

The Shepherd's Staff

to inform and encourage



July 2016



Soccer Camp

July 26 – July 28

9:00-11:30 AM

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church & School invites you to

GO FOR THE GOAL

- Ages 4 - 12
- Bible Lessons
- Soccer Drills
- Soccer Games
- Snacks
- **Free!**

Camp held at Moore Middle School

For more information or to register call: 303-424-1306 or
online at www.svlschool.com



The Book of Daniel: Witness through worship

Daniel chapter 3

Everyone was watching. What harm could it do to bow down just this one and worship with everyone else? Sure, the crowd was worshiping false gods, gods sprung from human imagination and made by human hands. But for the sake of peace and harmony (and survival!), wouldn't it be better to give in just this once?

Worship my truth, or else!

Few have experienced the degree of pressure endured by Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They faced a ruthless king who could execute them with a word. King Nebuchadnezzar tested the loyalty of his subjects. Refusal to worship his god would equal treason. Worship my god, or else!

The devil has not ceased applying pressure on Christians to worship false gods. In view of the huge push for churches of different beliefs and different gods to worship together under the banner "*Love your neighbor*," it seems the devil is succeeding in burying the banner that declares, "*Love the Lord your God above all things*."

Although we do not face execution for refusing to worship society's gods, we can expect that we will not be treated kindly by those who do. Still, we worship someone better.

Worship God's truth and live!

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied to the king, "*O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up*" (Daniel 3:16,17).

Facing death, the three young men gave witness to the power and grace of the God they worshiped.

They could see fire and smoke rising in the furnace, but they feared God more. The king who had been kind to them in the past offered them a way out, but God's love for them meant so much more.

In their time of trial, they did not look to their own goodness to find reasons for God to save them. They trusted God's goodness.

The God who saves is alone worthy of praise. He sent his messenger to rescue the three men from the consuming fire. By the grace and power of God, the three walked out of the furnace unharmed.

Only the God who sent Jesus to save us from the fires of hell is worthy of our worship. "*We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world . . . And so we know and rely on the love God has for us*" (1 John 4:14, 16).

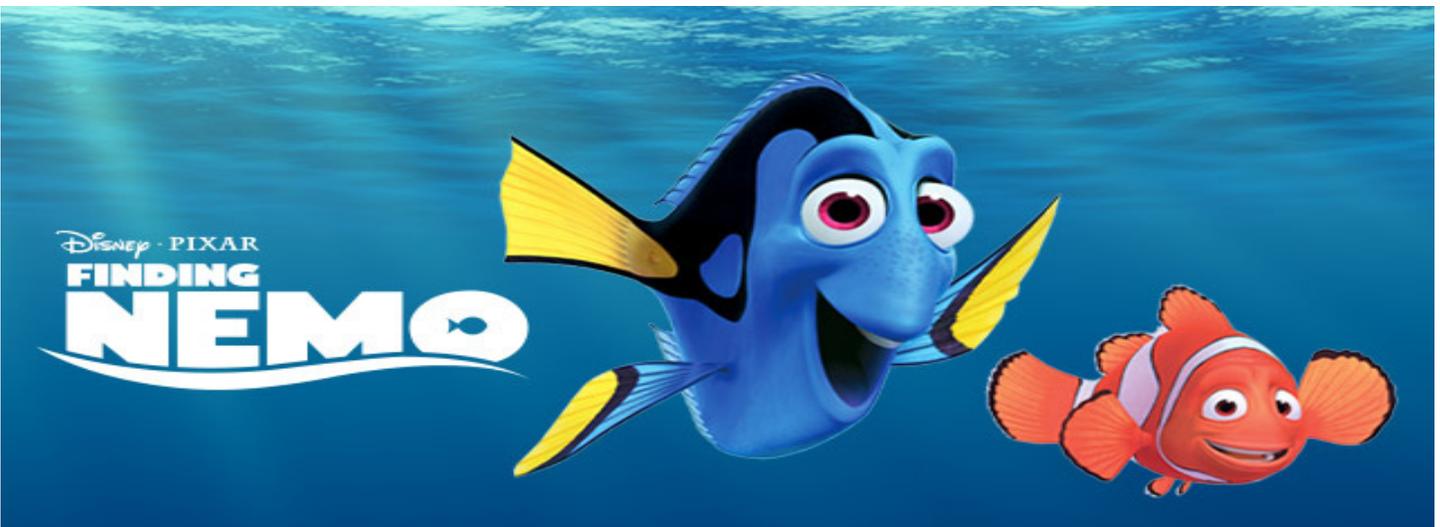
"*No other god can save in this way*" (Daniel 3:29), the king confessed. No god of human invention could love us in the same real way that God loved us. Through Jesus, God saved us from eternal death. The fires of hell will not touch us.

