

The Shepherd's Staff

to inform and encourage



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From the Pastor's Desk

I'm afraid sometimes.

Can God help me be safe and sound?

One summer night during a severe thunderstorm a mother was tucking her small daughter into bed. She was about to turn the light off when the little girl asked in a trembling voice, "Mommy, will you stay with me all night?" Smiling, the mother gave her a

warm, reassuring hug and said tenderly, "I can't, dear. I have to sleep in Daddy's room." A long silence followed. At last it was broken by a shaky voice saying, "The big sissy!"

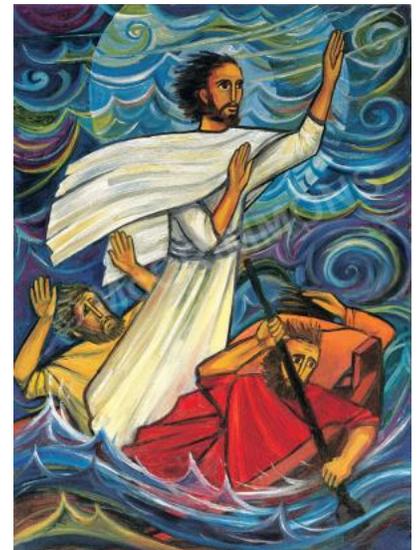
All of us have fears. And they don't always end with a chuckle. Our fears may be rational or completely irrational, but when we experience them, they are definitely real. At times we are afraid and may wonder, "Can God help me?"

On another night, Jesus Christ's disciples were caught in a storm on the Sea of Galilee. Their fear was very real, too. Jesus came to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid" (Mark 6:50). Jesus was there, and they didn't need to be afraid any longer. He displayed his almighty power by calming the wind and waves.

Jesus can help us with our fears as well. He controls all things and promises to use his power to help those who trust in him. When Jesus is in our lives, we can take courage and not be afraid.

While his promises are true for all kinds of fears, they are especially true for our spiritual concerns. Many are afraid of dying and having to stand before a perfect God and answer for their imperfect lives. Jesus encourages us even in these great fears. He said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26).

Life on this earth will end for all people, but Jesus promises that those who believe in him will live with him in heaven eternally. Jesus died on the cross to take our sins away, so that God will not condemn believers in judgment but will give them eternal life in heaven. This is the comfort and courage that God gives to those who trust him.



The Bible is filled with examples of God's power and his many promises to help us with our fears. Our church exists to share the comforting promises of God with all those who are afraid. We'd love to have you come and hear more about how God can help you with your big fears and your little ones, too. Take courage and don't be afraid; God can help you when you're afraid.

Pastor Philip Kieselhorst

Praises in the Park!

On **Sunday, Sept. 8**, 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**





New Support Group Is Starting Soon!

If you or someone you know has lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you've probably found that there are not many people who understand the deep

hurt you feel. That is the reason for GriefShare, a special 13 week seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of a loved one. Each session includes a video seminar and group discussion. A GriefShare workbook assists you with note-taking, journaling and grief study.



We would like to invite you to join us for the next GriefShare session starting Sunday September 15 from 6-8 pm at Shepherd of the Valley. The cost is \$25.

For more information or to register please contact Pastor Kieselhorst 303-424-1306 or Laurie Behrens 303-404-0466.

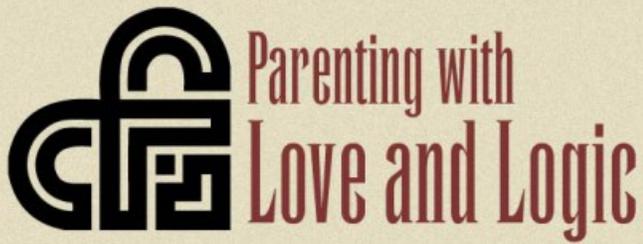
SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

SVL's Board of Education is sponsoring the easiest fundraiser ever!

We are giving away reloadable King Soopers gift cards in order to raise monies for non-budgeted school needs.

Just pick up a card from Sharon Presser. Take the card to a King Soopers cashier and load whatever money amount you wish to put on the card with your credit card, check, or cash. Then use this gift card when you shop at King Soopers and they will reimburse the school 5% of all your grocery purchases. Please ask Sharon if you have any questions about this program.





LOVE AND LOGIC PARENTING CLASSES

You are invited to improve those parenting skills of yours! Jim and Charles Fay of the Love and Logic institute, Golden, Colorado, have

released a NEW and updated series of video presentations designed to help you as you parent your children. Sharon Presser will be facilitating these classes, and all pertinent information is listed below.

- ♦ **When:** Sundays in September- 9, 16, and 23 from 6-8 P.M.
- ♦ **Where:** Mrs. Presser's classroom at SVL
- ♦ **Cost:** \$30/couple; \$20/single Includes course workbook, childcare , and snack
- ♦ **Register:** See signup sheet on narthex table or call Sharon at 303-460-9338

Hope to see you there!