



Newsletter March 2009



Dear Friends and Family, if there are friends and loved ones whom you would like to have prayers for, or military persons on active duty, please contact the church office at 526-7577 and we will list them in our bulletin and newsletter.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER Pastor Gary and our church leaders.

Undergoing cancer therapy - Daryl Barnett, Diane Voorhes, Geoff Connors (*Ralph Nelman's grandson-in-law*), Wendy Weathers (*friend of Elizabeth Hood*) Julie Rolph (*friend of Jan Yoder*).

Under convalescent or hospice care... Tommy Timms (cousin of Jeanne Fisher) Hazel Gade (OSLC member), Tim Simpson

Undergoing surgery, various tests, treatments, recuperating and continued comfort...

Elsie Pusateri, Mike Moriarty (OSLC member), John Moore (OSLC member), Kristofer Maass (friend of the Baas family), Loretta Blake, for continuing strength and health; Kenny Kotwitz, to regain some vision; Dorothy Myers; John Yanuklis, Pr. Kenn Bergmann; Sammi Brazenor; Christine and Paul (Pastor Lynn's friends); Lydia Christensen; Eloise Cooley (Marcia's mother); Edward Clark (a friend of Pastor Lynn); (Richard Westerdoll's nephew); Good Shepherd Lutheran School; Laurie Kephart (John Yanuklis' daughter); Millie McDermott (Mary Kotwitz' mother); Mary Milligan (friend of Pastor Lynn); Margie Schuelke (Mary Kotwitz' aunt); Pastor Leslie Soyster; Kelly Stemler (Carol Howard's daughter); (Marian's friend; Irene Tangren's daughter, Debbie; Pr. Paul Werfelmann, John Yankulis Jr. (son of John Yankulis). Elena Torres (*friend of Sigrid Bremer*) Dennis Moore (Delores Moore's son *awaiting Kidney transplant*) Scott Robison (*Paula Malloy's son*). Jim Gheres (friend of Norma Studer), Hortensia Salcedo (Helen Anderson's mother), Jean Schlosser

**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR AMERICA, THOSE FIGHTING IN FOREIGN LANDS
AND FOR THE CONTINUED STRENGTH OF THE LEADERS OF THIS GREAT NATION**

Our Military Personnel now serving: John Parker, Jay Cawley, Shane Denning, Tyson and Blake Crosby, Joe Anderson, Mike Hultman, Mason Siebert, Brian Lowen, Nick Goldsmith, Brian Richardson, Frank King, Michael Kidd, Nisha Dean, Dan Balaun, Chris Labelle, Raymond Schooler, Captain Ted Slocum, David Bond, Wayne Combs, Jeffrey C.A. Bower, Jonathan Scholberg, Brett Launer, Jorden Gutowski, Allen Steinke, Robert Deobler, Sgt Elliott Van Marion. Chris Wilkins

WOMEN'S CIRCLES FOR March....

NAOMI CIRCLE meets Thursday, March 12th at 9:30 a.m., in the home of Mary Moore 2003 Finch Ct. 527-3479.

HANNAH CIRCLE meets Tuesday, March 17th at 7:30 p.m. location TBD.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO Becky Counts and family on the death of her husband Robert. Services will be held at Shepherd of the Valley on Saturday, **March 7th** at 11:00 a.m.

Also to Sonja Beck and family on the loss of her father Wallace Pauley a memorial service will be held for Wallace on Saturday, **February 28th** at 11:00 a.m. at Rose Family Mortuary in Simi Valley.

To Patricia Phillips and family on the death of her grandmother Mary Giovinetti. The Funeral service will be held Friday, **March 6th** at 10:00 a.m. at Shepherd of the Valley followed by graveside service in Whittier.



NEW ARRIVALS...Congratulations to Jennifer Swanson and Ronnie

on the birth of Lily Aurora born February 4th – 7lbs 6oz proud grandparents are Todd & Shari Swanson.

Barry & Linda Watters welcomed granddaughter Emma born on February 19th – 7lbs 11oz to their daughter Tanya.

Good Shepherd Lutheran School secretary Lois Barnett & proud grandpa Daryl welcomed granddaughter Molly on February 15th – 9lbs 3oz.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

MID-WEEK SERVICES

Please join us for Soup Suppers prior to Mid-Week services at 6:30 p.m. in Eichele Hall.

