



The Shepherd's Staff

to inform and encourage



May 2017

13th Annual Church/School Parking Lot Sale!! Friday June 2nd & Saturday June 3rd 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Here we go again – it's time to meet and greet our community as we collectively make room in our closets and garages!!

We are blessed every year to welcome as many as 2000 shoppers onto our campus who are eager to benefit from our discarded treasures.



Your donations make this possible and we hope you are willing to contribute to this great outreach and fundraising opportunity. As you consider items to donate please keep in mind the following guidelines:

CLOTHING

No holes or rips
CLEAN clothing only

FURNITURE

Nothing badly stained/torn
Nothing smelly
NO mattresses

ELECTRONICS

Please check that they work
NO TV's!!!

Use your best judgment. If you wouldn't offer it to a friend, it probably won't sell.

Donation Drop-Off Times:

Sunday 5/28 & Monday 5/29: Noon - 4 p.m. **Tuesday 5/30 & Wednesday 5/31:** 10 a.m. - 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

We also need a solid work force to make this event happen. Below are some of the ways in which you can volunteer your time!



- Picking up donated goods
- Pricing and Sorting
- Setting up for the sale
- Helping with the sale
- After sale clean-up



Please consider where you can help! (*1 or 2 hours from you will mean a lot to us!*)

Sign-up sheets, with more detailed information, are located in the fellowship hall near the kitchen service window. You may also talk to Michele Zoran, Kayte Gut, Wendy Tromp or Dawn Kohl.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

MAY 21, 2017

Please come to support and encourage these young disciples of Jesus Christ as they make their vows to the Lord.

Examination will begin in the chapel at 9:30 a.m. The Confirmation ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to a celebration with the 2017 Confirmands and their families in the Fellowship Hall at 11:45 a.m. God's grace and blessing to all of SVL's 2017 Confirmands!



CONFIRMATION CLASS of 2017

Britney Banuelos
Tori Cunningham
Joshua Hughes
Leia Morgan
Brianna Salazar
Isaiah Segura
Allison Smith

Jenna Beagle
Ben Helmreich
Bobby Larsen
Brandon Pulst
Brent Sawie
Kobe Segura

SVL's 2nd CAMPUS PASTOR – UPDATE

SVL and the Colorado Mission Board would like to Call a 2nd Campus Pastor to SVL as soon as possible. A pre-Call meeting will therefore be held at SVL on May 28th after the late service. District President Rev. Phil Hirsch will be present to lead this meeting. The purpose of the pre-Call meeting is for the District President to gather information from the congregation with regard to the qualifications we are seeking in the pastor we will soon Call. The District President will then use the information he gathers from the pre-Call meeting May 28th to put together a Call list for our Call meeting to be held in mid-June, God-willing. Your presence and input are welcome and encouraged at this important meeting. Your prayers on behalf of SVL's gospel mission efforts are also greatly appreciated and powerful!

Prominent People of the Bible: *Ruth*

“Your people will be my people and your God my God.” (Ruth 1:16)

Financial issues. Sour economy. Endless frustration just to keep food on the table. Some have to move out of their homes.

That was life in Israel about a thousand years before Jesus was born. A drought was so devastating that a family had to leave their homeland to find work and food in nearby Moab.

It seemed to go well at first. A son of the family married a woman from Moab named Ruth. It was actually a time when the grass was greener on the other side. However, within a decade Ruth’s husband, brother-in-law and father-in-law all died. Their place of rescue turned into a place of sorrow. It seemed that life had fallen apart.

Yet God was working behind the scenes. Even though famine brought hunger pangs, it was what God used to connect Ruth to her husband, his family, and to her Lord. Ruth returned with her mother-in-law to Israel after the famine had passed. God gave Ruth a new home in Bethlehem.

The Lord granted great things in that little town. Ruth now had a home, food, a husband named Boaz, and a new little boy named Obed. Her son became the grandfather of David, the greatest king of Israel and the ancestor of Jesus Christ. The Lord worked through all the little details and big difficulties to bring great blessings to his children.

Placed into a world soured by sin and brought into a family with connections to other nations, Jesus went to work sharing the good news of the saving love of God for all nations. This descendant of Ruth showed he was Lord of all with his life, death and resurrection. Jesus now gives you peace with God and a life greater than you could have ever achieved—a home with the Lord in heaven.

Even though you may have difficult times in this tough world, you have a new life with Jesus, filled with his grace and love. Like Ruth, you might not always immediately see how God works in and through your life, but God always works for the good of his family. Ruth became Jesus’ blood relative, and the blood that Jesus shed for us has made us part of his family. We will live in his home forever.

Pastor Kieselhorst



Shepherd Women Update

First and foremost, a shout out to everyone for making our Easter Celebration wonderful. It was exciting to see large numbers attend our church services and Easter breakfast. Again, everyone's support contributed to our celebration of our Lords resurrection. He lives!!!

