

# the VISITOR

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

## November 2019 Newsletter

Daylight Savings **ENDS**  
Sunday, Nov. 3rd



### *Pre-Order Your*

### **Christmas Poinsettia**

*Order by: This Sunday Nov. 3*

Plan to pre-purchase your Christmas poinsettia in celebration, honor or memory of your loved one(s).

**Cost: \$16.50**

Sign-up in the narthex.

### **Annual Holiday Bazaar @ SOV** *(Hosted by WELCA)*

**Saturday,  
November 9th**

Proceeds benefit local non-profits as well as our own Wednesday Quilters! Great fellowship and a good time will be had by all.

## **Celebration/Commitment Season November 10-24, 2019**

As we prepare to commit our financial gifts to God's mission at Shepherd of the Valley this month, let's remind ourselves of how we partner with God to do His work both near and far. Whether it's our Youth & Family Ministry, quilts, CROP Walking to reduce hunger, or other community outreach ministries, our financial gifts help us do God's work in the world.

Again this year, we will be continuing our Celebration/Commitment "Season" concept rather than focusing on one distinct Sunday. But we really need your help. Your estimate of giving will help shape our 2020 Ministry Plan. And with SOV now fully staffed, your commitment is more vital than ever, especially as we continue to plan our ministries beyond our maintenance budget (lights, heating/cooling, staff salaries, etc...). Remember, we receive no other dollars from anywhere else to do God's work, so our cheerful giving is vitally important to our ministry at Shepherd of the Valley. And we are doing a lot—and planning for more!

Please join us during our Celebration/Commitment Season when we lift up our financial commitments to God's ministry in and through Shepherd of the Valley. Without the generosity of SOV members and friends, we cannot effectively realize God's purpose at this place.

There's tremendous energy around our ministries at SOV! We're giving more than we have in the past three years! Please prayerfully consider submitting an Estimate of 2020 Giving Card during Celebration/Commitment Season, November 10, 17, and 24.

God is working through us--near and far--as we continue to do His work in our church, in the Treasure Valley...and beyond! It's what we love about this place!

**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church**

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# Youth AND Family Ministry

**ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME**

3rd-5th Grade is J-Team!

6th-8th Grade is Jr. High!

9th-12th Grade is Sr. High!

J-Team 3rd-5th graders

Sunday November 10th!

Participate in Intergenerational Rake Event. Soup lunch at Church.

Sunday November 24th

12:30-2:00pm! Lunch at Church then Outing to Krispy Kreme

## Wednesday Nights in November

Meet from 6:30-8:00pm

**Wednesday November 6th**

Jr High Youth Night

Making Fleece Tie Blankets with a few of our Quilters

**Wednesday November 13th**

Pizza and Games Fellowship Night

**Wednesday November 20th**

Sr High Youth Night

Learn about Cars with Bob Parrish! If you have a car, bring it! Or borrow your parents for the evening!

## **Confirmation Classes:**

**November 3rd** meet at Shepherd of the Valley at **12:30pm**, then take the church van to the session at Faith Lutheran in Caldwell (1pm-2:15pm). And return to Shepherd of the Valley by about **3pm**.\*

**November 17th** at Shepherd of the Valley  
12:30pm-2:15pm

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsals Start  
Sunday November 24th**

**Between Services: during our usual  
Faith Formation Time (10:15-11:05)**

**The Christmas Pageant will be Sunday  
December 22nd at the 11:15am Service**

## **Parents Night Out**

**Friday December 6th! 6-10pm**

Parents can drop off children ages 6-months -6th grade anytime throughout the evening. There will be activities, crafts and more. Supervision provided by youth and adults! There will be a sign up in the narthex later in

Nov to get an idea of numbers.



# Bible Study, Small Groups and 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. Watch for more details.*

*Ruth Circle will meet on November 1st at 11:30 a.m. (Vicki Swanson's home). We will be discussing Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris. Bring a sack lunch, beverages and dessert provided!*

*Naomi Circle will meet Tuesday, November 19th, at 1:00 p.m. (Sandy Davis 's home, 10071 W. Rhett St.). Please RSVP to Sandy at 208-362-4169. All are welcome for bible study, good discussion, refreshments, and fellowship.*



## Next Sunday Intergenerational Church Wide Rake Up!

Let's help those members from our congregation who can no longer rake their own lawns this fall.

