

SVLC NEWSLETTER

To Know Christ and Make Christ Known



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March 3	6:15pm soup supper 7 pm Bible Study
March 10	6:15pm soup supper 7 pm Bible Study
March 17	6:15pm soup supper 7 pm Bible Study
March 24	6:15pm soup supper 7 pm Bible Study
April 1	7 PM Maundy Thursday Service
April 2	7 PM Good Friday Service

New Office hours

In light of our current staffing structure please note our new Office hours

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Office closed on Friday. In case of an emergency please contact Pastor Bill Walles at 425.344.8629

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Pastor's Page

New Testament Tour

For the last several years you've seen here at SVLC that we've tried to do something a little bit different during the church season of Lent. Lent is the 40 days before Easter where we prepare for Christ's triumphant victory over death and the grave by reflecting on why each of us so desperately needs that very thing. So, this year, I'm encouraging everyone at SVLC to read one chapter of the New Testament a day beginning in Lent, and then continuing on throughout the year.

Now, reading the Bible is always a good thing, but this has a few specific goals in mind.

We'll design this New Testament Tour, as we're calling it, specifically with first-time readers in mind. If

you've ever tried to read the Bible and haven't been able to follow through, or even got into it for a few chapters only to get frustrated and stop after a short time, this Tour is for you. For those of you who have a healthy Bible reading discipline we'd ask you to consider doing this Bible Tour with us as well simply for the unity of it, and because you might get something a little bit different out of this process as well.

What's different? As an example, instead of reading the Bible straight through, we'll start with the Gospel of Luke, and then read John, Acts, and Romans. We find this helps to break up the reading of the Gospels, as well as introducing you as a reader to four very different books right from the outset. After that we'll skip around the New Testament a bit, reading whole books, but not always in the order we

find them in the Bible. It may take a little getting used to, but that's why we'll have a map for everyone to follow every week, all month, and all year.

So, here are a few more rules we'll want you to consider as we do the Tour as well:

1. You will read a Bible Translation that you enjoy. This is the Word of God, it is supposed to be life-changing and exciting. If you're using a Bible that doesn't make you feel that way, please find one that will.

2. You will stay on the designated tour path. There is no "right" way to read the Bible daily.

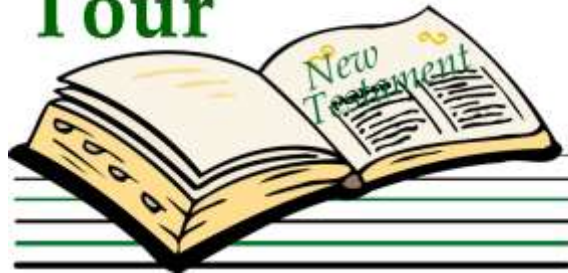
But, part of the fun of this is that we'll all be reading together. We will read through books in their entirety, but we won't necessarily read them in the order you're familiar with. We find it best to mix up the Gospel and Paul's letters especially, so as to keep those words fresh and avoid redundancy.

3. You will not make-up days. If you miss a day's reading, please don't go back and try to make it up. Just start fresh with the reading for the current day. More people stop reading daily because they feel guilty when they miss a day, and then feel overwhelmed when they try to make up time. Don't do it. This is about Grace not Law.

4. If you miss several days in a row you will re-evaluate your priorities. Everyone will miss a day. But if you've missed several, there's something going on in your life you need to figure out. Feel free to talk to Pastor Bill if you would like some assistance in that.

Over the next several weeks at church you'll be hearing more about this tour, and you'll have a chance to sign up to participate as well. Please consider taking on this fun Tour for 2010. You won't regret the journey.

New Testament Tour



Music Notes



Music Notes for February 2010

As we restructure our staff and rethink ministries at SVLC for 2010, I'm going to forgo the writing of my usual lengthy articles to give myself more time to focus on other needs. Instead, each month I'll use this space to give a brief update on what's upcoming in music and worship at SVLC.

