



WEEKLY NEWS for the

Flock

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

October 1 & 2, 2011

All-Church ServeTogether

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 for more information.

Pipe Organ Countdown!



6 WEEKS
until Dedication Weekend
November 12-13!

For photos and updates visit
sotvorgan.blogspot.com.



Sunday Adult Forum Begins This Week

Sundays at 9:45 am in the Chapel

Nancy Koester, an author with a Ph.D. in historical theology, will be our professor in residence for the next three weeks speaking about various issues and people in American Church history:

Sunday, October 2 - Harriet Beecher Stowe (above), a Christian author (*Uncle Tom's Cabin*) who overcame personal tragedy to be a powerful voice in the anti-slavery movement.

Sunday, October 9 - The Civil War and Religion

Sunday, October 16 - Liberalism and Fundamentalism

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 **this Sunday**, October 2, at 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.

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:

Oktoberfest Worship & Dinner
(Saturday)

Communion Worship & Dinner
for 10th graders & parents
(Sunday night)

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, ELCA

Christopher Smith, Senior Pastor

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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 Gleissing 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.

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

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.

Give

Our Daily Bread Food Shelf

ALERT: The food pantry is very low in supplies.

Your donations are critical to helping families get the food they need. 100 bags were given away just this past Tuesday alone. Volunteers must go out and purchase food to keep up with the demand.

Most needed items this week: pasta, rice and pasta mixes, canned peas, juice boxes, kidney beans. Please check the white boards for up-to-date needs each week.

Thank you for your support!

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.

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 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.

October Narthex Collection: Hug Bags

"Hug Bags" are given to women and teens in our congregation to uplift them in times of sorrow.

Below is a list of the items we are currently accepting. Store purchased items are preferred (4-8 oz).

- body wash/shower gel and lotion (matching sets 4-8 oz)
- shower scrubbies/puffs
- fuzzy, stretchy socks/slipper socks
- nice soaps
- individual beverage packets (tea, coffee, cocoa, cider)
- coffee mugs
- inspirational items (magnets, flip inspirational calendars, crocheted crosses, small angels, bookmarks, notepads, pens, etc)
- teen (ages 13-18) focused items (gum, lip gloss, fun nail polish, cute notepads, fun bookmarks)

If you have questions, please call Terri Henneman (651) 414-0268.

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."

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.

The Salvation Army Coat Distribution

**Thursday, October 27
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

Easter Lutheran Church
4545 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan

Families with children, infant-12th grade, living in Dakota, Scott, or Carver County are eligible to receive coats based on availability.

The adult picking up coats must bring his/her picture ID, a current piece of mail and a form of ID for each child (medical card, social security card, birth certificate, etc.).

Please note: This is unconnected to SOTV's annual winter outerwear collection that begins in November.



= Register online or at the Welcome Center. www.sotv.org/events

Grow

Fall Adult Education

Book Discussion:
Heaven is for Real

Tuesday, October 11
7:00 - 8:30 PM
Led by **Pastor Mary Lund**
and **Pastor Duane Paetznick**

Heaven is For Real, a recent best-seller, is the true story of three year old Colton Burpo's astounding trip to heaven and back as told by his father, a Nebraska pastor. Colton's stories of heaven emerge after he has emergency surgery. Join us as we talk about the book, share impressions about it, and do some Bible study together. There is no cost, but participants should purchase their own book.

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.

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

Seniors Learning Together (SALT)

Mondays, 9:30-11:45 AM
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.

Finding Glory in the Thorns

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

This study shows how God reveals himself amidst life's challenges. Lisa Jamieson, speaker at this year's fall breakfast, is the author of this study.

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 speech habits and improve your relationships by allowing God's Word to transform your heart. Perfect for parents of kids who are attending GodZone or Confirmation on Wednesday.

Care & Support

Growing Through Loss

with **Theresa and Jessica Zimanske**,
Founder/CEO and Contributor of
Be The Change, patient and family
perspectives in health care

Theresa and Jessica will speak on
"Changed Family Dynamics and
Relationships - A Mother/Daughter
Perspective"

The second in a four-week series
at Shepherd of the Valley
Tuesday, October 4
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.

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

GriefShare Support Group

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Cost: \$15, includes new workbook.

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
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 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.

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

More Support Groups

See the *rightmost sidebar* for more support groups.

Ongoing...

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 - 9 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?

Managing Your Job Search Week

Tuesday, October 4, 6:30 - 8:15 PM
Prince of Peace, Burnsville, MN

More info: (952) 898-9388
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 2011-12 is now in session!

Over 900 children (PK - Grade 5) and 150 leaders are opening up their hearts and minds to another year of faith "under construction!"

Registration is still open for all sessions with the exception of a few specific grade levels. Forms are available online, at the Welcome Center and in the Children, Youth and Family (CYF) office. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jeanne at (952) 985-7357.

Donate Books for Bethlehem Children 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.

GodZone Goes to Worship

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

Children 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 Extra: 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/events.

Lutheran College Fair

**Monday, October 3
6:45 PM Registration, 7:00 PM
Financial Seminar, 7:30-9:00 PM**

College Fair with reception and hors d'oeuvres
St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 13600 Technology
Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344. More info:
www.lutherancolleges.org/events

Confirmation (Grades 6-9)

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, play "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. 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.)

ONGOING CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES...

GodZone (PK - Grade 5)

**Sundays and Wednesdays,
Various 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,
Various 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.