

# The Shepherd's Staff

*to inform and encourage*



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## SALVATION COMES TODAY

Zacchaeus was shocked. He almost fell out of the tree he had climbed. Out of the entire crowd that had gathered to see Jesus, the Lord had decided to stop under a sycamore tree and announce, **"Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."**

Zacchaeus couldn't believe it. Why was Jesus interested in him? (And how did he know his name?)

Jesus explained his interest in Zacchaeus when he said, **"The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."** Jesus was on a mission to seek and save the lost. He knew that Zacchaeus was up a tree in more ways than one.

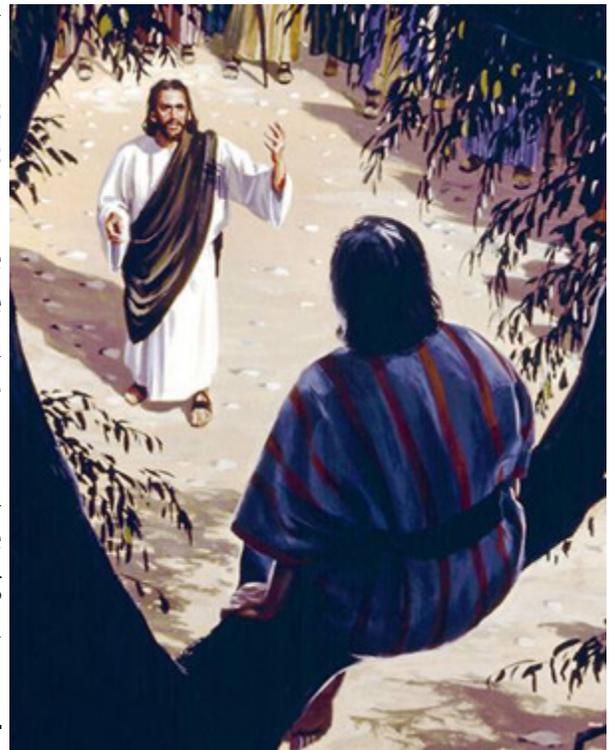
Have you ever been up a tree? Has there been a time in your life when you didn't think anyone loved you? Has there been a time when the wrong things you've done have caught up with you and your well-deserved guilt will not go away?

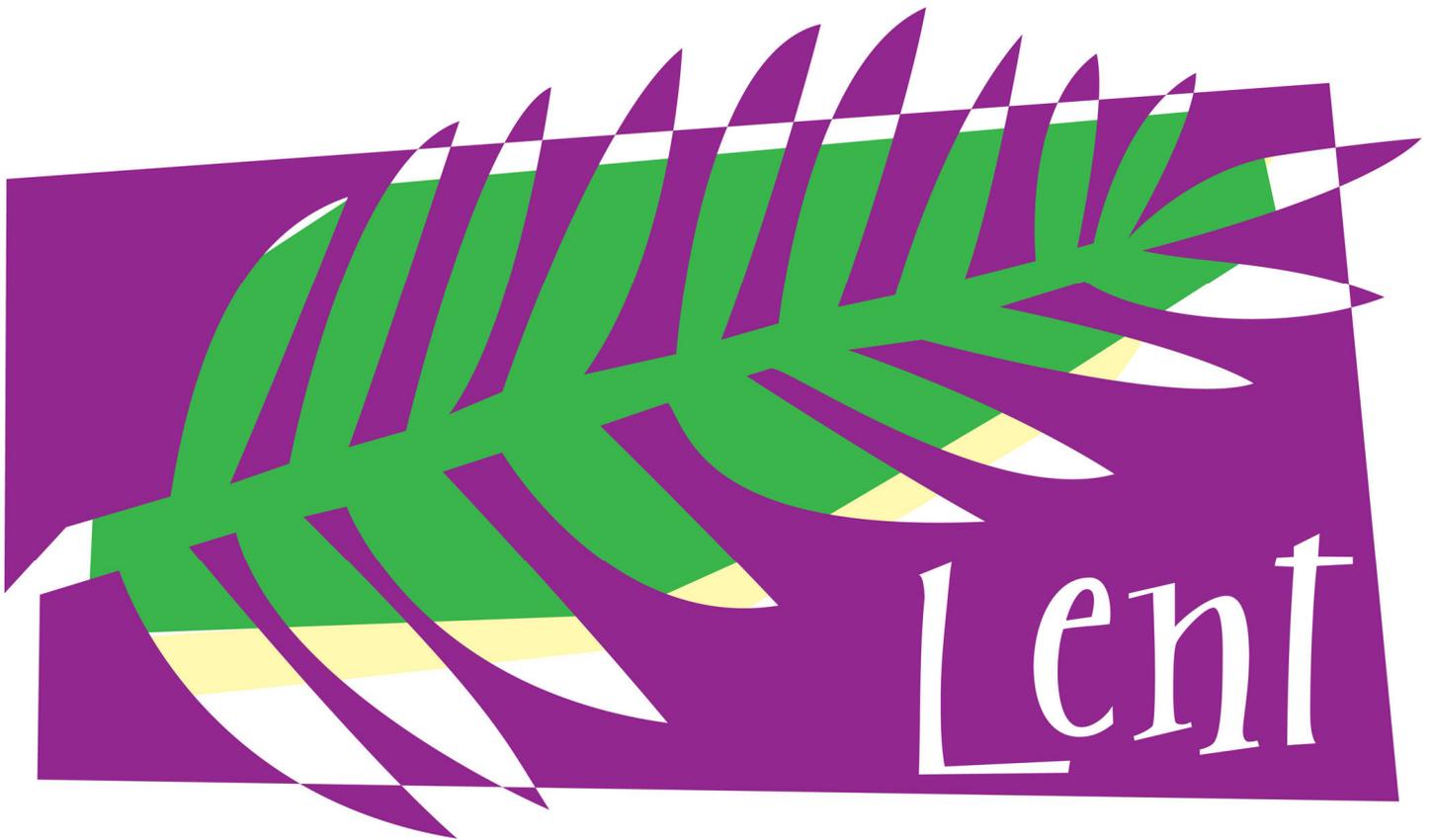
Zacchaeus grew by leaps and bounds in his love for God on one special day of his life, for on that day he went from being the least loved man in Jericho to being the grateful recipient of the ever-seeking, always saving love of God.

