



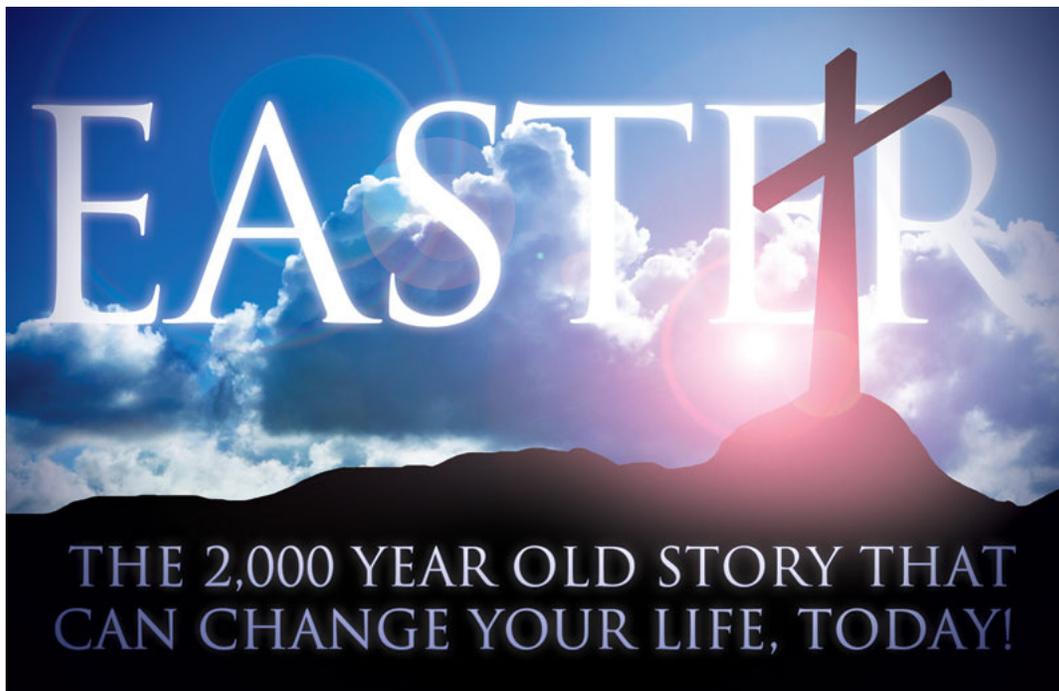
**Shepherd  
of the Valley**  
Ev. Lutheran Church

## The Shepherd's Staff

*to inform and encourage*



April 2014



### **Holy Week Worship Opportunities**

*Traveling with Our Savior from the Upper Room to the Empty Tomb*

- April 17 at 7:00 p.m. – **Maundy Thursday** with Holy Communion  
April 18 at 11:00 a.m. – **Good Friday** (with the school children)  
April 18 at 7:00 p.m. – **Good Friday Tenebrae** (Service of darkness)  
April 20 at 7:00 a.m. – **Easter Sunrise Worship**  
April 20 at 10:30 a.m. – **Easter Festival Worship**

**Easter Breakfast** – A delicious breakfast will be provided in the Fellowship Hall on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:15 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – All children are invited to hear the story of Easter in the chapel at 10:00 a.m. and then go outside to enjoy some fun hunting for Easter eggs.

**Decorating the Empty Cross with Flowers** – During the opening hymns of the Easter Sunrise service and the Easter Festival service, worshipers are invited to come forward and place a flower on the cross. This represents the good news that Jesus has won new life for us through his victory over death. Please remember to bring flowers with you to our Easter services.

**Consider inviting a friend or neighbor to join you as we celebrate the Good News of Easter!**



## From the Pastor's Desk

**I'm tired of all the bad news.  
Can God help me see a solution to all the  
problems?**

Have you noticed lately the newspaper headlines and the lead stories on the evening news? They don't really change much over the years. Plenty of ink is spilled about wars, murders, or other forms of violent crime. Our eyes watch tornados, floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes unfold before us on the airwaves. Life can often look pretty bleak in many parts of the world.

But the problems aren't just in other parts of the world. Sometimes the hurt, the pain, and the tragedies we often read or hear about actually invade our own personal lives. Being on the receiving end can lead us to blurt out in frustration:

"Why are my neighbors so unfriendly? It's almost as if they take a grumpy pill each morning."

