

**MAY 2019**

# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## Shepherd's Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs

Pastor

Dan Heath

Mon - Tues

10:00 - 1:00 pm

And by appt.

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Worship Services

8:30 a & 11:00 a

Adult Bible Study

9:45 a

Children's Sunday School

11:00 a ages 1-7

Jr High SS

10:00 a

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

## Save the Dates:

**Sunday, June 2 –**

Annual Meeting and election after service.

Please plan to attend.

**Saturday, June 8 –**

Spaghetti dinner followed by return of Kevin Cope  
and the Transport 5 for a live concert.



Kevin Cope, Tricia Collier, Mick Wynn, Tammie Dees, Dan Nichols

## Walk in the Park

SOV evangelism team is hosting a walk in the park activity.

Join us May 25th at SOV

The park is wheelchair accessible. Kids with tricycles and bicycles can enjoy the park as well and must be supervised by a parent. A nature treasure hunt will also be available for kids.

Come enjoy the beauty of spring and the fellowship of SOV.

Refreshments will be funded by Thrivent Financial through their Action Team Program.



## Family Hike Outing

Come join friends on a hike thru Washington Park and Council Crest area on Saturday, **May 18**. The hike, known as the **4T trail**, is moderate in difficulty with varying elevation. It starts at Washington Park Zoo (but we will start at the Sunset MAX station). Hikers travel to the south of Hwy 26 on the "T"rail then take the OHSU "T"ram to the waterfront. They then catch the "T"rolley to the Max. From there we take the MAX "T"rain back to our cars.

Due to a busy parking lot in May, we will actually meet at the Sunset MAX station at 10:00. Taking the MAX to the Zoo exit. Please buy an "All Day Pass" which will be valid for the trolley and return trip on MAX.

You must RSVP to Kristi (503)758-0732 so that we can hike together and not miss anyone.

Friends are welcome to join. Hope to see you there.



## Social Concerns Committee

Reaching Up! Reaching In! Reaching Out!

Our GEM Easter Basket project for Social Concerns had a \$250 boost from Thrivent's "Giving Generously" program. Another \$250 was added to create a matching funds opportunity to "grow" our donations for our \$1000 goal. This would allow us to support 15 youth from the Union Gospel mission as well as supporting the Home Plate program in Hillsboro and Beaverton with hot meals and supplies they need to serve meals, provide personal hygiene products and other items that help support poor or homeless youth in Washington County.

It is exciting to be able to share that we exceeded our goal by \$300! This enabled us to add additional requests of large sizes of peanut butter, two kinds of jelly, Gatorade and bottled water for the mission. We also were able to support 18 youth from Union Gospel Mission with a GEM Easter bag that was age appropriate. These were delivered to the Union Gospel mission two weeks before Easter. Through our additional donations this enabled us to purchase a case of jerky and 18 adult back packs for the Home Plate teens program. Many of the teens that come through the Home Plate program are homeless and carry all they have in a back pack.

Volunteers purchased the items and more volunteers helped put all the baskets together after church. We had all ages of members having fun as we filled the GEM Easter Baskets. Several of our 3 years and under entertained us with their music and dancing.

GEM stands for Gap Essential Ministry and helps fill the needs of personal hygiene, school supplies and other items for people that are not covered by Food Stamps. This Easter we chose to support underprivileged and homeless youth. The spirit of giving and living generously shined through our members hearts as we were able to reach out and help more children this Easter.



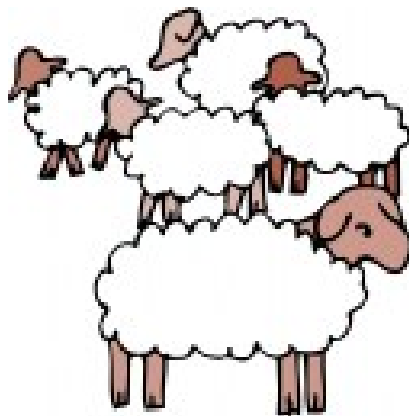
**JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE MAY 23RD**

# Stewardship – “Free the Sheep!” Campaign

## Update – “Free the Sheep!” Campaign

We have continued to make great progress on our mortgage payoff campaign. Of the \$14,700 balance at the kick-off of the campaign, we are now down to \$5,200. Stewardship is maintaining a bulletin board measuring our progress in gradients of \$1,000 by marking a shepherd's hook like a thermometer and moving a paper sheep out of the pen and into the meadow. Each \$1,000 contributed is releasing an individual sheep from the fenced pen and setting the sheep free. To-date we have now freed nine sheep! Continue to watch the fun graphic in the entry way of the church – and remember, “Free the Sheep!”

