

Shepherd's Staff

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Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church (ELCA)

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Spring is a good time to be reminded of the powerfulness of God - all around us are signs of new life coming out of what appears to be dead, sounds of powerful thunderstorms and reports of tornados and hurricanes soon to come. From the smallest blade of grass appearing from the dull, gray ground to the miracle of the resurrection on Easter morning, we are surrounded daily by wonders of God.

On Sunday, March 31st, we celebrate Easter—the miracle of the resurrection of our Lord! Our joy has been made complete, knowing that our Savior has broken through the bonds of death in order to bring eternal life to us all!

It is indeed amazing, when you stop and think about it. Our God is large enough to have created the whole universe, and yet is able to care about each of us individually. We have a God who has not only gifted the world with an

abundance of beauty, but also a God who has gifted each one of us with unique abilities. How is God calling you to use those abilities? Soon you will have the opportunity to “officially” let us know how you’d like to volunteer your time here at Shepherd of the Valley when we fill out our Time and Talent booklets. But you don’t have to wait until the booklets come out! Please prayerfully consider ways you’d like to share yourself with our congregation - maybe as an usher, or as a participant in the Wednesday Bible study, a reader etc. or maybe by doing something we haven’t thought of yet! God has given you gifts - of that I’m certain! How will you use them today?
In Christ’s love,

Pastor Wold

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This year our mid-week Lenten Holy Week worship services are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, Mar. 28
Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion.

Friday, Mar. 29
Good Friday, 7 pm

Mar. 31, Easter Sunday,
8:15 & 10:45 am
9:15-10:30 am. Easter
Breakfast
Please sign up on the sheet
in the Narthex, if you
can provide a dish for the
supper.

Our Church Family

In Our Prayers: Kevin Persaud being treated for leukemia (at present in remission), Liz Beale at home, Karen Maness at home, Roy Kloweit, at home; Alice Persaud, Kay Eagleson at home, and all our homebound church members we name in our hearts.

Our Sympathy to Diane Kirkland and family on the death of her husband, Kip. *Diane is our Bell Choir Director.*

Senior Happenings

Tuesday, April 23 at noon.
Please bring your own lunch. We will share stories about "Who We Are." These stories can include where we were born, where we went to school, what our jobs were, who is in our family, etc. We will also play a game of "Springtime Bingo." There is a poster on the kiosk. PLEASE SIGN UP!



- Bingo at Rosewood from 2-3pm on 4/7.

Social Ministry



BUY A BOARD.....BUILD A HOUSE.....ONE

PRAYER AT A TIME This spring ground will be broken for another Rockford's House of Prayers! Members of our congregation will be offered the opportunity to write a blessing, prayer or Bible verse on the board for \$5.00. The board will be available to sign on Sundays April 21 and April 28.

We will be collecting canned food during the month of April, as part of the local Thrivent Join Hands Day project. Food collected will be donated to benefit area food pantries. We are joining hands with other area Lutheran churches and five Lutheran Schools to fill a moving truck full of food. Please bring your canned food items to church during the month of April. Thanks for supporting local food pantries.

Our collection for April is can goods. We are combining with Thrivent in "Join Hand's Day" community collection event.

Thank You,

Social ministry & Outreach Committee.

Adult Forum . . .

Please note: "Learning Luke: the Apostolic Gospel" continuing until May 19. Join us in adult forum (Sunday mornings from 9:30–10:30) as we learn more about the gospel of Luke and his unique telling of the story of Jesus. Each week we will watch a short DVD exploring some of the verses from Luke and then we'll engage in a discussion. Pastor Wold's teaching style is to never call on anyone – shy learners are welcome! Each class is unique, so come as often as you can!



**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

Financial Information

March, 2013 statistics (based on the 3 weeks):

- average weekly worship attendance: 116
- average weekly contributions: Current & Benevolence \$3,607, Building Fund \$411.

Balance the Budget Challenge 2013:

At the 2013 annual meeting I encouraged you to increase your planned gifts by \$3 per month to help sustain the gains in our reserves we have made over the past couple years. I am happy to report we finished the year on a positive note. Considering that we started the year projecting a \$3600 loss, I am pleased with the results and want to thank all of you for your continued giving to the church. A special thank you to all of you who exceeded your pledge and met or surpassed my challenge. May God sustain us with us glad and generous hearts.