First, I'd like to invite you to a concert at SVLC on the evening of February 3 featuring the Tahoma High Chamber Choir and several SVLC members as well (see box below for more information). The following Sunday, February 7, SVLC welcomes guest worship leader Justin Fox from California at our morning services (see box at right).

Join us at our annual Ash Wednesday service on February 17 at 7pm as we begin the church season of Lent, traditionally a time of reflection and self-examination for 40 days before the celebration of Easter. At our 8:45am Sunday services during this season, we'll be re-introducing some Taizé liturgy and the singing of Psalms together.

At the 10:30am service, I'll be settling into my new role as worship leader. And at both services, we'll look for creative ways to engage young children as we carry out Pastor Bill's vision of excellent children's ministry. See you on Sunday!

Ron Mallory



SVLC Welcomes **JUSTIN FOX** Sunday, February 7

8:45 and 10:30am

California-based Justin Fox travels the country sharing his music in churches, schools, and camps. Join us as Justin leads us in worship together!

For more information about Justin's ministry, visit

www.justinfox.com

Volunteer for Music Ministry

Interested in joining
SVLC's Choir, Praise
Band, or Handbell

Ensemble? Contact Ron Mallory at 425-432-1373 or music@svlcfamily.org. More information about our music rehearsal schedules can be found online at www.svlcfamily.org



PRIME

A Concert Featuring

The Tahoma High Chamber Choir - Community Chamber Chorus - 5 Instrumentalists

WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 3 AT 7:00PM

Admission is free

Kids Club

A Code of Honor

When was the last time you used the word *honor* in an everyday conversation with a regular Joe? Does it strike you as outmoded, a little archaic perhaps? For instance, when did you last slay a dragon from the back of your trusty white steed, lay your cloak over a puddle for a lady, bow in deference to others at court, or swear undying fealty to your king? (More on that later.) After all, that stuff was around in the Middle Ages.

On the other hand, that stuff has been around since the Middle Ages. What student hasn't read of King Arthur (first written about in the 1130's) or Don Quixote (published in 1605, 1615)? Who among us hasn't seen a Robin Hood movie (the first of which came out in the early 1920's) or *Shrek*? If you've visited a museum and seen a suit of armor, haven't you marveled at how small those guys were?

But, with all due respect, it wasn't Geoffrey of Monmouth or Cervantes who invented honor. Nay, honor is older than, well, dirt. Noooo, it was God who created honor. Check out what David says about honor in Psalm 8:1-5 (NIV):

"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise ... When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor."

Can you read that and not be awestruck that the King of kings and Lord of lords, who deserves glory over all others, would esteem us, even a little? Yet He does. David's life, in fact, is chock-full of honor-related examples and principles. Think back to what you know about David, like:

... his encounter with Goliath. God said, "Those who honor me I will honor" (1 Samuel 2:30, NIV). David honored God, and God honored David, even though he was the little brother, a mere boy, and overlooked at every turn. Honor those who are overlooked.

... his friendship with Jonathan. God says, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves" (Romans 12:10, NIV). David honored Jonathan, certainly; but think how remarkable it was that Jonathan (the heir apparent to the throne)

should honor David (who would eventually become king) more than himself. Honor others more than yourself.

... his turbulent and tragic relationship with his son Absalom. God says, "'Honor your father and mother'-- which is the first commandment with a promise--'that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth'" (Ephesians 6:2-3, NIV). What a contrast Absalom is to Jonathan! Honor those who are over you.

... his unself-conscious worship of God: "I will celebrate before the Lord. I will become even more undignified than this" (2 Samuel 6:21-22, NIV). Honor God out LOUD.

So come February, we're going to camp here, with David, Goliath, Jonathan, Absalom, and Michal, and examine some things God says about honor and what it looks like to live in honorable ways.

Now back to dragons and puddles. You may not have slain a dragon from the back of your trusty charger, but have you cheered the underdog or said thank you to the teenager taking your order at the drive-thru? You probably haven't spread your cloak over a puddle for a lady, but have you held the door for one? You may not have bowed in deference to others at court or sworn loyalty to a king, but have you obeyed your parents without rolling your eyes or stood in heartfelt praise to honor THE King?