To donate to the campaign, just mark your check or envelop as “mortgage payoff” or “Free the Sheep”. If you have any questions you can direct them to Reynold or Linnea, and a big **THANK YOU** to all that have contributed to-date!



## All Church Luncheon

Thursday, May 2nd

12:00 pm

Elmer's Restaurant

All are welcome!



## Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool



We cannot believe that it is time for another fun year at preschool to be over! We have had so much fun this year and it has been such a blessing to watch these precious children grow in so many areas of their lives. Our last day of school will be on Thursday, May 23rd. Enrollment for next year is still under way, so if you or someone you know is interested, please let us know! We thank you all for your support again this year.

Have a great summer!



### Recycling Program:

We are continuing our recycling program of returnable items with deposits at SOV. Over the past year, we received on average \$50 a month. In January, \$75 was earned. A big thank you to all who bring in their cans and bottles. I so appreciate that they are clean, lids off and that they are not smashed (machines will not take smashed items).



## Scrip Order Sundays May 5 & 19



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

02 Solveig R

03 Tom B

07 Arden T

11 Gabriel G

17 Eric L

23 Bob M

24 Jim T

28 Jeff W

30 Gunnar R



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

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

*Gary & Sharon Graalum  
May 8th*



## SOV NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Kennon Callahan's "12 Keys to an Effective Church" provides great insight into how a church can thrive and be that exciting place to worship and enjoy fellowship with our Brothers & Sisters. It was true back in the 90's when it was written and still stands true today. The 12 keys include six Relational drivers which include Specific Mission Objectives; Dynamic Worship; Pastoral & Lay Visitation; Streamlined Structure & Strong Leadership. The six Functional drivers include Vibrant Programs; Open & Accessible environment; Visible; Adequate Parking; Space and Solid Finance.

SOV has gone through so many changes but we have endured. We are thankful for the many positive things have happened such as getting our church finances in order with the reduction and almost elimination of our mortgage, many new members and our continued joyful Music Program. These are but a few of the things we do right here at Shepherd.

Our Committees we have here at SOV are truly the backbone in carrying out our mission and live our core values. Our ability to be an effective Church relies on the committees and specifically your involvement. We have many wonderful people leading and serving on our committees, and for that we are truly grateful. Many have given tremendous time and the use of their talents but much help is needed to thrive and be an "effective" Church. We pass by our "blueprint" while at SOV. One only needs to see the statement banner hanging above the sanctuary doors and see our core values banner hanging above the Choir. Your involvement on the Council and/or on a committee will truly make a difference in sustaining SOV to be an "Effective" Church!

Our current term ends this June. We are looking for one Executive Council Position – President and shoring up all committees, especially Fellowship, Stewardship, Parish Education and Worship. For the many on a committee(s), thank you so much and hope that you continue to serve to do God's Work! Please consider serving and let SOV be an "Effective" place to worship!





Committee Recognition Sunday will be held on May 5th between Services. Let's hear each Committee Chairperson share their committee mission and activities!

Nominating Committee

Calvin, Deb, Julie & Wendy

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>God does not give us everything we want, but He does fulfill His promises, leading us along the best and straightest paths to Himself.</i></p> <p><i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer</i></p>			<p>1 7:15 a Coffee group at Starbucks in Bethany 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>2 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool 12:00 pm All Church Luncheon at Elmer's</p>	<p>3 5:00 p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>4 9:30 a Choir rehearsal</p> 
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<p>12 8:30 &amp; 11:00 worship 1:30 p OEC 4:30 p Transport 5 practice  Mother's Day</p>	<p>13 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>14 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>15 7:15 a Coffee group at Starbucks in Bethany 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>16 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>17 5:00 p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>18 9:30 a Choir rehearsal  4T Hike Outing</p>
<p>19 8:30 &amp; 11:00 worship Scrip Sunday  1:30 p OEC 4:30 p Transport 5 practice</p>	<p>20 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>21 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>22 7:15 a Coffee group at Starbucks in Bethany 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>23 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool (last day)</p> 	<p>24 5:00 p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>25 9:30 a Choir rehearsal 12:00 p Walk in the Park</p>
<p>26 One worship service 10:00 a  1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29 7:15 a Coffee group at Starbucks in Bethany</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 5:00 p Women's Bible Study</p>	