



LOVED BY GOD; LOVING OTHERS

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June/July  
2021

## The Shepherd's Voice

Monthly Newsletter of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

*Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 10But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Exodus 20: 8-11*

Here is the great lesson I learn from the gift of Sabbath - when I work too much, then I also tend to make the people and things around me work too much. Or I get irritable and resentful that they aren't working as hard and end up constantly nagging.

Sabbath is a break from creation for recreation. Often when I hear the word recreation I think of summer soccer camp, but it means "refreshment of strength and spirits after work." It's the time of making space in work for renewal, not as an end in itself, but so one may enter the creativity of work with a refreshed spirit.

Starting June 1, I'll be on sabbatical for roughly the next two months. My friend Karl, who serves a large congregation in Columbus, Ohio, will fill-in for the first three weeks and then Deaconess Kelly Marciales will be present for three weeks. Karl is fun and brings the wisdom of the church structure needed for growth and inclusion. Deaconess Kelly is also fun and has worked with us on the listening campaign. She will spend time in Juneau not only preaching, but also listening and observing to help us discern where our passion and the Holy Spirit's call come together.

We're headed to Hawaii for part of the time and I will spend a week in a monastery in Oregon, but most of the time I plan on hiking, reading, and resting my brain and spirit around Juneau. I'll probably worship at some of the other churches around town to see what is happening.

This has been a tremendous year of creativity, and now I'm ready to rest and give us all space to recreate and imagine what comes next. I'm incredibly thankful for the leadership at SOV and for the willingness of people to step up and volunteer. Thank you for being faithful and gracious partners in ministry.

Peace,  
Pastor Tari



## Faith Formation at SOV

We hope you will join us as part of your faith journey. Check out the events we have planned for the summer months. Our regular classes are wrapped up until autumn, though recordings of our worship services and the Faith Formation videos are available on our YouTube Channel. You can access them through the SOV website or app.

**Don't forget—this is our June & July issue of the newsletter.  
Look carefully at the month in which an event is occurring!**

### Young Children and Families Fellowship

Young children and their families are invited to a time of fellowship outside at church at 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 9. Bring an activity your kids will enjoy and come hang out.

### SOV Book Club Meets at Forbidden Peaks

We are finally meeting in person! The book for June is *Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern. Join us to discuss this fun and light book at Forbidden Peaks by Auke Bay at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 30.

*The Night Circus made me happy. Playful and intensely imaginative, Erin Morgenstern has created the circus I have always longed for and she has populated it with dueling love-struck magicians, precocious kittens, hyper-elegant displays of beauty and complicated clocks. This is a marvelous book.*

—Audrey Niffenegger, author of *The Time Traveler's Wife*

### Worship on the Fourth of July

We will not have our regular 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 4th. Instead, we hope you will join us at church at 6 p.m. for an outdoor worship service and smores. There will be bonfires and singing! We hope everyone has a safe and happy Fourth of July.

### Blessed by the Sacrament of Baptism

We are excited to welcome Peyton, Katherine and McKinley into the community through the sacrament of baptism! Everyone is welcome to an outdoor family worship at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 28. Families with young children are especially welcome to come experience the worship and then stay to play.

### Small Group Devotions on Tuesday Evenings; and Thursday & Sunday Mornings

Join the following “regulars” at one of these weekly devotion groups. Please note, just because the groups happen weekly doesn't mean you have to attend weekly. You can find the Zoom links for these events on the SOV website.

**8:30 a.m. Sundays** with Chris Wallace, Glenn Mitchell, and Kirt Stage-Harvey

**5:30 p.m. Tuesdays** with Kristina Abbott, Trevor & Talea Kellar, Katherine Andrews, and Marie Kanan

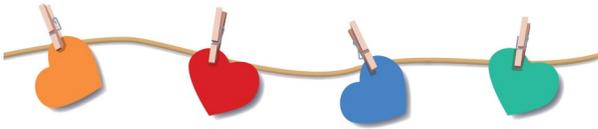
**9 a.m. Thursdays** with Becky Corson, Teresa Kissel, Sue Trivette, and Nancy Hixson



### Worship at SOV

**Sunday Worship**—Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The Zoom invitations for Sunday worship are published in the SOV Weekly email. Sunday Worship is now both in-person and on Zoom. Folks who worship in person need to wear a mask and will be seated in a “socially distant” manner in the sanctuary. While we miss having little ones around, it's still not safe for us to have small children wandering around the church. We also encourage folks who want to worship in person to get vaccinated.

**Holden Evening Prayer**—We are taking a break from Holden Evening Prayer through the summer. Thank you to everyone who participated in this lovely service; see you in the fall!