See, honor doesn't live just in legends! Therefore, prithee don thine armour and thy cloak and henceforth seek to impart the ways of honour to thy probies thusly. Thy labour shalt not be for naught.

Huzzah,

Melanie Williams
The reThink Group
mwilliams@rethinkgroup.org

Kids Church and Kids Club: Feb. 7

NO Kids Club Feb. 14

Kids Club Feb. 21

Kids Club Feb. 28

WORSHIP CREW

SVLC Worship Crew Members:

Below is a reminder of who's signed up to serve at worship services in February (current as of mid-January). Contact your team leader (JT Vance for greeters, David McMonigle for ushers, Lynn Broadhead for communion servers) if you will be unable to serve on a Sunday for which you're scheduled.

Volunteering for the Sunday Worship Crew is a great way to get involved, meet others, and serve the Lord at SVLC. Contact Ron Mallory at 425-432-1373 or music@svlcfamily.org if you're interested in helping out!



Sunday, February 7

8:45am Service

Greeters: Loyd and Betty Eliason

Ushers: Bill and Yvonne Simmermon

Communion Servers: Hans Maurer, Ingrid Maurer, Jeanne Weber

10:30am Service

Greeters: Young family

Ushers: Mark and Jane Morvice

Communion Servers: Heidi Young, Nancy Weaver, Lisa Oswald

Sunday, February 14

8:45am Service

Greeters: Wakelin Family

Ushers: Nancy and David McMonigle

Communion Servers: DeAnn Dige, Kari Ashcraft, Anne Clayton

10:30am Service

Greeter: Debra Merlini and Trisha Merlini

Ushers: Devin Murray and Mark Peterson

Communion Servers: Karin Peterson, Debra Merlini, Melissa Murray

Sunday, February 21

8:45am Service

Greeter: Susan Standish

Ushers: Glenn Ross and David McMonigle

Communion Servers: Susan Standish, Linda Richardson, Chris Richardson

10:30am Service

Greeter: Haines Family

Ushers: Dave Reid and Terry Hill

Communion Servers: Debbie Farlee, Jill Hill, Chris Salzer

Sunday, February 28

8:45am Service

Greeters: Tom and Laura Jenson

Ushers: Tom Jenson and Brad Kirkwood

Communion Servers: Marda Kirkwood, Bill Lyon, Jeanne Weber

10:30am Service

Greeters: Terry and Jill Hill

Ushers: Mark Lewis and Ben Lewis

Communion Servers: Earlene Koper, Lynn Broadhead, Lynne Mayer

Lenten Services at SVLC

Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 7pm

Wednesday night services, February 24-March 24 at 7pm

(6:15pm soup supper preceding)

Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7pm - Good Friday, April 2 at 7pm - Easter Sunday, April 4 at 8:45 and 10:30am

2010 Benevolences

Sharing Our Blessings with Others

We have been blessed with so many gifts at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church and sharing our blessings with those less fortunate is one of our core values. Following is the list of organizations that we plan to support in the coming year with our monthly 10% benevolence. This list was approved by the Congregation at the Annual Meeting.

2010	10% Benevolence	
January	Quilting Postage & Lutheran World Relief 5%	Lutheran World Relief 5%
February	Outreach Fund 2.5% 2.5% Local Relief	Local Relief 2.5% Local Lutheran Outreach Program (LLOP) 5%
March	Vacation Bible School 5%	Youth Missions Trips 5%
April	Corner of Love 10%	
May	Vine Maple Place 10%	
June	Missions Team Discretionary 5%	World Mission Prayer League 5% (WMPL)
July	Shelton Prison Ministry 5%	Lutheran Disaster Response 5%
August	Maple Valley Food Bank 10%	
September	New International Mission 5%	ELCA World Hunger 5%
October	Christian Friends of Troops 10%	
November	Corner of Love 5%	Lutheran Youth Encounter 5%
December	Good Shepherd Fund 10%	

Mission Happenings

Corner of Love

More than 100 volunteers are headed to San Ramon, Nicaragua, this month for two medical-dental brigades. The team has been collecting medical supplies, financial donations to help serve those less fortunate in San Ramon, Nicaragua.



