

**JULY
2009**

Shepherd of the Valley

It's Official...



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We have a permanent pastor....We welcome you Pastor Randy and Choice. If you missed the installation service on June 7, 2009 please visit the web site at sovlutheran.com to hear the installation podcast and view the installation pictures of this glorious event.

Thank you to the many volunteers and helping hands who made the installation a great success.

183 sets of silverware were wrapped and tied with ribbon by one senior and the occasional help of others.

The catering of the meal and tableware was donated by a two families.

The photography was done by one of our members.

It is a blessing to have so many wonderful members amongst our congregation. Thank you all for your gifts!

Pastor's Message... Submitted by Pastor Randy

"I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers." Ephesians 1:16

Those words of Paul cover thankfulness when the words themselves are not offered. Sometimes it is easy to forget, but it is always nice to be remembered in a thankful way.

So, I do want to offer thanks here, and while I will not name names, I trust that you know who you are and may want to remain nameless anyhow.

Thanks for the installation service and reception. They were wondrously done, and seemed to come off without effort, which means that a whole lot of effort went into them. They were a way that the people of this place praised God, were grand hosts to many, and in the end, they simply felt good and right. To have that sense of feeling from a time like that is something to give much thanks for.

Thanks for the welcoming, the prayers, for the taking care of business, for maintaining, growing and loving this place and the people that make it a community. As there are many things that witness to this presence of God amongst us I cannot help but think of the memorial service that I was a part of just a couple of weeks ago. As such times are a chance to share our sorrow and mourn as we must, they are also a chance to share love, compassion and joy. This service was a great witness to the love, compassion and joy of the people of God at SOV. The music, the pictures, the presence of people made it possible to just be in the moment and allow the sorrow and joy to wash over us. Thank God for the chance to do such a thing, and to be part of it and to know a God who guides us through it all.

Thank you for doing all the little things that add up big time. Taking care to prepare for worship on Sunday morning, cleaning up around the space, giving of time, talent and treasures in so many different ways. There are so many things that get done, that have gotten done, that will be taken care of, that I cannot help but give thanks in broad strokes.

I will continue to keep the people of God gathered here in prayer, prayers of thanks, of hopefulness and patience, growth and strength. Thank God for the lot of you.

And I boldly ask also that you continue to pray for me, that I might be a pastor worthy of the service that has been placed before me, and that wisdom and strength be God's work through me.

In the peace and power of the Cross,

Pastor Randy

Congratulations.....



Ann Smith and Jeff Wagemann have been selected as the 2009 recipients of the Thrivent "Shepherd Award" Congratulations for demonstrating Shepherd of the Valley's mission statement. "A caring community touched by Christ, touching others for Christ". Thank you for your countless hours of volunteer work to make SOV a better place.

Upcoming Events Offered by Northwest Oregon Group, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans:

July 30, 2009 - 6:00 pm
July 31, 2009 - 12:00 pm

Quarterly Investment Update
Quarterly Investment Update

Lake Oswego Office
Hillsboro Main Library

You are invited to join us at one of our informational meetings. For your convenience, we now have two locations: Lake Oswego, 4000 Kruse Way Place, or the Hillsboro Main Library Meeting Room, 2050 N.E. Brookwood Parkway, Hillsboro. Please call to reserve a space no later than the day before each workshop. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please call us at 503-635-2003.

A personal note from Ann SmithmithSmithSmith...

I feel that a "Thanks to all of you" is proper and necessary. But just to let all of you know how very much I appreciate your acknowledgement of my efforts to help out here at SOV.

I do think Peggy embellished on my activities but I have enjoyed every moment of my time spent here doing the fun things like reading old minutes, filing, and making file folder labels.

All kidding aside, I do want to Thank You for letting me be part of the SOV Family.

If all of you get the same enjoyment and satisfaction as I have, I feel that God has blessed me each day spent here.

