



WEEKLY NEWS for the


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

October 29-30, 2011

30th Anniversary Blast from the Past!



The 30th Anniversary Show 
Sunday, November 13, 5:00 PM.
Appetizer Reception: 6:15 PM

Reminisce through three decades of our shared past with stories, pictures, videos and music.

Please RSVP online or at the Welcome Center for this free celebration. A freewill offering will be taken.

Left: The "New" Sanctuary in Easter, 1989, now called the Great Hall. What other parts of the building have had different names and uses over the years?

Pipe Organ Countdown!



2 WEEKS

until Dedication Weekend
November 12-13!

For photos and updates visit sotvorgan.blogspot.com.

Upcoming Events

Sunday Adult Forum

Sundays at 9:45 AM in the Chapel

October 30: "The Parables of Jesus: Some Perspectives, Convictions, and Delights" presented by Rev. Dr. Arland J. Hultgren, Professor Emeritus of New Testament, Luther Seminary

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, 6:30 PM

\$25/person. Benefits the Pipe Organ.

Even more events listed inside!

Blessed to be a Blessing: Tanzanian Scholarship Program

Fewer than 15% of Tanzanian students can afford to attend school past a sixth grade level. Your gifts provide the opportunity of a lifetime.

Just \$1 a day or \$360 per year provides tuition, room and board for one student. SOTV supports 150 secondary and university students through our Tungamalenga Partnership.

Write checks payable to SOTV with "TZ scholarship" in the memo, or use Simply Giving to make monthly payments. Gifts or commitments needed by December 1.

Questions? Contact Kirsten.Levorson@sotv.org.

Remembering Our Saints

All Saints Weekend is November 5 & 6.

We invite those who have had a loved one die in the past year to bring a photograph to church to be included in our story wall in the narthex.

Worshippers will have the opportunity to light candles in remembrance of loved ones.

This will be a very special celebration as we receive communion together not only with those with us in pews but also with all the Saints in Christ whom we remember in love and faith.

Photos can be brought to the Welcome Center.

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:

Women's Holiday Brunch

Next week:

All Saints Weekend

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, ELCA

Christopher Smith, Senior Pastor

12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Road
Apple Valley, MN 55124

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 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.

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


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."

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.

Men's "Theology on Tap"

The 3rd Tuesday of each month
Next date: November 15
Discussion: 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Fellowship: 8:00 - 8:30 PM
Old Chicago Restaurant, Apple Valley

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

November's topic is "Open Mic Night: There Are No Stupid Questions."

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.

Our Daily Bread Food Shelf

Trick-or-Treat for Food!

You and your family can collect non-perishable food donations and "Treat" our food shelf this Halloween. Visit www.stov.org/foodshelf to find instructions on how to Trick-or-Treat for food, a list of current needs, and answers to questions you may be asked by your neighbors.

Most needed food items this week:

Soup and all kinds of canned vegetables **are needed badly!**

Please no pasta at this time.

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

Thank you for your support!

"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, and manage your money together.

Baked Lutefisk Dinner

Friday, December 16
Seatings at 1:00 & 6:00 PM
Cost: \$15/adult plate
\$7/12 & under plate

UFFDA! The annual favorite is back with Chef Leiton Larson at the helm. Come enjoy tasty Norwegian treats including baked lutefisk, Scandinavian meatballs, lefse, lingonberries, herring, krumkake, rosettes, and more!

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.

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

Announcements (continued from p.1)

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 lindanelson@gmail.com.

3rd Annual Christmas for the Troops!

The Military Family Support Ministry will once again be collecting supplies for care packages for our troops this Christmas season. Will you help?

The list of items will be by the collection box in the Narthex. Letters and cards are always appreciated, to let these men and women know we care! We will be collecting throughout November, but the earlier items are brought in, the better due to shipping deadlines. This is a great way to say thank you and let them know they are not forgotten.

Thank you for your generous support! Questions? Contact Kelly Lehmann (952) 431-5409.

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 7:00 - 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?

"Job Search Tune-Up"
Tuesday, November 1, 6:30 - 8:15 PM
Prince of Peace, Burnsville, MN

More info: (952) 898-9388
www.princeofpeaceonline.org/jcg

Grow

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.

