

Welcome

To Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

February Newsletter

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)

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, Rosalie & Kent Fredrick, Craig Wells

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

Library Inventory

Is currently in progress. There are several books missing.

PLEASE return books that you have completed by Feb. 13th or call Carolyn Nell and let her know what books you are still reading. Thank you the library staff appreciates your help 😊



CONFIRMATION CLASSES for February

6th Grade

2-Moses and Pharaoh
9- Pizza Night
Ten Commandments
16-Fun/Service Night
23-Wilderness to Land

7th Grade

2-Feeding the 5,000
9-Pizza Night
Transfiguration
16-Fun/Service Night
23-Wilderness to Land

8th Grade

2-The Greatest Prayer
9-(Pizza Night)
Father in Heaven
16-Fun/Service Nigh
23-A Holy Name



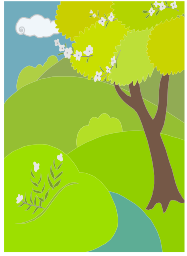
The children and grandchild of Merrill and Helga Richardson, Lisa Richardson and fiancé Mike Hernandez, Eric, Jaime and Lily Kalea Richardson, would like to announce the 50th wedding anniversary of our beloved parents and grandparents on February 9, 2011 and give thanks to the Lord for His blessings on our family.

SVLC Adult Senior Prom

Sat. Feb. 12th
6-10:00 p.m.
Eichele Hall
\$15 per person



Dinner & Dance



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

For further information please call 805-526-7577

CELEBRATING VALENTINE'S DAY

February has long been the month in which we see red hearts, flowers, and cupids with little bows and arrows. It is the month of romantic love. But there are many other types of love - parent-child, good friends, agape (Christian love), and most importantly the holy love of God towards his children.

This month, the book cart will be featuring reading materials on all kinds of love. It might be interesting to read about love from a different version of the Bible than your usual one. Differing translations can often put a new spin on an old chapter.

Think about reading the book of I John (it is only a couple of pages long).

It is full of explanations of how to live a life of love.

Similar theme books will be on the cart for your children as well.

And the cart will be on the patio every Sunday for your convenience.

This is YOUR Library, these are YOUR books. Feel free to check them out, take them home to enjoy and then return them in two weeks so others may also read them.

And live out the theme for February, "God is love", so all may know you are a beloved child of God.



Can you spare 2 hours of your time

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 **1st 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS
SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
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February 2011

Grades K-5 SCHEDULE CHANGE!!! Because some weeks we have a hard time getting through our whole lesson before the sermon is over, we're going to move the start time for Sunday School 15 minutes earlier. The Sunday School opening (songs & games) will start at 9:30 am and the lesson will start at 9:45 am. Grades 6-8 can meet at 9:30 am to help with the younger students, or meet in the Youth Room at 9:45 am. We will still return to church after the sermon so students can commune with their families.

DON'T FORGET....OFFERING & BIRTHDAY PENNIES: We collect offering and recognize birthdays at the beginning of each class. If a student's birthday occurs during the week, they bring the number of pennies of their age to church for the birthday bank.

DON'T FORGET....GRADES 3-5: BRING YOUR BIBLES: Students in grades 3-5 who bring their bible to Sunday School each week receive a treat.

Here's our lesson schedule through May:

Feb 6, 13, 20: "The Prodigal Son"

Feb 27, March 6, 13: "Psalm 23"

March 20: Game Day!

March 27, April 3, 10: Holy Week Rotations

April 17: Palm Sunday. No classes, possible Sunday School Program (more info to follow)

April 24: Easter Sunday! No Sunday School

May 1, 15, 22: "Zaccheus"

(May 22 is our last class before summer.)

May 8: Mother's Day. No Sunday School

In His Service,
Lisa Lewis (olseysue@sbcglobal.net or 527-6379)

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Preschool

celebrating 40 years



For part of the month of February, we will be talking about Valentines Day.

Here are thoughts from our four year olds on love: "Love is your whole family in one picture" (Riley), "Love is when you like someone" (Christina), "Love is your family" (Brennon), "A heart is love" (Logan), "God gave us love so we can love people" (Adrianna), "Love is red and that means sad" (Ian), "Love is to care about someone" (Tyler), "Love is hearts" (Aden) and "Love is spending time with mommy and Daddy" (Makenna).

During the month we will be learning about dinosaurs and learning words such as extinct, herbivore and carnivore. And we will also be learning about community helpers. We are anticipating a visit from a local children's dentist at the end of the month, and hope that some of our parents will be able to come in to talk to us about what they do at work.

During Chapel time this month we will be talking about God and different ways he shows love for us.

Looking ahead, we have picture day on March 3 and we will be selling Sees candy for Easter (be sure to watch for more information).

May God continue to bless you and your family.

