

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours;
Mon-Thurs 7:00 - 12:00pm

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Tues. 10:00 - 12:15 p

Wed & Thurs

10:00 - 2:00 p

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Fall Worship Services

8:30 a & 11:00 a

Sunday School

9:45 am

Wednesday Bible Study

10:00 a

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

Looking Beyond Limitations

Author unknown

There was an article in the May 5, 2000 edition of the News-Tribune. It is a true story about a man named Lyle Bert, age 64. Mr. Bert has associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees, and hosts "The Lyle Bert Show," in Portales, New Mexico.

There is a lot more information than what is being shared here, but the main gist of the article is about how Mr. Bert was in a an accident in 1965, while handling a home-made rocket that exploded.

"I lost both hands, the eyesight in both eyes...My jaw was broken... My face and lips were burned. I had 124 penetration wounds in my chest and abdomen. I almost lost my right leg...pieces of device went through my leg and through my abdomen. They amputated my hands... and I lost two-thirds of my stomach."

While speaking to the Conference on the Handicapped a few years ago (in Santa Fe, New Mexico). Lyle Bert shared something very worth repeating;

"A person who has no legs can still achieve great heights;
A Person who has no hands can still grasp an idea;
A person who has no sight can still have great vision;
And a person who can't move can still lead."

**May each of us look beyond our "limitations" and see
what God can do through us!**

Interim Pastor Brian's Message

How's Your Harvest?

by Interim Pastor Brian Brandt



Coming from a farming background, I know harvest season can bring joy or heartache. In a good year the harvest is bountiful, problems minimal, and the profit satisfying. All the hard work pays off, and farmers give thanks because God provided good weather and markets that pay a fair price. But in a bad year crops are scant, problems grow like weeds, and the whole operation may not break even. Then farmers lament the poor weather and tough markets. But I've noticed they seldom blame God for their problems. Instead, they carefully examine every aspect of their plans and practices to see what they can change so things are better next year.

How is your harvest this year? The church year, following the natural cycle of seasons, raises harvest themes. November brings Bible readings that reflect on endings and weigh the harvest of righteousness we offer to God. Has it been a good year? Are you satisfied with the crop of love, the granaries of good-will, the profits of right action you've generated since this time last year? Has your gratitude matched God's goodness to you? Or has it been a poor year yielding scant measure of compassion, good-will, and good faith? If it's been a bad year, learn from the farmer: don't blame God but carefully examine every aspect of your practices and plans to see what you can change so things are better next year.

All of us want to give God a harvest of righteousness but often find ourselves falling short. The trick here is to trust that God will give the faith and strength we need to turn our lives around. If examining your harvest leaves you feeling frustrated, take heart. Before the end of November Advent comes with its message of hope: that God is coming into our world and into our lives. In Jesus, God's word and spirit come to bring the grace, insight, and good-will we need to grow a bountiful harvest righteousness. May this new year bring you joy in spiritual agriculture and peace in God whose goodness passes all understanding.

Council President...Submitted by Linnea H.

Doesn't it look wonderful! New pavement and new white striping. It's been a long time coming but is work so much appreciated. Special thanks go to Arden, Dave and Reynold for serving on the committee that worked hard to get the bids, raise funds and see the project through ... well almost through. A new catch basin will be installed in November to help alleviate some of the water runoff issues, and that will be the last step. Sincere thanks also go out to all of you who contributed to make this a reality! The response was quick and overwhelming! SOV is definitely a family that rises together when the need is there. Thank you!

Thanks also go out to another ad hoc committee that has been working hard for SOV. The Healthy Communication Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Judith Hedberg-Duff, Michael Johnson, Russell Martinelli, Reynold Roeder, Karen Sugiyama, and Pastor Brian has been meeting together and with the congregation over the past several weeks to create a Communication Covenant that we will vote to adopt on November 6. So what is a Communication Covenant and why are we doing this? Well, throughout our lives we communicate constantly – with our families, at work, at school, at church, at the store – you get the picture. Sometimes these conversations end up going a direction completely different from what we had expected. How does this happen? What triggered it? Many times, it is simply the words that were spoken and the interpretation put on those words. This Covenant gives us tools to use that will help us have more successful conversations. Although these are guidelines we will adopt for use at SOV, hopefully you will find them helpful in all aspects of your life.

There is a lot of work being done at SOV – some visible and some not so visible. Take a moment to ask a Council or Committee member what's new and thank them for their contribution. Continue to pray for the Call Committee, the church leaders, the pastor, the choir, the band, and all who strive to provide a place to gather to celebrate and to hear the Word. And remember (from the Communication Covenant draft): Emphasize the positive and minimize the negative!

Thank you to everyone at SOV who made possible the memorial for Dean.

Thank you for your gifts of love, food, prayers, cards, and expressions of comfort.

Thank you for contributing to Dean's memorial fund. I would especially like to thank everyone who helped set up, plan, usher, and participate in the event that made it special for me and our relatives.

Love,

Deb Mueller-Kruse

Ladies Dinner

Tuesday, November 1st

6:00 pm

Mazatlán Mexican Restaurant

1435 NW 185th Ave, Beaverton, OR 97006

Please RSVP to Tammy



Men's Night

Thursday, November 3rd

6:00 PM

Reedville Cafe

7575 SE Tualatin Valley Hwy, Hillsboro, OR 97123

ALL MEN INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



Scrip Order Sunday, November 6th

New Vendor! Visa@Prepaid Card

There is no activation fee and your organization will earn

1.5% on each card sold. It is accepted everywhere Visa debit cards are.

