

Loved by God; Loving Others. Fed by God; Feeding Others.

May-June
2023

The Shepherd's Voice

Monthly Newsletter of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

I lost my favorite pants. I'm not sure how one loses pants; it's like losing one shoe. It's not like I took them off somewhere random and left them.

I know there is great sorrow and suffering in this world, but I loved these pants. I bought them off a clearance rack at a North Face outlet store over 14 years ago (it was when we still lived in Michigan). These pants are some kind of magic fiber that wicks water and doesn't wrinkle. I've slogged through marsh, let the mud dry and then shaken the mud off so they look as presentable as I ever look. These pants have traveled around the world. They were my traveling pants because I could drool coffee on the 5 am flight and they would look like new by the time I landed.

I knew they were coming to the end of their life when we were in Austin and some of the snags were starting to reveal flesh. That's probably a sign that it's time for something new. I asked Kirt to make a purse out of them when it was really time.

May is the month of change. The snow is melting, the light is overwhelming, and there are graduations, school letting out, and vacations. There are also harder things that folks are going through - illness, grief, stress at work, struggles with addictions.

Everything has its season. Pants can't last forever, but I can be thankful for the gift they have been and open to what is to come. I'll never find pants exactly like those, especially not at that price, but I'll appreciate the season.

One of the prayers we used at council comes from Guerrillas of Grace:

It is spring, Lord
And the land is coming up green again,
 unfolding
 outside my well-drawn boundaries
 and urgent schedules
And there is the mystery
 and the smile of it.
The willows are dripping honey color into the rivers,
And the mother birds are busy in manger nests,
And I am learning again
 that "for everything there is a season
 and a time for every matter under heaven"

Peace,
Pastor Tari



Faith Formation at SOV

Our final day of regular “Sunday School” classes is May 7th. Beginning May 14th, we are taking a break from Sunday morning classes until autumn. Thank you and blessings to our faith formation class and small group leaders. We could not do all we do without you!

*Sunday Schedule at SOV

8:45 am Men’s Group typically gathers to read through scripture and check in about life.
 9:30 am Worship. In-person and on Zoom. The Zoom link is in the weekly church email.
 10:30 am Coffee fellowship.
 10:45 am Faith Formation for All Ages (until May 7)
 10:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (for sure until May 14—maybe beyond)

SOV Choir

Everyone is invited to join choir. In May, they will rehearse at 10:45 a.m. on May 7 and sing during worship on May 14. Thank you so much to Misuli Smyth for directing the choir.

Sunday Mornings in May and June

May 7 - Final Day of Faith Formation Classes.

May 14 - Confirmation Sunday and Mother’s Day. Brunch follows worship.

May 28 – Pentecost Sunday. Wear red to worship.

June 4 - Blessing of bikes and garden (immediately following worship).

June 18 - Father’s Day. Brunch follows worship.

June 25 - Neighborhood trash pick up. We will head out after worship to clean up our neighborhood.

Weekday Small Groups in May

Small Group Mondays

This group has tackled several good books over the last several months, and has decided to take a break until autumn. Thank you to Eileen Hosey for leading the group!

Coffee Talk Fridays

9 am on Fridays, in-person at SOV. Morning coffee (or tea) and simple devotions.

SOV Book Club

6 p.m., Sunday, May 14 at Forbidden Peak. The book is “The Silence of the Girls,” by Pat Barker.

Discipleship Academy

4-6 p.m., Tuesday, May 16. In-person and on Zoom.

Parents and Caregivers as Sexual Educators

6 p.m., Thursday, May 18. This small group meets to discuss how to be a faithful resource of reliable information around sexuality for our children. You are welcome to join at any time. Dinner is provided.

Mom’s Group

5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 23. Time for moms to enjoy dinner, talk about life, and maybe do a craft too!

*Season of Pentecost

The Season of Pentecost begins May 28. If you are interested in being baptized, having your child baptized, or becoming a member, the season of Pentecost is a great time to do that. Please talk to Pastor Tari.

*High School Overnighter to Wrap Up OWL

We’ll head out to Raven’s Rest Cabin at Eaglecrest the evening of Sunday, June 18 to wrap up the final workshops. It’s a very accessible cabin, so come out for any of the time you are able to join us.



Newsy Bits & Pieces for May & June

Spring Cleaning at Church

8 a.m. to Noon, Saturday, May 13. Please join us to get the yard and building ready for summer. We need at least a dozen people so it isn't overwhelming.

Elder Basket Special Offering

Thank you to everyone who donated to our special offering during Lent. We put together ten fabulous elder care baskets with the items donated. Five were delivered by Katherine Andrews; one by Pastor Tari to the Pioneer Home; and one by Janalynn Doten-Ferguson. There are a few remaining if you have an older friend who would appreciate a basket.