Rely on the perfect love that God has for you and witness to the King through worship!

- Pastor Kieselhorst



**Enjoy a free movie on us - “Drive In” style
July 30th at Dusk - SVL parking lot**



ARE YOU ON TARGET?

Please join us for some archery shooting at the Empty Quiver (117th & Teller) on Sunday, July 24th at 2 P.M. Please speak with Larry Douglas if you have any questions. Ages 6 and up welcome. See you then!





July Birthday Blessings to:

Dave Boucher, Paul Larsen: 7/2; Judy Falck: 7/3; Barbara Fohrd, Linda Hughes: 7/5; Laurie Behrens: 7/6; Vincent Huss: 7/7; Alex Wiedersberg, Amanda Shandor: 7/8; Sandy Burger, Darrell Mallory, Isaiah Trujillo: 7/9; Joe Ferguson, Tim Wheeler: 7/10; Millie Endorf, Regan Parker: 7/14; Devin Hall: 7/15; Larry Davis: 7/16; Brendan DeWyse, Paul Padilla: 7/17; Tanis Kohl: 7/18; Betty Mallory: 7/20; Jericho Maleva, Michelle Zoran: 7/22; Josie Wiedersberg: 7/24; Michael Behrens, Madeline Mulvaney: 7/27; Bethany Behrens: 7/28; Nathan Behrens: 7/30; Julie Bowen: 7/31.



Happy Anniversary to:

Harvey & Sharon Presser: 7/3
Howard & Connie Siebenrock: 7/5
Norman & Margaret Braun, Karl & Mary Maulis: 7/17
Sal & Shana Perera: 7/24
Steve & Kristen Dew: 7/29

Spiritual Growth Opportunities at SVL

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.– Intergenerational Bible Class: *Telling the Gospel in Story*
(Fellowship Hall)

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.–Adult Bible Class: *Revelation: Christ Wins!*
(4-6 Classroom)

Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. – Ladies' Bible Study – *Cleansed & Fed: The Sacraments*
(Fellowship Hall)

Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. – Men's Bible Study – *Speaking the Truth in Love to Mormons*
(Fellowship Hall)

Evening Ladies Bible study will continue to study the Old Testament books every Wednesday at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are presently in the book of Judges. There are extra workbooks available if you wish to join us. If you have any questions please contact Laurie Behrens at 303-404-0466.

Keep Them in Your Prayers

“Always keep on praying for all the saints”(Ephesians 6:18)

Here are some people and events to keep in your prayers this month.

If you have something for which you desire the added comfort and encouragement of the prayers of your fellow members at Shepherd of the Valley, please contact pastor or vicar.

Thanksgiving:

- ◆ We thank the Lord for the more than 2,700 young Christian adults who attended the International Youth Rally in Ft. Collins this June for meaningful worship, Bible study, friendship and fun. May God continue to grant them stronger and stronger faith in Christ as they live as His disciples for His glory.
- ◆ We thank the Lord for the new souls he has brought to our fellowship and ask him to grow our family according to his good and gracious will. Welcome Kelly Bruno, Jesse Wisniewski, Kindra & Ryan Warman!

Around our Congregation:

- ◆ Pray for the Lord’s mercy and strength for all of our members who are sick, anticipating surgery, recovering from surgery, or grieving a loss in their life.
- ◆ Pray for the Lord’s mercy and strength for all of our efforts to be faithful witnesses to the glory of Christ in our community.
- ◆ Pray for the Lord’s blessing upon our Preschool, Elementary school, Sunday School, Pioneer, and High School programs.
- ◆ Ask the Lord of the harvest to make us all willing and eager workers in his kingdom.

