

SHEPHERD'S VOICE

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Upcoming events at SVLC

Wednesday, October 17th

- 10:00 am Advent decoration workday
- 11:30 am Fellowship luncheon
- 3:15 pm Violin lessons

Thursday, October 18th

- 10:30 am Park Place Devotions
- 1:30 pm Violin lessons
- 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 20497

Friday, October 19th

- 1:00 pm Violin lessons

Sunday, October 21st

- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 10:30 am MultiGen+ Bible Study
- 3:00 pm Bethel Growth Group

Monday, October 22nd

- 1:30 pm Violin lessons
- 4:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 12283

Tuesday, October 23rd

- 9:00 am Giving Garden work day
- 9:00 am Watch and Journal Study
- 3:15 pm Violin lessons

Wednesday, October 24th

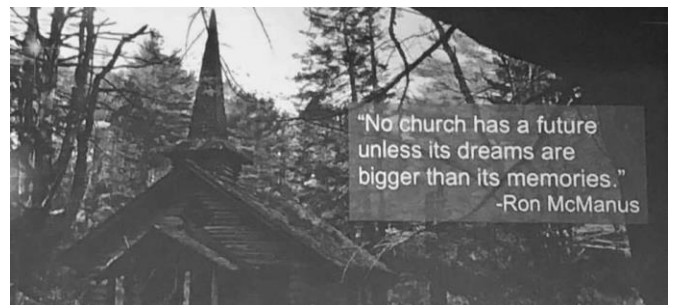
- 10:00 am Women on Wednesday
- 3:15 pm Violin lessons

Thursday, October 25th

- 9:30 am Emmaus Growth Group
- 10:30 am Park Place Devotions
- 1:30 pm Violin lessons

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SHALOM!

dwelling 1:14 Editor's note:

As you might recall, Greg Finke, pastor and founder of dwelling 1:14, came to SVLC a few years ago. Pr. Eric shares this article from Greg Finke's website.

"Grandparenting in the Neighborhood This Fall"

I was talking with a retired couple from Denver. They have lived in the same home in the same neighborhood for thirty years. Back in the day, several families moved in around the same time and raised their kids together. They said "neighboring" was easy then.

Now?

Those neighbors have all moved on. The kids grew up and started lives of their own. Now, the parents have moved on, as well. Some retired. Some downsized. Some moved to be closer to their kids who are having kids. No matter the cause, the result is the same. My friends find themselves on the same block but nothing is the same at all. They are the only ones left. The neighborhood has completely turned over. New young families move in almost monthly. They know almost no one.

Their question: what should we do?

Sound familiar? Many people in the congregations we work with have similar stories. "Back in the day, neighboring was easy." Kids played. Parents talked. "We really lived the way you are describing. We really loved each other." Life and love and laughter and conversation flowed. It seemed so natural.

It can be again.

Many mourn the loss of community in their neighborhoods. "It didn't used to be this way." But, frankly, it didn't used to be this

way because we used to do things differently. We didn't think about it then, we didn't plan it out, but it was happening: we were with our neighbors so we got to know our neighbors. And, over time, as we got to know our neighbors, we started to love our neighbors.

The good news? What used to happen naturally can happen again intentionally.

Think about it. Your neighborhood still has several common denominators that are in play from "back in the day." 1) new young families are moving in and living near each other (you may not be new to the neighborhood, but you are new to your new neighbors); 2) everyone has a need for community (they may not expect to fill that need with neighbors, but everyone still has that need); 3) the children in the neighborhood (you are not the parents, but you can thoroughly empathize with parents who are parenting); 4) Jesus is on the loose in your neighborhood (and He still wants families to have the peace and joy of living in His grace and truth).

The only thing missing? Someone being intentional about neighboring...like you.

Back in the day, it used to happen naturally. But Susan and I have found over and over again, from coast to coast, from urban settings to rural, that if someone becomes intentional about neighboring, neighborhoods come alive and neighbors start to love each other again. And the "Neighborhood Grandparents" can lead the way.

Are you the only "old" people left in the neighborhood? Perfect! You can become every family's surrogate grandpa or grandma!

And that brings us back to my friends' question, "What should we do."

Be intentional about "neighboring."

- **Bake some cookies** and head out to start welcoming new families to the

neighborhood. (Everyone loves fresh baked goodies. Even if families can't accept them for dietary reasons, they will love that you offered.)

