



WEEKLY NEWS for the

Flock


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

November 5 & 6, 2011

30th Anniversary Blast from the Past!



Above: Christmas 1988 in the original sanctuary (shown at right in 1986) which is now the Music Room.

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.



Pipe Organ Countdown!



1 WEEK

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

November 6: Pastor Paul Harrington
"An Age Old Question: Just How Best Do We Interpret the Bible?"

Benefit & Silent Auction for Autumn Heidemann

Al Baker's Restaurant, Eagan
Saturday, November 19, 5:00 - 8:00 PM
\$10/adults, \$5/kids 10 & under

Autumn is 2 ½ and has been diagnosed with Wilm's cancer. Your support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Even more events listed inside!

Help Provide Rides to Church

We are looking for kindly drivers to provide rides once or twice a month on Sunday for members of our church family unable to drive themselves. If you can help, please head to one of the following training sessions this week: Tuesday November 8 at 7:00 PM or Friday November 11 at 11:45 AM. For more information, please contact Wally Mahlum at (952) 431-0630.

Attention Veterans

You are invited to join the men who gather every Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM for an informal time of coffee and conversation. Come and meet other veterans and share some stories. Bring memorabilia or wear some "government issue" if it still fits. All men are invited to the SOTV atrium next Wednesday to honor our veterans and share in the coffee, donuts, and fellowship.

Choral Music at SOTV

The Minnesota Valley Men's Chorale and Minnesota Valley Women's Chorale are teaming up for a night of music, Friday, November 11 at 7:30 PM. Suggested donation of \$5/person at the door.

Shepherd Quilters

Shepherd Quilters will not meet on November 14 and will resume the following Monday.

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:

Military Family Support Ministry

Next week:

Organ Dedication 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

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 Steubing for fellowship and conversations about faith and spirituality. 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.

"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.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 PM
Join us for worship as we give thanks for faith, community and family. Please bring food items (non-perishable) for our food shelf to provide for the hungry in our community.

Organ Recital & Dinner

Friday, November 18, 6:30 PM
Come celebrate the installation of the "king of instruments" in our sanctuary and help us get closer to our fundraising goal! The delicious dinner is \$25/person and benefits the organ. The 8:00 PM concert is free to all!

Baked Lutefisk Dinner

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

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

Give

Local Blood Drives

Two opportunities to give blood now (and still be able to give again at SOTV in February)

Thursday, Nov. 10, 1:00 - 6:00 PM
at Hope Church (7477 145th St)

Friday, Nov. 11, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
at South Suburban Evangelical Free Church (12600 Johnny Cake Ridge Rd)

Our Daily Bread Food Shelf

Most needed food items this week:

Chunky soup, pancake mix, green beans, and tuna

Please no pasta at this time.

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

Thank you for your support!



Collecting Winter Outerwear

During November and December we are collecting **gently used** winter coats, snow pants, boots, mittens/gloves, hats and scarves and distributing them to needy children and families in Dakota County, the Twin Cities, and as far away as Pine Ridge Reservation, SD. Last year, we met 82% of our requests for winter outerwear from 18 different schools and organizations. Please bring your donations to the collection box in the narthex. Questions? Contact Lisa Loher at (651) 683-9127.



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

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.

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.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **Associate Youth Director, Part-time**
- **Custodian, Part-time**, 25 hours/week with availability Monday-Thursday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM & occasional weekends.
- **Custodial Assistant, Part-time**, up to 10 hours/week primarily Monday – Friday

Application deadline for all positions: **November 18, 2011**

Full job descriptions at: www.sotv.org/jobs. Please contact Jennifer Maxwell if you are interested at (952) 985-7313 or Jennifer.Maxwell@sotv.org.

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?

"Accomplishments & Value Proposition"

Tuesday, November 8, 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.

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 | November 5 & 6, 2011 CYF Office: (952) 432-6385

GodZone (PK - Grade 5)

2011 Christmas Program

Weekend of December 17 & 18

This year we will be presenting an abbreviated Christmas program during worship in the Sanctuary. Each GodZone class time has its own scheduled worship service:

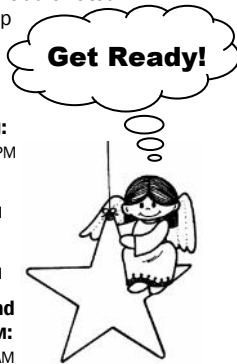
Wednesday GodZone at 5:45 PM:
Saturday, December 17 at 5:00 PM

Sunday GodZone at 8:30 AM:
Sunday, December 18 at 8:30 AM

Sunday GodZone at 9:45 AM:
Sunday, December 18 at 9:45 AM

**Sunday GodZone at 11:00 AM and
Wednesday GodZone at 4:30 PM:**
Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 AM

Rehearsals for the GodZone Christmas programs will begin on Wednesday, November 16 and Sunday, November 20 during GodZone.



GodZone Goes to Worship

PK-K will be participating in worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 13 to celebrate their offering emphasis, "Keep the Candles Burnin'." They will bring their offering to worship and sing their offering song. Sunday crews will go to worship during their GodZone session and Wednesday crews are invited to sit with their parents and join the Sunday crews when prompted to do so.

WAPO "One-Day"

Saturday, November 19, 8:00 AM - 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)

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. Check the board in the narthex to sign up.

Please drop off items by November 13 in the bucket outside the main office.

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

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

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

You know a healthy family life is important, so who couldn't use a few more "survival tips?" Join psychologist Diane Grinnell for a discussion on how to foster healthy, supportive relationships with teens.

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
Last date of Session I: Nov 6**

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