Check out www.corneroflove.org to see how you can help. Or call Tanya Amador at (206) 419-1133 or

tanya@corneroflove.org

Food Bank Thank You

Thank you to all who provided food, gifts and financial donations to the Maple Valley Food Bank during December. More than 1000 local families received complete turkey feasts and 1109 local kids received new gifts, stocking stuffers, stuffed animals and more!

Find mission happenings on the bulletin board in the hallway. The next Mission Team Meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. All are invited to this and future meetings.

What's Happenings

Thursday Office Support

Thanks to all of those who have volunteered to help in the Office on Thursday mornings and afternoons. Your time and energy will make a big impact for the whole church. Please check the schedule below to remind yourself of the date and time for which you signed up:

Thursday February 4th

10:00 a.m. Hans Maurer

1:00 p.m. Brittany Dickey

Thursday February 18th

10:00 a.m. Darel Tenhoff

1:00 p.m. Jill Bryd

Thursday February 11th

10:00 a.m. Dixie Steinke

1:00 p.m. Glenn Ross

Thursday February 25th

10:00 a.m. Arlene Roberts

1:00 p.m. Debbie Farlee & Linda Richardson

New Member Class

If you are interested in becoming a member of Shepherd of the Valley a new member class will be starting February 28 between services 9:50 - 10:30am. The class will last 4 weeks and we will receive new members on Palm Sunday, March 28..



Nursery News

Volunteers and snacks donations needed for the nursery! We are looking for a few more adults that would like to spend an hour or two each month working with the wonderful children in our nursery. Please pick up a background check form from the nursery. We also need goldfish crackers, cheerios, teddy grahams/graham crackers, and dixie cups for snack time in the nursery. Snack items can be dropped in the nursery on Sundays. Thanks for any time or treats you can provide

What's Happenings

VBS

Hey Everybody! Mark your calendars NOW! Shepherd of the Valley's Vacation Bible SURF will be this AUGUST 9 - 12th! That's right, Monday through Thursday! Specific times will be decided a little later, but plan on afternoons so we can continue our awesome water theme! There will be a future call for volunteers and supplies. Don't miss out on this opportunity to soak your favorite SVLC Pastor!

COOKIES FOR SOLDIERS

We're sending homemade cookies to soldiers in the February 13 box packing. Cookies will be mailed in pre-made frosting cans, so cookies should be medium sized. Please wrap cookies in Saran Wrap, place in ziplock bags and drop off to Carol or Barbara in Narthex before or after services, Feb. 7th or in Troop Donation Box located in Tollefson Hall by Wednesday, Feb. 10. We need additional empty frosting containers.

Next box packing: Set-up, Feb. 12, 10:00am, Packing, Feb. 13, 10:00am Need helpers both days. Questions? Call Carol at 415-413-1382 or Barbara at 253-630-2149 or e-mail:

Barbara.L.Jensen@comcast.net

Gathered In Grace (GIG)

Women's Bible Study Breaks for Lent

Gathered In Grace (GIG) will not meet during the season of Lent so that the ladies may attend Wednesday evening Lenten activities with their families. We will wrap up our book, *Having a Mary Spirit*, on February 3. February 10 will be an evening of fun and fellowship -- more fun and fellowship than usual, that is. We will resume GIG the second Wednesday after Easter, April 14. Watch for announcements in the April newsletter and Spread the Word



Recital Invitation

You are invited to attend Bonnie Kirkwood's Junior Recital. Bonnie is a Vocal Performance major at Seattle Pacific University. The recital is on Friday, February 26, at 7:30 PM. It will be held on the SPU campus, in room 150 of Demaray Hall. The program of 30-40 minutes will feature the works of composers such as Bernstein, Weill, Chaminade, and Dvorák. A reception will follow in The Crawford Hall faculty lounge. For driving directions and a campus map, go to www.spu.edu and click on "maps.". Visitor parking is next to Moyer Hall.

