



**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
3rd Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 2011  
There is only one service at 9:45 p.m.**

**All committee reports are due to the church office no later than Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.**

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My Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

Happy New Year! I imagine you've received a similar greeting many times already. In the next few weeks we'll struggle to remember to write 2011 instead of 2010. If we haven't already done so, we'll be moving things from our '10 calendar to our new one. Those who haven't had a birthday for eight or nine months begin to realize in a short time they will be aging another year. The cycle begins again for another year.

As far as "new," however, has anything really changed? Is anything really new? Or is it simply a rehash and a continuation of what has been? What makes 2011 "new" compared with the past? Certainly the year will bring with it new technological advances – some of which we'll embrace and others which will frighten or intimidate. The box office will put out new films (although redoing older classic films or turning old television show into movies is also well within the realm of the studios), bookstores will stock new novels and new music will continue to be written.

We may move to a different neighborhood or town, change schools, or even begin shopping at different stores. Everything around us can change, but is anything really new? If we ourselves don't change has anything really changed? Is anything really new? The author of Ecclesiastes, perhaps in a fit of frustration, once remarked, "There is nothing new under the sun."

Jesus said, "Behold, I make all things new." I think for things to be really new for any of us it is important, with Jesus help, to give up what it is within us that separates us from God. When we are willing to die to those things and allow Jesus to be king of our lives then things will truly be new every day.

Something to think about as we begin this "new year."

Your Partner in Ministry,  
Pastor Gary



Dear Friends,

Thank you for remembering our family again this Christmas season with your greetings and gifts. It is a pleasure to serve among you and we eagerly anticipate 2011 to be a continued blessing in our lives.

Sincerely,

The Stevenson's



**CONFIRMATION**

**CLASSES RESUME**

**Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
in Eichele Hall**

*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, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Preschool, Good Shepherd Lutheran School and our church leaders.

**Undergoing cancer therapy** ...Gary Lee Boswell  
(son of *Gloria Holst*), Craig Wells

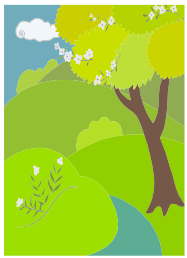
**Under convalescent or hospice care**...Tim Simpson  
(Minn Simpson's son)

**Undergoing surgery, various tests, treatments, recuperating and continued comfort**...Eloise Cooley

(Marcia's Cooley's mother), Pastor Leslie Soyster, Florence Huff (Carol Jackson's mother), Ron Schultze family, June Goldberg, Connie-Kieffer-Collins, John Yanuklis, Bob Haseley

**Our Military Personnel now serving:**

Joe Anderson, Dan Balaun, David Bond, Jeffrey C.A. Bower, Wayne Combs, Tyson and Blake Crosby, Nisha Dean, Shane Denning, Richard Deobler, Robert Deobler, Travis Girard, Nick Goldsmith, Jordan Gutowski, Mike Hultman, Michael Kidd, Frank King, Chris Labelle, Brett Launer, Brian Lowen John Parker, Brian Richardson, Jonathan Scholberg, Raymond Schooler, Captain Ted Slocum, Allen Steinke Cpl. Brett Tyre, Sgt Elliott Van Marion, Thomas Weaver, Matthew Wilkins



## 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 served beginning at 5:00p.m. 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**

### COATS FOR CUDDLIN' & SOCKS FOR SNUGGLIN'

As the winter months approach we would like to share our good fortune with those in need. Now is a great time to rummage through that closet and grab those gently used coats or jackets that you won't wear again. Every size coat is needed from kids to adults. We're also asking for packages of new socks. Everyone deserves to be warm and cozy when it's cold outside. Please bring your coats/jackets and socks to church and we'll make them available to our guests at the Still Waters Café and our PADS folks.

We would appreciate coats/jackets and new socks only. Please do not bring other clothing items; we do not have the storage area. There are two coat racks and a plastic bin in Eichele Hall for your donations. We thank you in advance for your generosity and love for others.