Wednesday, March 4th @ 7:30 P.M.
March 11th @ 7:30 P.M.
March 18th @ 7:30 P.M.
March 25th @ 7:30 P.M.
April 1st @ 7:30 P.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 9th *Re-enactment of the Last Supper*
WORSHIP 7:30 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY April 10th *Seven Stations of the Cross*
WORSHIP 7:30 P.M.

PALM SUNDAY April 5th - *HIKE TO THE CROSS*

WORSHIP 8:30 A.M.
9:45 A.M.
11:00 A.M.

EASTER April 12TH - *No Sunday School*

WORSHIP 6:00 A.M. - SUNRISE REJOICE SERVICE
7:00 A.M. - EASTER BREAKFAST
8:30 A.M. - HOLY COMMUNION
9:45 A.M. - HOLY COMMUNION
11:00 A.M. - HOLY COMMUNION

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BRING A FLOWER TO HELP DECORATE THE EASTER CROSS DURING EACH OF THE SERVICES ON EASTER MORNING.



Y.I.M.A.H

(Young In Mind And Heart)

All those 50 years of age and older who are “Young In Mind And Heart”

St. Patrick’s Day potluck

Where: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
In Eichele Hall

When: Thursday, March 19, 2009

Time: 11:30 a.m.

For further information please call the church office 526-7577.



To the Shepherd of the Valley exercise ladies for their donation of brooms, mops and 2 tablecloths for the kitchen in Eichele Hall



LIBRARY NEWS

For Lutherans, Lent is a time of introspection. A time to review our lives, to admit our sins and to repent. On Ash Wednesday we receive ashes on our foreheads as a symbol of our shortcomings.

During this time, the Library is featuring books on sin and repentance; on turning our lives around; learning to live a faith based life each day.

We have advice on beating various addictions, on being a better parent, on improving your marriage, among others. We also will be featuring books to help you better understand what God expects of us and how Jesus' sacrifice saves us from a life of sin.

Lent is also a wonderful time to read to your children and we are pleased to have a good selection of children's Easter stories for them to choose.

All this will be found on the book cart on the patio. Please remember to sign the pocket card and return the book within 2 weeks so that someone else may enjoy it as well.

This is YOUR Library Please feel free to make use of it often.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Preschool is holding a fundraiser to raise money to purchase new mats for our nappers. March 4th through March 18th, we will be selling Sees Easter Candy. Order will be ready for pickup March 25th. An order form is available in the Church office or you can call the preschool at 526-9069 for more information. Buy from us and you eliminate the long line in the store!

March begins registration for the 2009/2010 school year. Following the State of California developmental guidelines, we offer a wonderful well rounded Christian based program for children between the ages of 2 years 9 months through 5 years of age. Our staff is well qualified - they hold degrees or teachers permits in the field of early childhood education, and have a great love for children. Registration information and forms can be obtained by calling the preschool office (526-9069). Be sure to register early so that your child can be ensured a spot!



Lent has begun and we are busily counting down the days to Easter. As you plan to celebrate the victory of our Lord and Savior, remember those less fortunate than ourselves.

It is a good idea to keep some fast food SCRIP with you at all times to give any homeless person you meet. Donating Von's or Albertson's or Smart n Final Scrip to the Samaritan Center or a food bank would be much appreciated.

And when you plan your own Easter meal, think Scrip. Those Easter baskets can be purchased at Wal-Mart, any drug store, or market as well. New Easter outfits, if purchased with Scrip, will return a percentage of their cost to the church. Think Kohl's, Macy's, Ross or Wal-Mart.

Do you craft your own baskets or sew your own clothes? Why not use Michael's or Joann's cards?

Remember, using gift cards purchased at our church are a fantastic way to contribute to our budget at no cost to you. Why not let the merchants donate a percentage of every card you buy to Shepherd of the Valley?

And have a thankful and rewarding Easter season being God's hands in our troubled world.

Shepherd of the Valley
Lutheran Church Youth

FUNDRAISER

WHEN: Monday, MARCH 23rd

TIME: 10:00 AM – 8:30 P.M.



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**Shepherd of the Valley
Lutheran Church Youth**

Good Shepherd Lutheran School Shopping for Students Contest Update:

Please help our school earn more points in the *Simi Valley Town Center Shopping for Students* contest by turning in your mall receipts to either the church office or place in the designated box in the narthex (envelopes are provided). If you wish, you may take your receipts to the *Guest Services Center* in the mall and have them logged for GSLS there.