We need people of all ages and skill levels!

**Sunday November 10th After Second Service.** Soup Lunch at Church then we will break into groups to go rake for an hour or two! **Bring rakes if you have them!**

## Mark your calendars for an upcoming special event!

WELCA welcomes everyone to hear Sylvia Moris as she shares memories of growing up in England during WWII. Sunday, November 17th following the second service at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social, Wed., Nov. 27th, at 7p

This annual tradition is a wonderful, cherished way to start the Thanksgiving holiday. If you are able to bring a pie to share, a sign-up sheet can be found on the narthex shelf.

**An estimated 15 pies will be needed:  
Sign-up in the Narthex if you can bring one.**



## Advent Worship and Soup Supper

Plan to attend the mid-week Advent soup supper and worship services as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The Advent services will be held on successive Wednesdays, beginning December 4th with:

**6:00 p.m. Soup Supper / 6:45 p.m. Worship**





# November 2019 Worship Minister Assignments

11/3		9:00 A.M. WORSHIP	11:15 A.M. WORSHIP
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Pat Gieseke	Todd Garlck	
<b>Lector</b>	Troy Opple	Ed Hanson	
<b>Children's Message</b>	Sara Manning	Sara Manning	
<b>Ushers</b>	Dick Strauch, Jim Girvan, Bob Ferlic, Lucas Denen	Don Beaudoin, Don Moris, Andy Giacomazzi	
<b>Altar Guild / Bread</b>	Barbara Strouth / Sharon Rieb	Susan Johnstone / Karen Stack	
<b>Children's Church</b>	Pat Sands and Sierra DeRosier	Sonia, Aidan & Brian Daley	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Annabelle & Ainsley Kelso	Quinn Adams and Gabrielle Wright	
11/10		9:00 A.M. WORSHIP	11:15 A.M. WORSHIP
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Paul Steward	Mark Lee	
<b>Lector</b>	Tom Stewart	Sylvia Moris	
<b>Children's Message</b>	Pat Gieseke	Keith Hammer	
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Gempler, Larry Hansen, Pat Stewart	Jerry Radek	
<b>Altar Guild / Bread</b>	Celia Maynard / Jean Nate	Sandy Davis / Jean Nate	
<b>Children's Church</b>	Jeff & Kaitlyn Ehorn	Ed Hanson and Gabrielle Wright	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kaitlyn & Tyler Ehorn	Henry & Nora Krone	
11/17		9:00 A.M. WORSHIP	11:15 A.M. WORSHIP
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jean Rahr	Dale Neuman	
<b>Lector</b>	Jim Girvan	Lucas Denen	
<b>Children's Message</b>	Georgia Girvan	Sara Manning	
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Rahr, Paul Zelus	Jack & Carol Liese-Rodriguez, Ron & Nancy Dale	
<b>Altar Guild / Bread</b>	Lorain Young / Susie Dietz	Careen Deckard / Linda Worden	
<b>Children's Church</b>	Emilee Calkins and Carol Biggs	Sonia, Aidan & Brian Daley	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ava & Alex Budner	All Deckard and July Morse	
11/24		9:00 A.M. WORSHIP	11:15 A.M. WORSHIP
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Celia Maynard	Dennis Philp	
<b>Lector</b>	Lisa DeRosier	Jan Philp	
<b>Children's Message</b>	Pastor Dave	Pastor Dave	
<b>Ushers</b>	Rob Calkins, Paul Steward	Dale Neuman, Bill Woods	
<b>Altar Guild / Bread</b>	Paul Zelus / Vicki Swanson	Terrelyn Roark / Terrelyn Roark	
<b>Children's Church</b>	Gary & Tawnya Foote	Melissa & Aurora Woods	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kita & Lucy Stark	Lex & Liam Denen	
12/1		9:00 A.M. WORSHIP	11:15 A.M. WORSHIP
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Pat Gieseke	Andy Giacomazzi	
<b>Lector</b>	Max Van Den Berg	Ed Hanson	
<b>Children's Message</b>	Sara Manning	Sara Manning	
<b>Ushers</b>	Dick Strauch, Jim Girvan, Bob Ferlic, Lucas Denen	Don Beaudoin, Don Moris, Andy Giacomazzi	
<b>Altar Guild / Bread</b>	Tom Stewart / Dorothy Koci	Careen Deckard / Dorothy Koci	
<b>Children's Church</b>	Pat Sands and Sierra DeRosier	Linda & Connor Anderson	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Matthew Maynard and Andre Danielson	Aurora Woods and Sydney Johnson	

