

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



**MID WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP
AND SOUP SUPPERS**



This year our Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday worship at 7:30 pm on February 17th. Please note we **WILL NOT** have a soup supper the evening of Ash Wednesday.

The mid-week soup suppers will begin on Wednesday evening, February 24th at 6:30 pm in Eichele Hall. Worship will follow the soup supper in the sanctuary at 7:30. The soup suppers will continue on Wednesday evenings until Holy Week.

If you would be interested in preparing soup for one of the Wednesday evenings please contact Candy at the church office.

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

ASH Wednesday: February 17th, -7:30 p.m.

Soup Suppers: February 24th thru March 24th - 6:30 p.m. in Eichele Hall

Mid-week service: February 17th thru March 24th - 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Palm Sunday: March 28th – 8:30 Holy Communion - 9:45-Rejoice
11:00 Holy Communion

Maundy Thurs: April 1st – 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday: April 2nd – 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 4th – Sunrise Service 6:00 a.m. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunrise Breakfast 7:00 a.m.

Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.

Rejoice Service 9:45 a.m.

Holy Communion 11:00 a.m.



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



The new pictorial directories have arrived please drop by the church office to pick up your copy.

(One copy per household please, thank you)



CONGRATULATIONS TO Rev. Nancy Switzler who was ordained Saturday, February 6th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Simi Valley. Nancy has accepted a call to: Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Oxnard, CA. Please keep Nancy and family in prayer as she continues her walk in the ministry of our Lord.



Y.I.M.A.H

All those 50 years of age and older who are "Young in Mind and Heart"

Thursday, February 18th @ 11:30 a.m. in Eichele Hall

For further information please call the church office 526-7577

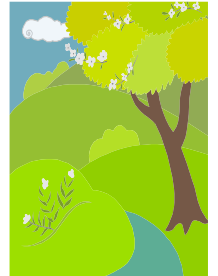


ON SALE NOW... Good Shepherd Lutheran School hard bound Cookbooks are on sale in the church office they make a great gift anytime of the year. The cookbooks are loaded with recipes from family members of the students. Drop by anytime and pick yours up for a mere \$20. Proceeds are to fund the school to keep Lutheran education available in Simi Valley.

Serving the community...

Still Waters Cafe

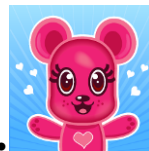
“A **no cost** dining service to those who are suffering economic hardship, homelessness or who are lonely and wish to have a dining companion”



Amenities at the café:

- **Mealtime is 5:00–7:00 p.m. every Thursday**
- Fresh home cooked meal served in a family atmosphere with home style table settings.
- To go snack bags are offered.
- Highchairs and booster seats are available for the younger family members.
- There are wheelchair accessible entrances and bathrooms available.
- Prayer requests can be satisfied.
- Homework help is available for school age children K-8th grade 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. and includes a snack.

For further information please call 805-526-7577



Shepherd of the Valley Preschool News...

Classrooms are decorated with lots of hearts as we get ready for Valentines day. Children always look forward to this day as they get to pass out cards and treats to their friends and classmates. Special snacks are always talked about for a long time as heart sandwiches, heart shaped waffles and chocolate dipped strawberries are served.

This month we had a visitor from the Simi children's dentist come and talk to the children about dental health. The children enjoyed watching a video featuring the "Sparkles", and watching the puppet Chewbaca get his teeth checked.

In March, we are having school pictures taken, and we are going to be selling Sees Candy for Easter. We are hoping to make enough money from this fundraiser to have the bubble man come and do a presentation for the children.

Registration for fall 2010 will start in April. If you know of someone looking for preschool experience for their 3-5 year old, please be sure to pass our name on. Our preschool seems to be one of the best kept "secrets" in Simi!

Preschool Director, Terry Labrum



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, 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

Prayers needed...