- **Start a closed Facebook page** for the neighborhood and invite new neighbors to join it. This helps everyone stay in touch and can increase safety in the neighborhood.
- **Halloween** is a great time to start connecting with neighbors. Instead of hiding behind closed doors with the lights off, be out on the front lawn **with the best candy on the block**. (Don't go cheap! Now is not the time to be stingy.) Some have asked about putting "Jesus-stickers" on bags or handing out pamphlets. I would advise against this. The information you want to share is awesome, but the context for the sharing is not. Work on building friendship over time so you eventually have a natural context for sharing values and beliefs back and forth. If you really believe now is the time for Jesus-stickers, etc., then be sure to give the absolute BEST candy.
- **The Thanksgiving season** offers a unique opportunity to interact with new neighbors and their kids. Right after Halloween, go door to door, re-introduce yourself and say something like, "Thanksgiving is such a wonderful time to show our thanks and share with others. **Wouldn't it be cool to find someone in our own neighborhood who could use a little help or a little hope?** Do you know of anyone we can love-on and bless over the upcoming holiday season?" Maybe it's a single parent, or a widow(er), or someone who is battling an illness...you get the idea. Invite neighbors to help figure it out. Then work together to organize how everyone can be a part of whatever is decided.
- **Advent**, believe it or not, is a prime time for getting to know young families better. Invite families over to **make Advent**

Wreaths together. (We have found this to be very popular with young families longing to find more substance for their Christmas celebrations.) Invite families into your home for this. Ask parents ahead of time if there are any dietary restrictions. (Hot chocolate and cookies are favorites if they are permissible.) Provide foam rings from the craft store, four thinner candles, one thicker candle that can stand on its own, and some artificial greenery. Let them decorate their own wreath. You can share with them where Christmas came from, "Christians believe that God loves each of us so much that He sent His Son Jesus into our world to save us from our sin. They believe Jesus was born on Christmas. That's why we have all the Christmas fun! To celebrate His birth! The Advent Wreath helps people remember this and count down the days to Jesus' birthday!"

- In connection with the Advent Wreath, or as a Christmas gift later, you can give each family the gift of **a children's Christmas book**. We have found Arch Books from Concordia Publishing House to be really, really good for this. Right now Arch Books are on sale for only \$1.99 each. Here's a link <https://www.cph.org/c-246-arch-books.aspx?REName=Books%20%26%20Bibles&plk=240>.

What not to do:

- **Don't be weird and clingy.** Don't be presumptuous and don't make this about you. Instead, be friendly. Be yourself. Be helpful. Be welcoming. Read the signals they are sending you.
- **Don't have an agenda.** And don't make this simply about "getting them to church." If you are offering friendship as bait for church membership, they will see right through your deception. And be disappointed. **What they need, especially in the beginning, is not your congregation but you.** In other words,

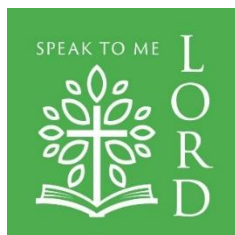
before you invite them to church, BE the church. Be the person they are glad to see. Be the person with a smile and a word of encouragement. Be the person who always seems to have a little love, joy and peace to spare. Be the person they want to invite to their kid's birthday party. Simply love them and see what Jesus does from there.

Happy Grandparenting!

Peace,

Pastor Eric

Lectionary Bible Readings for Worship



October 21, 2018

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Psalms: Psalm 119:9-16

Epistle: Hebrews 4:1-13 (14-16)

Gospel: Mark 10:23-31

October 28, 2018

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms: Psalm 126

Epistle: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

November 4, 2018

All Saints' Day Celebration

First Reading: Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17

Psalms: Psalm 149

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12



Watch the
Scripture



Journal the
Scripture

Tuesdays
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Bring a journal

Watch a video

Personal exploration
of Sunday's readings

All are welcome!



MultiGen+ Bible Study continues the study from Lutheran Hour Ministries titled, "God Connects." We view a short video about an aspect of our Christian faith and then engage in dialogue about that topic. Lively, fun, and educational! Come and join us any time!

This past Sunday, Pastor Eric began a five-week (Oct. 14 – Nov. 11) sermon series based in Micah 6:8: "do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with your God." Join us Sunday mornings as we explore these marvelous concepts!



Giving Garden News

Our next work day is Tuesday, October 23rd from 9:00-11:00 a.m. (weather dependent). Still lots of

work to prepare the garden for its 'dormant' period. You are always welcome to come and play in the dirt!