Around our Nation:

- ◆ Pray for the Lord to protect our military personnel who are serving in harm’s way.
- ◆ Pray for the men and women who enforce the laws that protect our land.
- ◆ Pray for the gospel’s free course during perilous times.

Around our World:

- ◆ Pray that the Lord would enable our missionaries around the world to freely share the Good News.



A GREAT BIG GIANT THANK YOU to all that helped with the Yard Sale this year! You all ROCK! We had an exceptional year of help and we greatly appreciate it. We were able to raise over \$8,300. Thanks again for all your help and support! Dawn Kohl, Michele Zoran, Wendy Tromp, and Kayte Gut

The Comet Column - News from the school

Welcome, Mrs. Johnson! This month we welcome our new teacher to the staff. Mrs. Johnson will be teaching grades 1-3 this school year. Mrs. Johnson and her husband live in Brighton and are currently members at Living Hope Lutheran Church (the church that meets at RMLHS). Watch next month's newsletter for a more detailed introduction from Mrs. Johnson herself.

Summer Projects - Our summer project season is lacking big projects, but several smaller ones are being undertaken to keep things working, looking nice, and functional for the work we carry out here at SVL.

1. Our new fence that was installed last year got dinged up during one of the last heavy & wet snowfalls. The replacement post and panel were installed and the fence flopping in the wind is now just a memory. The final gate near the north end of church should be installed this summer. We have received an estimate to install a similar fence along 88th avenue to replace the chain link fence - watch for more information on this project.
2. The laminate floors in the fellowship hall and school hallway received two fresh coats of restorer. If you clean in the hallways, please help keep them shiny by following the cleaning instructions in the utility room - thanks!
3. The carpets in the classrooms, fellowship hall, and church entryway will be cleaned with the help of the Rug Doctor. This task is scheduled for Monday & Tuesday, July 11th & 12th.
4. A new, larger SmartBoard was installed in the upper grade classroom. The new board was received as a donation from a local medical clinic and includes a wall-mounted projector. The former projector will be installed in the fellowship hall for use in Bible classes and other events.

If you have any questions about these projects (or would like to help with a project around school), please contact Principal Falck.

What do Teachers Do All Summer? We stay busy! Besides the regular routine of classroom cleaning and organization, planning next year's classes, and sneaking in a little rest and vacation time, many of our teachers participate in continuing education classes and seminars. Miss Gut has begun work on her Master's degree through Martin Luther College. Mr. Falck will be attending a marketing using

social media seminar this month hosted by RMLHS. The entire staff will be starting a 6 module online learning module later this summer titled "Six Highly Effective Teaching Strategies".

Soccer VBS - Our annual Vacation Bible School will be held Tuesday, July 26th - Thursday, July 28th. This year's camp will be held at Moore Middle School, just east of our campus on 88th Avenue. Watch for more information on ways you can help: Manpower for the registration tent, coaches, greeters, etc. - we will also be seeking donations of granola bars, juice boxes, and small water bottles. Fliers to share with friends and neighbors and sign up sheets are available on the back table in the church entry.

Enroll Now! - Do you have any friends, neighbors, or relatives of preschool or elementary age? Do they live in the area? If you answered yes to both of those questions, then we have a school for them! Share our information with them or contact the office with their information and we will arrange a time to show them what SVL has to offer. Tours are available any time during the summer. School registration will be on Sunday, August 21st with the first day of classes on Tuesday, August 23rd.



COMMUNION SET-UP: The Shepherd Women's Altar Committee is asking for your help with communion set-up and take-down. **Please** sign-up on the sheet on the back table. It's really simple to set up and clean up! **Your time is greatly appreciated!** If you haven't done this

before or if you have any questions, please contact the office at 303-424-1306.

KING SOOPERS FUNDRAISING UPDATE

After a June deposit of \$504.25, our current total since last August is \$6,760.85. This program is proving to be such a blessing and I continue to urge you to use your reloadable gift cards on such items as groceries, prescriptions, and gas. If you are not a part of this program, which funds non- budgeted items for school and church, please find Sharon Presser for a preloaded card and instructions on how to use this easy, easy program! Also, if you have lost your card or have friends and relatives who would like a card, or if your card has deactivated, please talk to Sharon . (303)-460-9338. THANKS AGAIN for your support!