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, Geoff Connors (*Ralph Nelman's grandson-in-law*)

Wendy Weathers (*friend of Elizabeth Hood*) Julie Rolph (*friend of Jan Yoder*)

Gary Lee Boswell (son of *Gloria Holst*). Michael Merilar (*son-in-law of John Yanuklis*), Phil Manger.

Under convalescent or hospice care... Tommy Timms (cousin of Jeanne Fisher)

Hazel Gade (SVLC member), Tim Simpson, Hortensia Salcedo (*Helen Anderson's mother*).

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

Elsie Pusateri, Mike Moriarty, John Moore, Kristofer Maass (*friend of the Baas family*), Kenny Kotwitz, to regain some vision; 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*); Irene Tangren's daughter, Debbie; Pr. Paul Werfelmann, John Yankulis Jr. (*son of John Yankulis*), Diana Anderson (*Carol Jackson's sister*) Florence Huff (*Carol Jackson's mother*), Calvin Olson (*father of Lisa Lewis*), Priscilla Thompson (*continued relief from pinched nerve in neck*), Colin Thompson (*relief from severe arthritis pain*), Katie Corrigan, Steve Anderson (*Helen Anderson's son*) Wendy Beauliu (*friend of Sigrid Bremer*)

Our Military Personnel now serving: John Parker, 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.

Vance Reece (*relative of Arlene Fowler*).

Thank you for all your prayers during 2009

HOMELESS? IN SIMI VALLEY?

The County of Ventura 2009 Homeless count has been updated. The total number of persons counted in Simi Valley was 303. There were 266 adults and 37 children. A breakdown of the data collected from adults is as follows:

1. Location 98% of persons (298) were counted on the streets and 2% (5) in facilities;

2. Age 5% of adults (12) were seniors (age 62+); 18% (48) were youth between the ages of 18 – 24; and 4 (1%) were unaccompanied youth (without parents) between the ages of 13-17.

3. Gender 69% of adults (183) were men and 31% (83) were women;

4. Ethnicity 69% of adults (183) were White; 23% (62) were Hispanic or Latino; 1% (2) were American Indian or Alaskan Native; 3% (8) were African American or Black; 1% (3) were Asian/Pacific Islander; and 3% (8) stated Other;

5. State Born 67% of adults (178) were born in California;

6. Children 12% (37) of the total number of persons counted were children;

7. Family Composition 18 families were counted—10 two-parent family 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?”



Ring in the New Year with financial resolutions

With the New Year comes the opportunity to improve your financial well-being. Here are five financial resolutions to get you started:

- 1. Establish your 2010 financial goals**, including your retirement and overall savings goals. Post them where you'll see them often.
- 2. Establish a budget** based on what you spent last year, taking rising gas, heating and food prices into account.
- 3. Cut back on debt** by paying off a credit card balance, foregoing unnecessary purchases or adding \$50 a month to your mortgage payment.
- 4. Prioritize major purchases** you want to make and figure out how to pay for them out of your current income.
- 5. Review your will or estate plan** to ensure it reflects your current life situation.

For help achieving your 2010 financial plan, contact Lisa Henrikson, Financial Associate at 805-813-4406 or Lisa.Henrikson@Thrivent.com today or visit thrivent.com.



Grades K-8 Sunday School News:

Sunday School for grades K through 8 meets at 9:45 am each Sunday. Children meet in the classrooms at 9:45 am and return to church at 10:30 am so they can commune with their families. Grades K-5 meet in the upstairs classrooms, Grades 6-8 meet in the youth room.

FEBRUARY ROTATIONS

In February, grades K-5 will continue Moses' story by learning about the Israelites Exodus out of Egypt. On February 7 and 14, we'll be doing crafts and video rotations. On February 21, we have a fun event planned for grades K-8. We'll start our Easter rotations on February 28.

FEBRUARY 21: SURVIVOR EGYPT! Bring a Friend!

