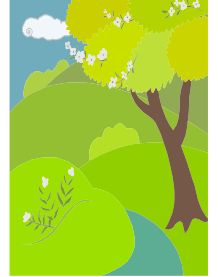




ON SALE NOW... Good Shepherd Lutheran School hard bound Cookbooks are on sale in the church office they make a great gift anytime of the year. The cookbooks are loaded with recipes from family members of the students. Drop by anytime and pick yours up for a mere \$20. Proceeds are to fund the school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

Serving the community...

Still Waters Cafe

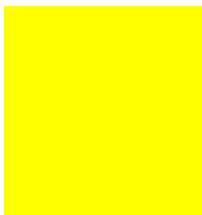


“A **no cost** dining service to those who are suffering economic hardship, homelessness or who are lonely and wish to have a dining companion”

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...

March will be a very busy month at preschool. Our annual spring Sees Candy fundraiser will start on March 1st and run through March 17th. We are raising money to have the bubble man come and do a presentation to the children the first part of May. Be sure to stop by the preschool to order your Easter candy! Orders will be available for pick up March 23rd and 24th.

March 2nd we are celebrating Dr. Suess' Birthday by reading Dr. Suess books, and having green eggs and ham for snack. Thursday, March 4th is picture day. Staff will be attending a workshop on March 6th. On March 17th we will be watching for "tricky leprechauns", and everyone is invited to wear green, then on March 25th/26th is pajama day-everyone wearing their pajamas to school.

The month of March is also registration kick for fall 2010. Returning families and congregation members get to register during the month, with registration opening to the community in April.

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*)

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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?"



We express our Christian Sympathy to Deanna, Dan, Conor and Anne on the passing of their mother/grandmother Delores Lutynski on February, 21, 2010.

A Celebration of Life service was held at Shepherd of the Valley on Sat. February, 27th

Also...to Chris, Hugh, Michael, Nick and Ashley Fisher on the passing of her mother/grandmother Barbara Miller on Wed. February 23rd.

Youth News!

It's hard to believe that we're already gearing up for Easter, but it's that time!!

Please be sure to stop by the Youth Board Sundays after service to see what's coming up. Some events I would like to highlight:

March 12: Grades 3-5 bowling
School dying Easter Eggs

March 13-14: High School Lock-in

March 20: Middle

March 28: Prek-5th grade Easter Egg Hunt

We're also getting a committee together to help with the planning of the Easter Breakfast Youth Fundraiser...if you are interested in helping to plan this event, please sign up.

In elementary news...I am looking to start a weekly time for Kindergarten-5th graders to gather. If this seems exciting to you, let me know. I'm hoping to have a committee for this group underway by the end of the month.

Any students who have a Facebook profile are encouraged to join the group "SVLC-Youth", this will provide up-to-date youth news and events straight to your computer!!

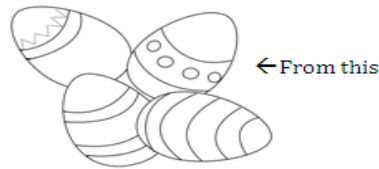
Upcoming Events...



**3-5th Grade
bowling!
March 12
5:00pm**

*We will meet at Brunswick Lanes (5255 Cochran St.)

Call Lauren for Questions
(805) 526-7577



Calling all 6th-7th graders...

It's time to get in the Easter spirit and dye some Easter eggs!!!

On March 20th from 11am-1pm in Eichele Hall

To this...



*Please bring \$5 if you are able to cover the cost of supplies

Easter Egg Hunt

March 28, 2010 (Palm Sunday)

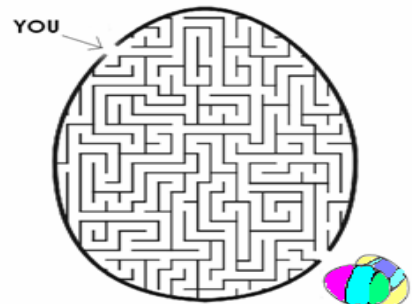
PreK-5th grade meet at 11am by the playground

Pre K-K Start at 11am

1st-3rd Start at 11:10am

4th-5th Start at 11:20am

*be sure to bring your own basket for collecting eggs!!



*Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be
praised. ~Proverbs 31:30*

rubies and pearls

-a time for God's daughters to gather and CELEBRATE their great value and purpose!!-

All women from jr. high to age 99 are invited to participate in this inter-generational women's retreat

The retreat will be held at El Camino Pines April 9-11

Costs:

Early Chick (until March 15).....\$125

Chick Rate (March 16th-April 9th).....\$135

Questions??