## Many Hands & Many Hearts!

### Serving with Love at SOV

Summer offers a healthy list of opportunities to get involved. Check out these ways to contribute gifts of time, money, food, or prayers. Prayers are appreciated for any and all of our ministries.

#### SOV Service Opportunities—Worship Servants and More

Thank you to everyone who filled out the electronic "service opportunities" survey. Based on these survey results, we will schedule worship servants and food pantry volunteers an entire month at a time (we've already plugged folks into spots for June). Emails go out to everyone who has been plugged into the volunteer positions. If you get an email, take a moment to confirm that you are available at the scheduled time. Please note you are able to let us know which days you are NOT available to volunteer through your SOV account at [sovlutheran.elvanto.net](http://sovlutheran.elvanto.net).

Here are the folks scheduled to be worship servants in June:

June 6	Readers: Dan Corson and Becky Corson	Lay Assistant: Gail Fenumiai
June 13	Readers: Laurie Balstad and Pete Christensen	Lay Assistant: Scott Ranger
June 20	Readers: Sue Trivette and Lisa Wallace	Lay Assistant: Katherine Andrews
June 27	Readers: Pete Christensen and Nadine Marx	Lay Assistant: Glenn Mitchell
July 4	No worship at 9:30 a.m. See page 2 for details.	

#### Summer Lunch Staff & Volunteers (also see the flyer on page 5 of the newsletter)

Thank you to our leadership crew of Kristina Abbott, Annette Ranger, Theresa Ross, Marie Stevens and Teresa Kissel. A couple new things this year: we will have two VISTA volunteers who will help with the program, as well as an additional four hours of day camp for 3rd-6th graders. We will also have on-line registration for youth, day campers, volunteers and staff. If you would like to volunteer, check out the link on the SOV website and/or contact Kristina Abbott at [abbott.kristina87@gmail.com](mailto:abbott.kristina87@gmail.com).

#### Glory Hole Meatloaf

We will cook and serve our traditional meatloaf meal on Wednesdays, June 16 and July 21. Keep an eye out for the online sign-up sheet for needed contributions of time and food.

#### Food Pantry Operations

Donations of food are always needed and appreciated! The pantry is available for food order pick-ups from 4-6 p.m. Wednesdays and 9-10 a.m. Saturdays. If you know folks who need food, please have them call the direct line to the food pantry (907) 500-3588 and the operator on duty will answer their questions.

Here are the scheduled pantry volunteers in June (baggers/greeters listed first, then driver):

##### Wednesdays

June 2 Corinne, Elfrida, Scott  
 June 9 Judy, Elfrida, Glenn  
 June 16 Corinne, Elfrida, Scott  
 June 23 Judy, Elfrida, Glenn  
 June 30 Corinne, Bess, Scott

##### Saturdays

June 5 Lisa, Laurie, Dan  
 June 12 Julian, Heather, Scott  
 June 19 Cindy, Marie, Eileen  
 June 26 Laurie, Julie, Scott

#### Giving Via the Website

If you would like to give financially to a specific ministry, there are a whole bunch of them from which to choose on our website. Go to [www.sovlutheran.org](http://www.sovlutheran.org), click on "Give" and when you get to the drop down menu, choose your ministry. You can set up recurrent giving or just give a one-time donation.

## SOV News Bites



### It's Time to Register for Glacier Bible Camp

Glacier Bible Camp runs July 19-24, 2021 for Juneau participants.

Camp is held this year at the Boy Scout Camp in Juneau and is open to all those going into 5th - 12th grade. The early bird cost is \$100. After June 1, the cost is \$125.

The camp flyer and registration are online on the SOV website under "events." You are able to register for camp online! If you have questions, call us in the church office at 789-4093. The website is [www.sovlutheran.org](http://www.sovlutheran.org).

You may register as staff or camper by using the link on the website or going to <https://tithely.com/event-registration/#/3296046>

### Father's Day Root Beer & Brats

Join us following morning worship on June 20 for grilled brats and root beer floats to honor the men who have helped nurture and raise us. Please contact a member of the fellowship committee if you would like to help.

### Summer Music

A huge thanks to Missouri Smyth for sharing her musical gifts with us during the pandemic; we look forward to Edward Higgins returning on June 13 to play with us at worship.

### Columbarium

Columbaria have become very popular across the country over the past twenty years as people have chosen cremation as an affordable option over traditional burial. We have the go ahead from the city for the columbarium. A reservation form is available on-line and in print for the niches.

SOV's columbarium has 32 niches, each will hold the urn of one person. The cost of a niche is \$500 for one person and includes the urn, engraving, opening and closing, and perpetual care.