Terry Labrum



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.**

How to Celebrate Valentine's Day

It's time to start planning what you will do. Our Scrip Committee have some great suggestions,

One of the classic ways to celebrate is to suggest Black Angus, Marie Callendar's, Chili's,

What would the holiday be without giving from See's Candy? With over 100 varieties of Valentine. And the \$16.10 you spend on a gift treasury!



to show your love on Feb.14th. We on the as usual.

plan a romantic date night dinner. May we Cheesecake Factory or El Torito.

your sweetie a box of quality chocolates candy, you are sure to please you card will return about \$3.00 to the church

"I love you beary, beary much". Get the Love Bug. Take home this adorable new animal at Build A Bear and give it an unique personality with a message of your own voice.

Thinking of jewelry? Kohl's, Macy's, Target and/or WalMart are good bets for a wonderful assortment of gems.

If you settle for something more mundane such as a vacuum cleaner, new kitchen appliances, or patio furniture, you can't go wrong with Lowe's or Home Depot.

Now that we have offered our best suggestions, see us at the Scrip table toot-sweet! Although we carry some of these cards in stock, some of them have to be ordered in advance to assure their arrival before the great day.

Don't dawdle. Don't delay. See us on the patio between services on Sunday.



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.

People through motto of Stephen

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.

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.

Interface Ministry 

As an ongoing ministry of SVLC we collect items for personal care bags at the monthly Women's Circles, or by taking your donation to the Church office. These items then go into a care bag and are given to Interface for their Battered Women's Shelters throughout the county.

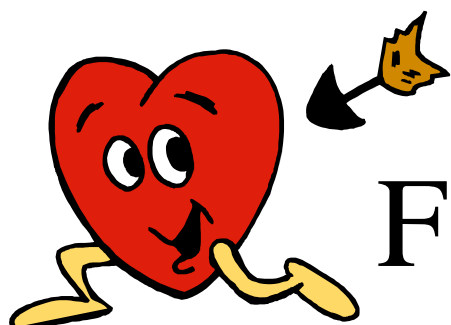
The items needed to make a care bag are (in regular sizes): Shampoo, Conditioner, Brush, Comb, Lotion, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Soap, Deodorant, Tampons, Disposable Razors, Pocket Size Kleenex. In 2010 twenty bags were donated to Interface!

Individual size lotion, soap, shampoo etc. form motel/hotel stays are also appreciated as they are taken to the Samaritan Center for use. If you have any further questions regarding this ministry please contact Jennifer Wacenske @ 581-2923.

Good Shepherd Lutheran School Family Dinner & Bingo

Friday, February 11, 2011

@ Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. Bingo at 6:00p.m.



