



# WEEKLY NEWS for the

# Flock

Welcome to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church (SOTV), ELCA

September 24 & 25, 2011



## Oktoberfest Worship and Dinner

Worship at 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 1 will be anything but typical, as hymns and songs are led by an all-star polka band of SOTV musicians. All are welcome!

After worship, the party continues with a special dinner of German favorites prepared by Chef Leiton Larson with more live polka music. Tickets to the dinner are \$20 and benefit the pipe organ. Sign up at the Welcome Center or at [www.sotv.org/events](http://www.sotv.org/events).

## Pipe Organ Countdown!



**7 WEEKS**  
until Dedication Weekend  
November 12-13!

For photos and updates visit  
[sotvorgan.blogspot.com](http://sotvorgan.blogspot.com).

## All-Church Serve Together

Saturday, October 15, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Let's all join together to serve the community this fall! Projects include making sandwiches, tying fleece blankets, sorting donations at Arc's Value Village (Age 8+), yard work for DARTS families, housework at LSS My House (Age 13+), and activities with seniors at Martin Luther Care Center.

Signup online or at the Welcome Center. Contact [Lori.Bullock@sotv.org](mailto:Lori.Bullock@sotv.org) for more information.

## Adult Education and Support

Many opportunities starting soon! See page 3.

## GodZone starts this week!

See back page for full details.

## ELCA Study Group Recommendations

The SOTV Church Council would like to hear your thoughts on the Study Group recommendations regarding the ELCA Social Statement on Sexuality.

Written responses may be e-mailed to Pastor Chris Smith by October 2 at [Chris.Smith@sotv.org](mailto:Chris.Smith@sotv.org).

There will also be an opportunity to present responses in person to the Council at their October 13 meeting. If you wish to attend the meeting and speak, please notify Pastor Chris at the same email address.

The recommendations and associated information are available at [www.sotv.org/elcastudy](http://www.sotv.org/elcastudy).

## Upcoming Events

O.K.'s German Dinner 

Saturday, October 15, 6:00 PM

Good food and fellowship with other "Older Kids" over 55. \$15/person

Pizza & Pipes Halloween Party

Saturday, October 29, 6:00 PM

Food, costume parade and scary organ tunes for kids and their families! \$3/person. Benefits the Pipe Organ.

30th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, November 13, 5:00 PM

Pipe Organ Recital and Dinner

Friday, November 18, 6:00 PM

\$25/person. Benefits the Pipe Organ.

Even more events listed inside!

## Fall Worship Schedule

### Celebration Worship (Sanctuary)

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 AM

### The Table (Great Hall)

Sunday 9:45 & 11:00 AM

## This Weekend in the Narthex:

Blood Pressure Screenings  
(in Admin Office)

Books for Bethlehem  
(see bottom of page 2)

## Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, ELCA

Christopher Smith, Senior Pastor

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[www.sotv.org](http://www.sotv.org)

Main Line: (952) 432-6351

Children, Youth & Family office:  
(952) 432-6385

## Baptisms

Baptism class is required for families preparing for their first baptism at SOTV.

Contact Merilu Narum at (952) 985-7326 to schedule your baptism with the church one to two months in advance. Baptism forms must be completed prior to scheduling and are available at the Welcome Center or online.

## Preschool Registrations

Celebrating Children Preschool will begin their 18th year this September. **There are still a few openings** in the 3 & 4 year old morning classes and the 4 & 5 year old afternoon class.

Please call Sandy Gleasing for more information: (952) 985-7370.

## Nursery & KidCare

Questions, contact:  
Jeanne Mikulski (952) 985-7357

During worship hours, nursery is available at no charge for children ages six weeks through three years.

For programs other than worship, Shepherd of the Valley's KidCare provides childcare for children ages six weeks - 12 years. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Register online at [www.sotv.org](http://www.sotv.org).

## Parish Nurses

Parish Nurses are available for care and consultation on any number of health issues. Rose Mahlum, RN is the lead nurse on staff at SOTV.

Rose can be reached at (952) 985-7365 or [Rose.Mahlum@sotv.org](mailto:Rose.Mahlum@sotv.org). Her office consultation hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 - 11:00 AM.

## Got News for the Flock?

Submissions are due for the weekly newsletter every Tuesday at Noon.

Contact Trip Sullivan at (952) 985-7311, or [Trip.Sullivan@sotv.org](mailto:Trip.Sullivan@sotv.org).

Online versions of our newsletters and a sign up form to receive our newsletters via e-mail are available at [www.sotv.org/news](http://www.sotv.org/news).

## Gather

### Artist's Corner Outing: Caponi Art Park

**Saturday, October 8**

Meet at Caponi Art Park's parking lot at 9:00 AM, stay as long as you like! Entrance in Eagan on Diffley Road, south side just east of Pilot Knob.

