



WEEKLY NEWS for the

Flock

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

October 15-16, 2011

30th Anniversary Blast from the Past!



This photo is from a 1987 "Talent Night." Were you there that night? Do you know who the "Village Kids" pictured are?

Come have a blast and relive more of our shared past at the **30th Anniversary Show, Sunday, November 13, 5:00 PM.** All are welcome to attend this free celebration!

Calling Moms of all Ages!

Are you a Mom seeking fun and friendship? Our Moms' Group meets Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:15 AM to discuss relevant topics, share ideas and laugh with fellow Moms over coffee and snacks. A small fee is collected only on the days you attend. Kidcare is provided in the Nursery. For more information, call Linda Nelson (651) 431-9749 or email lindanel@gmail.com.

Announcements

Sunday Adult Forum

Sundays at 9:45 AM in the Chapel

Nancy Koester, our resident theologian for the last two weeks returns for one final session. The topic "**Liberalism and Fundamentalism**" covers the great divorce in American Protestantism, which started around 1900, and still affects American Christianity today.

There Adult Forum will take a one-week break on Sunday, October 23, and resume on Sunday, October 30.

Are You Interested in Traveling to Tungamalenga?

The next travel info session is Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 PM. The next trip to partner congregation in Tanzania is July 24 - August 6. Estimated cost is \$4000. Applications and more info are available at our website and at the Welcome Center. If you have questions, contact Kirsten.Levorson@sotv.org.

Bi-monthly Flock to become quarterly in December.

Submissions due Monday, October 17 to Trip.Sullivan@sotv.org for December, January and February.

Pipe Organ Countdown!





4 WEEKS

until Dedication Weekend
November 12-13!


For photos and updates visit sotvorgan.blogspot.com.

Upcoming Events

O.K.'s Christmas at Mayowood 
Tuesday, November 15, 8:30 am
Registration ends Oct 16. More info p.2

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.

Annual Christmas Boutique
Saturday, November 12, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Benefits the library, kitchen and youth trips. More info p.2

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:

Fair-Trade Coffee
LSS Ambassadors
Books for Bethlehem

Next week:

The Minnehaha Mandskor performs at Sunday services

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, ELCA

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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 in September. **There are a few spots** still available in the 4 & 5 year old afternoon class. Please call Sandy Glessing 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.

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. 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.

The deadline for the next quarterly newsletter is Monday, October 17.

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

PDF versions of our newsletters and a sign-up form to receive them via e-mail are available online at: www.sotv.org/news.

Gather

O.K.'s (Older Kids)

Christmas at Mayowood 
Tuesday, November 15
Cost: \$40
Bus departs from SOTV at 8:30 AM

A private tour of the beautifully Christmas decorated Mayowood Mansion in Rochester and lunch at the Covered Bridge Restaurant in Zumbrota. **You must sign up and pay by Sunday, October 16.**

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.

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."


"From Me to We" Financial Workshop

Tuesday, November 15
6:30 - 8:30 PM
Led by Chris Sipe
Cost: Free

Are you engaged or newly married? Find common ground with money management and work together to reach your goals. During this free workshop you'll learn how to take steps to identify your values and attitudes about money, set goals and use a budget to reach them, manage your money together.

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:

Historic Murphy's Landing 
Saturday, December 3, 9:30 AM
Tickets: \$6.50 & \$7.00

Give

Holy Land Book Drive

Benefits children living in Bethlehem

During the month of October, 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.

Working with Kids...

**A small time commitment,
a big difference for students**

Falcon Ridge Middle School is looking for people interested in working with 7th and 8th graders two days a week for just over an hour on homework in small group settings. If interested, please contact Lisa Hegerman at (952) 985-7329 or Lisa.Hegerman@sotv.org.

Our Daily Bread Food Shelf

**Help needed with
community outreach**

As our food shelf continues to expand, engaging the broader community is crucial to maintaining a steady stream of food donations. Volunteers are needed to contact schools, churches and organizations that coordinate food drives, and to provide information and resources to our outreach partners. Please contact Lisa Hegerman at (952) 985-7329 or Lisa.Hegerman@sotv.org.

**Most needed food
items this week:**

Green beans, Chunky and Progresso soups and spaghetti sauce.

Please check the white boards for up-to-date needs.

Thank you for your support!

Annual Christmas Boutique

Saturday, November 12,
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Global Missions Table

Buy Christmas gifts with a purpose this year! Glass ornaments (supports Lutherans at work in the Middle East), handcrafted baskets and jewelry (supports our Tungamalenga friends), fair trade coffee, and more! Stop by and check out all our unique items!

Bakers Needed!

Please help the library buy new books, DVDs, CDs, by contributing baked goods to the library bake sale at the annual boutique.

Baked goods can be delivered to the library on Friday, November 11 or the day of the boutique.

Please have goods labeled, but not priced.

Karen Armstrong's "The Bible: A Biography"

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Four week study with
Pastor Duane Paetznick
Starting November 1
Cost: FREE. KidCare: \$15/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. Participants should purchase book on their own.

Book That Matter: *One Thousand Gifts*

Saturday, October 22
7:00 - 8:30 PM
Facilitated by Pastor Diane Sponheim

Ann Voskamp's story is not happily ever after. Despite a life full of pain, she strives in *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are* to find the meaning of life and fully embrace the surprising truth from the final scenes of Jesus' earthly life.

A limited number of books will be available for \$12 and are also available at all major books stores.

Conversation Peace

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

Mary Kassian masterfully presents seven biblical principles to help women revolutionize their speech habits and positively avoid sharing gossip, throwing negative barbs, or snapping sarcastic replies throughout everyday life. Discover how you can improve your relationships by allowing God's Word to transform your heart.

