



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



THE PARTNERSHIP POST

April 12, 2021

Divine Call News

Dear SVLS Families,

In recent weeks, Mrs. Steinmetz and I had the opportunity to deliberate divine calls to Peace Lutheran Church and School in Livonia, Michigan, and to consider how and where we might best serve our Savior. After much prayer, conversations, and deliberation, we have decided to return our calls to Peace and to continue serving God's people at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran School. We are humbled, thankful, and privileged to be able to serve at SVLS. Thank you to those who reached out to us, and thank you for your prayers during our deliberations. We look forward to continuing our service to the Lord by serving you at SVLS.

In His service,

Jacob and Ashley Steinmetz

ACT Aspire Testing

This week (April 12-16), we are conducting ACT Aspire Testing for all students in grades 3-8. These tests won't be the only thing done in the classrooms this week, but obviously the standard coursework will be reduced. To best help your children with the assessment process, we ask that you please take into consideration the following items:

- 1) Please do your best to avoid appointments for your children next week; otherwise, they will have to make up the tests they miss, and they'll have to miss class to do it.
- 2) Be sure your children eat a good breakfast each day next week. Good nutrition helps the brain function better, especially for cognitively demanding tasks (such as tests of this caliber).
- 3) Be sure your children get enough sleep at night. For more information on recommended sleep amounts and the benefits of a good night's sleep, see [last week's Partnership Post](#).

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

The application window for WPCP closes this week Thursday (April 15), which is fast approaching. If you think you might qualify based on your income in 2020, talk to Mr. Steinmetz as soon as possible, as the application window is shrinking by the day.

SVLS General Board Meeting Highlights

This past Saturday, April 10, the SVLS General Board (voting assembly) met for one of its semi-annual meetings. Some highlights of that meeting are as follows:

- We are thankful for the positive and overall successful operations of our school in this particular school year.
- The important need for our yet-to-be-filled hired staff positions (EDP, hot lunch, and financial secretary) was reiterated.
- The budget for the 2021-2022 school year was approved.
- It was also approved to expand our preschool staff to call another preschool teacher, as a step to help lay the foundation for future preschool (and K-8) growth.

Welcome to the Warmer Weather, and to Shorts!

It's April, and that means kids can wear shorts at school again! As we enjoy the warmer weather that God is giving us, please keep in mind some of the parameters with wearing shorts at school:

- + Shorts should be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- + Athletic shorts may be worn by students in grades K-4.
- + Biking shorts or other spandex-like under garments aren't to be worn as outer garments.
- + Shorts are to have a seam - cut-off shorts are not permitted.

Enjoy the warm weather!

Hot lunch 04/16/21 (Friday) will be spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, green beans, apples and oranges. Cost is \$3.00/child.

CPTA

Our latest fundraiser brought in over \$3,400, which means that **CPTA can donate \$1,700 to help the school buy new desks!!** Thank you to all the families that took the time to order. Orders should be ready and sent home with your child in the next 2 weeks.

Scrip/Gift Cards

The scrip year ends May 31st. Continue ordering now through the end of the school year. Every order increases how much you can save off next year's tuition. If you haven't updated your agreement form (how the rebate amount is dispersed to you) please download the form off the school website - www.svls.us/scrip, complete it and return to the scrip coordinator.

Recent gift card updates - Instacart is now available to order as physical or eGift cards with a 4% rebate. Effective April 17th, Starbucks will be decreasing their rebate from 7% to 4.5%. eBay is now available as an eGift card with a 2.5% rebate.

Kids Heart Challenge

Calling all Heart Heroes at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran School! We are excited to be participating in Kids Heart Challenge to support our students, school, and the American Heart Association. Your child(ren) will be receiving more information after the formal kick-off on Friday, April 9th, but you can get started today by visiting <http://www2.heart.org/goto/svls>. EVERY class with 50%+ students registered online (with a parent email address) = \$25 Amazon gift card for the classroom! When 5+ classes reach this threshold, our school will get a BONUS \$100 in PE/recess equipment! Take the online challenge today to help your heart, your class and our school. Thank you!

2nd Semester Mission Offerings

SVLS will partner with FVL Schools to gather mission offerings to support Costa Maya Ministries. So far this semester SVLS has collected \$457.00 to support the Gospel work of Costa Maya Ministries. For more information please visit www.costamayaministries.org.

Lutheran Girl Pioneers

Mrs. Kate Vosters asks – anyone who has a handbook and has done the work sheets for the level of Pioneers they are on to earn a charm, please turn the handbook in by April 30th. Mrs. Vosters can look them over and order your charm. Thank you.

Worship at Bethel

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

Worship at St. Luke

920-788-4408
Wednesday 6:30pm
Sunday 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.