I am Gilah Schneider and I am honored to be your new Shepherd Women President. In addition, we have a new President elect, Sharon Stuht and a new Secretary, Julie Bowen. Wilma Wagner remains as our Treasurer. Thank you ladies! Everyone really appreciates your volunteering to support our mission at Shepherd.

I'm looking forward to working with the new team and with the Shepherd Women, which includes all women who are members of Shepherd of the Valley. You will note in the church bulletin and this newsletter information about the yard sale and planting of flowers. Please consider supporting these projects to reach out to our surrounding community and to beautify our church.

The Lord has blessed the Shepherd Women financially this last year and the women voted at our April 23 meeting to support financially The African Missions, LWMS missions and MLC matching for our students attending Martin Luther College. We donated \$250 to each fund.

Again, this new team looks forward to serving Christ and supporting our Shepherd families in the coming year. We especially want to welcome our new Shepherd Women members. Please watch for information regarding a Welcome New Members pool party at Connie Siebenrock's this Summer. Summer Fun!!!!

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 * **Spring is here! Time to plant some flowers** to beautify our church and *
 * school grounds! This year there are two options of when you can come to *
 * help: *
 * **Wed. May 10th at 10 AM** we'll be turning over soil, mixing in new soil *
 * and doing irrigation set up/and burying. *
 * **Sat. May 13th: Meet at 9AM** to plan, estimate numbers and then go *
 * shop at O'Tooles. (They give us a generous discount each year, so we love *
 * to give them our business). Actual planting should be a breeze with the soil *
 * all ready! *
 * Bring your garden gloves and hand shovels and let's get digging! Please *
 * RSVP to Sharon Wilking 303 868 3315 if you can help. Thanks! *
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“What SVL School Means to ME” - 4th, 5th, and 6th graders

Some of my most favorite things about this school are the fellowship and the love. My education, our teachers, there's always someone to talk to. I love playing the organized game at first recess, and I think we should keep doing it!

I love all of our sports and how we compete against other schools and also in the spelling Bee and Math competition. I have a lot of fun each year and hope to play and compete again next year.

Brodie Saggau, 4th grade

I love SVL! My parents and grandparents give up a lot of money for me to go to this school. I like how I've been here since Kindergarten and have lots of friends. I also like how I get to learn about God. I also like soup suppers, having good food, and learning about God and praying to him too. I also like learning hard things I like recess, the garage sale, and the parties!

Khalea Hardin, 4th grade

To me Shepherd of the Valley means a Christian family, home, school, and church! I also like this school because it teaches about God's Word and love. At my other school they would have never mentioned what God did or why he did it. So that's why my parents moved me to SVL. I love it here because they talk about God and the teachers care about you and help you take care of your problems. You are always included in games and activities. When you go to church they always welcome you and make you feel like you are at home even when you are new. The community is great and I like how Pastor knows and teaches us.

Michaela Larson, 6th grade

SVL means a lot to me because it teaches about Jesus and how he saves us from our sins. I also love hot lunch so thank you to all the people who help serve it! I love how fun all the activities are and also the track meet, spelling bee, forensics, and more! My favorite part about the whole thing is the teachers. I think they're the best part because they help us learn about God so we can tell others about it.

Brady Falck, 4th grade

KING SOOPERS PROGRAM UPDATE

After our most recent deposit of \$671.57, our current yearly total since August 2016, is at \$10,996.01! Thank you so much for using your reloadable gift cards faithfully. This program is very easy to do; please see Sharon Presser for info or if you need a card.



THANK YOU SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY!

“Thank You” to all Easter musicians, singers, directors, readers, bulletin and service folder preparers, the altar guild, decorators, cleaners, cooks, setter-uppers, ushers, sign changers, yard workers, lawn mowers, canvassers, greeters, eaters, inviters, drive-others-to-church drivers, Easter 4 Kids teachers/helpers/puppeteers/directors/food and egg hunt providers, picture takers, welcome packet deliverers, loud noise Strepitus-makers, parking lot attendees, shut-in visitors, card senders, and all others serving behind-the-scenes.