# November 2019

## Weekly worship/Christian Education Schedule

Sunday Schedule:

9am Worship (Choir) \*\*\* 10:15 am Faith Formation (4yrs-6th) \*\*\* 11:15am Worship (Praise Team)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Looking Ahead...</b>						
Sunday, 12/1: Advent Tea						
Friday, 12/6: Parents Night Out						
Wednesdays 12/4-11-18: Advent Soup Supper / Worship						
Tuesday, 12/24: Christmas Eve Worship @ 5p-7p-11p						
<b>3</b> 9a Worship 10:15a Faith Formation 11:15a Worship 12:30p Confirmation class 6p Lay Preacher Prep	<b>4</b> 10:30a Staff Meeting	<b>5</b> 5:30p G.S. Troop 6:30p Bell Choir	<b>6</b> 6:30a Men's Study 9a Quilters 6:30p Jr. High Youth Night 7p Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 10a Bible Study 7p Chancel Choir	<b>8</b> 4p Bazaar Set-up (fh)	<b>9</b> 9a WELCA Bazaar (fh) 10a Adult Educations (ms)
<b>10</b> 9a Worship 10:15a Faith Formation 11:15a Worship 12:30p Church wide Rake Up 12:30p "J" Team 6p Lay Preacher Prep	<b>11</b> 10:30a Staff Meeting 5:45p Advocate Meeting	<b>12</b> 10a Anna Circle 5:30p G.S. Troop 6:30p Bell Choir	<b>13</b> 6:30a Men's Study 9a Quilters 6:30p Pizza and games 7p Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 10a Bible Study 4:30p SOV @ Interfaith Sanctuary 7p Chancel Choir	<b>15</b> 7p Scandi Society (fh)	<b>16</b> 9a S.O.N. Lefse (fh) 10a Adult Educations (ms) 1p Mark McLagan's Memorial Service
<b>17</b> 9a Worship 10:15a Faith Formation 11:15a Worship 12:30p Welca Event (fh) 12:30p SOV @ FGC 12:30p Confirmation class 6p Lay Preacher Prep	<b>18</b> 10:30a Staff Meeting 5:30p Council Meeting	<b>19</b> 1p Naomi Circle 5:30p G.S. Troop 6:30p Bell Choir	<b>20</b> 6:30a Men's Study 6:30p Senior High Youth night 7p Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 10a Bible Study 7p Chancel Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10a Adult Educations (ms)
<b>24</b> 9a Worship 10:15a Faith Formation 10:15a Visitation Ministry (ms) 11:15a Worship 12:30p "J" Team	<b>25</b> 10:30a Staff Meeting	<b>26</b> 5:30p G.S. Troop 6:30p Bell Choir	<b>27</b> 6:30a Men's Study 9a Quilters 7p Thanksgiving Eve Worship & pie social	<b>28</b> SOV office closed 4:30p SOV @ Interfaith Sanctuary	<b>29</b> SOV office closed	<b>30</b>

A = Archives / FH= Fellowship Hall / MS=Meeting Space / N=Narthex / S= Worship Space / Y=Youth Room / K= Kitchen / M= Matthew's Room / C=Cry Room

\*\*\*SOV Preschool in session M-F, 9a-3p using Matthew, Mark, Luke, John Rooms and the Fellowship Hall\*\*\*