Sunday Hikes

We will do our best to get back into hiking on Sunday afternoons. The group usually meets at church about 1 p.m. and carools to the trail. Trail dependent on weather and who is hiking. This is a great way to reconnect and welcome guests into an adventure. Hikes will be announced during Sunday worship.

Glory Hole Meatloaf

We cook our monthly meal on Wednesday, May 17 and Wednesday, June 21. Watch the weekly emails for the sign-up sheet for needed contributions of time and food.

Food Pantry

We've got a wonderful crew of pantry volunteers. If you'd like to volunteer for the pantry too, let us know in the church office. The pantry can always use donations of canned or dry goods (or fresh foods too). Leave your donations on the table in the food pantry room (or in the pantry refrigerator or freezer). The pantry is open for in-person visits from 9-10 a.m. on Saturdays. Deliveries to folks who are homebound are available on Saturdays too. Call the direct pantry line at (907) 500-3588 for more information.

Summer Devotions & More on the App

Please submit your favorite summer photos (and if you want, a corresponding Bible verse) for our summer devotions. Email them to church and they'll go out sporadically through the summer. If you haven't downloaded the Tithely Church App on your phone or tablet, please do so. Once you download the app, you can request to be connected to SOV. Be sure to allow notifications, so you don't miss anything!

Yukon Ho! Let's Go to Whitehorse

We are headed to Whitehorse the beginning of August (exact dates tbd) for fellowship with our friends at Holy Trinity Lutheran. This trip is perfect for all ages. We travel on the ferry to Skagway and then drive to Whitehorse. We will stay at the church the first night and then at their beautiful church camp. It is a rustic camp (no electricity in cabins, outhouses, and bathing in the lake). <https://braeburncamp.ca/faq/>

Those under 18 who travel as part of a youth group may get through customs with a birth certificate and note from parents. The cost will be around \$150. Sign up if you are at all interested and we can sort out final commitments later. Watch the weekly church email for the link to the interest form and/or look for it online at our website.

Master Facility Plan & More on SOV's Google Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in the dream session on April 16 to imagine how our property can be a better partner in ministry. You can check out the notes and pictures on the SOV Google drive. You can also check out council and committee minutes and treasurer's report. To access the SOV Google Drive, go to the home page of the SOV website and look for 2023 Minutes and Treasurer's Reports.

Questions? Comments?

If you have any questions or comments about items in the newsletter, please check out the website at www.sovlutheran.org; email the church office at sovjuneau@gmail.com; or call the office (907) 789-4093.

Youth News

Prayers as we Prepare for Summer Lunch

We are finalizing the staff and volunteers, but please keep the crew and youth in your prayers. Volunteers are always appreciated - please talk with Teresa Kissel if interested. Summer lunch staff training will be at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, June 4 (just prior to the bike rodeo).

Bike Rodeo

4-5:30 p.m., Sunday, June 4. Our annual event with all things bike: bike repairs, a bike swap, a bike safety course, and free helmets. Volunteers always needed! Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Glacier Bible Camp

It's time to think about summer camp. This year's theme is Creation; we will be at Boy Scout Camp from July 17-22. Register online through the SOV website to be a camper or staff, or talk with Pastor Tari. Youth going into 5th-12th grade are welcome to join us for a week of camp. Cost is \$100 for those living in Juneau and \$50 for those outside Juneau.



Games & Activities from 12-1:30 p.m. Lunch served 12:30-1:00 p.m.

Summer Lunch is happening and begins June 5th. Kids ages 18 and younger are invited to drop in for lunch and activities from Noon to 1:30 p.m., Monday—Friday. This is not childcare. You can register for summer lunch either at the bike rodeo or online at www.sovlutheran.org.

Schedule:

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| 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. |
| 1-1:30 p.m. | Activities |

Menu:

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

Thank You!

Meals are provided free of charge through the generosity of the Benito and Frances C. Gaguine Foundation.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers help us keep costs down. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the survey at www.sovlutheran.org. Volunteer background checks will be run and we will pay for your food handlers' card.

Please note there will be no summer lunch or day camp on Tuesday, July 4th.



Summer Lunch 2023

Monday-Friday, June 5 to August 4
at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
4212 Mendenhall Loop Road

Need a Bike or a Helmet? Come to the Bike Rodeo

Outdoor bike rodeo is 4-5:30 p.m., Sunday, June 4 at Shepherd of the Valley. You can bring your own bike for bike repair, bike swap, a safety course, and free helmets. Giveaway bikes also available.

Or a Bike Buddy?

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. (907) 789-4093

Day Camp!

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

This is limited to the first 20 youth to register and will occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. beginning June 13.

You can register at the bike rodeo or online at www.sovlutheran.org.

Thank You, May and June Newsletter Sponsors!