**Angel Food** – There is  
can  
vary



a wonderful servant-ministry providing low cost meals which can be ordered on line and picked up locally here in Simi. Menus from month to month but the standard order feeds 4 people for seven days for \$30!! **Anyone** can order the food: there are no restrictions. [www.angelfoodminitries.com](http://www.angelfoodminitries.com)

Can you spare 2 hours of your time

Can you spare  
once a month for the:

## *Samaritan Center of Simi Valley?*

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
Serves a meal to the less fortunate at the *Samaritan Center*  
The 1<sup>st</sup> *Wednesday of every month from 4:00-6:00 p.m.*

This is a church service project and **we need help.**

We need volunteers to do the following:

buy and deliver food to the Samaritan Center, serve food **or** donate money.

If you would like to help, please contact Yvonne Baird at 584-2521.

Thank you for your prayers and support for this important ministry.

## **Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Preschool**

celebrating 40 years



It's hard to believe that another new year is upon us! We were so busy at preschool during December that the month flew by.

Our annual Christmas program on December 12<sup>th</sup> was the highlight of the month as the children helped tell the story of the birth of Jesus and sang several songs for their families. This is the first year in many that all of our children were in attendance and it was so much fun to see them all dressed up and perform. During the month they made special gifts for their families and had class parties to help Jesus celebrate His birthday.

One of the things we work on in preschool is language skills. This month the children in our pre-k class were asked what their favorite part of Christmas was---

Adriana said "decorating the tree" is her favorite thing about Christmas. Brennon said "My favorite time is when Santa brings me toys". Rylie said her favorite part of Christmas is "decorating the tree and the house". Tyler says "that Santa comes to Jesus' birthday. I love Jesus so he gets another birthday. I can only guess what Heaven is like". Makenna said she "likes to celebrate and that is all". Logan likes "hunting for all kinds of Christmas presents". Ian says "a big tall Christmas tree" is his favorite thing, and Christina says "I like putting up the lights. I have a rainbow and candy cane lights for the tree".

We are continuing to build enrollment, but we do have room for more children. Call the preschool office at

526-9069 for more information. The Preschool staff wishes everyone a very Happy Holiday!

### *Preschool Mission...*

**We believe that each child deserves the opportunity to grow and develop in a safe, loving and stimulating environment. Children are treated with warmth and respect, and learn to appreciate their value and importance in God's world.**

***Our goals... are to help child grow in their sense of self-worth, to recognize their strengths and abilities, and to develop physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually.***

***The Staff ...are educated in early childhood education, and are dedicated Christian people who enjoy working with young children in a positive, effective manner.***

**Class size is small, and we offer a well-balanced, carefully constructed program designed to meet the needs of preschool children.**

***We offer...both full day and part day schedules, and accept children between the ages of 2 years 9 months and 5 years of age.***

***Please call...the preschool office at 526-9069 for more information. Better yet, pass this information on to friends or neighbors who are looking for a good preschool experience for their young children.***

## **THANK YOU FROM SCRIP**

Many thanks to all our Scrip successful. Wouldn't it be great if New Year's Resolutions? They are every day and every time you go to you gas, food, drug store, restaurants frequent so that you have the card ready when you shop. Shop on line? Have [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or any other card ready when you do. Such a simple act will increase your giving to the church by perhaps a hundred dollars or more each year. Resolve now to be more generous at no extra cost to you. And may God bless you with peace and joy.



buyers who made our last few months so everyone included gift card buying in their really not just for gifts. They are usable almost any store. Make a point to carry with or fast food places, or any other place you



**Piano lessons by *Carol Jackson***  
**reasonable prices please call 805-822-7344**

## **PLEASE...HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**



**Luther's Attic...a thrift store in Moorpark at 189 High Street that helps support Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Give donations, shop and/or volunteer your time!!**

It all helps our Christian school ministry here in Simi Valley.

For further information call 805-523-7188.

The proceeds from the store are split between the three schools that receive financial support from the store. The financial split is based on volunteer hours submitted by members from each of the churches (the more volunteer hours from your church the stronger the financial support).



**Christ Caring for People - That's the Ministry.**

The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen to you, care for you, support and encourage you, and pray with and for you. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

**People through motto of Stephen**

### **What you should know about Stephen Ministry**

Shepherd of the Valley has a system for training and organizing laypeople to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in our congregation called **Stephen Ministry**. All Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training in care giving and attend continuing education classes every month that prepares them to listen and care for anyone going through a difficult time. The name Stephen comes from St. Stephen, who was the first layperson commissioned by the Apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need, (Acts 6).

