

the VISITOR

God's purpose for Shepherd of the Valley is to receive, embody, and proclaim God's living Word with all.

January 2020 Newsletter

Looking for a Church Home?

A 3-session New Member Orientation Class will be held on Sundays, January 12-19-26 @ 10:15 a.m. (between services)

If interested, share your info on the sign-up sheet found on the narthex shelf.

Questions? Call Pastor Dave, 362-1112.

Sign Up for: First Communion Classes

First Communion Sunday is February 23rd. If your child is interested in taking their first communion on this day, you and your child are invited to attend

First Communion classes on Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, from 6-7pm.

(note: Students are asked to come to each class session)

To register, sign-up on the narthex shelf.

You are invited to the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, January 26th

Following the second service we invite all members to SOV's semi-annual Congregational meeting where we will elect members to serve two year terms on the church Council and vote on the 2020 Financial Ministry Prepared by the Council.

A light sandwich lunch will be provided.

If you are interested in previewing the vision for Shepherd of the Valley's Ministry plans for 2020, please attend one of the scheduled information sharing meetings. *The meetings will be held in the meeting space on:*

Sundays, 1/12 and 1/19 between services

Audit Team Needed

Plans are being made to audit the Preschool financial records in the near future. A team of three persons is needed. Please talk with Georgia Girvan (208-830-9763) if you are able to help with this task. Note: the audit will be set based on the team members' schedules.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

3100 S. Five Mile, Boise, Idaho 83709 / 208-362-1112 / admin@sov-id.org

Youth AND Family Ministry



No Faith Formation or Sunday Youth

Activities on Sunday January 5th

Faith Formation and Sunday Youth

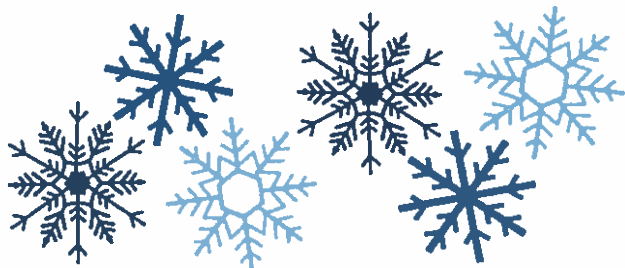
Activities Resuming Sunday January 12th!

J-Team 3rd-5th graders

Sunday January 12th!

Sunday January 26th

12:30-2:00pm! Lunch is provided



Confirmation Lock-In

January 10th-11th 6pm-8am

@ Church

We will be learning about the Trinity, as well as playing games and building community.

This lock in takes the place of our class sessions in January, so please do your best to attend!

Wednesday Nights in January

Meet from 6:30-8:00pm:

Wednesday January 8th

Jr High Youth Night (6th-8th grade)

Wednesday January 15th

Pizza and Games Fellowship Night
(6th-12th grade)

Wednesday January 22nd

Sr. High Youth Night (9th-12th grade)

Wednesday January 29th

Topic Discussion (6th-12th grade)

Board Games and D&D with Pastor Dave will resume in January!

Board Games on
January 12th

D&D on January
19th

Board Games on
January 26th



Bible Study, Small Groups/Circles

- The Wednesday Quilters gather weekly on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m.
- Men's Wednesday Morning Gospel Conversation gathers weekly on Wednesday @ 6:30 a.m. (Awakenings Coffee Shop; Five Mile & Overland)
- Thursday Morning Bible Study meets weekly on Thursday @ 10:00 a.m. in the SOV meeting room
- Anna Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m. (SOV in the meeting room)
- Ruth Circle will meet Friday, January 10, 11:30 a.m. (Roxann Hansen's home) to discuss The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes. Bring a sack lunch and join us.
- Naomi Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 21, at 1 p.m. Vicki Swanson 1668 N Gold Falls Pl. is the hostess. Please call or text her at 208-570-4365 to let her know if you will come or not. We will be finishing up on our study of Angels and deciding on what we want to study next. All are welcome, come help us decide and have some refreshments and good discussion and fellowship.