Fall colors should be beginning—and it's a great time to get outside and do some photography, painting, or other art.

### Women in New Konnections (WINK)

WINK is a point of contact for women who attend church alone and would like to connect with others. Join us each Sunday, 10:45 - 11:00 AM at the round table near the Welcome Center. Upcoming events include:

#### Hastings Daytrip

Friday, October 14, 9:30 AM  
Antiquing around Hastings and lunch at The Depot.

## Men's "Theology on Tap"

**The 3rd Tuesday of each month  
next date: October 18  
7:00 - 9:00 PM  
Old Chicago Restaurant**

Gather with Pastor Chris Steubing to enjoy fellowship and conversations about questions of faith, God, and spirituality in real life.

Questions? Contact Pastor Chris Steubing at (952) 985-7306 or [Chris.Steubing@sotv.org](mailto:Chris.Steubing@sotv.org).

## Cooking Up Satisfaction in Your Relationship A Couples' Cooking Event with Chef Leiton Larson

**Friday, October 28  
6:00 - 8:30 PM  
Cost: \$20/couple  
Limited to 30 couples**

A fun night of fun and fellowship with other couples. We'll prepare and share a four-course meal together, led by our own Chef Leiton. This promises to be way more fun than cooking at home or a date night at a chain restaurant.

Special appearance by SOTV's own Brad and Angelina—**Pastor Duane and his wife, Phyllis**—who will share their own marital insights and stories.

## Men's November Breakfast

**Saturday, November 5  
8:00 - 10:00 AM  
\$5 suggested donation**

Speaker: Dr. Darrell Jodock, Professor of Religion at Gustavus Adolphus College. His topic is: "Hope in an Age of Anxiety and Fear." He will discuss how two different views of the end of the world respond differently to the anxiety that seems to pervade current American society.

## Women's Holiday Brunch Blessings from the Heart, Sharing Your Gifts

**Saturday, November 19  
9:00 - 11:00 AM  
Cost: \$12/person KidCare: \$4/child  
Featuring Mary Beth Carlson,  
gifted pianist and speaker**

Through her music and storytelling, Mary Beth will present a program about passing on our legacy of faith and sharing our faith stories of hope, as expressed in her song "Blessings from the Heart."

## Supporting Our Neighborhood School

School has started and we are looking for people interested in supporting Falcon Ridge Middle School. We are seeking volunteers interested in supporting teachers in the classroom, doing administrative tasks and more. For more details, please contact Lisa Hegerman at (952) 985-7329.

## September Book Drive

### Benefits children living in Bethlehem

During the month of September, please bring any gently used or new book to the drop-off box in the Narthex. The Holy Land Shepherds are collecting them for the children in Bethlehem and hope to ship 1,000 books to the Holy Land in October!

To read about the Holy Land Shepherd's trip this past March, and the books they brought to Bethlehem, please visit: [sotvholylandpilgrimage2011.blogspot.com](http://sotvholylandpilgrimage2011.blogspot.com).

## Give

### Our Daily Bread Food Shelf

#### Looking for an easy way to support our food shelf?

Designate a portion of your charitable contributions through your employer to our food shelf. Many employers coordinate charitable giving through payroll deductions and some even match (Matching contributions will need to be sent to 360 Communities because employers cannot match to a faith-based organization).

**If your employer does match contributions**, please indicate the following information on your pledge form:

Organization Name: 360 Communities - Apple Valley Food Shelf  
Address: 501 E Hwy 13, Suite 102, Burnsville, MN 55337

**If your employer does not match**, or if you prefer, SOTV can be indicated on your pledge form using the following information:

Organization Name: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church - Food Shelf  
Address: 12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Road, Apple Valley, MN 55124

**Most needed items this week:** spaghetti sauce, pasta, rice mixes, soup, canned peas. Please check the white boards for up-to-date needs each week.

**Thank you for your support!**

 = Register online or at the Welcome Center. [www.sotv.org/events](http://www.sotv.org/events)

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## Fall Adult Education

### Finding Glory in the Thorns

**Women's Bible Study**  
Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM  
October 4 - November 15  
Cost: \$12 for materials

### Faithful Abundant True

**Women's Bible Study**  
by Beth Moore, Kay Arthur  
and Priscilla Shirer  
Tuesday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 AM  
September 20 - December 13  
Cost: \$20. KidCare: \$52/child

### I and II Samuel

Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Eight week study with  
Pastor Duane Paetznick  
Starting September 22  
Cost: \$10. KidCare: \$24/child

### Friday Morning Bible Study

Interpreting the Book of Revelation

Fridays, 9:30 - 11:30 AM  
Seven week study with  
Pastor Mary Lund  
Starting September 23  
Cost: Free

### Guided by the Spirit: A Study on Prayer

Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 AM  
Four week study led by  
Sanna Ellingson  
Starting September 20  
Cost: Free. KidCare: \$16/child

### Seniors Learning Together (SALT)

**Mondays, 9:30-11:45 am**  
**September 26,**  
**October 3 & 10**  
Church of the Risen Savior  
1501 E. Co. Rd. 42, Burnsville  
The fall series of enrichment opportunities for seniors will be underway soon! Pick up a SALT brochure at the Welcome Center.