Sincerely,

Ann Smith

Social Concerns - Submitted by Larina Hoffbeck

Outreach for May:

Volunteer hours: 42
Volunteer miles: 460
Furniture/clothing donations: \$375 (est.)
Weekly food baskets: 4
Monthly food baskets: 0
Donated food from SOV: \$70
Donated food from Light of Life: \$125

Rather than conducting our own backpack project this year, Social Concerns will be contributing to backpack programs run by Care to Share (<http://www.caretoshareonline.com/>) and LoveINC. (<http://www.loveincbeaverton.org/eventsnew.php>). We will be collecting funds to be split between the two organizations and providing volunteers to help with both of their events. Care to Share provides backpacks and supplies to the Beaverton School District where teachers and councilors distribute supplies to students in need. LoveInc. provides backpacks and supplies to students in middle and high school at an event on August 22nd. This event is supported and conducted by several area churches. Watch for more information on the Social Concerns bulletin board in July!

Missing Garden Hose...



Both Pat and Verna tried to water the plants outside this week, but NO hose, it was gone. Did someone move it?

This is the case of the missing garden hose. Any clues you have would be helpful.



August Newsletter Deadline... July 20, 2009

Treasurers Article



As we start a new program year, I wanted to let everyone know about some new steps that are going to be part of my job as your Treasurer. The main push for this next year is to provide information so all of the congregation understands our current financial situation and what can be done. Here are a few steps that I will be starting with:

- Provide up to date financial information to the membership via the newsletter. I would have had something for you this month, but the handoff of the books has not happened as of the time I wrote this.
- Post current financial information at the church on a bulletin board. I will attempt to update it every two weeks so we all have access to up to date information.
- We will continue to hold quarterly meetings about the budget (see the note below).
- There will also be a meeting in late summer about how to read the church financials and understand the budget. I have heard from some that they would like to offer feedback to the budget, but have a hard time making sense of it all.
- Provide reports types based on request. If you see a report, graph or any other type of financial representation and have a suggestion for more clarity, let me know. We can always strive to provide better information.

With all the projects our church has planned over the next few years, we must all take part in understanding the finances of the church. The budget and the financial reports are not something that is exclusive to the councils needs. They are created to meet your needs and help you decide how you can best meet the needs of the church.

The town hall meeting for the budget is scheduled for July 19th between services. Hope to see you all there.

As a final note, if anyone has any questions about the financials or suggestions, always feel free to contact me (by email or phone in the directory).

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Vignolo

SOV Treasurer

Around the Parish...By Ann Smith

Rebecca's ladies have a 'kitty' and it had \$26.77 in it. We took a vote and decided to donate it to the Deck Fun. Maybe they can buy a few nails to use when they re-build.

Installation 6-7-09; I've never been to an installation, this is my first but I could tell this is a big thing. Special bulletins, counting chairs, wrapping silver-ware ,measuring tables, checking that tablecloths are clean and pressed. You name it and someone had been doing it. I asked Pastor Randy, "Do we stand or salute or bow or do we go through a routine like becoming blood brothers or just hang a banner over his office door"? He assured me that none of the above was necessary. We just follow the instructions in the special bulletin and all well go well. So after the installation, he will be "ours". The gloves are off! All kidding aside we do 'Welcome' Pastor Randy with a full heart and open arms. We do have a lot to look forward to.

The ladies of SOV decided that they were going to do something to shoulder some of the responsibility for the expenses of SOV. Many suggestions were made, we know that we gather once a month and go out to dinner. So we thought what can we do to help out. One of the suggestions was 'how about a pot luck' at the church and put the money we would normally spend into a 'kitty'. We had planned to use it towards Pastor new PC but "New to You" funded that entire expense, so we thought some more, and decided how about the office's new printer, scanner , fax machine. So on Tuesday we collected \$150.00 towards the expense of the new office copier. Pretty darn good if you ask me. Charleen did a nice job decorating tables with Roses from her home garden, and even brought in a small stereo for music. In attendance was, Charleen Kuykendall, Clara Mashek, Elodis Lebon, Aggie Wagemann, Pearl Silverthorne (guest) Tammy McDonald, Tabitha McDonald, Mert Warneking, Patricia Nelson, Betty Stoltenburg, Karen Sugiyama, Ann Smith and special guest of honor **Pastor Randy**.

Around the Parish... Continued

We had a delightful surprise on Father's day at the second service. The Tabor trio consisting of Jameson, Jacob and Katrina Tabor made a one time appearance and led us in song through out the service. This was an unplanned, unpaid event. WE loved it! Thanks Kids!