Contact Lauren Chambers

(805) 526-7577

Or visit www.rubiesnpearls.com

*She is far
more precious
than jewels
and her value
is far above
rubies or
pearls
~Proverbs 32:10*



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.

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.

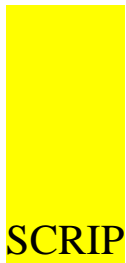
Lesson Schedule:

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

Get your gift card for Regal theaters and enjoy a night seeing the Academy Award nominees or one of the new 2010 movies. Your card gives you \$25 of tickets and/or drinks and snacks to enjoy while you are watching the screen.

If you feel like cuddling up at home, get your entertainment through Blockbuster. Go ahead! Cook up that popcorn, get into your jammies, cover up with a soft blanket, and prepare to be entertained.

Remember, the church will receive a donation to help feed the homeless and less fortunate through Stillwater's Cafe. What a great way to have fun and be of service to those in need.

All it requires is that you plan ahead so that we can order the cards you need. See us at the Scrip table on Sundays between services. We are around, rain or shine. So - Make our day!



This Month in the Library

When I was a kid, I always looked forward to St. Patrick's Day. Even though I was not a Catholic and did not celebrate saints, it was always fun to dress in green, wear shamrocks, and learn about this wonderful man. But Lutherans do have saints. St. Paul, St. Peter, St. John and many others. How much do you know about their lives?

March is also the time of Lent. A time to look back on our lives, admit to our failures, and make an effort to do more to be the person God wants us to be. We no longer give up candy or movies or some other indulgence. Instead we try to make amends, and to give up our greed, our selfishness, our conceit.

The book cart will feature helpful reading material to assist you in recognizing your sins and hopefully, to overcome them. It will also contain books on church saints. Those whose lives are an inspiration in our journey here on earth.

For the children, you will find Easter stories for them to read or for you to read to them.

Please take the time to browse both the cart and the shelves inside the Library. Who knows what treasures you may find there?



School News

Good Shepherd Lutheran School

A Christian community challenging minds and nurturing hearts since 1979



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Students enjoy the Book Fair:
A Garden of Reading.

News and Notes

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 7-13—National Lutheran Schools Week
- March 5—5th Annual Read-In: In Honor of Dr. Seuss
- March 7—GSLS Choir sings at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9:00 a.m.
- March 7—GSLS Grades K-3 sing at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 9:45 a.m.
- March 18—First grade to Kidspac Museum
- May 1—Eighth Annual Dinner Auction—Eichele Hall

EAT OUT AT ISLANDS

Eat dinner out at Islands and help your school's ministry on Monday, March 8.



**2010-2011
REGISTRATION OPEN**
Come take a
school tour on
WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

SECURING EACH CHILD'S FUTURE

Lutheran Schools' Week is the first full week in March. Each year, Lutheran schools have a chance to celebrate their history and heritage with schools around the country. This year's theme is Securing Each Child's Future for a Life of Service.

The Bible tells us in Matthew 20:28, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Allowing children to serve provides many benefits:

- Children develop a sense of belonging and being needed in the congregation
- Children realize they too must be responsible members of the congregation

- Children are given the opportunity to minister for Christ with their own strength, abilities and/or finances
- Children become aware of different cultures and lifestyles as they minister to others. Children become sensitive to the needs of others
- Children enjoy serving!

During Lutheran Schools' Week, students will bring socks (on Crazy Sock Day) and hair products (on Crazy Hair Day) for earthquake survivors in Haiti. Students will make placemats for the Samaritan Center and Still Waters Café. Just like a child's faith is mighty, so is the service they are willing to offer to God if only they are taught to do it.



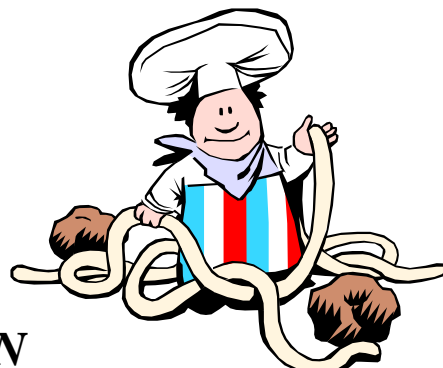
Kindergarten students proudly display the certificates they received for counting to 100 for the principal on Tuesday, February 9, the 100th day of school. This was all part of a celebration centered around the 100th day of school.

5th ANNUAL READ-IN

The Fifth Annual Read-In: In Honor of Dr. Seuss will be on Friday, March 5, on the Trinity campus, 6:15-8:00 p.m.

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

*Good Shepherd Lutheran School
Spaghetti dinner and Art Festival
Friday, March 26th*



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 526-2482



March 2010

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