Stephen Ministry began in 1975 when the Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D., a pastor and clinical psychologist, trained nine laypeople at his congregation in St. Louis to be **Stephen Ministers**. They assisted him in providing distinctively Christian care to members of the congregation and community. These trained caregivers were so enthused about their ministry; they encouraged Dr. Haugk to offer it to more congregations. Since that time more than 500,000 laypeople have been trained as **Stephen Ministers** in 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces and 24 other countries.

**If you or someone you know is facing a crisis--large or small--and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, call Pastor Gary at 805.526.7577.**

# Senior Quilt Sample Site

Follow this link <http://www.svlcquilts.webs.com>



## Women's Annual Meeting & Potluck

Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> @ 12:noon in Eichele Hall  
Further information contact Gail Garon 805-986-0718



# January 2011

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thurs  | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|---|
|  |   |   |   |  |  | <b>1</b><br>8:00-Alanon<br>10:00-AA-Library<br>5:30-Simi Valley<br>Christian Church   |
| <b>2</b><br>8:30-Traditional<br>9:45-Contemporary<br>11:00-Blended<br>1:00-NA<br>4:00-SPARK 3-5yrs<br>7:00-Al-anon-CR                                    | <b>3</b><br>6:00-Stretch N Tone<br>7:00-BSA #698-Hall<br>7:00-Al-anon<br>7:30-Al-ateen            | <b>4</b><br>10:00 SVLC @Attic<br>3:00-Troop 34&348<br>6:00-Stretch N Tone<br>6:30-SVCC<br>Bible Study<br>7:00-BSA#622                                     | <b>5</b><br>9:00 -GSLs Chapel<br>4:30-SVLC@<br>Samaritan Ctr.<br>7:00-Youth Group                               | <b>6</b><br>9:00 -SVLC<br>Preschool Chapel<br>10:00-SVLC@Attic<br>3:00-SWC (Team 2)<br>5:00-Café Open<br>6:00-Stretch N Tone<br>6:30-Al-anon<br>7:00-Stephen Min                                     | <b>7</b><br>6:30-Pack #3643<br>7:30 - PADS<br><br><i>Pastor off<br/>Lauren off</i>               | <b>8</b><br>8:00-Alanon-CR<br>8:00-GSLs<br>Workshop<br>10:00-SVLC@Attic<br><br>10:00-AA-Library<br>5:30-Simi Valley<br>Christian Church |
| <b>9</b><br>8:30-Traditional<br>9:45-Contemporary<br>11:00-Blended<br>1:00-NA<br>4:00-SPARK 3-5yrs<br>7:00-Al-anon-CR                                    | <b>10</b><br>6:00-Stretch N Tone<br>7:00-BSA #698-Hall<br>7:00-Al-anon-YR<br>7:30-Al-ateen-Choir  | <b>11</b><br>10:00-SVLC@Attic<br>3:00-Troop 34&348<br>6:00-Stretch N Tone<br>6:30-SVCC<br>Bible Study<br>7:00-SVLC Council<br>7:00-BSA#622                | <b>12</b><br>9:00 -GSLs Chapel<br>6:00 - Pizza night<br>7:00-Confirmation<br>7:00- Youth - YR                   | <b>13</b><br>9:30-Naomi<br>10:00-SVLC @Attic<br>3:00-SWC-(Team 3)<br>5:00-Café Open<br>6:00-Stretch N Tone<br>6:30-Al-anon   | <b>14</b><br>9:00 -SVLC<br>Preschool Chapel<br>7:30-PADS<br><br><i>Pastor off<br/>Lauren off</i> | <b>15</b><br>8:00-Alanon-CR<br>10:00-AA-Library<br>5:30-Simi Valley<br>Christian Church   |