### Karen Armstrong's "The Bible: A Biography"

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Eight week study with  
Pastor Duane Paetznick  
Starting November 1  
Cost: \$10. KidCare: \$24/child

Karen Armstrong, former nun, literature professor, and bestselling author recounts the history of the Bible, examining some 2,000 years of biblical interpretation and condensing them into eight short chapters.

### Conversation Peace

**Women's Bible Study**  
Wednesdays, 5:45 - 6:45 PM  
October 26 - December 14  
Cost: \$12 for materials

Mary Kassian presents seven biblical principals to help revolutionize their speech habits and positively avoid gossip, throwing negative barbs or snapping sarcastically. Improve your relationships by allowing God's Word to transform your heart.

Includes a short video and small group discussion. Perfect for parents of kids who are attending GodZone or Confirmation on Wednesday.

## Care & Support

### Growing Through Loss

**"The Seasons of Your Grief" presented by Joyce Besser, MARL**

**Tuesday, September 27 at Shepherd of the Valley**  
**Registration, 6:30; Program, 6:55**  
**Suggested Donation Per Session: \$3.00**

This program is offered to any adult experiencing a loss or major crisis and to Pastoral Ministers, i.e., Befrienders and Stephen Ministers.

For additional information, call: (952) 890-0045 or e-mail: [gtl@mmotc.org](mailto:gtl@mmotc.org).

### GriefShare Support Group

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM  
Starting September 15  
Cost: \$15, includes new workbook.  
KidCare: \$27/child

Video series featuring Christian experts on grief and recovery topics. Each session includes support group time to discuss the video and share their grief. Facilitated by Pastor Diane Sponheim and Pat Drake, Parish Nurse. Contact Pat Drake at (612) 384-3403. Scholarships are available.

### DivorceCare

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 PM  
Starting September 8  
Cost: \$15, includes new workbook  
KidCare: \$60/child

Video series featuring experts on divorce and recovery, with a new topic each week. Each session includes support group time to share real life experiences. Scholarships are available.

### Depression Support Coalition

Offering information, education, support, and spiritual hope to those affected by depression, as well as their families.

#### Support Group Meetings

**For family members and loved ones of those with depression:**  
6:30 PM Tuesday evenings  
Contact: Randy Goeke (952) 240-2754

**For individuals with depression:**  
6:30 PM Tuesday evenings  
or 10:00 AM Wednesday mornings  
Contact: Richard Erickson  
(651) 788-0275

**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
13901 Fairview Drive, Burnsville  
Christian Life Center, Room 110

#### Monthly Educational Speakers

**"How Do We Love the Difficult Person"**  
Gloria Englund, B.S., MA

**Thursday, October 6**  
**7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
13901 Fairview Drive,  
Burnsville, MN 55337

Contact: Richard Erickson  
(952)788-0275

## Ongoing...

### Knitters & Crocheters

Want to make Prayer Shawls?  
Contact: [Jill.Johnson@sotv.org](mailto:Jill.Johnson@sotv.org)  
or (952) 985-7381.

### Down Syndrome Parent Support Group

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30 - 8:30 PM.  
Contact Suzy Runkel at (952) 891-5082 or [suzynelson@hotmail.com](mailto:suzynelson@hotmail.com).

### Faith Partners: Promoting Chemical Health

If you or someone you know is affected by chemical abuse, please contact Karen (952) 201-6193 or Scott (952) 431-2566.

### CBC (Challenged by Cancer)

For women living with cancer to gather and support each other. Meets every 2nd Tuesday 7 - 9 PM.  
Contact: Cher Nelson,  
Parish Nurse, (612) 209-1404,  
[cher.nelson@sotv.org](mailto:cher.nelson@sotv.org)

### Compassionate Friends South of the River

Meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM.  
For all parents who are grieving the loss of a child of any age from any cause. Contact: Susan Ferber, (651) 683-9236, [susan@ferbers.us](mailto:susan@ferbers.us).

### Sarah Circle Bible Study

2nd Saturdays, 8:30 - 9:30 AM  
Contact: Judy Anderson  
(651) 207-8407

### Shalom Circle Bible Study

3rd Thursdays, 1:30 - 3:30 PM

### Wednesday Coffee for Men

Wednesdays at 9:00 AM in the Atrium

### Men's Bible Studies

Tuesday Mornings: 6:00 - 7:00 AM  
Wednesday Evenings: 6:00 - 7:15 PM  
Friday Mornings: 6:30 - 8:00 AM  
Contact: Pastor Chris Steubing  
(952) 985-7306

### Job Connections Group

Unemployed, underemployed, or in job transition?