Today is your special day. May you grow by leaps and bounds in your love for God when you hear the special news: **"Today salvation has come to this house. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost"** (Luke 19:9-10). Today salvation is coming to your house. Out of the millions of sinners on this planet, Jesus has graciously sought you so that he might bring the gift of saving forgiveness to your home.

So live with faith and joy today in this Good News: **Salvation comes today!**

- from Pastor Kieselhorst





## **MIDWEEK WORSHIP DURING LENT**

**Beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 10th, we will host midweek Lenten worship services at 7:00 p.m. We are pleased to welcome a number of pastors from our Denver area congregations as guest preachers for these services. The theme of our midweek Lent services this year will be **IRONIES OF THE PASSION**.**

**Please come early and enjoy great food and fellowship during our Lenten Suppers. Suppers will begin at 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday during Lent.**

### ***IRONIES OF THE PASSION***

**"Irony" is not a word that most people would ascribe to Jesus' passion. However, certain events in the gospel accounts—Caiaphas' unintentional prophesy, the Jewish leaders' hypocrisy, and others—are actually quite ironic. These Lenten resources will help you use the ironies of the passion to teach your congregation about the unique and lasting significance of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection.**

# Town Hall Meeting February 21

(9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall)

## **TOP 10 BOOMTOWNS OF 2015 IN THE UNITED STATES:#10 WESTMINSTER, CO.**

(As reported by: [smartasset.com/mortgage/top-10-boomtowns-of-2015](http://smartasset.com/mortgage/top-10-boomtowns-of-2015))

In the next 5 years, over 20,000 people are projected to move into Westminster and NW Arvada, all within a few miles of SVL! Leaders of SVL met with the chairman of the Colorado Home Mission Board to discuss how we might establish a partnership with the Home Mission Board to help us reach out as a congregation to our growing community. An interesting concept that was discussed is the possibility of SVL developing a MULTI SITE situation in Westminster and NW Arvada. A multi site situation is when you have 1 congregation with 2 campuses. The purpose of this Town Hall meeting, then, is to share with you the blessings, challenges, and action steps involved in forming a partnership with the Home Mission Board in pursuing a multi site situation for SVL. Please plan to attend this important discussion! (And look for preview materials on the table in the entrance of church on February 7th and 14th.)

## **Adult Bible Study: *Making the Most of Marriage***

(Sundays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall)

February 07 – *Don't Rock the Jukebox: Communication in Marriage*

February 14 – *Where Have All the Flowers Gone? Companionship in Marriage*

## **Adult Bible Study: *The Book of Revelation***

(Sundays at 9:30 am in the 4th-6th Grade Classroom)

## **CALL ACCEPTED**

Dear members of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church,

I would like to thank you for your many prayers, emails, and phone calls as I was deliberating the Call to teach 1st-3rd at Shepherd of the Valley. I am excited to announce that after many prayers and much deliberation I have accepted the Call to teach at Shepherd of the Valley. I am excited to serve and be a part of the mission and family at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church and School. I pray the Lord continues to bless this school year as well as the many years to come.

God's blessings on you and your families today and always,

Kim Johnson

## KING SOOPERS CARD FUNDRAISER

### FEBRUARY KING SOOPERS UPDATE –

THANKS ALL YOU SHOPPERS! Our King Soopers program benefitted from a December deposit of \$570.55! That brings our current funds raised since August to a total of \$3485. Thanks so much for using your reloadable gift cards. Please consider giving a card to a relative or friend. The cards can be used nation-wide in Kroger related stores. See Sharon Presser for more information



**PRAYER BOARD** – Please see our Prayer Board in the fellowship hall next to the Shepherd bulletin board. It's pretty simple and a great way to inform all of us about the prayers needed. If you would like to have your own individual Prayer Board at home, Shayna Welty will be making them to sell around mid-February. All proceeds will be going towards the organ fund. More details to follow!