All Saints Sunday

Those who have died in the faith are on the other side of the great Eucharistic feast, they are in the presence of God. We look forward to Christ's return and

our resurrection because we will be united again with our loved ones and our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Please bring a photo of family or friends who have passed away in the faith to the church by November 1st so we can remember them on **All Saints Sunday**, Nov. 4th.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH GROWTH GROUPS –

Submitted by Katy Trautman

Featuring WOW – *Women on Wednesdays*

WOW meets the first and third Wednesdays every month of the year, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., in the large classroom at SVLC and is open to all women. This Growth Group focuses on prayer, study and discussion. Each meeting opens with prayer requests and a generous time to lift up praise, thanks, and supplications. Over the years, WOW has studied numerous books of the Bible in addition to topical books that lead members to a deeper understanding of faith and relationship with God, along with guidelines for living in the love of Christ.

Growth Group members share the responsibility for choosing study materials and leading meetings in a relaxed atmosphere that encourages conversation and sharing. Members find themselves

supported by each other in surprising and affirming ways.

Currently, the group is reading *Meet Me at the Well* by Virelle Kidder and using a companion Bible study by Jocelyn Hamsher and Virelle Kidder that includes scripture reading and journaling. It has been both introspective and enriching to participate in this collective experience!

The contact for WOW is Jennifer Klammer. If you are interested in joining Women on Wednesdays, just come! You will be happily welcomed into the group.



Events at Luther House

You are invited to these events either at, or sponsored by, Luther House. Keep these students and this ministry in your prayers!

Fall Football Parking

Luther House hosts game-day parking on October 20, November 3, and November 23. Cost \$10 and you are within walking distance of Reser Stadium. Go Beavs!

Lutherfest 2019: Sunday, February 24, 2018 from 1:45-4:30pm at the Boulder Falls Center in Lebanon. **Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of December and can be purchased online from the Luther House web site.** Consider buying a table of 8 for \$350 to enjoy the afternoon with seven of your friends! Consider buying a \$50 individual ticket as a Christmas gift for that hard-to-shop-for person in your life.

Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer at Luther House has resumed on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Join us for prayerful reflection on the Word and God's call in our lives. Guests are always welcome.

October Lay Ministry

	Sunday October 7th	Sunday October 14th	Sunday October 21st	Sunday October 28th
Greeters	Bud & Char Reger	Cheryl Viner Pauline Holthofer	Dennis & Debi Anderson	Ray & Chris Fajardo
Acolyte	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Kari Dort	Kari Dort
Musician	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan	Lisa Boylan
Cantor	n/a	Jeff Hintzman		
Reader	Donna Durbin	Colleen Fisher	Ray Hart	Alison Hintzman
Sound & Slide Tech	Marla Crane	Ray Hart	Ellie Hintzman	Peter Klammer
Ushers	Ray Hart Jim Dort Rich Millimaki Craig Bell	Ray Hart Jim Dort Rich Millimaki Bill Chambers	Ray Hart Jim Dort Rich Millimaki Craig Bell	Ray Hart Jim Dort Rich Millimaki Bill Chambers
Communion Assistants	Jeff Hintzman Jim Dort	Jeff Hintzman Jim Dort	Jeff Hintzman Debi Anderson	Jeff Hintzman Debi Anderson
Fellowship	Glen & Ellen Schmidt	Donna Durbin Karen Inman	Alison Hintzman Virginia Kutsch	Jay & Tracy McDougal
Altar Care	Sue Probus	Sue Probus	Sue Probus	Sue Probus
Counters	Sandy Nash Dianne Taft	Alison Hintzman Donna Durbin	Brenda Brumbaugh Jennifer Klammer	Rob Durbin Karen Inman

I will keep an eye on the bulletin board and reflect changes in the Shepherd's Voice weekly. Thanks for helping!

October Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:30 pm Violin lessons 6:45 pm Evening Garden Club Meeting	2 8:30 am Giving Garden 9:00 am Watch & Journal 3:15 pm Violin lessons	3 10:00 am Women on Wednesdays 3:15 pm Violin lessons	4 9:30 am Emmaus GG 10:30 am Park Place devotions 1:30 pm Violin lessons	5 1:00 pm Violin lessons	6 8:00 am Cars & Coffee
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28 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Quarterly Voters' Mtg 3:00 Bethel GG	29 1:30 pm Violin lessons 7:00 pm Evening Garden Club Board mtg	30 8:30 am Giving Garden 9:00 am Watch & Journal 3:15 pm Violin lessons	31 10:00 am Women on Wednesdays 3:15 pm Violin lessons 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat		If you see activities missing or things on the calendar that are incorrect, please let the church office know via phone (541-753-2816) or email so that corrections can be made! Thank you!	