Financial Peace University

Mondays, January 9 - April 9
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Cost: \$100 (through Dec 20);
\$113 (after Dec 20)
KidCare: \$52 per child

Preview days:
Saturday, Dec 10 & 17 at 6:00 PM
Sunday, Dec 11 & 18 at 10:45 AM
and 12 Noon

Created by Dave Ramsey, a personal money management expert, this 13-week video-based small group teaches families how to beat debt, get control of your money, build wealth, and learn new behaviors around money that are based on commitment, stewardship, and accountability.

DivorceCare

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
September 8 - December 22
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.

Depression Support Coalition

Offering information, education, support, and spiritual hope to individuals who suffer from depression and 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

ADHD, Autism, & Other Disabilities on the Spectrum

Monthly meetings open to everyone in the community. Cost per session varies and depends on the speaker. Pre-registration and payment is required for KidCare only and is always \$5 per child.

Monday, November 14, 2011

Speaker: Rich Frieder, Learning RX
"Unlock the Einstein Inside:
Applying Brain Research to
Unlock Learning Potential"

No cost for this presentation.

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.*



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Children, Youth and Family (CYF)

News & Events | October 29 & 30, 2011 CYF Office: (952) 432-6385

GodZone (PK - Grade 5)

GodZone Goes to Worship This Sunday

**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" (Holy Ground) sign.

Wednesday Grades 4-5 may join Sunday crews as they come forward.

Sunday 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 Grades 1-3 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.

WAPO "One-Day"

Saturday, November 19, 8:00 - 6:00 PM

Grades 1-3 are invited to spend a day at Camp Wapo! We'll play amazing games like "Gaa Gaa" and "Mighty Mighty" and take a peek at what camp is all about! Parents are also invited to come along for a time of personal reflection along with some meaningful conversation with other parents.

Kids: \$17.00 (program, lunch, snack & bus ride)
Adults: \$10.00 (lunch and beverages)

Scholarships are available. Visit www.campwapo.org for more information about this awesome outdoor ministry site. NOTE: SOTV weekend camp for children completing Grades 2 and 3 will be June 15-17. Grades 4-5 week-long camp will begin on June 17.

GodZone Weekly Parent E-mails

Watch for a special GodZone email each Thursday! This email includes lesson high-lights, parent tips and upcoming events. If you are not receiving the GodZone email, please check your spam files or contact Jeanne Mikulski at (952) 985-7357.

All Youth (Grades 6-12)

FREE Seminars for Parents of Teenagers: "Family Survival Tips"

**Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 - 8:00 PM
in the Sanctuary**

Educational Psychologist Diane Grinnell will be on hand to speak to parents during Wednesday Confirmation.

SOTV 30th Anniversary Show - Youth Volunteers needed!

Sunday, November 13, 5:00-7:00 PM

The November 11 Middle School ServeTogether event filled up fast, but youth have another great opportunity to serve that weekend! We need volunteers to help with the SOTV 30th Anniversary Show. Our team of middle and high school students will help serve appetizers and beverages, and clean up afterwards. Please contact Erin (erinsh@sotv.org) to sign up.

Summer Immersion Trips: 2012

There are spaces open for all ages! Register for the powerful experience of Christian community, and of loving and serving others in Jesus' name. Contact Barb Schulz (barb.schulz@sotv.org) for specific information on which trips have availability.

Fundraising and Scholarships

There are many opportunities to raise money to help defray the cost of trips. Contact Erin Swenson-Hatzung (erinsh@sotv.org) for information.

Scholarships are also available, with forms available online, at the Children, Youth and Family Office or the Welcome Center.

High School (Grades 9-12)

Lutheran Social Service (LSS) Holiday Store

Saturday, December 10, 9 AM - 1:30 PM

Help teach kids the joy of giving while helping them pick out a parent gift as a personal shopping assistant at the LSS Center for Changing Lives in Minneapolis. Bring money for lunch. Register at www.sotv.org/events.

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.shtm. 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
Shepherd Room**

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

PBS (Panera Before School)

**Mondays at 6:30 AM
Apple Valley Panera,
off Cedar & County 42**

Jumpstart your week with faith friends, scripture, and prayer (not to mention a tasty breakfast!).

Sunday Night Dive-In

**5:00 - 7:00 PM
Shepherd Room
Session I: Oct 30 and Nov 6**

"Dive in" to your burning questions using the Bible, video, music, and other exciting activities.

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").

Donations are being collected for care package goodies like microwave popcorn, hot cocoa packets, granola bars, gum, tootsie pops and small Kleenex packets. Please check the board in the narthex for what items are needed and to sign up.

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