On February 21, during our regular Sunday School time, Grades K through 8 will be meeting in Egypt (aka the upstairs SAC room) and working together to survive the ten plagues from Exodus. Anyone who brings a friend to join their tribe for the day will receive a reward.

OFFERING & BIRTHDAY PENNIES & BIBLES FOR GRADES 3-5

We collect an offering every week in Sunday School. Giving is an important habit to get our children used to! On the Sunday closest to your child's birthday, have them bring in birthday pennies (the number of their age) for our birthday bank!

Grades 3-5 should bring their bible every week to Sunday School.

Any questions? Please contact Lisa Lewis for grades K-5 (527-6379 or olseysue@sbcglobal.net) or Angela Hess (526-3731) or Allison Graybill (583-1209) for grades 6-8.

Lesson Schedule:

Feb 7: Moses, Pharaoh, & the Exodus (K-2 Video, 3-5 Art)

Feb 14: Moses, Pharaoh, & the Exodus (K-2 Art, 3-5 Video)

Feb 21: SURVIVOR: EGYPT (Grades K-8)

Feb 28: Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus (K-2 Relay Games, 3-5 Sculpt-it Game)



SCRIP NEWS

Today I read in the paper that the recession is still with us big time. It is hard to imagine being without a job, a home or enough food for our family, isn't it? Our hearts go out to those in such need and we look for ways to help.

Well, the Scrip program offers a perfect way to do this. For every gift card you buy and use, the merchant donates a percentage to your church. And the church dedicates a tithe of that free money to feed and clothe and house the less fortunate.

Here is an example. Say you enjoy eating at Islands, Red Robin, or Panera. Stop by the Scrip table and purchase a \$25 gift card. Then use that card to purchase a full \$25 worth of food from the restaurant. You have gotten full value for your money. It has cost you nothing extra. But wait! The restaurant gives SOV \$2.25 just to show their appreciation for your dining there!!! Because you took the time to purchase the gift card, you have enabled money to be funneled to the needy, which would otherwise not have been!

Are you planning repairs on your home? Need electronic supplies? Planning to buy new golf clubs? Shop at Kohl's, Macy's or WalMart? Like to get your craft supplies at JoAnn's? Visit Family Christian Book Store? See a movie at Regal Theater? Stop at Starbuck's Just love Bath and Body? Border's?

We have about 100 stores that give us a percentage of what you spend. It is foolish not to take advantage of their generosity. Sometimes you have to order in advance as we cannot carry every card in stock every day. But any order you give us will be delivered to you the following Sunday in most cases. And of course, we always carry a large selection of the most asked for gift cards on hand.

The Scrip table is open every Sunday, rain or shine, on the patio (or in the Library in case of rain) between church services. Come talk to us about how you can support those who need help during these difficult times. God has called us to care for the least of these. Will you answer His call?



LIBRARY NEWS

What do you think of in February? St. Valentine's Day, love, the color red, romance? This month the book cart will be featuring these subjects for your enjoyment. We will display books on love: spousal love, love of your child, friendship, concern for your older parents, love of self, and as always God's love and your love for God. Do you enjoy romantic Christian novels? We have those, too.

Our selection of children's books on the book cart will cover the subject of God's love as well. His care and concern for all his creatures.

Please help your children choose books to take home and teach them the responsibility of returning the books within 2 weeks so others can enjoy them as well.

Set them a good example by picking out something of interest for you, yourself, to take home and read. Make the Library a family friendly activity which includes not only the children but mom and dad as well.

We request that adults check out their books and leave the pocket card in the box on the cart. And be sure to return the books within about 2 weeks so that others may have the chance to read them as well.