### February Birthday Blessings to:

Justin Ripley: 2/1; Ginger Dally: 2/2; Deborah English, Avery Salazar: 2/3; James Halterman: 2/4; Suzie Galbraith: 2/5; Daisi Trujillo: 2/7; Ben Helmreich, Elijah Trujillo: 2/9; James Doyle, Ardell, Lommen, Norbert Mielke, Meagan Mathis: 2/11; Robert Maulis: 2/14; Len Ranger: 2/15; Kaden Huss, Mekynlee Kennedy: 2/17; Erika Boucher: 2/20; Jan Diede: 2/23; Patricia Carlson: 2/25; Shayna Welty: 2/26; Samuel Olvera: 2/27;



### Happy Anniversary to:

Harvey & Carrie Berkhiem: 2/24

**SHEPHERD WOMEN** – We have *rescheduled* a fellowship salad potluck and quarterly meeting for **February 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us for this meeting to be held after late service. The Shepherd Women officers will provide the lettuce for our salad potluck. You are all asked to bring your favorite salad additions; i.e. cheese, vegetables, meats, croutons, dressing, etc. We will be discussing the Lenten season and all that needs to be done in the next few months. Hope to see you there!

**Ladies Evening Bible Study** will not meet during Lent. We will resume our study of the Old Testament after Easter. I still have several workbooks available for anyone who would like to join us. Have a blessed Easter. Questions: Call Laurie Behrens at 303-404-0466 or email [dlmb1@comcast.net](mailto:dlmb1@comcast.net)

**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES** – We have boxes out for your donations of non-perishable items for those kids away at college. We will collect donations until February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know of your college student that is away from home. Please put those names and addresses in Naomi Eaton's mailbox. Thank you for your support!

**SHORT STACKS FOR A TALL CAUSE!** The Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School Boosters is sponsoring an **all-you-can-eat** Pancake Fundraiser from **7:30-9:30am on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** at Applebee's Restaurant, 297 E 120th Avenue, Thornton, CO 80233. Tickets are \$10 per person, and include pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk, juice and soft drinks. \$5 of each ticket will be used to offset athletic uniform costs! Tickets are available for purchase from RMLHS students and or contact the school office at 303-346-1947. You may also purchase tickets at the home basketball games. We hope you can join us as we enjoy short stacks for a tall cause!

## WRITING CORNER

**The 4th graders at SVL recently interviewed our staff. Here are the results!**

### Mrs. Presser by Mekenna Kennedy

Mrs. P. wanted to be a teacher because she loves kids. Mrs. Birdwell, Mrs. P's childhood teacher, was mean and mispronounced her name on purpose. This is what Mrs. P. says, "I never wanted to be mean like that. I wanted to be nice."

It takes her about an hour to correct our papers each night. Also, her first school that she taught at was Reformation Lutheran School in San Diego, California.

The only time when Mrs. P. feels that the day is long is when the kids misbehave. She takes a nap after school.

She would not like a different job. She does not know when she is going to retire, but it will be within five years. Then she'll read a lot!

If she would teach 7th and 8th grade, she would only teach grammar.

### Mrs. Ranger by Mallory Beagle

I interviewed Mrs. Ranger and I found out that she was baptized at age 19. When she was little, her mom took her to church when she was younger than 8, and she didn't get sad when she missed church.

I also found out that Mrs. Ranger never wanted to be a pastor because she didn't have religion in her life and Mrs. Ranger never wanted to be a vicar because she didn't know about them.

She didn't go to a Christian school and she went to Unsworth Elementary school. She went to college and the initials are CSULB. Mrs. Ranger had no Bible History and her favorite subject was math.

If Mrs. Ranger had 1 wish she would make the world peaceful. If she had one question to ask God, she wouldn't ask him anything, but she would praise God.

### Mrs. Mathis (aka Miss Naumann) by Cameron Hardin

I interviewed Mrs. Mathis. I learned that she likes to garden and bake in her free time. I also learned that she used to have a dog, but she put her down because the dog bit someone.

For her honeymoon she is going to Estonia, Greece because it is beautiful there and it has a lot of history. When she quits teaching, she said that she wants her job to be a Mom and to do something with computers.

Mrs. Mathis likes being a teacher because she likes thinking of new ways to do things and watching kids' faith grow. Her favorite sibling is Erin because she is a teacher and she has always been very supportive and makes her laugh.

Mrs. Mathis is moving with her husband on Sunday (January 24). Out of all the states and places that she has been to, her favorites are the beaches of California and also Colorado. I also found out that she likes the Bears and not the Broncos. She moved to Colorado because of an awesome opportunity to teach first and second grade. Her inspiration is her Dad because of his really strong faith.