



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



# THE PARTNERSHIP POST

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## SVLS COVID-19 Update

THANK YOU to our SVLS families for doing your part as a family, taking precautions, and using discernment out of school so that we can continue learning in school! We've still been blessed to have only had to go virtual with one classroom so far as a result of a positive COVID case. There have been a small amount of individual or family quarantines and isolations as a result of a positive case in the family or of a student, but we're thankful that it has not resulted in us having to quarantine entire classrooms. We appreciate all of your proactive communication with us, which allows us to continue learning in-person in each of our classrooms and in our school as a whole!

We also appreciate the abundance of caution we have seen our SVLS families take with keeping their children at home if they're sick, and we appreciate your patience as we work together to keep things as consistent as we can during the pandemic. May God continue to give us all a rich measure of patience!

It certainly can be difficult though! Should I keep my child home or send them to school? Should I get tested for COVID-19? Should I take my child to get tested for COVID-19? In most cases, if your child has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, the recommendation of the health department is to get them tested, if only to rule it out. The chart below summarizes when to get tested for COVID-19, according to WI-DHS guidance:

People with the below symptoms or combination of symptoms may have COVID-19. The table below outlines WI-DHS recommendations of who should receive COVID-19 testing in Wisconsin. If you have these symptoms, **stay home, call your school office and get tested.**

<p><b>Box A (any <u>one</u> symptom present)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cough (above baseline)   <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing   <input type="checkbox"/> New loss of taste or smell</p>
<p>OR</p> <p><b>Box B (any <u>two</u> symptoms present)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Congestion or runny nose (above baseline)   <input type="checkbox"/> Chills or fever (100.4)   <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea or vomiting  <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea   <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue   <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle or body aches   <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat (above baseline)</p> <p><small>*If you choose not to get tested, you must remain home until at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset AND at least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without use of medicine AND other symptoms have improved.</small></p>
<p>OR</p> <p><b>Box C</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am a close contact of someone with COVID-19</p> <p><small>WI-DHS recommends getting tested if you are a close contact. If you test negative during your quarantine period, you will still need to complete your full 14-day quarantine before it is safe to go back to school or be around others</small></p>

For all other illnesses, follow typical school illness protocol by staying home, calling the school office and once your child is 24 hour symptom free they may return.

For determining whether to keep your child at home or send them to school, please keep your child at home if:

- They are sick
- They are being tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting test results
- They test positive for COVID-19
- They are a close contact of someone with COVID-19
- A family member experiencing COVID-like symptoms is being tested for COVID-19

As always, please feel free to contact Mr. Steinmetz ([jacob.steinmetz@svls.us](mailto:jacob.steinmetz@svls.us) or 920-731-4001) if you have any questions. God be with all of us this Advent season and in this stretch leading up to Christmas break. Thank you for your continued cooperation, patience, and support!

## Scrip

Great scrip bonuses going on now. Check out the ShopWithScrip app – RaiseRight or the website [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

## Children's Christmas Service and Recording

Our children's Christmas service this year is going to look different than it has in the past. Because we are not of the opinion that we can safely conduct this service as we have in previous years, we will instead be video-recording each classroom sharing their portion of the service and then sharing the videos incrementally leading up to Christmas starting on December 14<sup>th</sup>, followed by the entire service as a compilation of all the classrooms' videos.

We are going to be doing the filming for the service this week. **Please either have your children dress up, or send church clothes with them to change into, on their respective filming day:**

Wednesday, Dec. 2 - Kindergarten, Grades 7-8  
Thursday, Dec. 3 - Grades 1-2 and 5-6  
Friday, Dec. 4 - Grades 3-4

## 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).

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 - The 9:00 Sunday worship service is live streamed on [St. Luke's Facebook page](#) (<https://www.facebook.com/stlukeslittlechute>) and kept there. Additionally, recordings of worship services can be found at [St. Luke's Vimeo channel](#) (<https://vimeo.com/user19193641>).

### **Hot Lunch this Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>**

chicken nuggets and mashed potatoes,  
cooked cauliflower and dice pears.  
\$3.00

## Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

SVLS is a participating school in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). Through WPCP, eligible students receive a voucher which covers their SVLS tuition in full. The voucher remains with the student through their time at SVLS and even into high school. Eligibility is based on Wisconsin residency and family income. Under this program -- funded by the State of Wisconsin -- parents have a voice in how their tax dollars are spent on the education of their children. While the application window does not open until February, next school year we will again be able to open WPCP applications to **any** existing SVLS family, regardless of grade level. With many changing financial variables your family may have faced this year, it may be worth looking into whether your family would qualify for WPCP for next school year and beyond. The chart below gives the income limits from last year.

Family Size	Single Income	Married Income
2	\$37,202	-----
3	\$46,926	\$53,926
4	\$56,650	\$63,650
5	\$66,374	\$73,374
6	\$76,098	\$83,098
7	\$85,822	\$92,822

*For each additional child, add \$9,724*

Next year's income limits will likely be slightly higher than these amounts. If your family will be below, or may be close to, these income limits for 2021, feel free to contact Mr. Steinmetz, who will be happy to discuss options with you. For more information, visit [www.svls.us/school-choice](http://www.svls.us/school-choice) or contact Mr. Steinmetz.

## Basketball Season

Basketball practices begin tomorrow (December 1). For practice dates and times in December, please visit the Athletics Calendar at [www.svls.us/sports-calendar.html](http://www.svls.us/sports-calendar.html). If your child wishes to play basketball but you did not attend either of the pre-season meetings, please contact Mr. Edmundson. Your child will not be permitted to practice without parent(s) having attended the pre-season meeting.

## 1st Semester Mission Offerings

We have chosen to support the WELS Prison Ministry with our school's first semester chapel mission offerings. WELS Prison Ministry is a special ministry of WELS which seeks to build relationships and share Jesus with individuals who are incarcerated and in prison. So far this semester, SVLS has collected \$840.00 for WELS Prison Ministry.

<p><b>Worship at Bethel</b>  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</p>	<p><b>Worship at St. Luke</b>  920-788-4408  Wednesday at 6:30pm  Sunday at 9:00am</p>	<p><b>Worship at Mt. Calvary</b>  920-731-4001  Thursday at 6:30pm  Sunday at 8:00 &amp; 9:00am in  Menasha and 6:30pm in  Stockbridge  11:00am Advent Worship</p>
<p>11:00am</p>	<p>6:30pm</p>	<p>4:00pm</p>
<p>Wednesday Midweek Advent Worship</p>		

**Midweek Advent Worship**

During the season of Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus. Join us at our midweek Advent services on the next three Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16:

- Bethel** - 11:30 a.m.
- Mt. Calvary** - 4:00 p.m.
- St. Luke** - 6:30 p.m.

We encourage all our SVLS families to attend Advent worship, whether on-site or virtually. If your family will be attending the 4:00 service at Mt. Calvary after school, please notify your child(ren)'s teacher(s). The children will remain in their classrooms after dismissal, and when you arrive for worship, we will send your children to you.