### SOV Scholarship Fund

Any post-high school student, involved in their congregation, and continuing their education with a vision of Christian service, is eligible to apply for a \$500 scholarship (preference given to SOV members, but all can apply). The application deadline is July 6. Applications are available at church, or contact the office and we will email one to you.

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### June/July Newsletter Sponsorship

This issue of *The Shepherd's Voice* is sponsored by Rich and Wanda Larson. They are sponsoring in memory of Pastor Larry Rorem. Rich and Wanda attended SOV while Pastor Larry served here. They always enjoyed his sermons and felt he really listened when you talked to him. Thank you to the Larsons for their kind words and sponsorship in his memory.

If you are interested in sponsoring a month of the newsletter in honor or celebration of something or someone, let us know. The suggested donation is \$100. Call or email the church to let us know which month you would like to sponsor and any special wording you want included.



**Summer Lunch 2021**  
**Monday-Friday, June 1 to August 6**  
**at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church**  
**Lunch served 12:30-1 p.m. Games & Activities from 12-1 p.m.**

Summer Lunch is happening and begins June 1st. Kids ages 18 and younger are invited to drop in for lunch and activities from Noon to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. The church is located at 4212 Mendenhall Loop Road. Call us at 789-4093 if you have questions. **Please note the program will operate with some changes. We are serving hot lunch and fun activities, but with efforts to keep kids at safe social distances.**

**What to Expect this Summer:**

- If your child is not feeling well or has cold or flu-like symptoms, please keep them at home.
- Volunteers and staff will wear masks at all times other than eating. Social distancing will be encouraged.
- The program will be suspended for 3 days if anyone participating tests positive for COVID-19.

**Schedule:**

Noon–12:30 p.m.      Check-in time. Games and activities before lunch.  
 12:30—1 p.m.        Lunch is served. Games and activities as youth finish.

**Menu:**

Monday	Tacos or Sloppy Joes
Tuesday	Chicken Day
Wednesday	Noodles
Thursday	Breakfast and Fruit Day
Friday	Sandwiches

Shepherd of the Valley is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children free of charge.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the Program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability; and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

*USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

**Need a Bike? Or a Bike Buddy?**

Outdoor bike rodeo will be **Sunday, May 30 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.** There will be bike repair, bike swap, a safety course, and free helmets.

Does your younger child need a little guidance riding his or her bike to Summer Lunch? Bike buddies are older youth that at scheduled times meet younger kids in the neighborhoods around the church, and bike with them to and from Summer Lunch. Call the church office if interested.

**Day Camp!**

**New this year is an additional time for 3rd-6th graders to participate in science experiments, cooking, gardening, crafts and play.**

This is limited to the first 12 to register and will occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. beginning June 8.

Register at the bike rodeo or on-line at  
[www.sovjuneau.org](http://www.sovjuneau.org)



## Stories of Thanks from Nuwayina in Nigeria

Nuwayina sent the following stories of thanks after receiving and distributing financial help from SOV:

My first story after collecting the funds. I visited one needy family that I know very well their hardship and I was thinking about how to reach out to them immediately. The moment I called the mother to ask how they are coping with life. She went on to tell me that "Mun kwana ba abinci hatta ma gishiri Babu. Yanzu babanmu ya karbi bashin shinkafa domin mu dafa' Meaning..we have not eaten since last night because there is nothing to cook not even salt in the house. Just now my husband collected rice from a grocery shop on debit," I then told her to make a grocery list for some \$. Then her grand daughter said, kaka a tuna da kayan makarantana" meaning, Grandma remember to include my uniform in the list. I came to discover that the little girl has not gone to school over a week because she had no school uniform. Life is tough for so many families. Thank you for reaching out this family has food for the month and their granddaughter is back to school with new uniform. Praise Jesus!

A widow with four children benefited from your support after her son was send back home to either pay his school fees or stay home. Her only option was to sell her one bag of rice to pay the fees and go on hungry stomach of which she did. However, she was hopeful that she will not go hungry and to her surprised, she got food that will sustain her with the children. She said "na San taimako na zuwa" (I was sure that something was coming my way." You made this possible and she is very grateful.

These school girls will benefit from reusable pads on the 5/25/2021 on Menstrual Hygiene Day. I have contributed some funds to a partner organization for the production.

This is at an Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Camp here in Yola where I live.

Thank you all!



## Night Without A Bed Fundraiser

Why should you participate in Night Without a Bed?

