

Seek the Lord, Study God's Word, Serve the World

Newsletter June 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 (SVLC member), John Moore (SVLC 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); 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). Marion Green (*friend of Sigrid Bremer*) Dennis Moore (Delores Moore's son *awaiting Kidney transplant*), Jim Geres (friend of Norma Studer), Hortensia Salcedo (Helen Anderson's mother), Priscilla Thompson (*pinched nerve in neck*).

**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, 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. Matthew Wilkins, Cpl. Brett Tyre, Travis Girard

WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...Connie Kieffer-Collins and family on the loss of her daughter Vickki Kieffer in Texas on Sunday, May 10th.

Women's Bible Study

When: Saturday, August 8th

Where: Lynn Squire's Home
3877 Citronella Street

Time: 11:00

All Women are invited to come and enjoy Lunch and a Wonderful Bible Study lead by Marcia Cooley.

Please Bring a Salad to Share.

Don't forget your Bibles

Please e-mail Carol Bunn at CABunn@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.



To my friends and family,

I would like to thank everyone who brought food and came to Bob's memorial service. We were glad to see so many people. I would not have gotten through Bob's passing without the support of Pastor Gary, Corrine and Candy. They just seemed to know what to say and do. And especially all my friends who sent cards or just called to see how we were doing. I'm so blessed to have such support from all of you. May God bless each and every one of you, Becky & Linda Counts, Melissa Luyet

From the Pastor



My Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

A few weeks ago, Ariana was working on an English Assignment. She was to write about a “life altering experience”. After much deliberation, thinking through the experience she could share, she finally settled on a visit we paid to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., two years ago. Most moving, perhaps, was near the end of our visit to the museum when watching videos of survivors telling their personal stories of struggle and survival. Ariana learned about the horrors and cruelty of hatred and prejudice.

This past week, I had a “life altering experience” myself. I took a week of Continuing Education and went to Denver to volunteer and learn more about the SAME Café. The SAME Café is indeed unique among restaurants since it is a non-profit restaurant located in downtown Denver. Because of its location, its mission, and the quality of food served, a wide variety of people were served each day.

The name, SAME, is an acronym for So All May Eat. Perhaps the first noticeable differences upon entering the restaurant are seeing no prices on the menu and no cash register in the establishment. Each day the clientele is made up of the homeless, people between jobs, young “artists” from the community, business people, and the curious who want to see how such an establishment can serve excellent food without set prices and continue to exist.

The SAME Café offers lunch for all who come. If the customer has no money to pay, they are invited to eat and then exchange some work around the restaurant (washing dishes, mopping floors, etc.) for their meal. If the customer is only able to leave a small amount for the meal, they leave what they can, almost always with the hope they will be able to come at a later time and pay more for their next meal. Those who are not suffering economic hardships often give as much or more than a similar meal would cost at a traditional restaurant, in order to support its mission.

Each day, Brad Birky, the owner, along with a cast of volunteers, offers a choice of two types of soup, two types of salad, and two types of pizzas. Using organic ingredients almost exclusively, one of each daily option is vegetarian. I was amazed how a group of volunteers, under Brad’s direction, could make such delicious offerings given the modest kitchen facilities, yet nearly a hundred people came through the doors daily during the three hours of operation.

Brad, and a very part time person who operates the restaurant on Saturday evening during extended hours, are the only paid employees. Everyone else volunteers their time. All profits from the restaurant are given to charities in the Denver area that provide food and shelter.

Why would I call this a “life altering experience”? I describe it as such because of the incredible community I experienced – people caring about one another, helping out one another, and receiving each other in a non-judgmental way regardless of status in life. I believe I experienced a brief glimpse of heaven, where all are welcome and valued.

If you are curious about the SAME Café, you may see more at www.soallmayeat.org. I hope in the next few weeks to find time to share my photos and experience with those who are interested.

Your Partner in Ministry,
Pastor Gary

HOMELESS? IN SIMI VALLEY?

The County of Ventura 2009 Homeless count has now been completed. The total count of homeless for all of Ventura County is 1,715 persons. Of these, 303 were counted in Simi Valley. Of these 303 persons:

- 98 % were living on the street, 2% in facilities
- 5% were seniors (62+), 18% were between the ages of 18-24, 1% were unaccompanied youth (without parents) between the ages of 13-17
- 69% were men, 31% were women
- 69% of adults were white; 23% were Hispanic or Latino; 1% were American Indian or Alaskan Native; 3% were African-American or black; 1% were Asian/Pacific Islander; and 3% were other
- 67% were born in California
- 12% of the total number of persons counted were children
- 18 families were counted – 10 two-parent families with children and 8 one-parent families with children.

20% of the homeless in Ventura County call Simi Valley “home”. “Lord, when did we see you hungry and homeless and invite you in?”

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”

We wish everyone a blessed summer loaded with love, happiness and health

We have enjoyed being together this year average attendance was 29 AWESOME!!

We are looking forward to our next meal together - September 17th at 11:30 a.m.

