



# WEEKLY NEWS for the

# Flock

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

October 8 & 9, 2011

## Sunday Adult Forum

Sundays at 9:45 AM in the Chapel

**Nancy Koester**, an instructor at Augsburg College, will be our professor in residence for the next two weeks speaking on American Church history.

**Sunday, October 9** - The Civil War and Religion

**Sunday, October 16** - Liberalism and Fundamentalism

## All Are Welcome!

This weekend we celebrate that we are all unique and special in God's eyes.

Our S.A.I.L. Ministry (Showing All Individuals Love) embraces this and works to provide support, outreach and opportunities to include all people in worship, education, fellowship and prayer.

S.A.I.L. and our Parish Nurses will be in the Narthex this weekend. Come learn how these ministries can care and support you and your loved ones.

## Pipe Organ Countdown!



### 5 WEEKS

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

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

## Blast from the Past!



**June 24, 1984:** ground is broken on the site of our current church building on Johnny Cake Ridge Road. 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!

## 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.

Annual Christmas Boutique

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

Benefits the library, kitchen and youth trips

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:

S.A.I.L. Ministry

Parish Nurses

**Shepherd of the Valley**  
Lutheran Church, ELCA

Christopher Smith, Senior Pastor

12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Road  
Apple Valley, MN 55124

[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 in September. 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](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.

The deadline for the next bi-monthly newsletter is Monday, October 17.

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

## Gather

### 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 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 a 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."

### "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.

## 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.

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

### 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.

**Most needed items this week:** cereal and spaghetti sauce. Please check the white boards for up-to-date needs.

**Volunteers with muscles needed.** The food shelf is looking for a few individuals to join our [on call](#) volunteer list to help with lifting and shelving larger quantities of food. Usually help is needed on Monday or Thursday mornings; we will email you a day or two in advance. Please contact Robin Sorenson for more information or to sign up, [ranchoakmn@charter.net](mailto:ranchoakmn@charter.net) or (952) 997-6877.

**Thank you for your support!**

### 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.

## 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 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 bestseller, 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.

## Seniors Learning Together (SALT)

**Mondays, 9:30-11:45 AM**  
**LAST WEEK: October 10**  
Church of the Risen Savior  
1501 E. Co. Rd. 42, Burnsville

## 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.

### POSITION AVAILABLE

#### Administrative Assistant, Publications Part-time

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

## 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.

## 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

**"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.

## Care & Support

### Growing Through Loss

**with Marian Eisenmann, MDiv**  
Chaplain, Woodwinds Hospital, Woodbury

Marian will speak on  
"Hope in the Midst of Despair"

**Third in a four-week series  
at Shepherd of the Valley**

**Tuesday, October 11**  
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](mailto:gtl@mmotc.org).

## 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?

**Fear: A Bolder or Pebble  
in Your Path**

**Tuesday, October 11, 6:30 - 8:15 PM**  
**Prince of Peace, Burnsville, MN**

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





# 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:mim.campbell@sotv.org).

## College Care Packages

If you would like a college care package sent to your son or daughter, go online to [www.sotv.org/events](http://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.**

## Confirmation (Grades 6-9)

**6<sup>th</sup> 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](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.)

## 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](http://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.