



**Assisting Parents  
in Bringing up their Children  
in the Training  
and Instruction of the Lord.**



# ***THE PARTNERSHIP POST***

**February 8, 2021**

## **Short Week**

There will be no school this week Thursday and Friday (February 11-12).

## **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

A sign-up form for our second round of Parent-Teacher Conferences is attached to this week's Partnership Post. These conferences are optional, requested by either the parent or the teacher. Please complete the form for your children if you would like to schedule a conference with your child's teacher(s) on either February 25 or 26. If you'd like a conference, please return the form on or before **Tuesday, February 16**. Thank you!

## **Ski Trip to Nordic Mountain**

Ski Trip is this Friday. Due to some concerns about the cold weather, please send a text or email to Amanda Marks if you are going or plan on going or have any questions. ([am070410@gmail.com](mailto:am070410@gmail.com)).

## **Basketball Games**

**B Teams - SVLS vs. St. Paul's GB**

**When** Wed, February 10, 4:30pm – 7:30pm

**Where** Shepherd Of The Valley Lutheran School  
[FVWAL procedures document](#).

## **Children's Christmas Service DVDs**

Our 2020 Children's Christmas Service can be found on our YouTube channel. If you would like a DVD of the Children's Christmas Service, please contact Mr. Steinmetz

## **NO HOT LUNCH THIS WEEK**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Mission Offerings**

In the second semester, SVLS will partner with FVL Schools to gather mission offerings to support Costa Maya Ministries. So far this semester SVLS has collected \$199.00 to support the Gospel work of Costa Maya Ministries. For more information please visit [www.costamayaministries.org](http://www.costamayaministries.org).

## **Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)**

The application window for WPCP is now open and will remain open through April 15. Families who are currently receiving WPCP vouchers need to complete the online application at [www.dpi.wi.gov/choice](http://www.dpi.wi.gov/choice) and provide the school with proof of residency in order to keep the voucher for next year. You do not need to re-verify income. You will not lose your voucher unless you do not re-apply.

If you didn't qualify for WPCP last year, but your 2020 income was lower than 2019, you might be eligible to apply. And this year again, SVLS families with children at any grade level are eligible to apply for WPCP and receive a voucher. Compare your 2020 income with the published income limits to see if you'd qualify. The attachment to a previous Partnership Post with all the information about that can be found [here](#). And, as always, please contact Mr. Steinmetz if you think you might be eligible, or if you have any questions regarding the application process.

If you would like to fill out the online application at school, that is completely fine! Please contact Mr. Steinmetz to set up a time and date to do that.

## **Private School Tax Deduction**

Wisconsin state law allows Wisconsin parents to deduct private school tuition on their taxes. Under this law, parents statewide can deduct up to \$4,000 per student in grades K-8, and up to \$10,000 per high school student. In order to complete [Schedule PS](#), you will need the following information:

**Name of School:** Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran School, Inc.

**Address of School:** N8728 South Coop Road, Menasha, WI 54952

**FEIN of School:** 46-1896578

Please consult with your tax preparer for more information.

## Jupiter Ed - Emergency Alerts

With us living where we do, Winter Weather in Wisconsin becomes a harsh reality, and sometimes in the interest of student safety, we need to delay our start time or cancel classes entirely for the day. One of the ways we will communicate out school delays or closings is via Jupiter Ed. Please check your settings in Jupiter Ed to make sure you have emergency notifications enabled (see screenshot below). That way, the school delay or closing message will be sent directly to your email and to your phone via text. If you haven't set up your account yet, please contact Mr. Steinmetz to get that process started.

Notifications	Web Msg	Email	Text Msg
Emergency alerts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Messages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Group discussions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Behavior alerts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Absences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Grades		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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## Virtual/At-Home Worship Opportunities

We encourage you to make use of a virtual option from one of our congregations

**Mt. Calvary** - A recording of the Thursday service is published to [Mt. Calvary's Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/mtcalvarymenasha) (<https://www.facebook.com/mtcalvarymenasha>) and also to [Pastor Johnston's YouTube Channel](#) ([revjjohnston](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrevjjohnston)).

**Bethel** - The 8:00 Sunday worship service is live streamed on [Bethel's YouTube channel](#) (Bethel Lutheran Church - Menasha, WI) and then kept on YouTube. Additionally, Bethel also has Worship At Home videos on [the homepage of their website](#) ([www.bethelmenasha.org](http://www.bethelmenasha.org)).