Serving the Homeless

Servant volunteers serve a meal provided, hand out toiletries, help with laundry and possible checking in residents. New volunteers are always welcome and maps to Sanctuary are available by sign-up sheets. Please volunteer to help serve the Homeless at Interfaith Sanctuary on Thursday, Dec. 12th & Dec. 26th from 4:30 to 8:00 P.M. If you can't get there by 4:30 because of work know you are welcome to come by 5:30pm. Items we are collecting during November & December are: **Knit caps, coats, men's and women's socks and underwear (new), coffee & tea bags, hot chocolate packets, powder creamer, feminine hygiene products, bath towels, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, or toothpaste. Children's needs: winter hats, coats, socks, underwear (all sizes), children books & healthy snacks.** Place ALL donations in Blue Bucket marked Sanctuary in narthex. Please contact Vivian Parrish at (208)362-9579 or Pat Stewart at (208)869-6260 if you have questions. Thank you for being Christ's hands & hearts to the Homeless of Boise.

Border Immersion Presentation – God Sightings & Brokenness

Save the Date!

Five members of SOV plus four others from local faith communities are excited to share our experiences from El Paso as we lived for a week at Iglesia Luterans Cristo Rey in November. On Sunday, Jan. 12th to set the flavor of the day & presentation we will start with a potluck lunch at 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall featuring Mexican or American dishes of your choice to bring. Our presentation should start around 1:15pm. Yes, we saw God Sightings & Brokenness in El Paso and Juarez, Mexico. This presentation will include time spent with an immigration attorney, feeding asylum seekers in Juarez, visiting District court, ministries in Juarez, time spent with undocumented women in El Paso, the wall, Cristo Rey's ministries and what can you do.

Endowment Interest News

Welcome to the first edition of ENDOWMENT INTEREST NEWS. In this section of the Visitor you will be getting information about the SOV Endowment Fund, what it is, what its purpose is, how it works, what it does for the mission of the church, what its status is, how you can impact the work of the fund and more. Watch for future issues of ENDOWMENT INTEREST NEWS.

To learn more, contact Jerry Radek (208-629-0717).

January 2020 Worship Minister Assignments




1/5		9:00 A.M. WORSHIP	11:15 A.M. WORSHIP
Assisting Minister	Jean Rahr	Judi Radek	
Lector	Lisa DeRosier	Careen Deckard	
Children's Message	Pastor Dave	Georgla Girvan	
Ushers	Dick Strauch, Jim Girvan	Don Beaudoin, Don Moris, Andy Giacomazzi	
Altar Guild / Bread	Tom Stewart / Jean Nate	Sandy Davis / Jean Nate	
Children's Church	Pat Sands and Kaitlyn Ehorn	Linda & Connor Anderson	
Acolytes	Ava & Alex Budner	Lex & Liam Denen	
1/12		9:00 A.M. WORSHIP	11:15 A.M. WORSHIP
Assisting Minister	Celia Maynard	Keith Hammer	
Lector	Tom Stewart	Ed Hanson	
Children's Message	Sara Manning	Keith Hammer	
Ushers	Steve Gempler, Pat Stewart, Larry Hansen	Jerry Radek	
Altar Guild / Bread	Lorain Young / Sharon Rleb	Heidi Nice / Karen Stack	
Children's Church	Jeff Ehorn and Annabelle Kelso	Sonia, Aidan & Brian Daley	
Acolytes	Kita & Lucy Stark	Henry & Nora Krone	
1/19		9:00 A.M. WORSHIP	11:15 A.M. WORSHIP
Assisting Minister	Pat Gieseke	Dale Neuman	
Lector	Dick Strauch	Jan Philp	
Children's Message	Pat Gieseke	Pastor Dave	
Ushers	Bob Rahr, Paul Zelus, Jerry Radek	Jack & Carol Liese-Rodriguez, Ron & Nancy Dale	
Altar Guild / Bread	Pat Stewart, Diane Arndt / Judi Radek	Susan Johnstone / Susan Johnstone	
Children's Church	Gary & Tawya Foote	Ed Hansen and Gaby Wright	
Acolytes	Susannah Biggs and Kelsey Foote	Aurora Woods and Sydney Johnson	
1/26		9:00 A.M. WORSHIP	11:15 A.M. WORSHIP
Assisting Minister	Paul Steward	Andy Giacomazzi	
Lector	John Mundt	Lucas Denen	
Children's Message	Sara Manning	Sara Manning	
Ushers	Rob Calkins, Bob Rahr, Paul Steward	Dale Neuman, Bill Woods	
Altar Guild / Bread	Celia Maynard, Diane Arndt / Celia Maynard	Terrelyn Roark / Terrelyn Roark	
Children's Church	Emilee Calkins and Carol Biggs	Melissa & Aurora Woods	
Acolytes	Matthew Maynard and Andre Danilson	Connor Anderson and Henry Smith	
2/2		9:00 A.M. WORSHIP	11:15 A.M. WORSHIP
Assisting Minister	Pat Gieseke	Mark Lee	
Lector	Paul Zelus	Sylvia Moris	
Children's Message	Pat Gieseke	Pastor Dave	
Ushers	Dick Strauch, Jim Girvan	Don Beaudoin, Don Moris, Andy Giacomazzi	
Altar Guild / Bread	Pat Stewart, Diane Arndt / Vicki Swanson	Careen Deckard / Linda Worden	
Children's Church	Georgia Girvan and Sierra DeRosier	Linda & Connor Anderson	
Acolytes	Claire & Chloe Kruitbosch	Ali Deckard and July Morse	