Phil Smalley, Treasurer

Church Council Minutes - "please see the latest council minutes located on the bulletin board in the church library."



Books! Come read the newest of our books.

Amazing Encounters with God by Clayton King includes real-life experiences that show how God speaks through the everyday occurrences of life. Step back, pause and gaze in awe and admiration.

Historical fiction author, Lynn Austin, brings to life the difficult years of Reconstruction with the stories of three women, daughter, mother and freed slave in her book, *All Things New*.

For the young adult reader, try *We Just Want to Live Here* by Amal Rifaq and Odelia Ainsbinder. This is a true story of an eighteen-year-old Palestinian and an eighteen-year-old Israeli on a student exchange program to Switzerland.

Financial results as of February 28, 2013 and Year To Date totals

	C & B Actual	C & B Budget	C & B YTD Actual	C & B YTD Budget
Income	\$15,286.63	\$14,597.50	\$28,881.74	\$29,017.00
Expense	\$19,663.05	\$17,373.25	\$36,135.20	\$34,746.17
Inc/exp	-\$4,376.42	-\$2,775.75	-\$7,253.46	-\$5,729.17
plus offsets	\$1,856.25	\$390.00	\$2,284.59	\$890.00
plus interest	\$0.67	\$0.41	\$1.41	\$0.83
Net income	-\$2,519.50	-\$2,385.34	-\$4,967.46	-\$4,838.34

	2/28/13	1/31/13
C&B balance	\$4,408.17	\$6,927.67

	Building Actual	Building Budget	Bld YTD Actual	Bld YTD Budget
Income	2,222.00	1,697.00	4,309.00	3,391.00
Expense	\$2,257.40	\$2,257.40	4,514.80	4,514.80
Net inc/exp	-\$35.40	-\$560.40	-\$205.80	-\$1,123.80

	2/28/13	1/31/13
Building fund balance	\$23,991.35	\$24,026.75

Please note: Financials run one month behind in the bulletin

Also note: The First HVAC are paid in full.

The second installment cost \$4600 and we have paid \$214 of this bill as of February 28, 2013. Balance on mortgage \$336,663.10.

Outreach

Mentoring Elementary Students

Anyone interested in developing a one-on-one relationship through the creation of church-school partnerships that pair church members with at-risk kids in supportive, mentoring relationships? Mentors spend just one hour per week, reading, talking, playing and listening to a child at school. By helping the child feel loved and valued, they help that child to learn, grow and succeed. Those interested contact Kay Brindle 874-6095.

Outreach Fundraiser

Coffee and Chocolates? What could be better? Caramel Corn?

Outreach Committee will be selling Jumpy Monkey Coffee (sold through Rockford Mosaic), Little Chocolatier's Caramel Corn & Cheesy Popcorn, and Chocolates. On April 21, 28 and May 5 flavored coffee will be available to taste and purchase along with Caramel corn, Cheesy popcorn, and Chocolates after each service. Gift baskets can also be purchased. Need a gift for Mother's Day, a gift for a friend or just to pamper yourself? Proceeds will offset Outreach activities such as to pay postage for College students Spring and Fall Final Ex-



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**SVLC's cleaning day is
May 11 from 8 am until ???
Please come if you can to
help! Many hands make
lighter work! More info in the
May newsletter.**

Preschool Registration

Registration for children, ages 3-4 has begun and will continue until the classes are full for the 2013-2014 school year. This is a Christian program. The four year olds meet in the morning on Mon/Wed/Fri from 8:30 to noon. The three year olds meet in the morning on Tues/Thur from 8:30 to 11 am.

Becca's Closet

is in need of volunteers.

SVLC helps on Sat. May 4

*(located at: Lutheran Church of the
Good Shepherd, 1829 N. Rockton
St., Rfd.)*

Shepherd of the Valley is signed up to work on May 4th. Three or four people are needed. There will be someone there to get things open for the day and train the volunteers. People are asked to arrive at 8:45. The closet is open from 9-noon.

If you can help, please call Denise Stillman at 815-580-8199.