Bonus points will be awarded this month for jewelry store and restaurant purchases-we will earn **TRIPLE POINTS** for mall gift card and Coach receipts! **HINT:** When shopping at the mall, buy your purchases with the gift card, then turn in your receipts for those purchases!

We are currently in 7th place out of 26! Thank you for turning in your mall receipts for GSLS! This program runs through April 30, 2009.



School News

Good Shepherd Lutheran School

A Christian community challenging minds and nurturing hearts since 1979



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News and Notes

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 1-7—National Lutheran Schools Week
- March 1—GSLs Choir sings at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 8:30 a.m.
- March 4—All-school chapel and *Chinese Acrobats* assembly—Shepherd of the Valley campus
- March 6—4th Annual Read-In: In Honor of Dr. Seuss
- March 15—GSLs Grades K-4 sing at Trinity Lutheran Church, 10:30 a.m.
- March 27—Kindergarten to Young Chef's Academy
- May 16—Seventh Annual Dinner Auction—Eichele Hall

EAT OUT AT ISLANDS

Eat dinner out at Islands and help your school's ministry on Monday, March 16.



DICTIONARY PROJECT

Christine Schweitzer and Karen Stewart present dictionaries to the second grade students as part of the *Dictionary Project* sponsored by the three Rotary Clubs in Simi Valley. The goal of this project is to give a dictionary to every second grade student so they can use this gift as a tool in their education. Rotary International is a service organization dedicated to serving in the local community as well as the international community.

2009-2010 REGISTRATION OPEN Come take a school tour on WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS 9-3

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION?

A Christian education is one in which the truths of Scripture reign supreme. These truths form the foundation upon which all academic pursuits are built. For that reason, students are often able to not only reach their spiritual potential but also their academic potential at a Christian school. Some schools prepare children for jobs. Some schools prepare children for life. Only in a Christian school is the potential to prepare students for both.

"When God is excluded from a classroom, we are not merely remaining silent about God. We are teaching children that they may safely disregard him." (Doug Wilson) It is now

common to hear parents say that they want their children to have the freedom to choose their faith when they become adults. At the same time, no faith is ever modeled for these children so their natural choice becomes no faith. I cannot imagine this life without faith in a God who sent His Son for me, a free gift of salvation. It is critical, no essential, that parents build a foundation for their children to base their life on.

That is what Christian education is about. Good Shepherd Lutheran School is proud to be a school that prepares children not only for jobs but for life, eternally.



Good Shepherd is pleased to announce that eighth grade student John Scuoler won the Area 7 Scripps Institute Spelling Bee to advance to the County Bee to be held on March 9 at CSUCI.

4th ANNUAL READ-IN

The Fourth Annual Read-In: In Honor of Dr. Seuss will be on Friday, March 6, on the Trinity campus, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

All should come dressed in their jammies and be ready to snuggle in for some great stories. Congregation members are cordially invited to attend.

Youth Ministry Update



Elementary School Ministry

Hike to the Cross



Palm Sunday

Middle School Ministry

Winter Retreat at El Camino Pines

March 6,7,8

Confirmation Every Wednesday

Hang out at 6:30pm

Classes Start at 7pm

High School Ministry

Youth Group Every Wednesday

7:30-8pm Hang out time

8p-9:15pm Youth Group

Mission in Mexico Trip

This is a synod wide church trip with usually well over 50 participants from all over southern California, and I have heard stories of lives being transformed on this trip.

They have been taking this trip for many years and come back renewed and changed every time. I have wanted to go for years but never had the opportunity, and would love to go this year with as many youth and families as possible.

Please pray for our group as we travel on this mission.

Worship, Learn, Serve and Grow together in Mexico





Jesus Justice and Jazz ELCA National Youth Gathering Update

Upcoming Fundraisers:

April 13-17 Rummage Sale collection & Sorting

April 18 & 19 Rummage Sale

April 26th Salad Luncheon

May BBQ Car Wash

June BBQ Car Wash

**On going Envelope Project our biggest fundraising so far!
We are also collecting Ink cartridges to recycle for money!**

Every Sunday the Envelope Project 100% profit to the youth

We has raised a total of \$8,000!!!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

