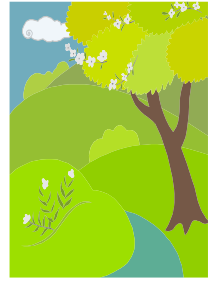


Seek the Lord, Study God's Word, Serve the World

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-8<sup>th</sup> grade 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. and includes a snack.

**For further information please call 805-526-7577**

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,



What should a church look like? I realize this is both a loaded and potentially misguided question. It's loaded and potentially misguided because someone may be tempted to begin describing a building. (“It should have a ceiling that points toward the heavens, a cross in a prominent location, pews for sitting, etc.”) It is a question that taken at face value and not thoroughly thought through can cause us to forget that the church is the people, not a building.

“The church is the people of God.” It's one of the first things many of us were taught in Confirmation. Yet many of us still hold onto the old finger play we were taught as children, when we folded our hands and recited the saying, “*Here is the church and here is the steeple. Open it up and see all the people.*” Perhaps during Confirmation instead of simply saying, “The church is the people of God,” we should have adapted the old finger play to go something like this, “*Here is the church and here is the steep. But it's only a building without all the people.*”

I confess, I have to bite my tongue sometimes when someone will say, “I'm going to church,” or, “We're meeting in the church.” By the churches own definition of what the church is, neither of these is possible because the church is the people of God.

I hear about all the great cathedrals in Europe and have even had the chance to visit a few of them. I find tremendous beauty in their art and architecture. I find beauty in the stained glass windows as the sun shines through the glass bringing to light many of the old stories of faith. My awe turns to sadness, however, when I realize that many of these magnificent structures no longer house a church, a regular worshipping Christian community, but are instead monuments to churches that once were but no longer exist. In many ways they are like gravestones, paying homage to the dead.

As I drive down Cochran Street and along other streets of Simi Valley I pass many buildings that house the churches of Simi that are branches of the greater Church. Unless the people are gathered, however, I am not driving past a church. A church building is only a marker to show that a church either gathers there or did so at one time. It can do no more, because the church is the people of God.

So, what should a church look like? It puts a whole new spin on the question, doesn't it? It also requires much more thought and an understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ to truly answer the question.

Your Partner in Ministry, Pastor Gary



## Y.I.M.A.H

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

**Thursday, May 20th @ 11:30 a.m.** in Eichele Hall

For further information please call the church office 526-7577



## SVLC PRESCHOOL NEWS

*During the month of April the children learned about spring time-farms, planting, and bugs and insects. They planted seed and are enjoying watching them sprout and grow. Our silk worms finally hatched but are very slow in maturing this year (we think due to the weather). In chapel we have been talking about spring and new life-tying it together with the special gift the Jesus gave for each one of us.*

*The highlight of the month was our bubble assembly. With some of the money we made from our spring fundraiser, we were able to have a special hand- on program come to us and teach us about bubbles. We learned that bubbles are not magic-but science. We learned that bubbles are made of soap, water and air. We learned that bubbles pop on there own when the water evaporates. We also learn that bubbles are spheres-but you can make a square bubble. But the highlight of the program was when each child got to have a turn to be inside a bubble. I asked one of the girls what it felt like to be inside the bubble and she said it was wet.*

*We are now enrolling for fall 2010. Children entering preschool program must be potty trained and at least 2 years 9 months old. We offer a well rounded Christian program where a foundation will be established for children's' future growth.*

*Call the preschool at 526-9069 for further information.*

### 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, 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

**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), Priscilla Thompson (continued health), Katie Corrigan, Helen Anderson.

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## 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?”



## Grades K-8 Sunday School News:

Sunday School News:

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

### Grades K-5 APRIL ROTATIONS

In April, grades K-5 will be learning about being good Stewards for the Earth (Genesis 1 and Psalm 8). We'll be doing drama, art, and science rotations.

### Grades K-5 OFFERING & BIRTHDAY PENNIES & BIBLES

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.

### Grades K-5 Lesson Schedule:

April 4: EASTER!!! No Sunday School

April 11: Stewards of the Earth (K-2 Art, 3-5 Drama)

April 18: Stewards of the Earth (K-2 Science, 3-5 Art)

April 25: Stewards of the Earth (K-2 Drama, 3-5 Science)

## SCRIP SUGGESTIONS

Once again we honor our mothers and grandmothers for always caring about and loving us no matter our age. While our children are busy making their handmade gifts for us to cherish, our husbands and significant others are struggling to decide what to get us. Well, we at the Scrip table, can be of incalculable assistance!