**Serving treats  
this month:  
Grace Servant Team  
under the  
Leadership of  
Linda Worden**

- Barker, Janet
- Boint, Elsa
- Clarke, Karen and Mike
- Cone, Margot
- Crossthwaite, Mia
- Davis, Sandra
- Elking, Thomas & Raney, Kathleen
- Erickson, Marlys
- Foote, Gary and Tawnya
- Foster, Eleanor
- Hagen, Lori and Ron
- Hanson, Ed
- Hennings, Cheryl
- Hough, Robert
- Isbell, Mary Lou
- Jenkins, Larry and Lillian
- Johnson, Karen and Kevin
- Jones, Don & Lyda, Laura
- Koci, Dorothy
- Lau, Davina
- Mata, Chris and Kelley
- Mohlman, Scott
- Mundt, John and Marty
- Munson, Anna
- Nelson, Roy
- Otto, Jean and Roger
- Poppy, Tricia
- Radek, Jerry and Judi
- Sippy, Chad & Rebecca
- Spencer, Donna
- Stewart, Pat A.
- Worden, Linda



**Birthdays**

- 11/1 Sargent, Linda
- 11/2 Cone, Margot
- 11/2 Street, Diane
- 11/3 Strauch, Steve
- 11/4 Woods, Karen
- 11/5 Radek, Judi
- 11/6 Serio, Tony
- 11/8 Stack, Karen
- 11/9 Gjersing, Hunter
- 11/10 Hudson, Mike
- 11/11 Giacomazzi, Andy
- 11/13 Dunn, Donovan
- 11/14 Fertic, Zach
- 11/15 Woods, Bill
- 11/16 Dahlheim, Tonya
- 11/17 Gregory, Doug
- 11/17 Whitmore, Vic
- 11/18 Hanson, Helen
- 11/20 Fertic, Dena
- 11/20 Pedersen, Bob
- 11/22 Montero, Susan
- 11/23 Mata, Chris
- 11/23 Mitchell, Virginia
- 11/25 Schofer, Beverly
- 11/26 List, Neil
- 11/27 Nerison, John
- 11/28 McNeel, Mary
- 11/29 Deckard, Derek
- 11/30 Bull, Martene
- 11/30 Clarke, Mike
- 11/30 Krone, Nora
- 11/30 Laber, Dianne
- 11/30 Schmidt, Brian

**Baptism**

- 11/1 Deckard, Derek
- 11/1 Dunn, Karrigan
- 11/1 Erickson, Marlys
- 11/1 Gempfer, Karen
- 11/1 Giacomazzi, Drew
- 11/1 Lawson, John
- 11/1 Moore, Doris
- 11/1 Ridgway, Elisabeth
- 11/1 Tolan, Dave
- 11/3 Danielson, Lynda
- 11/3 Hudson, Jake
- 11/3 Shindle, Breckan
- 11/4 Roark, Terrelyn
- 11/4 Schafer, Eleanor
- 11/5 Whistler, Cheryl
- 11/7 Montero, Caden
- 11/9 Grant, James
- 11/10 Robinson, Ty
- 11/13 Dooney, Kellen
- 11/14 Poppy, Tricia
- 11/15 Woods, Aurora
- 11/15 Woods, Madysen
- 11/19 Cougher, Linda
- 11/22 Siegel, Rosalie
- 11/24 Faude, Wayne
- 11/27 Robinson, Jordyn
- 11/30 Mata, Chris

**2019  
Servant Team  
Rotation  
Nov - Grace  
Dec - Love**

**Interfaith Sack  
Lunch Coming in  
December**

All are welcome to join in casual conversation that will have open topics with an Interfaith group on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in the narthex from Noon to 1:00pm.

**Anniversaries**

2-Nov	Dave & Ronda Tolan	35
15-Nov	Tom & Margaret Starr	44
21-Nov	Jon & Sonia Daley	21
23-Nov	Mike & Karen Clarke	35
25-Nov	Keven & Jessica Denen	19
25-Nov	David & Shelly Dooney	22



WELCA invites you to attend our annual **Advent Tea on December 1, at 1:30pm in the SOV Fellowship Hall.** Watch for sign up sheets!. If you have any questions, call Denise Dallas at 208-893-5177.

