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June/July
2022

The Shepherd's Voice

Monthly Newsletter of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

I love dandelions and it makes me sad the amount of poison people use to get rid of them. There, I said it and you can be angry with me. Elijah and I had an argument in the car the other day over this so I imagine there are other conflicting opinions.

I ended the argument with the pithy, "Dandelions are not weeds, they are just unloved flowers." Bam. I love them.

They are beautiful. Dandelions make Juneau even more amazingly splendorous this time of year. They are stunning in all their glory because "lawn care" is pretty sparse so the bright yellow erupts everywhere.

Dandelions are fun. How else are you going to know if you like butter or make a wish? They keep us from taking ourselves too seriously and expecting perfection.

They are a gift. I watched a momma with three kids who were all picking treasures for her and her hands were filled with expressions of great love.

They are food and medicine and wine. I've only tried the wine and not the rest, but that's quite a resume.

Dandelions are the first flowers for pollinators. I'm not a scientist, but that seems pretty darn important.

One of my favorite parables that Jesus tells is Mark 4, "Jesus also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

Mustard was a weed with a pretty yellow flower. The kingdom of God is like a dandelion, not always loved or wanted, but it can somehow survive an arsenal of poison to poke through sidewalks and perfectly manicured lawns to still witness to the tenacity of beauty, joy, life, and love. Ha.

Pay attention to what you want to destroy. Why? What does it reveal about what you value and what you dismiss?

This summer is going to have lots of community building - summer lunch, pilgrimage to Ireland/Wales, and lots of round table talks. We're having all kinds of discussions around abortion, sexuality and racism while trying to stay at the table together to love and make space for each other. Church is not about taking stands on issues as much as it is about forming communities that wrestle with the complexities of life and keep loving and forgiving.

Church communities are dandelions in the world. We can easily be dismissed or even killed with poison, but in our messiness and tenacity there is beauty, joy and life. We aren't perfectly manicured lawns, but a witness to the kingdom of God that insists on breaking through concrete as a reminder of life that cannot be defeated even by death.

Peace,
Pastor Tari

SOV's Special Guests in June

Sister Kelly Marciales

We are excited to host Sister Kelly Marciales again this summer.

Kelly Marciales (she/they) serves as Community Organizing Program Coordinator for the ELCA and Director of Organizing For Mission Network (OFMN). OFMN is an ecumenical network of individuals, congregations, synods, non-profit organizations, and community organizers who convene trainings and build cohorts across the United States which support local and statewide grassroots organizing efforts.

Their previous appointment was as Executive Director of Valley Interfaith Action (VIA), a faith-based community organization in Alaska. Serving as VIA's director and lead community organizer for 5 years, they built ecumenical partnerships that addressed statewide issues of affordable housing, senior healthcare, and equitable access to transportation.

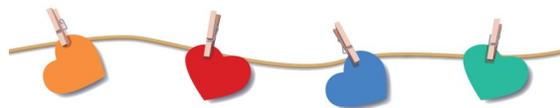
Kelly holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from California Polytechnic University Pomona, a Master of Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary, and earned a certificate in Design Thinking from Cornell University. Kelly lives in Palmer, Alaska with their partner and four children. Kelly enjoys science-fiction and fantasy novels, making the perfect karaage, and is currently learning American Sign Language.



Cyndi and Josette Buckley

We are also hosting Pastor Tari's friend Cyndi Buckley and her daughter Josette. They will be helping at summer lunch and staying at the Stage-Harvey's. Please introduce yourself to them and invite them out.

Newsletter Sponsorships



June Newsletter Sponsor

The June newsletter is sponsored by Ginny and Dennis Iverson. They're sponsoring it in honor of grandson Corbin Corson's 16th birthday on June 20, as well as to honor all the guys for Father's Day. Ginny and Denny are Becky Corson's parents. Thank you for your continued support of SOV!

July Newsletter Sponsor

The July newsletter is sponsored by Karen Stumpf. Karen is a long-time member of SOV. She retired and moved to Arizona, and spends time traveling now, but her heart and spirit are always with us. Thank you for sponsoring the newsletter, Karen! We miss you!

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 wording you want included.



Congregational & Council News

Thank you for the generous donations after our rough winter! We are thankful and blessed.

Speaking of thankful and blessed; the church mortgage will be paid off on June 1!!! Yippee!!!

Council is discussing with Sister Kelly Marciales what ways she can help us facilitate growth in ministry at SOV. There was interest in discussing how to interrupt the impact of racism. Stay posted for more details.

The congregation had helpful questions regarding the possible driveway move. We are exploring signage; the difference in upkeep for the driveway; changing the address; drainage; and keeping a walkway to the church from Mendenhall Loop Road.

Bunches of Blessings on June 5

We're headed outside after worship on June 5 to bless the bikes, the garden, and burn the mortgage! The columbarium has been delayed (the wood on the cross had to be different than their standard because of our climate). It should be installed by the end of June and we will bless it then.