"My marriage has been in a rut for months, and the possibility of it changing seems hopeless. Some days I wished I'd never walked down the aisle."

"Why did my mom have to develop cancer? She has been a health nut her whole life. It doesn't seem fair."

"The kids are driving me nuts! It feels as though I have completely lost control."

"I'm so lonely that some days I honestly feel that I am the only one left in the world."

Life has its problems. Each of us has our problems. Death, sickness, broken promises, and severed relationships – do you ever get tired of all the bad news? It can lead us to wonder, "Is there a solution?"

Yes, there is! It starts first with God helping us understand that all of life's problems are really a symptom of the big problem of sin.

The awesome news is that God freely gives us the complete solution to that problem of sin. After living and dying for us, Jesus rose again on Easter Sunday. He is the solution! God tells us that he has given us **"a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"** (1 Peter 1:3).

Tired of the bad news? Come and learn about the good news of God's solution to life's problems. This news will never become old.

Pastor Philip Kieselhorst



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE  
**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration of  
Shepherd of the  
Valley Lutheran  
Church & School**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2014 AT 4P.M.**  
JOIN US AT SVL FOR FOOD, FUN AND  
GREAT FELLOWSHIP AS WE CELEBRATE  
**40 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO  
SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN  
CHURCH & SCHOOL**

**THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

In September, Shepherd of the Valley's school began a continuing fundraiser to support non-budgeted items for school improvement. Thanks to your use of reloadable **King Soopers gift cards**, we have raised **\$3,300!**

If you are not a part of this simple to use program here are the basics: Simply pick up a gift card from Sharon Presser. (no charge to you) You can load and reload the card multiple times and our school receives 5% of your purchases automatically.



So far, we have used some of our monies to purchase new Chromebooks for the upper grade classroom and are considering a smart board for 7th/8th classroom.

**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!**

## The Comet Column -News from the school

April is here and we are in our final quarter of the school year. It is always remarkable how quickly time flies by! As the grass greens and the trees fill out, we start turning our thoughts toward the many activities that happen around the school in the final two months:



**Register Now!** – We have completed our initial registration of returning students for next year. Now is the time for you to enroll your child for the new school year. Each classroom has plenty of space and the teachers would love the opportunity to help your child grow in knowledge – both the knowledge of the world, but more importantly the knowledge of their Savior. It’s never too late to enroll – we accept any student from PreK – 8<sup>th</sup> grade!

Please contact the school at 303-424-1306 or e-mail Mr. Falck: [jeff.falck@svlschool.com](mailto:jeff.falck@svlschool.com).

### **WELSSA**

That long acronym stands for “Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation”. Our school is up for renewal next spring and we have some work to finish over the next year to make that visit go well. Teams are being formed to review each of the 15 standards that help identify areas of strength for our school and areas that could use additional attention to help make our school strong. Please consider joining one of these teams – there is surely one that your gifts and abilities could be useful in service. Contact Principal Falck or the school office for more information or to volunteer.

### **Spring Fling**

The school’s annual Spring Fling – an evening of entertainment at the Broomfield Auditorium is set for Friday, May 2. The first show presented by the preschool and kindergarten students will be held at 5:30. Following that show, the students in grades 1-8 will be presenting “The Granny Awards”. This may be over a month away, but it comes up early in May so we wanted to give you a chance to save this date.

### **Honor Roll**

The following students in grades 4-8 earned “Honor Roll” (A- average) or “High Honor Roll” (A average) for the third quarter:

*Honor Roll:* Ava Falck (4), Bella Moore (4), Lauren Crocker (5), Joshua Hughes (5), Bobby Larsen (5), Leia Morgan (5), Kobe Segura (5), Megan Crocker (6), Julia Kieselhorst (6), Josie Wiedersberg (6), Ben Kieselhorst (7), Nicole Banuelos (8)

*High Honor Roll:* Britney Banuelos (5), Jenna Beagle (5), Madeline Hardinger (5), Justin McCord (5), Madeline Mulvaney (7), Kelsey Boucher (8), Tyler Hipp (8), Tanis Kohl (8), Ahsley Larsen (8), Joey Lozano (8)

Well done, students!

**May God bless us all this month as we travel to Jesus’ cross and view our salvation being won and then beyond to the empty tomb that confirms it!**