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

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The ladies group of OSLC began saving stamps ago. Now that we have united as Shepherd of the Please set aside any used postage stamps you receive, the narthex. You can either leave the envelopes whole, or cut a quarter inch or more around the stamps. I will collect them regularly and send them as a donation to one of several charity organizations which use them to earn money from stamp dealers and/or for educational purposes.



donations by the congregation several years Valley, let's continue this worthwhile mission. and drop them off at the church office or in

I recently received a thank you note to the congregation from Stamp Camp USA (you can check them out at www.stampcampusa.org) for stamps from the US and Britain and picture frames which were donated. I have learned that they need any and all stamps, even ones that are torn, etc. They also need any other philatelic and general office supplies, craft materials, used award trophies and small picture frames,

By way of full disclosure, I am a stamp collector. I sort and collect many stamps during the year and regularly mail donations of duplicate material on my own. I generally do not need the stamps you donate, but if I see one that I do not already have, I will replace it with more than one of my own. Anything you include for Good Shepherd School I will sort out and deliver as well. If you wish, please contact me at stampdude03@gmail.com, or 805/581-2923.

Thank you, Bill Wacenske



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR FATHERS AND GRANDFATHER'S - YOU ARE TRULY LOVED AND APPRECIATED



LIBRARY NEWS

I hope you are all taking advantage of the library book cart which is on the patio every Sunday. It is full of our new acquisitions and lots of relevant reading matter as well.

With both Mother's Day and Father's Day coming up, we thought it would be interesting to put parenting books on the cart. If we don't have children, we probably have nieces and nephews or perhaps grandchildren. We can all use ideas to help the little ones have a happy childhood.

We also have books written for children on the cart. They can read them by themselves or, if too young, you can read them to your youngster. Please let the children choose what books they wish to take home and encourage them to enjoy the stories. These books do not have to be checked out.

Also, for our women who attend circle, we have a novel which tells the story of Esther and her experiences. I am sure you are learning the fascinating and exciting story as told in the bible and want to learn more.

Don't forget our Book Exchange. Donate your gently read paperback novels, and exchange them for ones you have not yet read. Why pay big bucks for a book when you can take one home for free?

Remember the Library is YOUR library. Please visit anytime and make use of all we have to offer. Suggestions are always welcome as well. Let us know what you want from us and we will try to provide it. Donate any suitable books you no longer need. We appreciate your help and interest.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our preschool year is winding down, and the children are very much looking forward to summer. Our annual open house and moving on ceremony is scheduled to take place on June 4th at 7:00 pm. There will be a slide show featuring activities that the children have participated in throughout the year, end of the year certificates, classroom visitation and of course refreshments. The last day of preschool will be June 17th, with our summer program starting June 18th.

We are currently registering for both our summer and fall programs. If you know of someone who is looking for a preschool for their child (2.9 -5 years of age, encourage them to give us a call.

Terry Labrum, Preschool Director



Congratulations to our College Grads --

Jennifer Swanson, who graduated from CLU on May 16. Jennifer majored in English Literature, minored in Psychology and plans to continue her education and obtain her teaching credential.

Lisa Shapiro, who graduated from CSULB on May 28. Lisa majored in Sociology and is contemplating what comes next!



A Belated Thank You

Thanks and appreciation are extended to Nick Esser for directing our Easter choir and Angela Hess for her piano accompaniment. Be sure and thank these volunteers when you see them. Our Easter worship was enhanced by our choral music.



Congratulations to the 2009 Confirmation Class Graduates

Ryan Beautz – Kyle Berg – Zachary Gearhart – Victoria Schumann
Daphne Strano – Keyrsti Thompson – Jessica Bihari – Megan Funk
Holly Lewis – Kelley McLain – Alex Sale – Sara Zepeda – Anna Darin
Karyn Honda – Shelby Joyce – Bradley Krueger – Kathryn Plyler



Congratulations to our 2009 High School Graduates

Royal High School

Lauren Funk
Colin Thompson

Santa Su High School

Kirstie Maske
Teresa Brusie
Rachel Herbert

Simi High School

Bryan Honda
Natalee Flugum
Ricky Deobler
Tyler Gearhart
Ashley Yates
Lyle Warner
Peter Goldberg

La Reina High School

Sara Volkmann

“The difference between school and life? In school, you’re taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you’re given a test that teaches you a lesson.”

-Tom Bodett

“You must be the change you want to see in the world”

-Mahatma Gandhi



School News



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A Christian community challenging minds and nurturing hearts since 1979

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News and Notes

SHECK AND SCHRAY FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 2 and join us at Scheck and Shray's for good food and fellowship while raising money for your school.

AWARD ASSEMBLY AND FIELD DAY

Academic and attendance awards for 2008-2009 will be presented on June 3 at an all-school assembly following chapel at Trinity. After the assembly, a field day will follow.

REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Registrations are still being accepted for the 2009-2010 school year. Call the office, 526-2482.

SHOPPING FOR STUDENTS

Thank you to all who participated in this program. Good Shepherd came in 5th place out of 26 schools, earning \$750 for the school.



Kyle Weidner, a Good Shepherd graduate, talks to 6th and 7th grade students about his years at GSLS and his career building theatre sets, which takes him all around the world. He helped build the *Dirty Dancing* set in L.A.