Glory Hole Meatloaf in June & July

We will cook and serve our traditional meatloaf meal on Wednesdays, June 15 and July 20. Keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet for needed contributions of time and food.

Father's Day Brunch on June 19

Plan on staying after worship on Sunday, June 19 for a brunch to celebrate the men in our lives. Hosted by the fellowship committee, it's sure to be delicious. Kitchen help and/or food donations may be needed; stay tuned for more information.



SOV Book Club Meets in July

We're taking a brain break and reading *One for the Money* by Janet Evanovich. *Stephanie Plum has lost her job, her car, her marriage and is about to lose her apartment if she doesn't raise some cash quick. What's a girl to do?*

We'll meet at 6 p.m., Wednesday, July 13 at Forbidden Peak.

Ireland and Wales Pilgrimage

Thank you for all the prayers and generous support of our intergenerational crew heading to Ireland and Wales on a pilgrimage of healing. You may join along on the app. Daily devotions and pictures will be posted so you can walk along with us. Download the app by going to the SOV website and clicking the "download the app" button.

Please keep the following travelers in your prayers as they prepare for a time of reflection and healing together: August Kiessling, Becky Corson, Braden Jenkins, Chris Wallace, Christy Wallace, Corbin Corson, Dan Corson, Deb Tempel, Denny Corson, Eileen Hosey, Elijah Harvey, Hannah Harvey, Ilya Wallace, Julie Jenkins, Katherine Andrews, Kirt Stage-Harvey, Kristina Abbott, Erin Wallace, Lisa Wallace, Mark Kiessling, Rosemary Kiessling, Sam Kiessling, Savona Kiessling, Sophia Harvey, Theresa Ross, Tari Stage-Harvey, Whitney Hall, and Liam Kiessling.

This crew will travel June 7-June 21. Sister Kelly Marciales will be at Shepherd of the Valley during this time. She joined us last year during Pastor Tari's sabbatical and we look forward to her return. Pastor Tari's friend from high school, Cyndi Buckley, and her daughter Josette will be staying at the Stage-Harvey's and helping with summer lunch. Please help them all feel welcome.



Summer Lunch 2022
Monday-Friday, June 6-August 5
at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
Lunch served 12:30-1 p.m. Games & Activities from 12-1:30 p.m.

Summer Lunch is happening and begins June 6th. Kids ages 18 and younger are invited to drop in for lunch and activities from Noon to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The church is located at 4212 Mendenhall Loop Road. Call us at 789-4093 if you have questions. This is a drop in program, not childcare. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/sovlunch>. Registration is not necessary, but very helpful.

What to Expect this Summer:

- If your child is not feeling well or has cold or flu-like symptoms, please keep them at home.
- Some distancing and good ventilation inside the building.
- Lots of amazing food, games for all ages, and work in the garden.

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.
 1:30 pm Staff and volunteers head home.

Menu:

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

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

Volunteers help us keep costs down. If you are interested in volunteering, please call or email the church.

Background checks will be run and we will pay for a food handlers' card.

Need a Bike? Or a Bike Buddy?

Outdoor bike rodeo will be **4 to 5:30 p.m., Sunday, June 5**. 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 20 to register and will occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-3 p.m. beginning June 28

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/sovlunch>

Register at the bike rodeo or on-line at www.sovlutheran.org



Youth News & Events



Pictured: some of our smiley Summer Lunch staff.

Bike Rodeo

Our kick-off for Summer Lunch! The Bike Rodeo is 4-5:30 pm, Sunday, June 5. It's always helpful to have lots of volunteers to greet neighbors and entertain kids with bubbles and sidewalk chalk, as well as size bike helmets. You can let Pastor Tari know if there's something specific you'd like to do, or just show up to help wherever you're needed.

Summer Lunch Program

Summer Lunch begins on Monday, June 6. More volunteers are needed, especially to help in the first two weeks. This is a great way to introduce a friend to church. Talk to Teresa Kissel about helping. There are many opportunities that are completely COVID safe. See the poster on page 4 for more details.

Glacier Bible Camp: FISH

Yep—the theme is FISH. There are so many good fish stories in the Bible and just imagine the cool design on the camp t-shirt. Early registration is open NOW and ends on June 1st. Camp is for youth entering 5th grade and older, and happens from July 18-23. You may register and pay for camp at our website www.sovlutheran.org or by following this link: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/5084348>

Scholarship for Christian Service & Education

Applications are available at church and on the website under ministries. They are due July 6. These are open to any who are in higher education and seek to live out their faith in their vocation. Thank you to Joy Will, Dean Rasmussen and Michelle Weaver for serving on the committee. Please consider giving to the scholarship fund to boost our account back up closer to \$5000. We are currently around \$2500.

Our Whole Lives

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a curriculum developed to help participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, Our Whole Lives not only provides facts about anatomy and human development, but also helps participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality.

Scott Hinton and Pastor Tari will head to Anchorage with other Lutheran leaders to get trained in the OWL curriculum for 7th-12th grade.