See's Holiday Candy Sale!

See's 4oz Chocolate Assortments for \$5.00 each.

15% profit to your organization.

Start Pre-sales now. Presale deadline Nov. 29th.

Pick up product on Dec. 8th and 15th.



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE NOVEMBER 22ND

SOCIAL CONCERNS...Submitted by Kristi R.

Social Concerns was busy with our ministries this summer. An agency we normally work with, Beaverton Love INC, underwent a major transition and became Kindred Partners. Kindred Partners requested time to review their charter during the summer, and took pause with their programs such as their Back to School event and even the Gap Essential Ministries program. So we opted for the Back to School supplies project to simply work with the families in our congregation that had a need. Thanks to the friends and family discount at Fred Meyers, the majority of supplies for 6 children were purchased early in August for \$150. With 2 more students needing items and quality backpacks for most of the children also wanted, additional shopping happened later in the month. With your generous donations we were able to help 8 children for a little over \$400.

While continuing the school supply ministries, we began a new project with Habitat for Humanity. Please look for opportunities to help one of our SOV families by volunteering at the Restore or working on the construction site next year. A sign up sheet has been placed in the Narthex. Additionally, please contact someone in Social Concerns to make sure your hours are recorded correctly for the family or if you have any questions.

Work is also under way for the annual SOV Thanksgiving Food Baskets and Operation Toy Angels (aka Toys for Tots) programs. You can expect announcements during services in the coming weeks.

We are also working with Kids of the Kingdom to help them create a safer more durable playground. Information will be coming soon regarding this project. Thank you for your generous donations to make our mission to Reach In, Reach Out, and Reach Up a success.

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is meeting Sundays and we would love to keep GROWING in numbers and spirit. Please come and join us. We have assembled a dedicated group of teachers and we would love to have all the children of SOV attending. Classes are held from 9:45-10:45 am either downstairs or upstairs, depending on your age (Preschool through 8th grade).

November will bring stories of our Savior's Birth and December will be the time to practice our own reenactment of the Christmas Story. During the second service on December 13th, the children will present a program for the entire congregation. The program is always a highlight of our year so join us for the fun!

NOTE: No Sunday School class on November 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

Hearts Full of Thanks

As we enter a season of thanksgiving, our hearts are full of thankfulness for all who give of their time and talents to make Kids of the Kingdom a great school. Thank you to Pastor Brian for our weekly chapel times, Michael Johnson for the playground maintenance, Arden for the upkeep of the facilities, Aaron Zahrowski for website upkeep and the KOK Board, Lisa Ramsey, Christine Edgar, Debbie Johnson, Linda Rasmussen and Wendy Roeder.



Christmas Greens Pick-Up Date

Thank you for your support of our school through our Christmas Greens Fundraiser. Orders will be available for pick-up Sunday, November 20.

Thanksgiving Celebrations in Our Classrooms

This month, our students will be learning about thankfulness. We will learn that thankfulness means "taking time to tell God and others that you appreciate them."

During chapel we will hear the story of how God provided food from heaven for the Israelites and the story of when one man who remembered to thank Jesus for healing him.

In our classrooms our students will hear other stories, engage in group activities, and explore with art and play as they learn what it means to be thankful. The week before Thanksgiving, each of our classes will invite their families to join them for a special meal together. It's going to be a fun month!

Christmas Greens: Thank you so much if you participated in KOK's annual Christmas Greens fundraiser. You can pick up your order November 20, Sunday, at the Church or Monday and Tuesday at the Preschool. IF you were unable to place an order, no problem. I will have an assortment of extra items as I order in case lots. Let me know what you want and I will place a hold on it!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Dan N

8 Ken P

8 Julie Z

9 Stacey R

11 Marv V

12 Scott D

14 Enith G

17 Joseph G

17 Caryl H

19 Reynold R

23 Cheyenne H

27 Barbara K

28 Debbie J

29 Jon Q

30 Craig Z



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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES








*Bruce & Enith Gilbertson
November 17th*

*Fritz & Rachel Roetman
November 30th*



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November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 6:00 p Ladies Dinner At Mazatlán Mexican Restaurant	2 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study	3 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 6:00 p Men's Night at Reedville Café	4 9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmetto Piano Studio	5 9:30 - 11:30 a SOV Choir Rehearsal 
6 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 1:00 p Confirmation Class 1:30 p OEC All Saints Sunday 	7 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 7:00 p Parish Ed Mtg.	8 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool	9 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study	10 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 7:00 p LLL	11 Veterans Day 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmetto Piano Studio  Thank you, Veterans!	12 9:30 - 11:30 a SOV Choir Rehearsal
13 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 1:00 p Confirmation Class 1:30 p OEC	14 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool	15 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 	16 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study	17 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 10:00 a LLL 7:00 p Council Meeting	18 9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmetto Piano Studio	19 9:30 - 11:30 a SOV Choir Rehearsal
20 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 1:00 p Confirmation Class 1:30 p OEC Christ the King Sunday	21 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool <i>KOK Christmas Greens pick up 20, 21, 22</i>	22 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool	23 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study	24 Thanksgiving Day  Happy Thanksgiving	25 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmetto Piano Studio	26 9:30 - 11:30 a SOV Choir Rehearsal
27 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship No Confirmation Class 1:30 p OEC First Sunday of Advent  First Sunday in Advent	28	29 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool	30 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 5:30 - 7:00 p Advent Soup Supper & Devotion	<p><i>Psalms 118:1</i></p> <p><i>10 give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!</i></p>		