



The Shepherd's Staff

to inform and encourage



May 2018

14th Annual Church/School Parking Lot Sale!!

Friday June 1st & Saturday June 2nd 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 5/27 & Monday 5/28: Noon - 4 p.m. **Tuesday 5/29 & Wednesday 5/30:** 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 6, 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 2018 Confirmands and their families in the Fellowship Hall at noon. God's grace and blessing to all of SVL's 2018 Confirmands!



CONFIRMATION CLASS of 2017

Ava Falck
Zachary Lynch
Sophie Robinson

A Note from our New K-2 Teacher, Ms. Luerhring

Dear Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church and School,

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement through my deliberation process. After much prayer and consideration, the Lord has led me to accept the Call to serve as your K-2 teacher.

During this time, I am humbled and honored to have seen the Lord's workings and love, his clear answers and guidance. I echo the words of **Psalm 66:20, "Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!"**

Thank you in advance for your continued prayers, support, and patience as I make this transition. May the Lord graciously bless and guide us in his ministry at Shepherd of the Valley!

Hebrews 13:21-22 "May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Yours in Christ,

Karen Luehring

Abide With Me

In the King James Version of the Bible, the invitation of the two travelers on the road to Emmaus reads, "**Abide with us; for it is toward evening and the day is far spent,**" words which were the inspiration for the beloved hymn, "*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.*" The hymn was written by Henry Francis Lyte, for 25 years the vicar of the parish at Devonshire, England.

Lyte's "eventide" pictures the approaching end of life. "*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day. Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.*" The words are about the faith that faces life and death fearlessly and triumphantly in the light of the cross and the empty tomb....the faith that displays a living hope that Jesus is living and we will live. Thus Lyte could conclude, "*Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee. In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*"

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we have been led to see Jesus in the Scriptures. He holds his cross before our tear-filled eyes and shines through the gloom and sadness in our hearts. Although "*the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!*" How our hearts burn within us when Jesus shines through the gloom and abides with us!

Read *Christian Worship hymn 588* and then read **Luke 24:13-35**.

Pastor Kieselhorst

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF SVL'S 2018 GRADUATES!



A Prayer for New Graduates: Holy Father, our guide and protector, we thank you for students who are graduating. Thank you for directing them in their studies with wisdom and excellence. Bring to their remembrance your love in Christ and your purpose for each and every one of them, as the prophet Jeremiah wrote, "**For I know the plans I**

have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (29:11).

KING SOOPERS PROGRAM UPDATE

After our most recent deposit of \$430.25, our current yearly total since August 2017, is at \$9,678.55! We have contributed a great deal of this fund to the new video projection system in church. We hope you are enjoying it and thinking of ways we can use it! If you have any questions about this FREE and easy program, please ask Sharon Presser for a reloadable gift card.



NPH Book Sale Update: A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our book sale this year. For those who have books on order, they've arrived and in Cari's office. Please see Tomoko or Cari to get your new treasures. Thanks to the support of our congregation, we sold 62 books this year. A significant increase over last year's 25 books. Happy reading!

T-Shirt Fundraiser Update: Thanks to everyone who ordered t-shirts for new uniforms for the Comet cheerleaders, **we've raised \$200!** If you still want to order a shirt, it's not too late. You can order any time on Amazon.com. If you have questions, just check with Tomoko.

* **Spring is here! Time to plant some flowers** to beautify our church and *
* school grounds! Some garden fairies have already been hard at work *
* weeding and preparing the soil. *
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* **Thursday, May 10th: Meet at Noon** 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! *
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* 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! *



May Birthday Blessings to:

Pamela Schroeder: 5/5; Ellen DeVoss: 5/6; Hisako Kotaka, Michelle Larson: 5/7; Lois Lewis: 5/8; Brady Falck, Tom Frey, Brody Shaver: 5/9; Trent Campbell, Sarah DeVoss: 5/10; Brad Schroeder: 5/11; Tom Helmreich: 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
Erick & Sharon Larsen: 5/16
Eric & Sam Hockenbery: 5/20
Rick & Sharon Wilking: 5/20
Milfred & Therese Thompson: 5/26
Randy & Ida Armijo: 5/29
Dave & Erika Boucher: 5/30
Norbert & Marilyn Mielke: 5/30