SOFTBALL SEASON.....SUBMITTED BY MEGAN SAALFELD

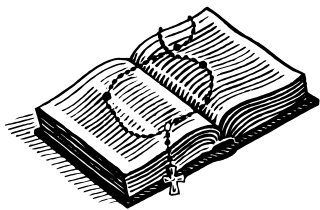
2009 Softball Schedule

6/21 - Father's Day - hold for make up games
6/28 - 4:30pm
July 5 - Fourth of July weekend - no game
7/19 - 2:45pm
7/26 - 1:00pm
8/02 - hold for make up games



Please contact Megan Saalfeld for
more details

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Bible Study...

Bible study on Wednesday mornings 10:00 –11:00 AM.

A very laid back casual group getting together to walk through the bible book by book. No bible knowledge required and No home work given. We meet in the rainbow room with Pastor Randy. Please feel free to come join us. We will even make the coffee!

Endings and new beginnings

Submitted by Peggy Vermaas, President

SUNDAY SCHOOL: June has brought the end of our Sunday School year. Kids celebrated with their classes and many participated in the Puppet Event at our Sunday Service. The singing of the kid's choir, the puppets and the Great Gorilla Guys! It was a joyful ending to a great year!

INSTALLATION: The Installation of our Pastor Randy followed in the afternoon. SOV was filled with friends, family, and Pastors. The food and flowers were very elegant and most folks remained to enjoy the reception. Our refugee youth and the Soggy Bottom Beaver Dam Boy's performed. Pictures will soon be available so watch for them in the Narthex. Thanks to Betty Stoltenburg for the invitations; to Carol Husk, Connie McFall, and Tammy McDonald who organized the reception; to Marlene Loftus, Pat Nelson, Ann Smith, and Beth Kight for the advance cleaning; to Jim Tabor and his sound system/set up/take down folks; Lloyd Huber-Dilbeck for pictures, and to others who pitched in as needed. It is a new beginning!!

ANNUAL MEETING: Our annual meeting was well attended. Elections were completed and the congregation passed two resolutions authorizing the Executive Council to proceed with the deck/fire escape project. Council plans to continue town hall meetings regularly in order to keep communication flowing with the next meeting scheduled for July 19th. More specific's will be announced. A pizza and salad lunch was provided but, as an FYI, the free will offering was over \$100 short of covering the cost of the food.

COUNCIL: On Thursday evening, the new Council met and endorsed the contract with Dave Saalfeld with modifications. The siding on the north wall of the kitchen has dry rot and so will be removed for repair and replacement. More problems may be revealed. At that time an upgrade on the kitchen window will be completed since there is the best access to that window at that time. Our message to Dave is to deal with problems that are revealed in the deck area. The additional cost is approximately \$3,000. We will keep you informed or ask Council members as needed. The contract will be available for member review upon request.

The Council scheduled a **retreat** for **Saturday, August 8th beginning at 9 AM**. The location and agenda are to be planned. The Council discussed general training issues, safety issues as it relates to the building, staff, and members, long term planning (bringing back the old and updating to new), and leadership training open for the congregation. Hopefully, committee's will get meetings scheduled and any new Council rep's decided soon.

SUMMARY: I will be limiting my reports to one page – so hitting the highlights. I encourage all to review the Council minutes, the weekly bulletins and the newsletter to keep informed.

Blessings to all and in Christ's service, Peggy

 Save the date for Vacation Bible School 2009!
Submitted by Kristi Ray

Vacation Bible School 2009! August 16-20

The SOV 2009 Vacation Bible School program is open to your friends, neighbors and the local churches in our community. We will offer a VBS program for kids in pre-school (open only to SOV), elementary, middle and high school. Our program will begin Sunday afternoon, August 16th, 2 to 5 pm, and continue in the evenings, August 17-20, Monday thru Thursday, from 6 PM to 8 pm for preschool and elementary students. We anticipate the older children will meet for VBS activities Monday thru Thursday that same week, between 1:30-3:30 PM. (We are still finalizing times)

Camp Lutherwood staff will join us this year with their SHINE program, materials and enthusiasm to teach our children.

SOV continues to have VBS volunteer opportunities for all ages including helping with transportation, food preparation and serving, decorating, clean up, and taking pictures.

