

February 2020

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

Office phone;
503.645.4994
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Fall Worship Services
8:30 a & 11:00 a

Children's Sunday School
11:00 a ages 1-7

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

Lent Schedule

Shrove Tuesday

February 25th

Pancake Supper 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Special chefs; Al & Mary Ann Solmonson

Ash Wednesday

February 26th

Service at 12 & 7 pm

Wednesdays of Lent

March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1st
5:30 pm Potluck Soup/Bread Supper
6:30 pm Lenten Service

Palm Sunday

April 5th

8:30 & 11:00 a Service

Maundy Thursday

April 9th

Service at 7:00 pm

Good Friday

April 10th

Service at 12 & 7 pm

Easter Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 a Service

Easter Breakfast 9:45-10:45

Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

January found our PreK Class having fun with Fairy Tales.

They enjoyed many fun activities including some in the kitchen with food!



Our 3s Class had fun with snow and Arctic animals themes. They learned the "Snowy Pokey" and love singing and dancing to it!

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now under way. If you or someone you know is looking for a fun preschool, come visit us or send them our way!

If you would like a tour or have any questions please contact Sarah at KOK-preschool@gmail.com or 503-645-0236

MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE FEBRUARY 25TH

Call Committee

Dear Brothers & Sisters

Your Call Committee has passed another milestone on our journey to find the Pastor for Shepherd of the Valley! God has been great in leading this committee to complete the Ministry Profile Site which is now posted for everyone to see. Just access the "ELCA Synod" website and scroll to the Call Process. Click on the "openings" and key in Oregon and press the search button. We are one of a handful of ELCA churches here in Oregon looking for a Pastor. I reached out to St. Luke since they have similar priority traits and values and on the cusp of hiring their Pastor. It was nearly a 2-year search but at the end, they believe that they have found the "one". The take away with our past experience and what similar churches are finding is that the Call Process takes time, prayers and patience.

The Oregon Synod and our liaison, Bishop Assistant - Mr. Juan Carlos Puentes, holds SOV as priority one for finding the right Pastor. We hope to hear from the Oregon Synod soon as to possible candidates. Rumor is that Juan Carlos is speaking to a prospect in Texas. In preparation for the screening process, we will be conducting mock interview(s) to hone in on our interviewing skills. Each of the Call Committee members have been assigned a specific topic relating to our ministry profile priorities and important traits along with vision for SOV. They will take ownership and lead the interview discussion pertaining to their assignment, thus becoming the subject matter expert!

How can you help? Well, first and foremost would be your prayers! Secondly, if you know of any prospective ELCA Minister that should be considered, we have a Nomination form that we can complete and submit to the Oregon Synod.

Blessings,

You're Call Committee

Adult Parish Education

Parish Ed will be hosting two series for Adult Ed for the month of February with the theme of Love.

We would like to invite the congregation to attend the following Adult Ed sessions between services on Sunday, February 16th and Sunday, February, 23rd.

Sunday, February 16th: Guest speaker: Lisa Montesana, Title 1 Homeless Liaison, Beaverton School District.

"What is being done for our homeless youth/families in Beaverton?"

Lisa will be speaking with us about the work that is being done for homeless youth in the Beaverton School District and the programs/resources that she coordinates at the District's HELP Center in Beaverton.

Sunday, February 23rd: Co-leaders: Pastor Al and Debbie Johnson.

"They will know we are Christians by our Love; what does that mean?"

Based upon reflections of Richard Rohr, we will discuss ways that we can "reach out" and serve.

Blessings, Debbie

All Church Luncheon

Thursday, February 6th

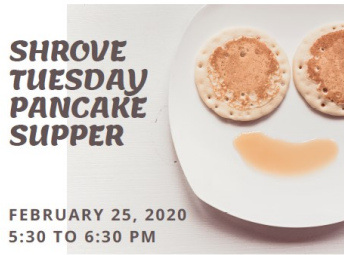
12:00 pm

Elmer's Restaurant

All are welcome!



Parish Education Committee



at SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WITH
SPECIAL CHEFS

**AL AND MARY ANN
SOLMONSON**

17625 NW CORNELL RD. BEAVERTON, OR 97006

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

February 25, 2020

5:30-6:30 pm.

Pastor Al and Mary Ann Solmonson have graciously volunteered to flip the pancakes for this event.

Why pancakes???? The tradition of celebrating Shrove Tuesday and eating pancakes began because people wanted to use up the tempting food (eggs, butter and fat) that they were giving up for Lent. Ash Wednesday follows the next day which starts the Lenten season. Shrove, derived from shrive, refers to the confession of sins as a preparation for Lent, a usual practice in Europe in the Middle Ages.

Little Lambs Sunday School for children ages 1-7 meets after the children's message at the 11 am worship service. Just come to the Sunday School classroom with your child (children under 3 need their parent to stay).



Mark your calendar for Shepherd's second annual **Community Easter Egg Hunt** to be held **April 4**. Volunteers will be needed. Contact Wendy R or anyone on the Parish Ed committee if you would like to help. Last year was our first event and over 75 children attended and over 12 SOV members volunteered.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

03 Shayne J

20 Divine H

05 Nathan J

08 Verna W

23 Gary G

10 Kathy T

23 Marion L

12 Dave R

29 Skylar J

17 Mitch R

18 Bruce G



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

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which is always held 46 days (40 fasting days and 6 Sundays) before Easter Sunday.

By observing the 40 days of **Lent**, some Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Others will practice the 40acts challenge using simple daily reflections and acts of generosity as a way of putting others first during preparations for Easter.

MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE FEBRUARY 25TH

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.</i></p> <p><i>John 15:12</i></p>						1
<p>2</p> <p>Worship 8:30 & 11:00 11:00 Little Lambs SS</p> <p>1:30 p OEC Groundhog Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 a Coffee group 9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> 
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<p>16</p> <p>Worship 8:30 & 11:00 9:45 a Adult Education Guest Speaker 11:00 Little Lambs SS 1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>17</p> <p>President's Day</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 a Coffee group 9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Worship 8:30 & 11:00 9:45 a Adult Education 11:00 Little Lambs SS 1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool 5:30 - 6:30 p Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 a Coffee group 9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> 