Spend your summer at the **TRINITY SUMMER CAMP**

EUREKA!

Inventing Christ-Centered Kids

Go to: www.trinitylutheransimi.com, or the school office,

for the 2009 Brochure, fee schedule, and registration form.

See You There!

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is more than an school; it is a ministry, your church's ministry. We are all God's children and need the strength and support of other Christian family members. The Good Shepherd family provides that strength and support for many while offering an excellent and complete education.

Our desire is to see students receive a well-balanced education that will prepare the student to serve the God and lead in society with their God-given talents and gifts. Ultimately, our goal is to see all students become spiritual champions with a commitment to the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 19, 20) given to us on Ascension Day.

As we remember the Ascension of our Lord, let us remember His parting words and make them an active part of our faith journey.

A Degree Is Given; A Call Is Taken

Mrs. Donna Lucas, 2nd grade teacher, was awarded her Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction on May 16. Mrs. Lucas has been in the Lutheran teaching ministry for 25 years.

At the same time, Mrs. Lu-

CLOSING SERVICE and GRADUATIONS

The final day of school is Tuesday, June 9. Closing service is at 11:30 a.m. in Eichele Hall at the Shepherd of the Valley campus. Congregation members are cordially invited to attend.

Kindergarten and eighth grade graduations are also Tuesday, June 9. The kindergarten ceremony will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Shepherd of the Valley church sanctuary. The eighth grade ceremony will be at 8:00 p.m. in the Trinity church sanctuary.

Eighth grade graduates for are Robby Cole, Ryan Conrad, Taylor Hallman, Sarah Klebe, Maddie Maresca, Eion Martin, Katelyn McCarthy, Connor Moore, Randol Moreno, Sara Oxford, Sarah Schulze, John Scuoler, and Nick Switzler. Congratulations to all of our graduates!



The end of another successful day at school—Students on the Shepherd of the Valley campus wait to be picked up after school.

cas's husband has accepted a call to serve in the Southeast District (think Washington, D.C.) of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. We wish her and family well as they make this move to another part of the country.



June 2009

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 3:00-GSLS Enrichment-PR 6:00-Stretch N Tone-SAC 7:00-Boy Scouts #698-Hall 7:00-Al-anon-CR 7:30-Al-ateen-SAC	2 10:00-SV9C@Attic 3:00-GSLS Enrichment-PR 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-BSA #622-Hall	3 9:00-GSLS Chapel 3:00-GSLS Enrichment-PR 4:00-SVLC @ Samaritan Ctr. 7:00-Youth Group	4 9:00-Preschool Chapel 10:00-SVLC @ Luther's Attic 3:00-GSLS Enrichment-PR 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-Al-anon-CR 7:00-Pre-school Bd.	5 Synod Assembly @CLU 3:00-Troop 484-PR <i>PASTOR OFF</i>	6 10:00-AA-Conf.Rm. 4:00-Hall in Use 5:30-Simi Valley Christian Church
7 8:30-Worship 9:45-Rejoice 9:45-Pool Party 11:00-Worship 1:00-NA-Conf. Rm. 2:00-Violin Recital 6:30-Pack#3643-CR 7:00-Al-anon-CR	8 6:00-Stretch N Tone-SAC 7:00-Boy Scouts #698-Hall 7:00-Al-anon-CR 7:30-Al-ateen-SAC	9 10:00-SV9C@Attic 6:00-Stretch N Tone 7:00-Kindergarten Graduation 7:00-SVLC Council <i>LAST DAY OF GSLs SCHOOL</i>	10 5:00-Kids N Things Graduation 7:00-Youth Group	11 9:30-Naomi Circle- Lorraine Hedin 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:00-GSA Leader Mtg. -Hall 6:30-Al-anon-CR	12 6:30-Pack 3643(5) Eichele Hall <i>PASTOR OFF</i>	13 10:00-AA-CR 2:00-Kieffer Memorial 5:30-Simi Valley Christian Church
14 8:30-Worship 9:45-Rejoice Class of 2009 Recognition 11:00-Worship 2:00-Schlosser Memorial-Hall 1:00-NA 6:00-Soup Kitchen Task Force 7:00-Al-anon-CR	15 6:00-Stretch N Tone 7:00-BSA #698-Hall 7:00-Al-anon-CR 7:30-Al-ateen-SAC	16 10:00-SVLC@ Luther's Attic 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-BSA#622-Hall 7:00-Happy Squares	17 2:00-Troop #60665 8:00-Youth Group	18 11:30-YIMAH-Hall 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-Al-anon-CR	19 3:00-Troop 484-PR <i>PASTOR OFF</i>	20 10:00-AA-CR 10:00-SVLC @ Attic 5:30-Simi Valley Christian Church
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28 8:30-Worship 9:45-Rejoice 11:00-Worship 12:00-Town Hall & Quarterly Mtg. 1:00-NA 7:00-Al-anon-CR	29 6:00-Stretch N Tone 7:00-BSA #698-Hall 7:00-Al-anon-CR 7:30-Al-ateen-SAC	30 10:00-SVLC@ Luther's Attic 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-BSA#622-Hall 7:00-Property Mtg.				