What's Happening

February Flowers



- 7 Available
- 14 Craig & Darel Tenhoff
In Celebration of their 21st Anniversary
- 21 Allen & Stephanie Kenitzer
In Celebration of their Anniversary and Stephanie's Birthday
- 28 Mark & Jayne Morvice
In Celebration Jayne's, Alyna & Don's Birthday

Thank You

The office move and remodel is complete (well almost). If you have not had a chance to take a look please stop by. A huge thank you to the many volunteers who put in many hours to make it happen.



Conference Room Makeover

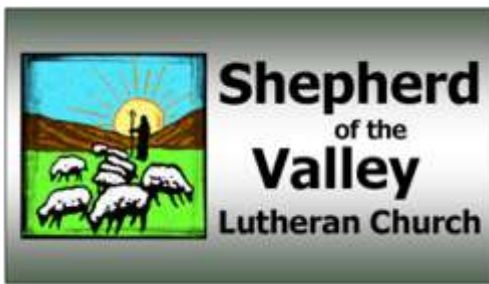
Now that the office has been moved the old space is in need of some work. Nothing major, patching and painting. It should only take one or two days. Anyone interested please contact Pastor Bill at pastor@svlcfamily.org or 425-344-8629.

February Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 5 PM Youth Symphony-S 7-8:30 PM Sr High Youth-YR	2 11:30 AM Staff Meeting-C 5:45 PM Boy Scouts-TH 6 PM Handbells-TH 7 PM Mission team Meeting-B 7 PM THS Concert rehearsal-S 7:15 Choir-TH	3 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study-C 6:30 PM GIG-TH 7 PM THS Concert-S 7 PM AA-DS	4 10 AM quilting-TH 6:30 PM Praise Band-S	5 <i>Office Closed</i>	6 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study-Black Diamond Bakery 9 AM Staff/Council retreat-offsite
7 8:45 AM Worship/Kids Club 9:50 AM Kids Church-DS 9:50 AM 6th Grade Sprint 10:30 AM Worship/ Kids Club 12PM Jr. High-DS 1 PM Confirmation-DS	8 5 PM Youth Symphony-S 7-8:30 PM Sr High Youth-YR	9 11:30 AM Staff Meeting-C 5:45 PM Boy Scouts-TH 6:30 PM Council-DS 6 PM Handbells-TH 7:15 Choir-TH	10 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study-C 6:30 PM GIG-TH 7 PM AA-DS	11 10 AM quilting-TH 6:30 PM Praise Band-S	12 <i>Office Closed</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Troop box Packing</div>	13 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study-Black Diamond Bakery 7 PM Wine Tasting-Offsite
14 Valentine's Day 8:45 AM Worship/NO Kids Club NO 6th Grade Sprint 10:30 AM Worship/NO Kids Club NO Jr. High-DS NO Confirmation-DS	15 5 PM Youth Symphony-S NO Sr High Youth-YR	16 11:30 AM Staff Meeting-C 5:45 PM Boy Scouts-S 6 PM Handbells-TH 7:15 Choir-TH	17 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study-C 7 PM Ash Wed. Service 7 PM AA-DS	18 10 AM quilting-TH 6:30 PM Praise Band-S	19 <i>Office Closed</i>	20 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study-Black Diamond Bakery
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28 8:45 AM Worship/Kids Club 9:50 AM New Member Class 10:30 AM Worship/Kids Club 6 PM Jr. High-DS 7 PM Confirmation-DS						<p>(P)=Portable, (TH)=Tollefson Hall, (C)=Conference Room (S) =Sanctuary, (N)=Narthex, (B)=Bridal Room (Ns)=Nursery, (OS)=Outdoor Sanctuary (YR)=Youth Room, (DS)=Downstairs</p>

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