The SOV VBS 2009 committee members include to date: Kristi Ray, Lisa Ramsey-Barnes, Sokha Kwan, Susan Vignolo, Christine Edgar, Jenny Graham, Mindy Ott, and Peggy Vermaas. Additional members welcome.

More information, including registration forms, will follow in the coming weeks.

Please, save the August 16-20 dates and consider joining in the VBS fun this summer.

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 * **NAME TAGS...** *
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Beth Kight and Ann Smith went through the name badges checking to see who did not have one. There are several missing of our members and regular attendees, can you please look around your home, office or car to see if yours maybe one of them...and return them back to church. But don't forget to wear them each Sunday so Pastor Randy and Choice as well as our guests can learn your name and face.

FROM THE DESK OF SOV'S PARISH NURSE——

Corrine Gilbertson

June 12th Health Team Meeting: Present were Brenda Plinke, Hope Roach, Erin Tarum, Lorna Hodgins, Eric Lewis, Pastor Randy, myself and new members Ada Burris and Caryl Husk. Absent were Karen Sugiyama and John Ratliff. Special guests were Diane Lewis and Peggy Vermaas

After opening devotions by Pastor Randy each of us shared a little about ourselves! Our agenda included discussions on Blood Pressure Sundays, CPR class update, the feasibility and cost of an AED life-pack for the church, visitations in the home and in Health Care Facilities, and keeping our Bulletin Board in the Narthex current with Health Information. We will discuss with Parish Ed. the possibility of another "Children's Sabbath Celebration" in October.

Peggy Vermaas gave a report on a meeting she attended @ Washington County on "Safety in and around our churches"! This is a growing concern with several of our area churches recently targets of vandalism!

At our Parish Nurses monthly meetings we are currently preparing "Educational Kits" re- Hypertension, Heart Failure, Prayer and Meditation, Grief and Loss, Changes in Living arrangements, Diabetes & Nutrition. They will be available on a "sign-out basis" for classes at our churches!

Oct. 24, 09 will be our annual Parish Nurse Fund Raising Event Humor and Health Fest # 4. @ The University of Portland. Many of you have been my guest at this event! It's an evening of Dinner and Entertainment! ---- Most enjoyable!

This was a productive meeting and I am hoping one or two of our members will take the Parish Nurse Course! Our next meeting will be July 17th @ 12:30 at the church! Continue to pray for us as we strive to carry out the mission of Parish Nursing ----- caring for you in Mind, Body and Spirit!

We are so grateful to have Pastor Randy on Board guiding and supporting us in this valuable ministry!

Peace, Corrine Gilbertson

**2nd Annual
Westside
Compassion**
A Helping Hand for the Community
You are Invited!



**Hillsboro
United Methodist Church**
168 NE 8th Ave.
Hillsboro, OR 97124

**Saturday
July 11, 2009
9:00am - 4:00pm**

We welcome underinsured members of the community to take part in Westside Compassion 2009.

We will be providing the following services:

- Screenings for basic health problems and referrals to private doctors and/or agencies
- Basic Dental Cleaning and Emergency Treatment
- Basic Chiropractic Exams
- Basic Eye Exams
- Social Service Fair
- Children's Activities
- Free Lunch
- Other Services

www.westsidecompassion.com

All are welcome! Westside Compassion is a non-profit organization. We will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, disability, marital status, national origin, sex, religious beliefs, or sexual orientation.



July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 a Bible Study	2 11:15 a Rebecca Circle Bible Study	3	4 Independence Day
5 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 Blood Pressure	6	7	8 10:00 a Bible Study	9	10 9:00 a S.S Costume Work day	11 10:00 a New to You
12 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 Birthday	13	14 6:30 p Executive Council	15 10:00 a Bible Study	16 7:00 p Council Meeting	17 9:00 a S.S Costume Work day	18
19 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30	20	21 6:30 p Ladies Dinner	22 10:00 a Bible Study	23	24 9:00 a S.S Costume Work day	25
26 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30	27 6:45 p Social Concerns Meeting	28	29 10:00 a Bible Study	30 9:00 a Rebecca Circle Work Party	31 9:00 a S.S Costume Work day	