Our first step before meeting with youth is to provide several small groups around the curriculum "Parents and Caregivers as Sexual Educators." Pastor Tari will facilitate a small group on Tuesdays, June 28 and July 5 for moms. This small group is full, but you may go on the waiting list if interested. We are looking at starting another cohort so please call Pastor Tari if interested.

The initial sessions are "Hopes and Concerns for Kids' Sexual Health" and "Communication: How Do We Talk about Sex?"

Starting in the fall, Pastor Tari and Scott will lead a program for interested high schoolers. Parents may and should review all the material.

Let the Blessings Overflow

Good News and Celebrations in 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

Baptismal Birthdays

1 John Foster
 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

Anniversaries

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



Sundays in June

Sunday Worship—Join us at 9:30 a.m. The Zoom invite for worship is published in the weekly church email. Sunday Worship is in-person and on Zoom. Masks are encouraged, but currently not required.

Sunday Hikes—1:30 p.m., June 12, 19, and 26. Meet at church and carpool to the trail. The trail will be announced at worship in the morning. Trail dependent on weather and who is hiking. This is a great way to reconnect and welcome guests into an adventure.



Values at Shepherd of the Valley

We are centered on Christ.

The community around Christ can be chaotic and that's okay.

We all are broken and come here for healing, mercy, and a second chance.

We gather to praise God and to learn together God's will for our lives as revealed in Holy Scriptures.

We are sent into the world to use the gifts God has given us.

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. *From www.sundaysandseasons.com*

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

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JUNE 2022

9-10 am on Saturdays (in person only)
 Deliveries available Wednesday evenings to homebound folks. Call the food pantry direct line for information.
Food Pantry Direct Line: 907-500-3588

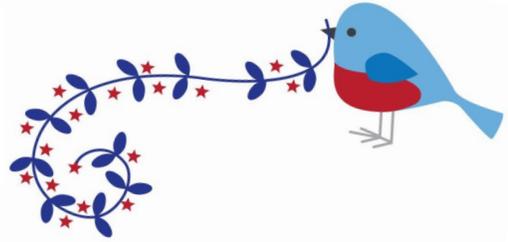
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5 Pentecost Wear Red to Church 930 am Worship 10:30 am Blessings (see page 3) 4 pm Bike Rodeo	6 Summer Lunch	7 Summer Lunch <i>Ireland/Wales Pilgrimage Begins</i>	8 Summer Lunch	9 Summer Lunch	10 Summer Lunch	11 9-10 am Pantry
12 930 am Worship 130 pm Hike	13 Summer Lunch	14 Summer Lunch	15 Summer Lunch SOV at Glory Hall 7 pm Council	16 Summer Lunch	17 Summer Lunch	18 9-10 am Pantry
19 Father's Day 930 am Worship 1030 am Brunch 130 pm Hike	20 Summer Lunch	21 Summer Lunch <i>Ireland/Wales Travelers Return</i>	22 Summer Lunch	23 Summer Lunch	24 Summer Lunch	25 9-10 am Pantry
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Birthdays

1 Mark Kiessling
 2 Crosby Landvik
 2 Mattie Jean Odum
 4 Sophia Harvey
 4 Emma Lily Larson
 5 Chris Wallace
 5 Lisa Wallace
 9 Ed Flanagan
 16 Lou Corazza
 18 Freyja Weaver
 20 Lily Dietz
 22 Trevor Kellar
 24 Audrey Rasmussen
 26 Amber Marshall
 26 Karen Owen
 26 Cindy Spanyers
 26 Cindy Stevenson
 28 Katherine Allen
 28 Simon Smith
 29 Kristin Larson
 30 Connie Williams

Baptismal Birthdays

1 Alice Gates
 1 Robert Shaw
 7 Shelah Stage
 12 Meagan Hinton
 17 Fred Howard
 19 Lindsay Birk
 21 Joshua Odum
 28 Katherine Allen
 28 Peyton Allen
 31 Lera Jimmerson

You're Not Alone.

Please reach out by phone or through the link on the website to schedule a visit with the pastor or any of our life coaches. We have six life coaches who are trained to walk with people during stagnant times when they are trying to figure out what happens next, overwhelming times, or even to check in during normal times.

Anniversaries

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



Sunday Worship in July

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Memorial Service for Larry Rorem

Larry Rorem's Memorial Service will take place on Saturday, July 30 at Shepherd of the Valley. The time will be announced soon. Larry was the pastor at Shepherd of the Valley for 17+ years, until his retirement in 2007. Blessings to Laura Rorem and her family as they prepare for his memorial service.



A Moment for Prayer

Faithful God, you care for us day by day, and with you as our companion we are never alone. Grant to each one of your children fulfillment in life, confidence in your steadfast love, and support in the community of your people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. *From Lutheran Book of Worship published by Augsburg Publishing House, 1978*

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<i>Pray, and let God worry. - Martin Luther (1483-1546)</i>						

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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 page 2 of newsletter for details.

In-Person Food Pantry: 9-10 am Saturdays

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