The month of May is sponsored by Dennis and Virginia Iverson (Becky Corson's parents) in celebration of lots of May events: grandson Denny's birthday, Becky's birthday, and Mother's Day. They're also coming to visit Juneau in May.

June is sponsored by Virgil and Lori Fredenberg. Virgil and Lori are long-time SOV members who fairly recently moved south to be closer to family. We miss you greatly and think of you often.

God's blessings to all of our sponsors! 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.

Let the Blessings Overflow

Good news and celebrations in May and June



May Birthdays

3 Savona Kiessling
3 Jack Morgen
5 Gene Morgen
5 Melissa Fritsch
6 Sven Rasmussen
8 Morgan Pegues
9 Denny Corson
10 Becky Corson
10 Jack Pegues
12 Ali Witt
14 Jon Gates
14 Tyler Weldon
17 Kyle Reilly
17 Brady Newport
20 Mark Kissel
22 Meagan Hinton
28 Andy Peterson
30 Lauri Walton



May Baptismal Birthdays

1 Linda Shaw
1 Beverly Varness
4 Philis Beran
5 Amos Kissel
5 Heather Robertson
8 Steve Carls
8 Adam Doten-Ferguson
8 Meilani Doten-Ferguson
10 Linda Landvik
12 Kennedy Love
15 Jeff Jenkins
15 Marie Kanan
17 Rick Fritsch
19 Julie Jenkins
19 Jennifer Pegues
20 Xandor Beck
25 Sven Rasmussen



June Birthdays

2 Heather Drapeaux
2 Travis Larsen
2 William Wallace
2 Jim Wilson
3 Joel Price
3 Robert Shaw
3 Cheryl Jebe
5 Alice Gates
5 Joshua Odum
7 Elmer Marx
7 Shelah Stage
9 Megan Sheufelt
11 Phillip Witt
12 Glenn Mitchell
17 Shaelyn Newport
19 Emily Abbott
20 Corbin Corson
21 Mabel Hinton
23 Natalie Morgen
23 Michael Ross
25 William Balstad
27 Wilbur Knudson
29 Kennedy Love

June Baptismal Birthdays

3 Mark Kissel
3 Roger Drapeaux
8 Nina Rajala-St. Martin
10 Katherine Andrews
15 Sue Trivette
28 MacKayla Orr
28 Tari Stage-Harvey
30 Sally Saddler

A Moment for Prayer

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; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

www.sundaysandseasons.com

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



Brunches to Celebrate Mother's Day & Father's Day

Mark your calendars to join us for brunch, immediately following worship, on both Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14.
Father's Day is Sunday, June 18.

It will be our delight and honor to celebrate the people in our lives who "mother" and "father" us; love us and guide us.



| JUNE 2023 | | | | | | |
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Holidays and Observances: 14 Flag Day, 18 Father's Day, 19 Juneteenth



Food Pantry Hours

9-10 am on Saturdays (in person)

Deliveries available Saturday morning to homebound folks in the Valley and Lemon Creek. Call the food pantry direct line for information or fill out the form on the home page of our website: www.sovlutheran.org

Food Pantry Direct Line: 907-500-3588

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| 7 830 am Men's Group 930 am Worship 1045 am Faith Formation & Choir Noon Greece Mtg | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 9 am Devos | 13 8 am to Noon Church Spring Cleaning 9-10 am Pantry |
| 14 Mother's Day 830 am Men's Group 930 am Worship with Confirmation 1045 am Brunch 6 pm Book Club at Forbidden Peak | 15 | 16 4 pm Discipleship Academy | 17 SOV at Glory Hall | 18 6 pm Parents & Caregivers | 19 9 am Devos | 20 9-10 am Pantry |
| 21 830 am Men's Group 930 am Worship 1 pm Sunday Hike? | 22 | 23 530 pm Moms Group | 24 | 25 | 26 9 am Devos | 27 9-10 am Pantry with Hot Breakfast |
| 28 Pentecost Sunday 830 am Men's Group 930 am Worship | 29 <i>Memorial Day</i> | 30 | 31 | <p><i>We love, because He first loved us.</i></p> <p><i>1 John 4:19</i></p> | | |

| JULY 2023 | | | | | | |
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Holidays and Observances: 4. Independence Day

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...God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. Romans 5:5

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830 am Men's Group
930 am Worship
1045 am Blessing bikes & garden
230 pm Summer Lunch Training
4 pm Bike Rodeo

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--- Summer Lunch at SOV from Noon—130 pm, Monday to Friday ---

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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 enjoys opportunities to go for walks while visiting with folks. Feel free to call her and plan a time to go for a walk.

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 and in-person)

Faith Formation for All Ages: See inside for details.

In-Person Food Pantry: 9-10 am Saturdays

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