January 2020

Weekly Worship/Christian Education Schedule

Sunday Schedule: 9am Worship (Choir) *** 11:15am Worship (Praise Team)

Sundays: 10:15 am Faith Formation for 4yrs-6th grade

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 5 Food Bank Sunday 9a Worship 11:15a Worship	6 11:00a Staff Lunch off-site	7 5:30p GS Troop (fh) 6:30p Bell Practice	1 Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3 Office Closed	4
12 9a Worship 10:15a New Member Class 10:15a Plan for Ministry (ms) 10:15a Faith Formation 11:15a Worship 12:30p "J" Team 12:30p Border Immersion Presentation (fh)	13 10:30a Staff Meeting (ms) 5:45p Advocate Mtng (fh)	14 10a Anna Circle 5:30p GS Troop (fh) 6:30p Bell Practice 6:30p WELCA (ms)	8 6:30a Men's Bible Study (A) 9a Quilters 6:30p Jr. High 7p Praise Team Rehearsal	9 10a Bible Study (ms) 4:30p Interfaith Sanctuary 7p Chancel Choir	10 11:30a Ruth Circle 4:30p Confirmation Lock-in	11 Confirmation Lock-in continues
19 9a Worship 10:15a New Member Class 10:15a Plan for Ministry (ms) 10:15a Faith Formation 11:15a Worship 12:30p Feeding God's Children 12:30p Confirmation	20 Office Closed 5:30p Council Meeting (ms)	21 1p Naomi Circle 5:30p GS Troop (fh) 6:30p Bell Practice	15 6:30a Men's Bible Study(A) 9a Quilters 6:30p Pizza and games fellowship 7p Praise Team Rehearsal	16 10a Bible Study (ms) 7p Chancel Choir	17 7p Scandi Society	18
26 9a Worship 10:15a Visitation Ministry 10:15a Faith Formation 10:15a New Member Class 11:15a Worship 12:30p "J" team 12:30p Congregational Meeting	27 10:30a Staff Meeting (ms)	28 5:30p GS Troop (fh) 6:30p Bell Practice	22 6:30a Men's Bible Study (A) 9a Quilters 6:30p Senior High 7p Praise Team Rehearsal	23 10a Bible Study (ms) 4:30p Interfaith Sanctuary 7p Chancel Choir	24	25
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A = Awakenings Coffee Shop / FH= Fellowship Hall / MS=Meeting Space / N=Narthex / S= Worship Space / Y=Youth Room

Birthdays

1/1	Lasuen, Lucy	1/24	Munson, Anna
1/3	Cox, Susie	1/26	Oppie, Sonja
1/4	Denen, Logan	1/27	Neuman, Jeanette
1/6	Jenkins, Lily	1/28	Crosthwaite, Xavier
1/7	Nate, Jean	1/28	Housh, Phil
1/8	Grant, Drew	1/29	Tolan, Ronda
1/10	Dickson, Charley	1/30	Denen, Ivy
1/10	Sauer, Joanna	1/30	Denen, Tobias
1/11	Gieseke, Steve	1/31	Bucher, Marie
1/12	Miran, Ally	1/31	Wold, Connie
1/13	Dale, Ron		
1/14	Hagen, Ron		
1/14	Shindle, Breckan		
1/15	Nielson, Dennis		
1/18	Hammer, Bonita		
1/19	Gieseke, Pat		
1/19	Lasuen, Eugenia		
1/23	Jantz, Marie		

