



Shepherd
of the Valley
Ev. Lutheran Church

The Shepherd's Staff

to inform and encourage



July 2017



Soccer Camp

July 25 – July 27

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.svl.school.com. Flyers to share with friends are in the Narthex.

July and August Sunday Schedule:

Worship Service at 9 a.m.

Sunday School & Sunday Bible Class at 8:15 a.m.

Prominent People of the Bible: *Solomon*

There once was a man who had it all. *All*—might be—an understatement. *When it came to wealth...extreme!* He could have had anything. No expense was too great. No luxury unattainable. *When it came to his work...exceptional!* His résumé included building a temple, a royal palace, several cities, and strong diplomatic relationships with enemy nations. *When it came to women...excessive!* His wives numbered more than 700. *When it came to wisdom...extraordinary!* People the world over, came to seek his council. His Proverbs are revered still today.

If a man ever lived who could say, “I have it all,” it was—King Solomon. However, after years of drinking deeply from the well of human experience, Solomon came to a startling conclusion. Everything he had, all he had done, all the wealth he had accumulated, all the women he had wed, all the wisdom he had shared, could be summed up with a single word—MEANINGLESS.

“Meaningless, meaningless,” says the teacher, “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless. I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind” (Ecclesiastes 1:2,14).

What will it take for you come to the same conclusion?

How many more hours in front of the TV or computer?

How many more credit card purchases?

How many more long work weeks?

How many more relationships?

How many more drinks?

What will it take for you realize that it is all “meaningless”?

Saint Augustine prayed, “You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you.”

We possess a deep longing that cannot be satisfied until it is satisfied in God...alone. Wise King Solomon realized this and it led him to view life from two perspectives. First he viewed the world without God. For those who do not fear the Lord, who persist in sin, and do not believe in Jesus as Savior, everything done in life **“under the sun”** is as meaningless as chasing after one’s breath on a cold winter’s day.

Second he looked at life with God. For those who fear the Lord, who see their sin, and believe in Jesus as Savior, there is true meaning for this life and confident hope for the next as **“the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it” (Ecclesiastes 12:7).**

- Pastor Kieselhorst

Call Meeting for 2nd Campus Pastor—July 9th at 10:15 a.m.

Notes from the Council:

Board of Elders – Jim Kelton:

- o The Elders are surveying the congregation about whether to do multiple services over the summer, or a single service.
- o The Elders are looking for more people to release for communion. It is decided that current or former Elders, male called workers, or current or former officers can help with releasing.

Board of Education – Keith Douglas: No report.

Principal's Report – Principal Falck: No report.

Board of Trustees – Steve Bowen: No report.

Board of Evangelism – Joshua Meyer:

- o The board is working on setting up a screening of the new Luther movie.
- o The board is investigating purchasing our own outdoor movie equipment. Josh showed the council a possible outdoor movie projection set up that we could purchase.

Board of Stewardship – Tom McBride:

- o The board was focused on Praises in the Park.

Board of Finance – Harvey Berkheim:

- o Harvey reviewed the Financial Outlook with the council.
- o May was a little short – there are several months of unpaid mission support.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Kelton: No report.

Financial Secretary – Paul Larsen:

- o Paul is collecting statements from people who wish to receive electronic statements and annual-only statements.
- o Paul also reported on the alarmingly large number of “giving units” who are giving nothing.

Pastor's report – Vicar Shrimpf:

- o Vicar reviewed Pastor's report with the council.
- o Pastor Sternhagen is beginning a Congregational Assistant Program. If we start another group of CAP students, the students could begin the program together.

President's report – Harvey Presser: No report.

RMLHS – Vicar Shrimpf:

- o Pastor Biedenbender is the new chairman of the board.



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; Sandy Burger, Darrell Mallory: 7/9; Joe Ferguson, Tim Wheeler: 7/10; Judy Kuester: 7/11; Camden Ferguson: 7/12; Millie Endorf, Regan Parker: 7/14; Devin Hall: 7/15; Larry Davis: 7/16; Brendan DeWyse, Isaiah Segura, Kobe Segura, Paul Padilla: 7/17; Tanis Kohl: 7/18; Betty Mallory: 7/20; Kindra Warman: 7/20; Jericho Maleva, Michelle Zoran: 7/22; Sherri Richardson: 7/25; Madeline Mulvaney: 7/27; Bethany Behrens: 7/28; Nathan Behrens, Wrenna Warman: 7/30; Julie Bowen: 7/31.

Happy Anniversary to:



Jeff & Karena Falck: 7/1
Harvey & Sharon Presser: 7/3
Howard & Connie Siebenrock: 7/5
Joe & Michelle Ferguson: 7/6
Norman & Margaret Braun: 7/17
Karl & Mary Maulis: 7/17
Sal & Shana Perera: 7/24
Steve & Kristen Dew: 7/29
Todd & Sherri Richardson: 7/29

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JUNE KING SOOPERS UPDATE – After another STELLAR deposit of \$572.17, our current yearly total is \$12,108. Amazing! Thanks for continuing to use your reloadable gift cards to shop for groceries, gas, and prescriptions at any Kroger store. Please ask Sharon Presser for info about how the program works or to get a card. It’s easy and free!



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The Comet Column—News from the school

Summer Staff News - The staff has stayed nice and busy so far this summer while sneaking in some much appreciated and needed vacations. Miss Gut continues work on her Masters program through Martin Luther College. The entire staff is working on preparing lessons and organizing classrooms for the next school year. The staff will also be meeting two times this summer to discuss school projects for the upcoming year, review policy, and begin reviewing our Social Studies curriculum and standards for each grade level.

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. We have relocated two classrooms. The 1st-3rd grade classroom has moved to the main school building, and the Kindergarten class has taken over the larger classroom in the Discipleship Center. This change was made to help accommodate a larger Kindergarten class for the next year and take advantage of the larger space for both classrooms. Thank you to those who helped paint, install projectors and whiteboards, and move furniture and supplies.

2. Carpet cleaning! This year we had a professional company come in and clean the carpets in the 6 classrooms. The cost of this was donated by a school family - Thank you, Jareud Maurice!

New shelving. New, reinforced shelving was installed in two of the classrooms and office this summer. The brackets are made to hold larger items like books, and it is nice to see shelves that are no longer leaning forward. This project was funded using King Soopers donations.

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

Soccer VBS - Our annual Vacation Bible School will be held Tuesday, July 25th - Thursday, July 27th. 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.

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 13th with the first day of classes on Tuesday, August 22nd.