School News

Good Shepherd Lutheran School

A Christian community challenging minds and nurturing hearts since 1979



Volume XXX, Issue VIII

www.gsls-jimi.com

February 2010

The Legacy of Lutheran Schools

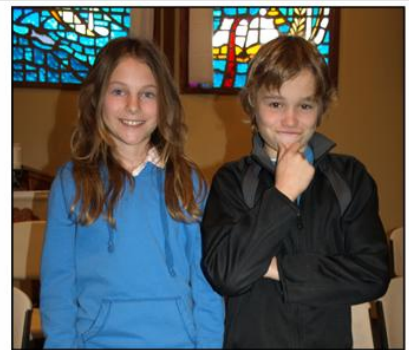
Lutheran churches have a strong tradition of excellence in education. Schools have been operated in this country for over 140 years, and we continue to be known for our excellent academic and spiritual education.

A large percentage of the students attending our schools are unchurched. We have a wonderful opportunity, through the working of the Holy Spirit, to see faith grow and develop in children.

Our excellence in education allows us the opportunity to share Christ with a family in an environment that is prolonged and allows for relationships to develop

over the course of several years. A passport is not needed to minister to these families; the message is shared along with an excellent academic education.

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is now taking registration for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are a returning student, registration meetings have been scheduled. Call the office, 526-2482, for dates and times. If you are considering becoming a member of the Good Shepherd family, call the office, 526-2482, to set up a time to tour the classrooms and have all your questions answered by our admissions counselor, Mrs. Linda Radtke.



BEE WINNER ANNOUNCED

Grades 4-8 have completed the school spelling bee for the Scripps Institute Spelling Bee. The final bee was held on Wednesday, January 13.

Katie Fields, grade 7, was the last person standing at a very competitive bee. She will represent GSLS at the area spelling bee this month at Medea Creek Middle School in Oak Park.

Luther Weaver, grade 8, came in second and will serve as our alternate if, for some reason, Katie is unable to compete.

News and Notes

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences for quarter 2 were held on Thursday, January 28, and Friday, January 29, at the Shepherd of the Valley campus.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair, *A Reading Garden*, begins at both the Shepherd of the Valley and the Trinity campuses on Wednesday, January 27 and will stay until Sunday, February 7. Books will be available for purchase before and after school, during parent-teacher conferences, and on Sundays for any church members who wish to purchase books.

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN

Brighten up a cold winter's day on Monday, February 8, at California Pizza Kitchen, 11:00 a.m.-9:00

p.m. Salad, pizza, pasta are only some of your choices as you help raise money for the school. Flyers will be in church bulletins on Sunday, February 7.

SCIENCE FAIR

Good Shepherd's annual Science Fair for grades 4-8 will be held Thursday, February 25. Projects will be displayed until 5:30 p.m. in the Trinity parish hall. Stop on by and look over the projects.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Beginning Wednesday, February 3, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., weekly open houses will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran School. All are cordially invited to come tour the school and see the church's mission outreach in action.

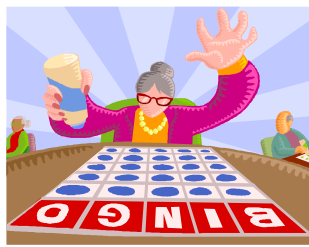


A sixth grade student battles it out with one of the field hockey instructors.

Volunteers from the American Field Hockey Association just finished teaching students, K-8, the basics of the game.



**SAVE THE DATE MAY 1
8TH ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION**



Good Shepherd

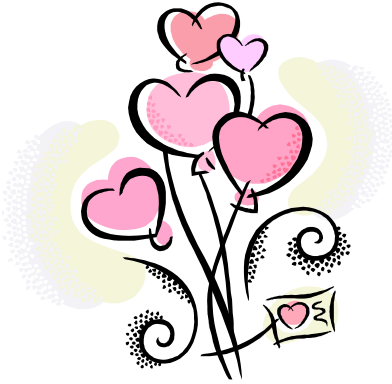
Lutheran School

Family Bingo Night – Friday, February 12th 6:00 p.m.

@ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

4191 Cochran St. Simi Valley

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 526-2482



February 2010

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 6:00-Stretch N Tone 7:00-BSA #698-Hall 7:00-Al-anon-CR 7:30-Al-ateen-SAC	2 10:00 SVLC @ Attic 3:00-GSA #34-Hall 6:00-Stretch N Tone 7:00-BSA#622-Hall	3 9:00-GSLS Chapel 3:00-GSLS BAKE 4:30-SVLC @ Samaritan Ctr. 7:00-Youth Group 7:00-Confirmation	4 10:00-SVLC @ Attic 3:00-Still Waters 5:00-SWC Team 1 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-Al-anon-CR 7:00-Worship Mtg	5 6:30-Pack #3643- Eichele Hall 7:30-Sat. PADS PASTOR OFF	6 10:00-AA-CR 10:00-SVLC@Attic 4:00-Ordination of Nancy Switzler-TLC 5:30-Simi Valley Christian Church
7 8:30-Worship 9:45-Rejoice 9:45- Sunday School K-8 11:00-Worship 1:00-NA 6:30-Pack 3643-PR 7:00-Al-anon-CR	8 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-GSLS Kindergarten Readiness Night 7:00-BSA #698-Hall 7:00-Al-anon-CR 7:30-Al-ateen-SAC	9 10:00 SVLC @ Attic 3:00-GSA #34-Hall 5:30-GSA #665-PR 6:00-Stretch N Tone 7:00-BSA#622-Hall 7:00-SVLC Council	10 9:00-GSLS Chapel 7:00-Youth Group 7:00-Confirmation	11 9:30-Naomi Circle Aileen Brekke 10:00-SVLC@Attic 5:00-SWC (Team 2) 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-Al-anon-CR	12 6:00-GSLS FAMILY BINGO 7:30- Sat. - PADS PASTOR OFF	13 10:00-AA-CR 10:00-Youth Room Clean up 1:00-Ryals Baptism Sanctuary/Hall 5:30-Simi Valley Christian Church
14 Happy Valentines Day! 8:30-Worship 9:45-Rejoice 9:45-Sunday School K-8th 11:00-Worship 11:00-Women's Bd. 1:00-NA 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 3:00-GSA#340-Hall 6:00-Stretch N Tone 7:00-BSA#622-Hall 7:00-HANNAH Chris Fisher 7:00-Men's Group @ IHOP	17 ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00-GSLS Chapel NO Youth Group NO Confirmation 7:30-Worship	18 10:00-SVLC @ Luther's Attic 11:30-Y.I.M.A.H. 5:00-SWC- Team 3 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-Al-anon-CR	19 7:30-Sat.- PADS PASTOR OFF	20 5:30-SV Baseball Pancake Breakfast 10:00-AA-CR 5:30-Simi Valley Christian Church
21 Ministry Fair at TLC 8:30-Worship 9:45-Rejoice 9:45-Sunday School K-8th 11:00-Blended 1:00-NA 7:00-Al-anon-CR	22 6:00-Stretch N Tone 7:00-BSA #698-Hall 7:00-Al-anon-CR 7:30-Al-ateen-SAC	23 10:00-SVLC@ Attic 3:00-GSA#34-Hall 5:30-GSA#665-PR 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-BSA #622-Hall 7:00-Property Mtg. 7:00- Youth Bd.	24 6:00-Soup Supper Eichele Hall 7:00-Youth Group 7:00-Confirmation 7:30-Worship	25 10:00-SVLC @ Luther's Attic 5:00-SWC-Team 4 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-Al-anon-CR 7:00-GSLS Bd. Library	26 7:30-Sat. - PADS PASTOR OFF	27 10:00-SVLC@Attic 10:00-AA-CR 5:30-Simi Valley Christian Church
28 8:30-Worship 9:45-Rejoice 9:45-Sunday School K-8th 11:00-Worship 11:00-TLC Stewardship Dinner 1:00-NA 6:30-Pack#3643-PR 7:00-Al-anon-CR						