Baptism

1/1	Biggs, Chad	1/7	Grant, Drew
1/1	Blair, Karen	1/7	Grant, Kira
1/1	DeRosier, Joe	1/7	Grant, Shelby
1/1	Eaton, Ruth	1/7	Jenkins, Emma
1/1	Fertic, Dena	1/7	Jenkins, Lily
1/1	Foote, Kelsey	1/8	Steward, Paul
1/1	Foster, Eleanor	1/10	Dickson, Ethan
1/1	Garlick, Todd	1/11	Hagen, Jack
1/1	Gordon, Anna	1/11	Serio, Aaron
1/1	Hagen, Lori	1/11	Serio, Kyle
1/1	Hagen, Ron	1/11	Swanson, Vickie
1/1	Hyde, Michael	1/13	Knoll, Grant
1/1	Johnstone, Susan	1/15	Morse, July
1/1	Kachigian, Jo-Ann	1/18	Beaudoin, Don
1/1	Lawson, Meg	1/18	Beaudoin, Joni
1/1	Lewis, Todd	1/18	Strauch, Dick
1/1	Lindley, Marty	1/20	Raper, Jessica
1/1	Liquin, Brian	1/21	List, Harvey
1/1	Lowman, Donald	1/21	Pedersen, Bob
1/1	McNeel, Mary	1/27	Rahr, Bob
1/1	Meisner, Gary	1/27	Ridgway, Forrest
1/1	Oppie, Carly	1/28	Davis, Sandy
1/1	Rodriguez, Lois	1/30	Maynard, Steve
1/1	Sands, Patricia	1/31	Bucher, Marie
1/1	Sargent, Carl	1/31	Roark, Erica
1/1	Sargent, Linda		
1/1	Starr, Margaret		
1/1	Swanson, Paul		
1/1	Van Den Berg, Marj		
1/1	Worden, Linda		

Anniversaries

	Name	Years
1-Jan	<i>Susie & Al Dietz</i>	53
1-Jan	<i>Sharla & Scott Worthen</i>	38
6-Jan	<i>Bob & Jan Pedersen</i>	47
7-Jan	<i>Cheryl & Jonathan Hennings</i>	20
14-Jan	<i>Bill & Karen Woods</i>	38
18-Jan	<i>Richard & Lorain Young</i>	56
22-Jan	<i>Steve & Pat Gieseke</i>	48

Preschool Registration for 2020/2021 school Year
February 4th: New Students

For more info, call Laura or Andrea 208-362-5919.

Per the direction of the Church Council the members of the audit committee performed a Financial Review for the years 2018 & 2019. Specifically the month of August were selected for this review. Data from both years were selected for test sampling. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Congregational Audit Guide provide the direction for the Audit Committee. Emphasis was placed on reviewing processes and procedures to ensure that a proper safe guards were in place protecting Church assets and financial reporting. No improper processes or procedures were detected. The financial records and reports appear to correctly represent the financial status of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

The Audit team consisted of Dale Neuman, V.P., Dennis Philp, Doug Ahmer, and Paul Zelus.

Shepherd of the Valley Leadership and Staff Directory

Congregational Council

President:	Steve Gieseke	949-3843
Vice President:	Dale Neuman	376-5424
Treasurer:	Paul Steward	895-9866
Secretary:	Carol Liesse-Rodriguez	375-8034
Member at large:	Patsy Bailey	376-7453
Member at large:	Andy Giacomazzi	871-0560
Pastor:	Dave Deckard	362-1112

Ministry Teams (Broad Based)

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Adult Education: Paul Zelus
Childhood Education: Debra Shaw
Community Involvement:
 Tom Stewart: 505-463-5621
Evangelism: Brian Kiester
Property: Linda Sargent
Stewardship: John Lawson
Worship: Pat Gieseke
Youth & Family: Lori Hagen, 208-869-0694,
 rlahagen@msn.com

Ministry Teams (Program Based)

Endowment:	Jerry Radek	629-0717
Fellowship:	Lois Rodriguez	888-1584
Preschool:	open	
Visitation:	Geneva Krish	
Web Site:	Scott Jeide	855-0907
WELCA:	open	

Volunteer Positions

Financial Secretary:
 Joann Steward 895-9866

Membership Secretaries:
 Jeannie Matthews 388-2556
 Karen Gempfer 850-0933

Tech Support:
 Scott Jeide 855-0907

Children's Church Coordinator:
 Linda Anderson 855-5007

Altar Guild Coordinators:
 Susan Johnstone 327-0515
 Celia Maynard 841-4998

Sound Tech Coordinator:
 Troy Oppie 206-235-3989

Usher Coordinator:
 Don Beaudoin 362-5662

Acolyte Coordinator:
 Sylvia Moris 377-5364

Nursery Liaison:
 Linda Anderson, 855-5007

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In Appreciation...