#NightWithoutABed is a social media challenge that raises awareness for families experiencing homelessness. We ask participants to sleep anywhere without a bed: cars, a tent, a tree house, living room floor, or a couch and use the hashtag #NightWithoutABed to post a video blog or photo with a short blog entry to describe their experiences. In the run-up to the event, participants will challenge another friend to complete the #NightWithoutABed or make a donation to Family Promise of Juneau.

The event is Saturday, June 26-Sunday, June 27. SOV rented all the backpacking sites at Mendenhall Campground for youth and adults to participate together. If your youth, scouting, or friend group would like to participate, please contact us at 789-4093 to reserve a site.

Pastor Tari first learned about family homelessness because of a family at Mendenhall Campground trying to navigate a gap in housing. They kept coming to church to dry their items out.

You can be a part of making sure everyone has a safe place to sleep by going to:

<https://www.nightwithoutabed.org/organizations/family-promise-of-juneau> and commit to fundraise by going a night without a bed or donating to FPJ.



# Let the Blessings Overflow

Good news and celebrations in June and July

## June Birthdays

2 Heather Drapeaux  
 2 Valorie Kissel  
 2 Travis Larsen  
 2 William Wallace  
 2 Jim Wilson  
 3 Joel Price  
 3 Bob Shaw  
 4 Cheryl Jebe  
 5 Alice Gates  
 5 Josh Odum  
 7 Elmer Marx  
 9 Brian Stevenson  
 10 Megan Sheufelt  
 11 Phillip Witt  
 12 Adrienne Boyd  
 12 Glenn Mitchell  
 17 Shaelyn Newport  
 18 Wilbur Knudson  
 19 Emily Abbott  
 20 Allison Balstad  
 20 Corbin Corson  
 21 Mabel Hinton  
 21 Sally Saddler  
 23 Natalie Morgen  
 23 Michael Ross  
 25 William Balstad  
 29 Kennedy Love  
 30 Alex Stevens

## June Baptismal Birthdays

1 Glenn Mitchell  
 2 Ryan Marx  
 28 Tari Stage-Harvey

## June Anniversaries

6 Nadine & Elmer Marx  
 14 Helen & Joe Mehrkens  
 20 Melissa & Rick Fritsch  
 28 Judy & Jack Marshall

## July Baptismal Birthdays

1 Alice Gates  
 19 Lindsay Birk  
 21 Josh Odum  
 25 Amanda Stevenson  
 25 Brian Stevenson

## July Anniversaries

3 Adam & Janalynn  
 Doten-Ferguson  
 22 Al & Gail Fenumiai



## July Birthdays

1 Mark Kiessling  
 1 Norm Thompson  
 2 Crosby Landvik  
 2 Piper Miller  
 3 Amanda Stevenson  
 4 Sophia Harvey  
 4 Emma Lily Larson  
 5 Chris Wallace  
 5 Lisa Wallace  
 7 Reilly Keegan  
 9 Ed Flanagan  
 15 Glen Oliver  
 16 Lou Corazza  
 16 Ellie Stubblefield  
 18 Freyja Weaver  
 20 Lily Dietz  
 22 Trevor Kellar  
 24 Audrey Rasmussen  
 25 Lance Stevens  
 26 Amber Marshall  
 26 Karen Owen  
 26 Cindy Spanyers  
 26 Cindy Stevenson  
 27 Jack Cisney  
 28 Simon Smith  
 28 Mary Wolter  
 29 Jaeger Hubert  
 29 Kristin Larson  
 30 Connie Williams

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. Amen

Please keep in your prayers Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey; Alaska Synod Bishop Shelley Wickstrom; and ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

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Printable Calendars From 123Calendars.Com



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4-6 pm Wednesdays

9-10 am on Saturdays

**Food Pantry Direct Line: 500-3588**

Food pantry details on page 3.

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Your church family is here for prayers, visits, and encouragement. Please call if you would like a visit from Pastor Tari, or anytime you can use a kind word.

Pastor Tari will be on sabbatical June and July 2021. Call the church office if you have a pastoral emergency and we will connect you with our on-call pastor.

We would also love to hear from you with comments about or submissions to *The Shepherd's Voice*. If your address has changed, or if you no longer wish to be on our mailing list, we want to know that too.

**Rev. Tari Stage-Harvey, Pastor**

**Please see inside the newsletter for the many ways we are connecting.**

**Sunday Worship:** 9:30 a.m. (via Zoom)

**Faith Formation for All Ages:** See page 2 of newsletter for details.

**Food Pantry Order Pick-Up:** 9-10 am Sat. and 4-6 pm Wed.

**Food Pantry Direct Line (call with questions or to place orders):** 500-3588

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