Continue to **SEEK, STRENGTHEN, and SERVE** in **CHRIST!**



May Birthday Blessings to:

Pamela Schroeder: 5/5; Ellen DeVoss: 5/6; Hisako Kotaka, Michelle Larson: 5/7; Lois Lewis, Sydney Schneider: 5/8; Brady Falck, Tom Frey, Brody Shaver: 5/9; Trent Campbell, Sarah DeVoss: 5/10; Brad Schroeder: 5/11; Tom Helmreich, Victoria Schrimp: 5/12; Shana Perera: 5/13; Georgia Aerts, Emma Huss: 5/14; Daniel Bohrer, Judy Gayman: 5/15; Lily Rector: 5/16; Arlene Davis: 5/20; Maddie Hockenbery, Eugene Taki: 5/21; Harvey Presser: 5/26; Jenna Beagle: 5/28; Hayden Green: 5/29

Happy Anniversary to:

Eugene & Samantha Taki: 5/9
Jeff & Sara Doyle: 5/12
Erick & Sharon Larsen: 5/16
Eric & Sam Hockenbery: 5/20
Rick & Sharon Wilking: 5/20
Randy & Ida Armijo: 5/29
Dave & Erika Boucher: 5/30
Norbert & Marilyn Mielke: 5/30



Trust Fund Update

The committee appointed to make recommendations on how to use Dave and Harriet Coulliard's generous gift to our congregation continues to make progress! The group has met several times this year and has compiled a comprehensive list which includes the suggestions on how to spend the money made by the congregation as well as other known maintenance needs. The members are now currently working independently to gather approximate cost estimates for each item on the list. At the same time, other members of the group have met with an architect to review the conceptual design plans for expanding the SVL church and school that were done in the early 2000s (for example: expanding the sanctuary and constructing a gym/multi-purpose facility) to get a rough idea of what it might take to turn some of those concepts into reality. Once the cost estimates are obtained it will help us determine how far the money can go, and that information will help us recommend priorities and long-term planning strategies.

The prospect of making improvements to our church and school is very exciting! However, even the large sum received from the Coulliards is likely to be just a start in what we would like to do. For example, the cost estimates just for a new heating and air conditioning system, replacing the sprinkler system and deteriorating siding, installing a new church/school sign (which would have the capability of having the message changed electronically), and purchasing AED defibrillators, a new commercial mower, TVs for the front of the sanctuary, and a new Tuff-shed type storage building would cost around \$165,000 (out of approximately \$396,000 available to spend.) We will also likely need to set some of the trust fund money aside to help with our outreach and expansion efforts. Other potentially large costs are still being gathered, such as renovating the bathrooms, expanding the Fellowship Hall area, new doors and windows, and maintaining our parking lot.

Stay tuned for further updates as we continue this complex process.

Notes from the Council

Board of Elders:

- o No report

Board of Education:

- o The council voted to give Mrs. Johnson 12 weeks maternity leave.
- o Principal says this will have a minimal impact on budget and school business.
- o We will be losing 1 or 2 students from K-8, but will possibly be adding 3 to 4 for the next school year.

Board of Trustees:

- o Starting to replace chandeliers with LED's, will see how they look and will replace more soon.
- o Need to put up no parking signs next to the Early Childhood Center, because people are driving on the rocks.

Board of Evangelism:

- o Distributed Easter for Kids flyers in Candelas and the area around SVL.

Board of Stewardship:

- o There will be a Dave Ramsey presentation on May 7th starting at 9:15 am.
- o Praises in the Park will be held on June 11th.
- o The board needs old pictures and will put up slideshow of the beginnings of Shepherd, in order to show, "where we were and look where we are today."

Board of Finance:

- o The 2016 Vicar fund and RMLHS support are paid.
- o The only thing unpaid is Mission Support from September – December.
- o The Vicar fund will now be called the "2nd Campus Pastor fund" as we need to continue funding for the 2nd Campus Pastor.

Treasurer:

- o No report

Financial Secretary:

- o Will publish 1st quarter reports for everyone soon.

Pastor:

- o Wednesday night attendance has been high, averaging 93.
- o Multi-Site Organization:
 - ♦ We are not locked into how Shepherd will carry out the organization, but we have a template/overview.
 - ♦ Dave Stuht and the 2nd Pastor would represent the 2nd Campus at council meetings.
 - ♦ There will be an insert in the bulletin on the rationale, strategy, and financial support.

President:

- o Trust fund committee asked an architecture firm for some options in renovating and/or expanding the church/school.

Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School:

- o The new sign is up and working.
- o Finally have a permanent occupancy limit.
- o The Gala fundraiser was a success.
- o Alex Milky is the new Spanish teacher, but the school is still looking for a vacancy teacher.
- o \$25,000 of the special gift money went into a new endowment fund, \$19,000 went to pay off the investors/back taxes, and the rest of the money will go towards athletic fields.

New Business and Recommendations:

- o Recommended that there only be voter meetings between Sunday services for big ticket items. In order to save time, meetings will start with new business and boards will prioritize their reports.
- o We are investigating an Amazon Smile account. With it, whatever people buy, .5% will come back to SVL.
- o The board of Elders will put together qualifications wanted from the 2nd Campus Pastor.
- o The council voted to make a recommendation to the voters to call the 2nd Campus Pastor as soon as possible.