# Shepherd of the Valley Leadership and Staff Directory

## Congregational Council

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

## Ministry Teams (Broad Based)

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

## Ministry Teams (Program Based)

<b>Endowment:</b>	Jerry Radek, 208-629-0717, jerryandjudi@cableone.net
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Lois Rodriguez, 208-888-1584
<b>Preschool:</b>	open
<b>Visitation:</b>	Geneva Krish
<b>Web Site:</b>	Scott Jeide, 208-855-0907 webteam@sov-id.org
<b>WELCA (Women of the ELCA):</b>	Denise Dallas, 208-893-5177 dlynne.dd@gmail.com

## Volunteer Positions

<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	Joann Steward	895-9866
<b>Membership Secretaries:</b>	Jeannie Matthews	388-2556
	Karen Gempler	888-3563
<b>Tech Support:</b>	Scott Jeide	855-0907
<b>Children's Church Coordinator:</b>	Linda Anderson	855-5007
<b>Altar Guild Coordinators:</b>	Susan Johnstone	327-0515
	Celia Maynard	841-4998
<b>Sound Tech Coordinator:</b>	Troy Oppie	206-235-3989
<b>Usher Coordinator:</b>	Don Beaudoin	362-5662
<b>Acolyte Coordinator:</b>	Sylvia Moris	377-5364
<b>Nursery Liaison:</b>	Linda Anderson,	855-5007

## Staff Directory:

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**Visitation Pastor**  
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**Preschool Co-Directors:**  
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Andrea Gross, 208-362-5919  
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### Serving the Homeless of Boise

Servant volunteers serve a meal provided, hand out toiletries, help with laundry and possible checking in residents. New volunteers are always welcome. Please volunteer to help serve the Homeless at Interfaith Sanctuary on Thursday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> or Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> (see below) 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. Sign up on narthex shelf. 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. We need one more person to join Parrish's on Thanksgiving day (Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>) to do regular duties, Micron will be providing Thanksgiving Meal and serving it. 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.

### New Path Apartment Kitchen Shower

Last year SOV helped furnished household items for Boise's first homeless apartments (New Path Community Housing) for people to have permanent housing. Thanks for all who helped provide for 11 apartments there! We have received a requested from Kendall Jones who is a Ameri-Corp volunteer working with New Path this year. Terry Reilly Health Services provides on-site social services, medical treatment, and life skills training there. There is a community kitchen for this apartment complex on the main floor at New Path (<http://newpathboise.org/#home>) and its in need of items so they can use it as a teaching kitchen skills at the apartments. So, starting in November you can sign up to provide items that are needed for that kitchen. Items needed can be new or in good used condition that include kitchen towels, baking sheets, baking pans 9x13, 9x9, 8x8, pots of all size and loaf pans. Additional items include: liquid measuring cups, large bowls, wooden spoons, a spatula, a large pot with lid, an oven mitt, hot pads, cutting boards, cooking knives, dish drying rack, coffee filters (12 cup size) and rags for cleaning. So stop by table in narthex pick up an index card/s with an item you like to provide and bring it back asap to laundry basket. The other items they could use due to wear & tear is for mops & brooms so any amount of these will be welcome! Our drive will end Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. **There is no health without housing.** Questions contact Vivian 208 362-9579.

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).

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 Mistyglen 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, Nov. 3rd 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

**Hope for the Holidays**

You can bring joy and hope to families in immigration detention, and to children who crossed our borders alone, by writing and decorating holiday cards in English or Spanish. Last year over 12,000 cards were distributed by Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service to detention centers across U.S. Stop by the table in the narthex to find brochures with possible Spanish/English messages & for inspiration. Draw a picture (love kids work) or share your favorite poem, quote or Bible verse to personalize the card. Sign the card (first name and city/state). Do NOT put cards in individual envelopes. SOV will be collecting these cards in special box at table in narthex until November 24<sup>th</sup> in which we will send box off to church that will be doing distributions of these cards. Questions contact Vivian 208 362-9579. An estimated 90% of families in immigration detention seek protection from violence and persecution, which means they should be treated as refugees. Bring Hope for the Holidays by sharing cards of Hope.

**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?*

Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17	Nov. 24
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Job 19:23-27a	Malachi 4:1-2a	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalms 149	Psalms 32:1-7	Psalms 98	Psalms 46
Ephesians 1:11-23	2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17	2 Thess 3:6-13	Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 6:20-31	Luke 20:27-38	Luke 21:6-13	Luke 23:33-43