This study includes a short video session followed by small group discussion. Enjoy an hour of Bible study while your kids are attending GodZone or Confirmation.

Knitters & Crocheters

Want to make Prayer Shawls?
Contact: 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.

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 7:00 - 9:00 PM.
Contact: Cher Nelson, Parish Nurse, (612) 209-1404, 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.

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?

"Developing a Successful Job Search Strategy"
Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 - 8:15 PM
Prince of Peace, Burnsville, MN
More info: (952) 898-9388
www.princeofpeaceonline.org/icg

Care & Support

Growing Through Loss

with **Kris Linner, MDiv**
Bereavement Coordinator
St. Jude Hospice

Kris will speak on "Coping with Grief During the Holidays"

Last in a four-week series at Shepherd of the Valley

Tuesday, October 18
Registration, 6:30; Program, 6:55
Suggested Donation: \$3/session

This program is offered to any adult experiencing a loss or major crisis and to Pastoral Ministers.

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

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
13901 Fairview Drive, Burnsville
Christian Life Center, Room 110

Monthly Educational Speakers

"Depression and Spirituality"
Rev. Jerry R. Storm

Monday, November 7
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Location: Shepherd of the Valley
Contact: Julie Opheim
(952) 432-6351

GriefShare Support Group

This class has been cancelled.

DivorceCare

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
September 8 - December 15
Cost: \$15, includes new workbook

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.

Suicide Survivor Support Group

2nd Tuesdays and 4th Thursdays
7:00 - 8:30 PM
Mary Mother of the Church
3333 Cliff Road, Burnsville
Park in West parking lot, enter main door, and look for sign.

This is a support group for those who are surviving the loss of a loved one who died by suicide. For information, call Toni at (952) 890-0122.

More Support Groups

See the rightmost sidebar for more support groups.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Administrative Assistant, Publications Part-time

A full job description is available at: www.sotv.org/jobs. Please contact Jennifer Maxwell if you are interested at (952) 985-7313 or Jennifer.Maxwell@sotv.org.

Empowering the Caregiver

Monday, November 7
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Social Hall at St. John Neumann
4030 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan

An evening of information, reflection and affirmation designed to honor the caregivers within our community. We believe all of us have been, are, or will be impacted with caregiving sometime during our life.

Please register for this free event by calling the church office: (651) 454-2079 or by submitting the registration form at sjn.org.

Registration deadline is Nov. 1!





Children, Youth and Family (CYF)

News & Events | October 15 & 16, 2011 CYF Office: (952) 432-6385

**No GodZone or Confirmation
on Wednesday, October 19**

No GodZone on Sunday, October 23

GodZone (PK - Grade 5)



**GodZone 2011-12
is now in session!**

PK-K Little Builders:

Bible Story: Noah's Ark - Genesis 6:8-22,
7:1-24 page 20 in the Spark Story Bible

Grades 1-5:

Tanzanian Event: Rafiki kwa Rafiki
(Friend to Friend)

Focus: Resourcefulness

Rotations: Schools, Games
and Construction

GodZone Goes to Worship

**Grades 1-5 (Crew 1-2, Onsite 3, Zone 45)
Reformation Sunday, October 30.**

Grades 4-5 will begin their worship series. Be sure to pick up t-shirts in the Atrium next to the "hg" (Hold Ground) sign. They will return to their classrooms during the last hymn.

Grades 1-3 will process into the sanctuary during their scheduled Sunday GodZone session for "Good News for Kids" (children's time) and special music. Afterwards, they will return to their classrooms.

Wednesday GodZone children are invited to worship with their parents and come forward with the other children "on cue."

Questions? Please feel free to contact Mim at (952) 985-7350 or mim.campbell@sotv.org.

GodZone Shares a Book or Two

October 2 - October 16

GodZone is partnering with the Holy Land Shepherds to gather gently used children's books to share with libraries and hospitals in Bethlehem and surrounding areas.

Shelves will be set up outside GodZone classrooms for donated books.

High School (Grades 9-12)

Sunday Night Dive In

**5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Shepherd's Room
Session I: October 16, 23, 30,
and November 6**

"Dive in" to important topics using the Bible, YouTube and other videos, music, random exciting activities, your most burning questions and brilliant ideas. Come once or every time we meet

College Care Packages

If you would like a college care package sent to your son or daughter, go online to www.sotv.org/events or stop by the Welcome Center to submit their college address (online click: "College Care Packages").

The Care Package assembly will take place on Sunday, November 20, from 4:00 - 6:00 PM.

ONGOING CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES...

GodZone (PK - Grade 5)

**Sundays and Wednesdays
Call for available times**

GodZone is our fun and engaging Christian Education program for Preschool through Grade 5.

Children can join any time throughout the year. To register, visit the Welcome Center or our website www.sotv.org/children/godzone.shtml. Call the Children, Youth and Family (CYF) Office if you have any questions: (952) 432-6385

Confirmation (Grades 6-9)

**Wednesday nights
Call for available times**

Confirmation for 2010-2011 is underway, although kids can join any time throughout the year. Call Barb Schulz in the Children, Youth and Family (CYF) Office if you have any questions or to register for a small group. (952) 985-7351

High School (Grades 9-12)

URL (Unwind, Recharge and Learn)

**Wednesdays 8:00 - 9:15 PM
(during school year)**

Shepherd Room

Informal youth gatherings to connect with friends and meet new people.

PBS (Panera Before School)

**Mondays at 6:30 AM
(during school year)**

**Apple Valley Panera,
off Cedar & County 42**

Jumpstart your week with faith friends, scripture, and prayer (not to mention a tasty breakfast!) We guarantee you will make it to school on time, perky as can be.