**St. Luke** - Sunday worship services are live streamed on [St. Luke's Facebook page](#) (found at <https://www.facebook.com/stlukeslittlechute>) and kept there. Additionally, recordings of both Wednesday and Sunday worship services can be found at [St. Luke's Vimeo channel](#) (found at <https://vimeo.com/user19193641>)

### Worship at Bethel

920-725-1822-English  
920-840-5490-Espanol  
Thursday Worship English  
6:30pm  
Sunday Worship-English 8:00,  
10:30am  
Los Domingos Misa-Espanol  
12:00pm

### Worship at St. Luke

920-788-4408  
**Wednesday at 6:30pm**  
Sunday at 9:00am

### Worship at Mt. Calvary

920-731-4001  
Thursday at 6:30pm  
Sunday at 8:00 & 9:00am in  
Menasha and 6:30pm in  
Stockbridge

## SVLS Job Postings

### **K-8 EDP Leader**

SVLS is looking for someone to serve as our Extended Day Program (EDP) leader. The commitment for this position would be 15-25 hours per week and would involve working every weekday morning and afternoon. SVLS will pay an hourly wage based on qualifications and experience. A job description and application can be obtained from the SVLS K-8 office.

### **Hot Lunch Coordinator and Cook**

SVLS is looking for a qualified individual to serve as our school hot lunch coordinator and cook. The commitment for this position would be 15-25 hours per week when school is in session and would primarily involve planning well-rounded, nutritious meals; purchasing the food; and preparing and serving the meals. (This position could potentially be split into two positions: Cook, and Grocery Shopper). This person will also need to be (or become) familiar with health and food safety standards. This position is considered a contracted position. A job description and application can be obtained from the SVLS K-8 office.

### **Financial Manager**

SVLS is hiring a Financial Manager to assist with the accounting functions of the school. We anticipate this part-time position will require between 10-20 hours per week. If you or someone you know would have an interest in the position, please contact Jacob Steinmetz for a job description and application for the position. SVLS would like to fill the position no later than June 1st and will pay an hourly wage based on applicant qualifications.

# Parent Teacher Conference Sign-Up

February 8, 2021



Dear Parents,

With us being part-way through the 3rd Quarter, we'd like to get together with you and discuss your child's progress in a scheduled Parent-Teacher conference. Like our first set of conferences this year back in September/October, the nature of these conferences would be more formative, focusing on areas of strength in your child(ren) as well as areas we've noticed for improvement. Unlike our 1st Quarter conferences, these conferences are **optional**, to be requested by either you or your child(ren)'s teacher(s). If you request a conference, your child(ren)'s teacher(s) will gladly oblige. Similarly, if a teacher requests a conference with you, we ask that you return the same courtesy. We have the following two days scheduled for these optional 15 minute conferences:

Thursday	February 25,	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	February 26,	10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please select the teacher(s) with whom you'd like to have a conference. Please also indicate the specific area(s) you'd like to focus on in the conference. If you are absolutely unable to make one of the scheduled time frames work, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher(s) to schedule a separate conference.

Please return this form to school **on or before Tuesday, February 16, 2021**. The faculty will be meeting shortly after Tuesday the 16th to arrange the conference schedule, and your scheduled conference time will be communicated to you later that week or early the following week.

Once again, we are offering you the option of having your conference virtually via Google Meet or in-person. If you choose in person, we will maintain at least 6 ft. of distancing, tables/chairs will be disinfected between conferences, teachers will be wearing face coverings, and we'd ask that you would as well. We also ask that you not bring your child(ren) with you to these conferences, in order to minimize contact for all parties involved. In the event that your conference would need to be different than your indicated preference, that will be communicated to you.

In Christ's service,  
The SVLS Faculty

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please select the teacher(s) with whom you'd like to have a conference. If you choose more than one, feel free to prioritize it using 1, 2, 3, etc. In-person conferences will be held in your child's classroom.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Steinmetz (Kindergarten)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Knorr (Grades 1-2)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Backus (Grades 3-4)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Edmundson (Grades 5-6)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Steinmetz and Mrs. Root (Grades 7-8)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Kasten (Individual Instruction)

**Preference for conference - virtual or in-person**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am comfortable having an in-person conference

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like for our conference to be virtual

**Conference Times** - Place an X in front of all the time slots which DO work for a conference.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Thursday, 2/25, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Friday, 2/26, 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

\_\_\_\_\_ None of these times work for me; please have the teacher contact me.

*Please also indicate the specific areas of focus for your child's conference. If you have multiple children, please write their initials in or below the blanks.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual    \_\_\_\_\_ Academic    \_\_\_\_\_ Behavioral    \_\_\_\_\_ Social    \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please describe)