**Advanced Interviewing Skills, How to Get Hired Part 2**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 27, 6:30 - 8:15 PM**  
**Prince of Peace, Burnsville, MN**

More info: (952) 898-9388  
[www.princeofpeaceonline.org/icg](http://www.princeofpeaceonline.org/icg)



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# Children, Youth and Family (CYF)

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CYF Office: (952) 432-6385

## GodZone (PK - Grade 5)



GodZone starts this Sunday and Wednesday.

- **Parents of children PK-Grade 3** are invited to a “meet and greet” with their teachers during the last 15 minutes of the first sessions on Sunday and Wednesday.
- **Parents attending Sunday worship** during their child’s GodZone session will be prompted by the pastors when to leave worship for this “meet and greet.”
- **Grades 1-3** will be in Room 21 and **PK-K** will be in Room 14. **Grades 4-5** will not have a parent meet and greet this week.

**A gift of a new Spark Story Bible will be given to each new preschooler in GodZone this weekend.** These Bibles are used in GodZone through Grade 3 and special Bible reading programs have been designed to nurture their Bible Reading at home. Thank you for your partnership and support in making God’s Story available to them.

**Crew Leaders are still needed on for PK, Grade 3 and Grades 4-5.** Please contact Jeanne at (952) 985-7357 or e-mail [jeanne.mikulski@sotv.org](mailto:jeanne.mikulski@sotv.org)

### GodZone Extra: A Bonfire for Zone 45

**Saturday, October 8, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Cost \$5.00**

Gather friends and crew members for an evening of games, s’mores and fun! The evening will also include a special service project for our GodZone friends in Tanzania. Register online at [www.sotv.org](http://www.sotv.org)

## High School (Grades 9-12)

### PBS (Panera Before School)


**Mondays when school is in session, 6:30 AM**  
**Apple Valley Panera** (off Cedar and County 42)

### The NEW(!) URL (Unwind, Recharge, and Learn)

**Wednesdays during school year, starting September 28, 8:15 – 9:00 PM**

Mark the halfway point of your week with a “God pause”: meet in the Shepherd’s Room for 30 minutes of rest, reflective worship, scripture reading, and prayer, followed by a tasty treat.

## Confirmation (Grades 6-9)

Registration for 2011-2012 is now open. 

**Classes start soon!**

Confirmation meets during the school year on Wednesday nights.

Kick-Off Night for 6th-8th grades is on **Wednesday, September 21** and 9th grade Kick-Off Night is on **Wednesday, September 28**. Parents are asked to attend this first Confirmation session along with their children.

Youth in **6th or 7th grade** can choose from one of the following times: 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, or 7:00 PM. Classes for **8th grade** meet at 3:15, 5:45 or 7:00 PM (no 4:30 class). The entire **9th grade** class meets at 7:00 PM.

You may register online, at the Welcome Center or at the Children, Youth and Family (CYF) office. Questions? Call (952) 432-6385.

## 6th Grade Worship and Serve Together Celebration

**Sunday, October 9, 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

We LOVE welcoming 6th graders and their parents into Confirmation, and October 9 is a special community celebration of this new stage in their faith journey. Students receive a special gift and blessing at the 11:00 AM service and have the opportunity to worship and serve together. Parents play a special role in both the gift-giving and the afternoon service learning activities. Everyone bring a bag lunch!

## Middle School Friday Nights

### Run Ragged ‘Til Midnight

**Friday, October 14, 7:00 PM - Midnight, Cost: \$30**

It’s our biggest, craziest middle school event of the year! Come to church and find fun every where you turn: bounce around on giant inflatables, play carnival games, get a makeover at the hair and nail salon, Dance, Dance, Revolution until you drop, rap with Agape, and so much more. Limited to 150 participants.

## All Youth (Grades 6-12)

### 2012 Summer Trip Sign-Up Night

**Sunday, October 9**

**Grades 9-12: 6:00 PM; Grades 6-8: 7:00 PM**

The summer trip booklet is now available at church and at [www.sotv.org/youthforms](http://www.sotv.org/youthforms). A parent signature and \$200 (nonrefundable) deposit are required in order to hold your spot. If you cannot be present that evening, call the CYF office after sign-up night to see if there are any spots left or to put your name on the waiting list. Sorry, we will not accept any early registrations. (This process does NOT include Summer Camps: Wapo, Ox Lake, Journey of the Cross, or Luther Dell; watch for 2012 summer camp materials in February.)