

**NOVEMBER 2019**

# Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church Newsletter

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**Shepherd's Office Hours:**

Tues & Wed  
12:00 - 2:30 P

**Interim Pastor**

Al Solmonson

Mon - Thurs

8:00 - 12:00 pm

And by appt

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**Fall Worship Services**

8:30 a & 11:00 a

**Children's Sunday School**

11:00 a ages 1-7

## THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

### Join us

November 22

6:00 - 10:00 pm

Shopping and set up

November 23

7:00 - 3:00 pm

Assembly and distribution

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



## Sing and Sew

November 13, 2019

11:00 - 1:00 pm

Soup lunch provided

Bring your own needle and thread



### All Church Luncheon

Thursday, November 7th

12:00 pm

Elmer's Restaurant

All are welcome!



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## **Evangelism and Outreach..... Sharing Christ's love!**

November is falling into place. Yes, it is Fall and we are experiencing this beautiful change of season with a sunny forecast to end October and begin November. Our SOV Fall activities are expanding and are "falling into place"! Christ is present!

The Evangelism team is working to support all the activities that define our church commitment for reaching out for Christ. This year we are expanding our reaching out by providing donations for an orphanage and women's and children's shelter in Mazatlan, Mexico. All our donations including left over Halloween candy from our SOV Trunk or Treat will be taken to Mexico in November. Thank you to those that have donated money and clothes to help make a difference to these two facilities in Mexico. Some of the money donated will be used for food, water and personal hygiene items. Pastor Al will be blessing our donations and a note from our church will go with us to let these children and families know that Christ is present and that others care for them.

November 3 at 5 P M we will have some of our members from our Evangelism team will act as greeters for our church wide Giving Thanks dinner that will be held at SOV. This is a wonderful time to bring friends and family with you as we share the blessings and gifts that God has blessed us individually as well as our church. The church will provide Honey Baked Ham and roasted turkey. Those attending are invited to bring a favorite side dish or dessert.

Saturday, December 14 from 4 PM to 6 PM our SOV Music and Fellowship teams will be hosting a Special Christmas event that will include SOV Christmas music, time for us to have a Christmas sing a long, children's craft and to wear your festive Christmas attire. Everyone will be encouraged to share favorite Christmas cookies or desserts that are special for your family. We are all encouraged to invite our family and friends as we celebrate the Advent and Christmas season with music, fellowship, dessert and joy!

Sunday, December 22, we will have a church wide Christmas Caroling event. We will sing at The Springs at Tanasbourne at 1 PM and Rock Creek Retirement Community at 3:30 PM. Everyone is encouraged to dress "Christmas festive" and bring your jingle bells. All ages are welcome to share their Christmas Spirit as we share music with some of our members that live at these two retirement communities. The residents love having children attend so bring friends, grandchildren and children. All are welcome!

Peggy and Ginny Adamo are continuing to schedule home visits to our members that are home bound. They would love to have others join in this special ministry for those that can't attend church. Nancy B. continues to send cards to members and friends of SOV for sympathy, birthdays, anniversaries, and support. Please email our church secretary if you know someone that would benefit from a note or greeting card.

Our SOV Evangelism team is committed to gathering our congregations support for our SOV Punjab family that converted from Hinduism to Christianity. Many of you know that they are seeking religious asylum due to not being allowed to legally and openly practice their faith in India. Their pastor in India has not been successful in getting the government in Northern India to approve this family's conversion to Christianity. They arrived with a legal visa and when it was clear that the pastor couldn't change the governments stand, the family legally

## Evangelism and Outreach..... Contd.

applied to the US government for religious asylum.

They have been part of our church for 6 years after spending 6 years trying to live their faith in their own state, country and community. Some of our Evangelism team is helping work with their attorney and navigate this costly and tedious asylum process. They value our prayers and support as they prepare for their Federal asylum hearing in June of 2020. Our hope is that our SOV family will continue to engage with them, pray for them and support their commitment to follow Jesus.

This month they will be meeting their newly assigned attorney and begin the new legal process to be granted religious asylum. Christ asked us to give up all we have and follow Him. Our SOV Punjab family has followed Christ's direction as they became Christians in an area of India that is intolerant of Hindu's converting to Christianity. They left all they had to be able to worship, live safely and peacefully as Christians. This is not an option in their homeland. Please continue to pray for them as they seek religious freedom in our country.

If you are interested in being part of our friendship circle for our SOV family, contact Diane Lewis or Peggy Vermaas. We will be sharing an opportunity to financially assist them in this quest for asylum. Refugees that come to our country are automatically given a legal "green card" and receive social services benefits. Those people that apply for asylum are given the opportunity to work and pay taxes yet receive no social services even through Lutheran Community services. Our church has assisted many refugees over the last 40 years. Our SOV Punjab family are the first asylum seeking family that have become part of our church.

The Evangelism and Outreach team committed to using to use part of our budget for outreach to pay for Facebook advertising for the Christmas season, supporting our Fellowship committees Giving Thanks dinner and our Social Concerns Thanksgiving Baskets. We continue to strive for more involvement, ideas and inviting family and friends to all our events. Our goal is to continue to Reach Up, Reach Out and Reach In to share Christ with others. Feel free to call one of our team or contact our church secretary Tammy McDonald at [secretarysov@gmail.com](mailto:secretarysov@gmail.com).

Together in Christ's service,

Diane Lewis, Arden Tarum, Jacob Tabor, Ginny Adamo, Peggy Vermaas and Jim Tabor

## Stewardship

Dear Friends,

Your Stewardship Committee will be offering a new program this year as part of our annual pledge program. We will be presenting “Generous Giving” between services for three weeks in November, beginning November 3. The program involves watching a short video where a group discusses various aspects of giving and sharing followed by a conversation among SOV participants on the same topics. It will give us an opportunity to talk about our experiences and share our views and thoughts on the same topics discussed in the video.

In addition, we will share “A Generous Life - 28 days of Devotion” for those that would like to explore the topic of generosity and faith on a more individual basis. This is a small paperback that guides and inspires reflection on what the Bible says about life, faith and giving. We will have limited copies available at our first meeting on the 3rd.

Please join us on November 3, 10 and 17!

## Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

November will find us learning about thankfulness and Thanksgiving.

Each class will be preparing a feast to be shared with our families.

We here at the preschool are so thankful for the support of the church.

The kids love coming to school and the teachers just have so much fun with them!

Happy Thanksgiving!



# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Dan N  
 8 Ken P  
 8 Julie Z  
 9 Stacey R  
 11 Marv V  
 14 Enith G  
 17 Joseph G

17 Caryl H  
 19 Reynold R  
 23 Cheyenne H  
 27 Barbara K  
 28 Debbie J  
 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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Day Light Savings Time Fall back one hour 
3 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 5:00 p Give Thanks Dinner  1:30 p OEC  All Saints Day	4 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK	5 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK	6 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK	7 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK 12:00 p All Church Lunch at Elmer's	8  	9
10 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship  1:30 p OEC	11  Veterans Day 	12 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK	13 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK 11:00 - 1:00 p Sing and Sew	14 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK	15	16
17 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship  1:30 p OEC	18 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK	19 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK	20 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK 	21 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK 7:00 p Council Mtg	22 6:00 - 10:00 p Thanksgiving Box shopping and set up	23 7:00 - 3:00 p Thanksgiving Box assemble and distribution
24 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship  1:30 p OEC	25 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK	26 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK	27 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK	28  Thanksgiving Day	29  	30