February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p> <p>6:00-Preschool 7:00-GSLS SAC 10:00 SVLC @ Attic 3:00-Troop 34&348 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-SVCC Bible Study 7:00-BSA#622</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00-Preschool 7:00-GSLS SAC 9:00 -GSLS Chapel 4:30-SVLC@ Samaritan Ctr. 7:00-Youth Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00-Preschool 7:00-GSLS SAC 9:00 - Pre-Chapel 10:00-SVLC@Attic 3:00-SWC (Team 1) 5:00-Café Open 5:00-PT Conference 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-Al-anon 7:00-Stephen Min</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00-PT Conference 6:30-Pack #3643 7:30 - PADS</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00-Alanon 10:00-AA-Library 1:00-GSLS Talent Show Auditions 5:30-Simi Valley Christian Church</p>
<p>6</p> <p>8:30-Traditional 9:45-Contemporary 11:00-Blended 1:00-NA 1:00-SuperBowl Alternative-MHS 4:00-SPARK 3-5yrs 7:00-Al-anon-CR</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00-Preschool 7:00-GSLS SAC 3:00-GSLS Talent Show Auditions 6:00-Stretch N Tone 7:00-BSA #698-Hall 7:00-Al-anon 7:30-Al-ateen</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00-Preschool 7:00-GSLS SAC 10:00 SVLC @ Attic 3:00-Troop 34&348 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-SVCC Bible Study 7:00-SVLC Council 7:00-BSA#622</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00-Preschool 7:00-GSLS SAC 9:00 -GSLS Chapel 6:00-Confirmation/ Pizza Night 7:00-Youth Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00-Preschool 7:00-GSLS SAC 9:30-Naomi-Carey 10:00-SVLC@Attic 3:00-SWC (Team 2) 5:00-Café Open 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-Al-anon</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 - Pre-Chapel 7:00-GSLS Bingo Night 7:30 - PADS</p> <p><i>Pastor off</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00-SVHS Pancake Breakfast 8:00-Alanon-CR 10:00-AA-Library 4:30-Senior Prom 5:30-Simi Valley Christian Church</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8:30-Traditional 9:45-Contemporary 11:00-Blended 1:00-NA 4:00-SPARK 3-5yrs 7:00-Al-anon-CR</p> <p>Retreat</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00-Preschool 7:00-GSLS SAC 6:00-Stretch N Tone 7:00-BSA #698-Hall 7:00-Al-anon-YR 7:30-Al-ateen-Choir</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:00-Preschool 7:00-GSLS SAC 10:00-SVLC@Attic 3:00-Troop 34&348 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-SVCC Bible Study 7:00-Hannah-Blaloc 7:00-BSA#622</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00-Preschool 7:00-GSLS SAC 9:00 -GSLS Chapel 7:00-Confirmation/ Fun Night 7:00- Youth - YR</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00-Preschool 7:00-GSLS SAC 10:00-SVLC @Attic 11:30-Y.I.M.A.H 3:00-SWC-(Team 3) 5:00-Café Open 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-Al-anon 7:00-Stephen Min</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:30-PADS</p> <p><i>Pastor off Lauren off</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00-Alanon-CR 10:00-AA-Library 10:00-SVLC @ Attic 5:30-Simi Valley Christian Church</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8:30-Traditional 9:45-Contemporary 11:00- Blended 11:00-Fellowship 12:00-First Communion class 1:00-NA 4:00-SPARK 3-5yrs 7:00-Al-anon-CR</p>	<p>21</p> <p>President's Day GSLS / SAC Closed</p> <p>6:00-Stretch N Tone 7:00-BSA #698-Hall 7:00-Al-anon-YR 7:30-Al-ateen-Choir</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:00-Preschool 7:00-GSLS SAC 10:00-SVLC@ Attic 3:00-Troop 34&348 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-SVCC Bible Study 7:00-BSA#622 7:00-Youth Board</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00-Preschool 7:00-GSLS SAC 9:00 -GSLS Chapel 3:00-GSLS Tech 7:00-Confrimation 7:00-Yourth Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>SCIENCE FAIR 6:00-Preschool 7:00-GSLS SAC 10:00-SVLC @ Luther's Attic 3:00-SWC-(Team 4) 5:00-Café Open 6:00-Stretch N Tone 6:30-Al-anon</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:15-PreChapel 7:30-PADS</p> <p><i>Pastor off Lauren off</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00-Alanon-CR 10:00-AA-Library 1:00-AA Luncheon 5:30-Simi Valley Christian Church 6:00-Tournament</p>
<p>27</p> <p>8:30-Traditional 9:45-Contemporary 11:00- Blended 12:00-First Communion class 1:00-NA 4:00- SPARK 7:00-Al-anon-CR</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00-Preschool 7:00-GSLS SAC 6:00-Stretch N Tone 7:00-BSA #698-Patio 7:00-Al-anon-YR 7:30-Al-ateen-Class</p>					



School News

Good Shepherd Lutheran School

A Christian community challenging minds and nurturing hearts since 1979



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Expectations of a Lutheran School

As part of our accreditation process, the stakeholders of Good Shepherd Lutheran School identified expectations for all graduates of our school. These expectations are known as ESLRs or school-wide goals. (I know, every career has its own lingo.)



The schoolwide goals for students at Good Shepherd Lutheran School are: using the cross as their guide, all students will be members of the family of God, prepared 21st century learners, contributing citizens to their church, community, country, and world, and confident in the talents given to them by God.

These goals are broken down into smaller steps to help all students achieve these goals. Some of these steps state: students will be active participants in weekly

worship, students will read, write and think critically, students will learn how to exercise their rights as citizens of the United States, students will grow and develop in their talents and abilities.

The Good Shepherd team is focused on their students. Instruction is tailored to the individual child. God is blessing this ministry to students and their families. This is an important outreach of both of our churches.

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is now taking registration for the 2010-2011 school year. Support this ministry by talking about our school and praying for this ministry daily. 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.

**Registration for the
2011-2012 school year
now open!
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News and Notes

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences for quarter 2 will be held on Thursday, February 3, and Friday, February 4, at the Shepherd of the Valley campus.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair, *Reading at the Diner*, begins at both the Shepherd of the Valley and the Trinity campuses on Wednesday, February 2 and will stay until Sunday, February 6. 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.

SCIENCE FAIR

Good Shepherd's annual Science Fair for grades 4-8 will be held Thursday, February 24. 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 2, 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 missional outreach in action.

BEE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Grades 4-8 have completed the school spelling bee for the Scripps Institute Spelling Bee and the National Geographic Geography Bee.

After two competitive bees, Good Shepherd history was made when **Jessica Niccum, gr. 8**, won both the spelling and geography bee. Congratulations to Jessica. She took a test which was sent to the National Geographic Society and will represent Good Shepherd at the Area 7 Spelling Bee on February 17. **Matthew Radtke, gr. 8**, was the spelling bee runner-up and will serve as our alternate if, for some reason, Jessica is unable to compete.



 **SAVE THE DATE
MAY 14
9TH ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION**