunday morning. In May, a vinyl plank floor was installed to replace the badly stained carpet in the Fellowship room. The Anglican group using one of our rooms liked the new floor and paid for the same material and installation in their room. At the same time, we replaced the carpet in the large conference room. Now the three rooms have the same flooring.

Outside, a maintenance contract takes care of the flower beds, spraying weeds and trimming lower branches from the trees along the property boundary. There also is an irrigation system to be maintained. A spring cleanup was held to improve the appearance of the parking lot and flower beds and clean up broken limbs and debris deposited during the winter. Several of the groups that use our facilities sent folks to help with the clean-up. New posts and swings were added to the playground.

Plans for 2020 include filling cracks in the parking lot. Repainting the parking space lines is also a spring project. The Corvallis Historic Car Club, which meets at SVLC, donated money for the repainting project. A

landscape plan for a newer fresh appearance will be prepared. Pruning the lower branches on the parking lot trees is a spring project. Also in the spring, the property boundary fence between the garden and the north neighbor will be replaced. The playground area will see a face lift and we will repair or replace two outside doors. Cross your fingers that something unknown does not break.

A potential large expense a year or two away is replacing the big old yellow mower. A very helpful mechanic (Adam), from Stahlbush Island Farms, keeps it running but parts generally are nonexistent. Does anyone know how old it is, probably more than 40 years? (Ed. note: Adam indicated that he did some research and believes the mower is from the 1960's!!)



Last December Immanuel Albany hosted a *Christmas Carol Sing*. There were enough positive responses to support doing so again and so we will again host a *Christmas Carol Sing* on December 15 at 3:00 p.m. We are located at 154 Madison SE in Albany. We will sing the traditional Christmas Carols, hear the Christmas story and conclude with coffee and cookies in the narthex. Please pass this on to your members and encourage them to invite other churches as well anyone who enjoys singing.

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>



Lutherfest 2020

Tickets go on sale December 1st!

This year's event features six seated servings of a selected craft beer, artisan cheese, and a tasty appetizer. We are excited to have offerings from five breweries and six creameries.

We are grateful for our sponsors to date: St. Mark Lutheran Church (Salem), Faith Lutheran Church (Albany), Emmaus Lutheran Church (Eugene). These generous sponsors make it possible for all proceeds from ticket sales to go directly to support campus ministry programming.

Tickets can be purchased online from the [Luther House](#) web site – simply click on the Lutherfest 2020 picture. For the fourth 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 \$400 to enjoy the afternoon with seven of your friends! Consider buying a \$60 individual ticket as a Christmas gift for that hard-to-shop-for person in your life.

Come and join in the fun!



ADVENT

December Lay Ministry



	Sunday	Wednesday	Sunday	Wednesday	Sunday	Wednesday	Sunday	Christmas Eve	Sunday
	Dec. 1st	Dec. 4th	Dec. 8th	Dec. 11th	Dec. 15th	Dec. 18th	Dec. 22nd	Dec. 24th	Dec. 29th
	9:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Greeters	Bobby Webb		Peter & Jennifer		Sandy Nash		Sue Probus		Bud & Char
	Karen Inman		Klammer		Mary Nunery		Chris Fajardo		Reger
Acolyte	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Norah Bohlmann	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Norah Bohlmann	Kari Dort	Kari Dort
Musician	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan	Ann Capps	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan
Reader	Sue Probus		Katy Trautman		Bill Chambers		Jim Dort	Donna Durbin	Collen Fisher
AV Tech	Craig Bell		Marla Crane		Ray Hart		Ellie Hintzman	Jeff Hintzman	
Ushers	Fernando H.	Fernando H.	Fernando H.	Rich Millimaki	Fernando H.	Fernando H.	Fernando H.	Fernando H.	Fernando H.
	Katy Trautman	Katy T.	Katy Trautman	Sue Probus	Katy Trautman	Katy T.	Katy Trautman	Katy Trautman	Katy Trautman
	Rich Millimaki		Rich Millimaki		Rich Millimaki		Rich Millimaki	Rich Millimaki	Rich Millimaki
	Sue Probus		Sue Probus		Sue Probus		Sue Probus	Sue Probus	Sue Probus
Communion Assistants	Jeff Hintzman		Peter Klammer		Jeff Hintzman		Jeff Hintzman		Jeff Hintzman
	Jim Dort		Debi Anderson		Debi Anderson		Katy Trautman		Katy Trautman
Fellowship	Dennis & Debi A.	Soup	Dianne Taft	Soup	Char Bohlmann	Soup	Alison Hintzman		LOVE FEAST
	Light of Christ	Supper	Light of Christ	Supper	Light of Christ	Supper	Light of Christ		
Altar Care	Donna Durbin		Gail Millimaki		Katy Trautman		Katy Trautman		Sandy Nash
Counters	Sandy Nash		Brenda Brumbaugh		Alison Hintzman		Rob Durbin		??
	Dianne Taft		Jennifer Klammer		Donna Durbin		Karen Inman		??

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

December Activities						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Eucharistic Worship 10:30 am Multi-Gen+	2 3:00 pm Girl Scouts 10118 4:30 pm Girl Scouts 12283 6:30 pm Evening Garden	3 9:00 am The Bible Project 11:00 am Deaconess/Deacon 6:30 pm Elders	4 10:00 am Women on Wednesdays 10:00 am Light of Christ Mtg 12:00 pm Brown Bag Worship 1:45 pm Violin lessons 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Advent Worship	5 10:30 am Park Place devotions 3:00 pm Violin lessons 3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40447 7:00 pm AA Meeting	6 11:30 am Emmaus GG	7
8 9:00 am Eucharistic Worship 10:30 am Multi-Gen+ TBA Annual Voters' Mtg 3:00 pm Bethel GG 6:30 pm Nazareth GG	9 4:30 pm Girl Scouts 12283 7:00 pm Damascus GG	10 9:00 am The Bible Project 5:30 pm Church Council 6:00 pm 4H Garden Gnomes 7:00 pm All Leadership Mtg	11 11:30 Fellowship Potluck 12:00 pm Brown Bag Worship 1:45 pm Violin lessons 5:00 pm Womens' Discipleship 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Advent Worship	12 10:30 am Park Place devotions 1:30 pm Violin lessons 7:00 pm AA Meeting	13	14 9:00 am Church Clean-up 2:00 p.m. Light of Christ Advent Hymn sing
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22 9:00 am Eucharistic Worship 10:30 am Multi-Gen+ 3:00 pm Bethel GG 6:30 pm Nazareth GG	23 7:00 pm Damascus GG	24 Christmas Eve 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship	25 Christmas Day	26 10:30 am Park Place devotions 3:00 pm Violin lessons 7:00 pm AA Meeting	27	28
29 9:00 am Eucharistic Worship with Love Feast Brunch	30	31	If you happen to see any activities missing or incorrect information on the calendar, please let the church office know so corrections can be made! Thank you!			