



The Shepherd's Staff

to inform and encourage



June 2013

9th Annual Church/School Parking Lot Sale!! May 31st & June 1st!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! We want to have another successful garage sale and we can't do that without many helping hands so please consider where you will be able to help us out. **Volunteering just an hour or two is a great help.** Training is provided.

- ♦ **The week leading up to the sale:** sorting, pricing, donating, going and picking up items from people's homes, making signs, making meals for the "workers", bringing in your easy-ups. (10 a.m. - 7 p.m.)
- ♦ **Friday morning:** coming early (6 AM) to help us get everything out to the parking lot, or driving around putting up signs, setting up sales tents/easy ups (donuts & coffee provided!!)
- ♦ **Friday & Saturday:** cashier, concessions, traffic director, sales person, cook/griller, overnight security—

We as a church & school have been blessed in many ways through this parking lot sale. We have been able to meet many members of the community, talk to them & give them tours of our church & school, invite them to our VBS, raise money for tuition assistance, kitchen renovations, landscaping, playground equipment & parking lot improvements. The camaraderie between members brings us all closer together with our church/school family and our community.

SOOO... get those closets cleaned and set aside your items for our sale. Also, talk to friends and neighbors. We have found that the garage-sale customer is in the market for anything and everything!!! If it is the Lord's will let us continue to raise our expectations and reach more people year after year.

Contact Michele Zoran or Dawn Kohl if you have any questions.



From the Pastor's Desk

I'm under a lot of stress.

Can God help me with some relief?



I once attended a presentation called "All Stressed Up and Nowhere to Blow!" I was attracted by the title because it described the way I felt at the time. Perhaps you know the feeling.

An online search of the word "stress" lists 344 million hits. Maybe that indicates that you and I are not the only ones who feel stress in our lives. Occasionally, we each would have to say, "I'm all stressed up!"

Stress puts the squeeze on all of us at one time or another. It's natural to look for relief. As we seek to discover just how practical our relationship with God really is, we might be led to ask, "Can God help me with some relief?"

It seems like some people in Palestine had that question nearly 2,000 years ago as they went out to hear a new preacher named Jesus. The all-knowing Jesus gave a wonderful answer in that teachable moment that we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Matthew, one of the disciples with Jesus on that day, records some of Jesus' comments about stress. He said, **"I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food and the body more important than clothes?" (Matthew 6:25).**

To those stressed about grocery money, Jesus pointed out that God doesn't let the birds go hungry. To others who were stressed over an inadequate wardrobe, Jesus pointed out that God doesn't let the flowers down when it comes to how they look. His point was made in a question that he still asks us today, **"Are you not much more valuable than they?"**

Of course we are! The Bible tells us that **"God so loved the world!" (John 3:16).** You and I are included in that statement of good news. God showed his love by removing the greatest stress – our sin that separated us from our God – and placing it on Jesus who took it away by his death on the cross.

God has the perfect antidote to relieve stress. He wraps his loving arms around us and says, "I love you! I forgive you." That relieves the stresses over finances or health or time crunches or job pressure . . . or anything. Relief is as close as God's promises, which are written for us in the Bible. Each week we take a close look at some of those wonderful promises. Come and share with us some genuine stress relief.

~ *Pastor Philip Kieselhorst*

Praises in the Park!

On **Sunday, June 9th**, we will hold our Praises in the Park outdoor worship service & picnic at Wolff Run park -- approximately 4 miles South-East of SVL.



Pastor will conduct our normal 8:00 AM worship service at SVL. Then we will have an outdoor service in the park at **11:00 AM**.



There will be an uplifting outdoor worship service as well as good food provided for you, fun games for all ages, and great fellowship for everyone!



Wolff Run park has play equipment for small children, two large shelters, open fields, tennis and basketball courts.



We hope to see you there!

Directions to Praises in the Park

From Shepherd of the Valley:

- 1) Head East on 88th St.
- 2) Turn right (South) on Sheridan.
- 3) Turn left (East) on 76th Ave.
- 4) Park in the large parking lot on the South side of the park.
- 5) Walk North along the jogging path to the shelters on the North side of the park.

Please reserve the limited parking spaces on the North side of the park for handicapped accessible parking and for people setting up and cleaning up. Thank you!

**Using GPS? The Address is:
4705 West 76th Avenue, Westminster, CO**



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Whether you're living paycheck to paycheck or have more money than you know what to do with, we all need a plan for our money. FPU will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, give generously, and much more!

Learn God's ways of handling money through video teaching, class discussions, and interactive small group activities. FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be!

When you purchase a FPU membership, you receive all the class materials and access to the FPU online resources you need to succeed. Spouses can attend together with a single membership, and teens living at home are welcome to attend with their parents.

Each class session lasts an hour and a half. For the first half of the class, Dave Ramsey teaches on DVD. During the second half, class members come together for a small-group discussion and hands-on activities.

