

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs
9:30—1:30 pm

Pastor Dan Heath
Mon - Thurs
10:00 - 2:00 pm

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Fall Worship Services
8:30 a & 11:00 a

Sunday School
10:00 am

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"A caring community
touched by Christ,
touching others for Christ"

Youth Group

Have you ever helped with a fundraising event that included a dinner and auction? If so, we would like to hear from you.

The Youth Group Fundraising committee is in need of volunteers to do just that. We are planning a February event to help raise funds assisting SOV youth to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this June.

Our first committee meeting will be held December 5 at 6:30 pm at Church.

We invite you to come and help us plan. If you have questions, contact Wendy R.



**YOUTH
GROUP**
★ News ★



Holiday Drop N Shop

Saturday December 16th 1pm-5pm at SOV

Drop off your child(ren) for \$10 a child and do some shopping for the holidays. We will have crafts and games for the children.

All proceeds will go towards the ELCA Youth Gathering Trip to Houston

Council Presidents Report

I don't know about you, but it is hard for me to believe that another church year has come to an end. As we begin the new year, we celebrate the Advent Season in preparation for the birth of Christ. Christ came to pay for all of our sins – sinners and saints alike – so we draw comfort in this knowledge and in God's gift of grace. We can shop forever and never find a gift so perfect!

We have been blessed this year already with a couple of gifts in staff. Pastor Dan's acceptance of our call has been a blessing. His lessons, sermons, thoughts and presence have enriched SOV and created an opportunity for us to grow. In addition, shortly after Pastor Dan came on board, Dan Crothers accepted the position of Interim Music Director. His gift is apparent every Sunday, and we are fortunate to have him using his gift to enrich our worship service. And, although she is not a new gift, we are also very lucky to have Tammy on board as our Church Secretary. Her knowledge of SOV and how things work has undoubtedly aided each and every one of us at one time or another and certainly helped with the onboarding of the new staff. We do, indeed, have much to be grateful for!

As we prepare for Christmas, please be certain to join us on Wednesday evenings for the traditional potluck soup supper followed by the Holden Evening Prayer service. This opportunity not only allows us to fellowship together, but it allows us to center ourselves again as Christmas draws nearer and we check off our "to do" list each day.

In closing, I want to wish you and yours a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Linnea Harmon

Council President

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Kids of the Kingdom



In November each of our classes put on a Thanksgiving feast. The children had a part in preparing their class's feast and enjoyed having their families come and partake with them!

In a few weeks, we will have our Christmas Music Program. It will be on Tuesday, December 12th at 6:15pm in the sanctuary. The kids have been hard at work learning their songs! Pastor Dan will give a short message following the music performances and we will end the evening with a cookie reception. We would love for you to join us!



We will be closed for the Christmas Break starting on Monday, December 18th. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.

We want to thank you for your continued support. We have had a lot of fun this year! Merry Christmas!

Advent Schedule

Wednesdays of Advent; December 6, 13, and 20th
 5:30 - 6:30 pm Potluck Soup Supper
 6:30 - 7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service

Advent
 A Season of Hope
 & Expectation

Christmas Eve Day, December 24
 10:00 am One Worship Service

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
 4:00 & 6:00 pm

No Service Christmas Day

New Years Eve Day, December 31
 10:00 am One Worship Service followed by potluck brunch



Sunday School

SOV's Sunday School invites you to two special Sunday mornings of activities this December:

ORNAMENT MAKING SUNDAY, December 3 from 10-10:45 am in the Downstairs area. Join us to make an ornament or two.

COOKING BAKING SUNDAY, December 10 from 10-10:45 am in the Downstairs area. Join us to bake and decorate cookies for ourselves and others.



ALL ARE WELCOME and a MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!

Please note that Sunday School will not be held December 17, 24, and 31, and will resume January 7, 2018.

From the Sunday School Staff

Stewardship Committee

We want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who could pledge this year. Christine, our Financial Secretary, received the pledges and has passed on to your Council information on the number of pledges and total amount pledged. With this information, your Council is creating a spending plan (budget) for next year which will be shared with the congregation and voted on in January. Current plans call for an informational meeting between services on Sunday, January 21. At that time, you will be able to ask any questions you might have. The formal vote on the proposed budget will be the following Sunday, January 28, between services.

Building a spending plan is never an easy task, and we ask that you hold Council in your prayers as they are doing this work.

If you were not able to pledge during November and you would like to, please don't think that it is too late! Pledge forms and envelopes are still available in the ushers' station. You can complete a form and drop it in the offering plate. Any additional pledges received will enable Council to have an even clearer financial picture.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your Stewardship Committee: Jim Allgaier, Linnea Harmon, and Reynold Roeder.

Blessings to you,

Your Stewardship Committee

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

04 Aimable N

08 Lorna H

08 Tommy W

09 Hayden P

10 Jessley B

12 Prosper H

14 Nidhi K

14 Aaron S

18 Kevin H

20 Lisa RB

22 Terry W

23 Linda R

24 Ron F

25 Desire H

27 Rachel R

29 Sheila V

30 Claire A



God's Blessing
For a
Joyful New Year
In
Life!





DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

*Matt & Theresa Kotvis
December 30th*



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December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The Blessings Of <i>Christmas</i> PEACE★HOPE★JOY★LOVE</p>					1	2
3 8:30 & 11:00 a worship 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 a Sunday School	4 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool	5 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool 6:30 p Youth Group Meeting	6 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool Advent Soup supper 5:30 - 7:00 p	7 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool	8 7:00 p Portland Marthoma Church rehearsal	9
10 8:30 & 11:00 a worship 10:00 Sunday School Christmas Caroling	11 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool	12 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool 6:00 - 7:30 p KOK Christmas Program	13 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool Advent Soup supper 5:30 - 7:00 p	14 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool 7:00 p Council Meeting	15 6:00 p Carol Service Portland Marthoma Church	16
17 8:30 & 11:00 worship Christmas Caroling 1:30 Confirmation Class	18 	19	20 Advent Soup supper 5:30 - 7:00 p	21	22 	23
24 Christmas Eve Day service 10:00 a Christmas Eve candlelight service 4:00 & 6:00 p	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	29	30
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