For all those who orchestrated the Children's Christmas Pageant on Dec. 22. Thanks to Pastor Dave for writing using a clever format and directing the program with speaking parts for all 30+ children and youth. Thanks, too, to the supporting cast of teachers and parents, who outfitted each participant with a costume and helped with staging, and to the sound crew, who managed some challenging maneuvering to make sure each speaker was heard. Congratulations to the actors, who shared the message and brought new meaning (with a bit of humor) to the Christmas story. Thank you for the opportunity to accompany the children in their singing.

The Ukulele Chorus

Wanna Strum With the Ukulele Chorus?

Frequently asked questions...

What if I don't have a ukulele? Arrangements can be made to get you started.

What if I can't read music? No problem—reading music is not needed. We start with practicing the fingering for just 5 chords. If the songs have chords with difficult fingering, we don't do them!!!

When do you practice? We try to practice on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 6 to 7pm. We also schedule times in between services to practice.

When do you play? For Faith Formation opening music on Sundays from 10:05 to 10:20; for prearranged worship services; for other opportunities as they come along.

Where can I find answers to other questions?

Talk with Sara Manning or Georgia Girvan.

Upcoming scheduled practices: January 23, February 13, and February 27 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Please *Pray For* and *Remember* the following members and their caregivers this month with a card (c), phone call (p), or visit (v). Especially, remember these members during their birthday month (noted). When applicable, call ahead to confirm that the member is up for a caring action (phone call or visit). If you know of a member who isn't included on this list, but should be, call Elvia Strauch, 208-322-0622, or the church office.

Members	Birth Month	Location
<i>Assisted Living/Convalescent/Nursing Homes:</i>		
Marie Bucher (c)(p)(v)	(January)	Valley View Independent Living, 1130 N. Allumbaugh St., #309, Boise
Jean Eaton (c)(v)	(October)	Paramount Assisted Living, 815 N Eagle Rd, Eagle #206
Mary Lou Isbell (c)(p)(v)	(December)	The Cottages, 208-378-7602 / 6352 N. Roe Street, Boise
<i>Homebound Members:</i>		
Linda Bilboa (c)	(March)	501 Bighorn Dr., Boise 83709
Eleanor Foster (c)	(August)	5904 Robertson Dr., Boise 83709
Kathy Franckiewicz (c)	(April)	7619 S Mistyglan Ave, Boise
Tonya Dahlheim (c)(p)(v)	(November)	1811 Cambridge St., Caldwell
<i>Those with Health Challenges:</i>		
Donna Spencer (c)(p)(v)	(October)	2816 N. Cloverdale, Boise 83709
Connie Wold (c)(p)(v)	(January)	Overland Court, Boise 83709

Sunday, Jan. 5th is Food Bank Sunday at SOV

Remember to bring non-perishable food the FIRST Sunday of each month, designated at SOV as Food Bank Sunday, for the Meridian Food Bank.

Food Donation List

- Fruit / Vegetables
- Cereal
- Chili / Soup
- Tuna Helper
- Mac n Cheese
- Pasta Noodles / Rice
- Peanut Butter
- Tuna / Stew
- Pork-n-Beans
- Spaghetti-O's
- Top Ramen/Pasta Sides
- Tomato Products
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Beans (dry and canned)
- Hamburger Helper
- Instant mashed potatoes

Roundtable Against Hunger

This organization has been around since 2005 working against hunger in Idaho through advocacy to State decision makers and educating Idaho communities on issues. As the Idaho Legislature begins their session we want to connect with SOV members who want to be connected with their action alerts and very informative educational events. Please contact Vivian Parrish at 208 362-9579 to stay or get connected to Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger & be a voice against hunger.

For Your Reading & Reflection

Members and friends of SOV are invited and encouraged to prepare for Sunday worship by reading and reflecting on the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday in their devotional life at home (or wherever it takes place).

Pay special attention to the Gospel text. *Questions for your reflecting:*

- ① *What is capturing my attention in this text?* ② *What questions does the text ask of me?*

Sunday, January 5
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 12
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, January 19
Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Sunday, January 26
Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23