Some of the most popular gifts are flowers, jewelry, perfumes, candy, or clothing. And guess what? We have gift cards to cover all of those. All you have to do is tell us what you need and we will be more than happy to order the cards for you and have them ready to pickup in about a week.

Maybe you want to take the little lady to the theater, or out to dinner. We can help you there as well. Planning a family party? Get everything you need at Von's, Albertson's or Ralphs.

I know it is disappointing to find that we may not have the exact store you want to use on hand. But since we have about 100 possible shops on our list, it is not feasible for us to have them all on hand all the time. We do keep the most popular ones available at all times. But, as I said, we are most happy to order whatever your little heart desires and it will arrive in about a week for you to pick up.

We are here to be of service in any way possible. Every purchase you make, returns a portion to the church. It is such a simple and painless way to increase your giving. So see us at the SCRIP table on Sunday.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Ladies! Have you ever thought about how many names you have? Daughter, sister, cousin, niece, aunt, granddaughter, friend. But the most important name is MOTHER. Whether you are a mother or have a mother, whether you are a granddaughter or a grandmother, helping to raise a child is the most important job you will ever have.

And the job comes without any training. Mostly it is trial and error. Luckily, there are books that might help. Check out our book cart for books on parenting. Even if you think you are doing a great job, it never hurts to see what ideas are out there to make your job easier and better.

Probably the most important gift you can give a child is love. Unconditional love. Listen to your child, spend time with him/her. Reading to your children is one of the most enjoyable ways you can interact with them. Check our book cart for a wide selection of books geared to all ages and take them home to enjoy with your family.

Remember to return any books within 2 weeks. If you enjoyed reading them, so will others. Remember to share. The book cart is always on the patio on Sunday morning for your convenience.



# School News

## Good Shepherd Lutheran School

A Christian community challenging minds and nurturing hearts since 1979



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### News and Notes

#### SPRING BAND AND CHOIR CONCERT

Tuesday, May 4, will be an evening of musical offerings by our Good Shepherd students. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Scott Peters directs these groups. All are welcome.

#### MY WAY OR YAHWEH-SPRING MUSICAL PRESENTATION

All of our congregation members are invited to Good Shepherd's presentation of *My Way or Yahweh*, the story of Naaman, by students in grades four through eight. It will be presented ONE NIGHT ONLY on Friday, May 14, Trinity campus, 7 p.m.

#### STREET FAIR

On May 8, Good Shepherd will have a booth at the Street Fair. Stop on by and say hi. Children will be able to plant a flower to give as a gift to their moms the next day, Mother's Day.

#### REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Registrations are still being accepted for the 2010-2011 school year. Class sizes will remain small at our school, an integrated technology program will still be offered, and our music and P.E. program stays. Give your child the gift of a Christian education. Call the office for more information, 526-2482.

#### EL TORITO FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars for May 10. El Torito has graciously allowed us to host a dinner fundraiser that evening. Come on out and relax, enjoy some good food, and support your church's elementary education ministry.

**Come take a school tour**  
**WONDERFUL**  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**9-2:30 every week**



Kindergarten students stand behind some of the displays they made for Success Night on Wednesday, April 21. This evening was a celebration of the growth made by each student during the 2009-2010 school year.

### Thoughts on School Ministry

The Barna Group, a Christian-based research group in Venture, found after more than a decade of research that few kids born between 1984 and 2002 believe that there are fixed moral truths, that God is omniscient, and salvation is through faith in Christ.

It is believed that as faith has been challenged by modern culture, our youth grew complacent and, in some cases, rejected the faith of their childhood.

This suggests a need for a

more robust approach to Christian education. In addition to teaching youth the content of the Christian faith, it is also necessary to devote more time to equipping our youth in the task of defending their faith.

There is work to be done. Through our system of preschool and elementary education working together with youth groups, our churches focus on this task. Good Shepherd Lutheran School is proud to be a part of ministries devoted to bringing faith to our children.

### GRADE 8 TRAVELS TO EAST COAST

From May 19-28, eighth grade students head to Washington, D.C., to view firsthand what they have been studying in U.S. History this year. Students will tour the capital city seeing the Smithsonian Museums, all the monuments and memorials, and praying for our nation's leaders at Arlington National

Cemetery. They will also take side trips to Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, Philadelphia, the Amish country, and Gettysburg. The trip ends with a visit to NYC. Mrs. Wilmot, eighth grade homeroom teacher, puts together and heads up this trip.



**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.

# May 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> <b>Women's Retreat</b> 10:00-SVLC @ Attic 10:00-AA-CR 10:00- Marvin Heal Service-Sanctuary 5:30-Simi Valley Christian Church
<b>2</b> 8:30-Worship 9:45-Worship 9:45- Sunday School 11:00-Worship 1:00-NA 6:30-Pack 3643-PR 7:00-AI-anon-CR	<b>3</b> 6:00-Stretch N Tone 7:00-BSA #698-Hall 7:00-AI-anon-CR 7:30-AI-ateen-SAC	<b>4</b> 10:00 SVLC @Attic 3:00-GSA #34-Hall 5:30-GSA #665-PR 6:00-Stretch N Tone 7:00-BSA#622-Hall	<b>5</b> 9:00-GSLS Chapel 3:00-GSLS Bake-Hal 4:30-SVLC @ Samaritan Ctr. 7:00-Youth Group 7:00- Confirmation	<b>6</b> 9:00-SVLC Preschool Chapel 10:00-SVLC@Attic 3:00-SWC 5:00-SWC (Team 1) 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-AI-anon-CR	<b>7</b> 3:Troop #484-PR  6:30-Pack 3643-Hall  <i>PASTOR OFF</i>	<b>8</b> 10:00-AA-CR 5:30-Simi Valley Christian Church
<b>9</b> Happy Mother's / Confirmation Day 8:30-Worship 9:45-Rejoice 9:45-Sunday School K-8th 11:00-Worship /Confirmation Graduation 1:00-NA 7:00-AI-anon-CR	<b>10</b> 6:00-Stretch N Tone 7:00-BSA #698-Hall 7:00-AI-anon-CR 7:30-AI-ateen-SAC	<b>11</b> 10:00-SVLC@ Luther's Attic 3:00-GSA#340-Hall 5:30-GSA-665-PR 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:00-GSLS Sports Banquet - Hall 7:00-SVLC Council	<b>12</b> 7:00- Youth Group	<b>13</b> 9:30-Naomi 10:00-SVLC @Attic 3:00-SWC-Hall 5:00-SWC-(Team 2) 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-AI-anon-CR	<b>14</b> 9:00-SVLC Preschool Chapel 3-6-Troop 484-CR  <i>PASTOR OFF</i>	<b>15</b> 10:00-AA-CR 5:30-Simi Valley Christian Church
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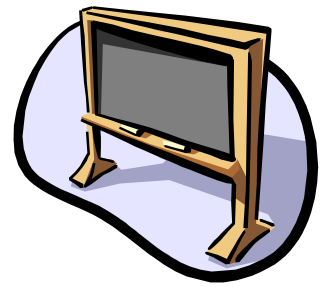
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## Eyeglass Ministry

We are happy to report that 36 used eyeglasses have been donated for use by those unable to afford to pay for their own. All of us who wear glasses, are keenly aware of how necessary they are. Without them, we might not be able to find work, drive a car or live a normal life. Many thanks to those who so generously give to the less fortunate. You are a special blessing to many. Remember, this is an ongoing ministry so continue to bring in your old glasses when you get new ones. Just leave them in the narthex., give them to the Scrip people, or drop them off in the office. They will be greatly appreciated.

# Youth News!



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:

**Elementary Ministry:**  
**May 30:** Service Project



**Middle School Ministry:**      **May 16:** 'Ice Cream Sunday'

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



\*The youth are also collecting recyclables in our bins upstairs, if you have any glass, plastic or aluminum that you can bring by, that'd be great!!\*

## SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/DAY CAMP!!

### August 2-6, 9am-3pm – Grades K-8

*For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. – Romans 8:19*

VBS will again be led by camp counselors from El Camino Pines Lutheran Camp. It's a wonderful program including crafts, bible studies, games, and much more! Snacks and lunch\* are provided.

\*Lunch for full day program only.

*"It's like having summer camp without leaving town."*

VBS is for everyone entering grades K through Grade 8 in the fall.  
Registration donation: \$50 half day (ends at noon) / \$100 full day program.

~~Make checks payable to SVLC~~

Return this form to the church office or the offering plate.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering in the fall: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies or medical concerns: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult responsible for picking up child: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