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asked to share any personal financial information during the class.

Are you interested in attending Dave Ramsey's all-new 9-week Financial Peace University class?

The Stewardship Committee is considering hosting another FPU class on Sunday evenings beginning in mid-June, right here at SVL. However, we will only conduct the class if enough people sign-up. The class requires a \$100 commitment per-couple to purchase the new class materials (even if you have attended a previous FPU class.)

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

DaveRamsey.com/fpu

Thanks to Those Who Helped Plant Flowers to Beautify Our Church

A big thank you to all the women who helped with planting the flowers to beautify the front of the church. They look great!! Thanks also to O'Tooles Garden Center for supplying the flowers at a discount.

We hope you will enjoy the beauty all season long!



Christian Aid and Relief



WELS Christian Aid and Relief has responded to the devastating tornado wreckage in Moore, OK after last week's storm.

Mr. Mark Vance, Christian Aid and Relief director of operation has been in contact with the Rev. John Strackbein, pastor at Holy Cross in Oklahoma City. Vance has traveled to Moor to determine the best ways for

Christian Aid and Relief to help. An initial \$5,000 has already been sent to the congregation to help with initial needs such as water and clothing.

Vance says, "What we're going to do in Oklahoma is sit down with the congregation and the members who have been affected and see how we can help them in the recovery process – whether it's financial helping them rebuild their homes, clear debris, whatever it might be. Then, we'll look at whether the church can do the same thing as a help to the community."



To Support WELS Christian Aid and Relief and help with needs in Oklahoma, you can give online at www.wels.net or mail a check to WELS, re: Christian Aid and Relief tornado disaster relief fund, 2929 N Mayfair Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53222-4398

Vicar Assignment to Shepherd of the Valley

On Tuesday, May 21, the Seminary assignment committee assigned Mr. Jason Williams to serve as vicar at SVL. Jason and his wife, Sarah, have three children: Caryn (we hope we're spelling her name correctly), Caleb, and Carson. Caryn will be entering 1st grade next year; Caleb will be 4 years old and in Preschool, and Carson is an infant.

Jason comes to us with a level of experience in ministry that is considerably higher than we expect to find in most vicars. He is a second-career student who previously served for 5 years as a called worker in the position of teacher and principal in a WELS school near Green Bay. Vicar Williams will serve with us from August 15, 2013 through August 15, 2014.

While it is still too early to tell, Pastor K is hoping that we will have another true "Cheesehead" in our midst so he won't stick out so much when he wears his green and gold.

Now that a Vicar has been assigned, the next step in Shepherd of the Valley's obligation in the relationship is for our congregation to find housing for the Williams family. Pastor K has talked to Mr. Williams who has informed us that their family will need at least a 3 bedroom apartment or house for the year they will living here. They are planning on bringing their own furniture, so whatever we find for them does not have to be furnished. The Vicar is to pay the first \$400 of the monthly rent and the Seminary picks up the rest (the Seminary did not mention that there is any upper limit on what they will pay for but of course, we want to find something reasonable. However, we know the rental housing market is pretty tight in the Denver area right now.)

Are you a property owner who has a place they could rent? Do you know someone else who might be willing to work with us? Do you know of a place the Williams can rent that would meet their needs? If we don't have housing connections from within the congregation we will need to research housing options available, find out what a fair price is in this area, and have someone to looking at units that are available to make sure they are suitable for Vicar Williams, his wife, and 3 young children.

Would you be interested in serving on a Housing Search Committee to look for and evaluate housing options for the Williams family? This is something we have never had to deal with before but I think we would need 2-4 people who can dedicate some time to finding housing for our new Vicar. If this is something you have the time, interest, and ability to do or have other ideas on how to go about this, please contact me:

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A Letter from Our New Vicar

Dear members of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church,

Hello. I am writing to inform you that I have received your Call to serve as Vicar at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church under Pastor Philip Kieselhorst. I am excited for this opportunity and look forward to following this Call in Westminster, CO.

I'm not coming alone! My wife, Sarah and our three children, Caryn, Caleb, and Carson, will be coming with me. We will proudly help boost the enrollment at the school and preschool by two! Caryn and Caleb are excited to join your school. We plan on arriving in Westminster around August 10 or 11, God-willing. I am also considering a short trip to the area in the near future to follow some leads on housing for my family.

I look forward to learning from you and Pastor Kieselhorst this coming year. It excites me to put into practice what I have learned already as I serve you fulltime in Westminster. I come to you with thoughts centered on this passage: 2 Timothy 2:8, "Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel." May God help me proclaim his Word, which is not chained, but living, active, and powerful, to you and the prospects of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

In Christ,

Jason M. Williams



Farewell to the Foleys

Join us for food, fun and fellowship on Saturday, June 22 beginning at 5 p.m. The picnic and program will held at SVL.

Please set aside this date to join us as we wish the Foley family God's richest blessings.