| <b>16</b><br>8:30-Traditional<br>9:45-Contemporary<br>11:00- Blended<br>1:00-NA<br>4:00-SPARK 3-5yrs<br>7:00-Al-anon-CR                                  | <b>17</b><br>6:00-Stretch N Tone<br>7:00-BSA #698-Hall<br>7:00-Al-anon-YR<br>7:30-Al-ateen-Choir  | <b>18</b><br>10:00-SVLC@ Attic<br>3:00-Troop 34&348<br>6:00-Stretch N Tone<br>6:30-SVCC<br>Bible Study<br>7:00-BSA#622<br>7:00-Hannah<br>7:00-Men's Group | <b>19</b><br>9:00 -GSLs Chapel<br>7:00-Confirmation<br>7:00-Youth Group<br>7:00-Preschool<br>Directory Workshop | <b>20</b><br>9:00 -SVLC<br>Preschool Chapel<br>10:00-SVLC @<br>Luther's Attic<br>11:30-Y.I.M.A.H.<br>3:00-SWC-(Team 4)<br>5:00-Café Open<br>6:00-Stretch N Tone<br>6:30-Al-anon<br>7:00-Stephern Min | <b>21</b><br>7:30-PADS<br><br><i>Pastor off<br/>Lauren off</i>                                   | <b>22</b><br>8:00-Alanon-CR<br>10:00-AA-Library<br>5:30-Simi Valley<br>Christian Church   |
| <b>23</b><br>8:30-Traditional<br>9:45-Contemporary<br>11:00- Blended<br>11:00-Women's<br>Annual Meeting<br>1:00-NA<br><b>No SPARK</b><br>7:00-Al-anon-CR | <b>24</b><br>6:00-Stretch N Tone<br>7:00-BSA #698-Patio<br>7:00-Al-anon-YR<br>7:30-Al-ateen-Class | <b>25</b><br>10:00 SVLC @Attic<br>6:00-Stretch N Tone<br>6:30-SVCC<br>Bible Study<br>7:00-Property Mtg.   | <b>26</b><br>9:00 -GSLs Chapel<br><br>7:00- Confirmation<br>7:00-Youth Group                                    | <b>27</b><br><b>GSLs ½ day<br/>SAC open</b><br>3:00-SWC-(Team 5)<br>5:00- Café Open<br>6:00-Stretch N Tone<br>6:30-Al-anon   | <b>28</b><br>9:00 -SVLC<br>Preschool Chapel<br>7:30-PADS<br><br><i>Pastor off<br/>Lauren off</i> | <b>29</b><br>8:00-Alanon-CR<br>10:00-AA-Library<br>5:30-Simi Valley<br>Christian Church<br>10:00-SVLC<br>@ Luther's Attic               |
| <b>30</b><br><b>One Service<br/>Today At 9:45</b><br>1:00-NA<br>4:00-SPARK 3-5yrs<br>7:30-Al-ateen-Class<br>7:00-Al-anon-CR                              | <b>31</b><br>6:00-Stretch N Tone<br>7:00-BSA #698-Patio<br>7:00-Al-anon-YR                        |   |   |  |  |   |

# Youth News -January-

| Sunday  | Monday             | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday                           | Saturday                        |
|---|--------------------|---------|--|----------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|   |                    |         |  |          | HS NYE Party@ Lauren's (9pm-1am) | 1                               |
| 2<br>\$75 deposit due for HS retreat<br>4pm SPARK!                  | 3                  | 4       | 5<br>7pm-HS Youth Group (Bible Study)                        | 6        | 7                                | 8                               |
| 9<br>4pm SPARK!   | 10                 | 11      | 12<br>6pm-MS Pizza Night<br>7pm-HS Youth Group (Bible Study) | 13       | 14                               | 15<br>Elem. Winter Retreat @ECP |
| 16<br>-----<br>-----<br>\$75 deposit due for MS retreat (Feb 11-13) | 17<br>-----<br>--> | 18      | 19<br>7pm-HS Youth Group (Show n' Tell)                      | 20       | 21                               | 22                              |
| 23<br>4pm SPARK!  | 24                 | 25      | 26<br>7pm-HS Youth Group (Fellowship night)                  | 27       | 28<br>HS Retreat @ ECP           | 29<br>-----<br>-----            |
| 30<br>-----<br>-><br>4pm SPARK!                                     | 31                 |         |  |          |                                  |                                 |