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SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SHARING
GOD'S
LOVE

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

The one thing you can always count on in life is change. The other thing we can almost always count on is resistance to change! We humans like things to stay familiar and comfortable. And yet, as certain as the summer changes into the fall, our lives are constantly in a state of change as well.

Our worship times have recently changed back to 8:15 & 10:45 from our summer worship time of 9:30. We have geared up for all of our educational opportunities: Sunday School, Adult Sunday School (a.k.a. "Adult Forum"), Wednesday Bible study, confirmation classes, first communion classes etc. Wednesday Bible study has changed locations back to Shepherd of the Valley, from Peterson Meadows where we met for the last few years. We have a new church secretary, Valerie Dusso (stop in and say "hello"!) and a new custodian, Jordan Horvath. All of this can put us (including your pastor!) into a state of unrest, and yet as I look back at my own life, it was only when change occurred that I have experienced my greatest growth. Growth in my personal life, yes, but more importantly, growth in my spiritual life.

When things are stable, we tend to forget who we are really dependent on – but when things are in flux, we learn quickly to lean on the One who never changes. God has guided me and shown me things I would never have learned, had change not occurred.

When change occurs in your life, be reminded of our God who promises to be the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. God's love for us is unwavering – and God's ability to lead us through the transformations in our life is profound. Be open – you never know where God will lead you next!

In Christ,
Pastor Wold

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CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Please see the latest council minutes located on the bulletin board in the church library.



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

Plan to wear your "God's work. Our hands." t-shirts to service on **Sunday, October 6th** as we celebrate 25 years of the E.L.C.A. Area Lutherans will join together that evening for a community service at Trinity Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m.—plan to attend!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In Our Prayers: Gil Dohlen recuperating at Rosewood, Jim Boothe recovering from partial knee replacement, Pete Ferguson, under-going treatment for cancer, Kay Eagle-son and Peg Hoffman at home, and all of our homebound church members we name in our hearts.

Thank You to the Smalley's and Skateland for the clothing donations which will benefit those at Emmanuel Lutheran Food Pantry and Carpenter's Place.

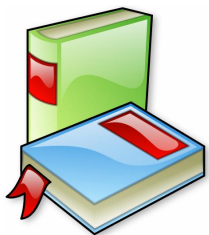


EMMANUEL LUTHERAN SOUP KITCHEN

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church will serve meals at Emmanuel's Soup Kitchen on Nov. 3, 2013, Feb. 2, 2014 and May 25, 2014. Please check the kiosk for sign up sheets. Any questions, please contact Rhoda Fox at 815-520-3308.

MOSAIC SOCIAL MINISTRY AND OUTREACH

Our collection for October will be for Mosaic. Mosaic in Rockford partners with people with intellectual disabilities to create a meaningful life in a caring community, giving a voice to their needs. They are in needs of hygiene items, utility room supplies, craft supplies, twin size sheets, and pillows. Thank you for your generous donations.



REMEMBER TO VISIT YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY

The library has recently added items to its inventory, including historical fiction, non-fiction books for young readers and more. The library is open whenever the church is open. To check out a book, simply remove the card from the book pocket and write your name, date and phone# on it. Place it in the box provided on the desk. Most Sunday mornings a library volunteer will be there to assist you. If you would like to see a particular book or media item added to the library, let a member of the Library Committee know. Committee members are Phyllis Johnson, Sherry Scheider, Ruth Anderson, Liz Beale, Myrna Hagemann and Lois Johnson. Additional volunteers are Karl Anderson, Ann Honer, Mary Lofquist and Laurie Pellant.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Come for the fun and fellowship!!!

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FAITH »

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum meets Sunday morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. and has just begun a new study entitled "Animate Faith". This exciting class is described as "Imaginative faith exploration and education blending conversation and reflection." It is an engaging way to discuss ways that our faith interacts with our daily life! You'll want to be part of this lively discussion!



FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion classes begin October 3rd. If you have a 3rd grader and have not received a letter regarding the First Communion class, please talk to Pastor.



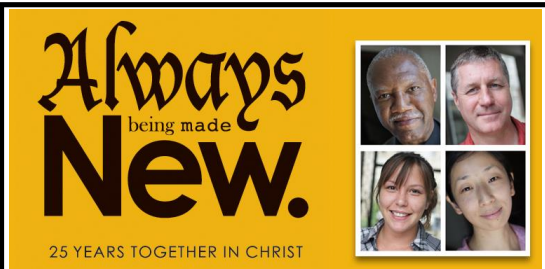
YOUTH

Youth help with bingo at Rosewood Bingo at 2pm on October 6th, November 3rd, and December 1st.

Youth Group meetings will take place on the first scheduled Sunday School day of each month in the youth room.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Meets **Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.** in Shepherd's Hall. Studying the appointed scripture for the upcoming Sunday using "Light on the Lessons" prepared by Lutheran Bible Ministries. We'll not only learn a bit more about the each appointed scripture, but we'll also look at ways these scriptures speak to our lives today.



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

The ELCA is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year! Let's join with other Rockford Area Lutheran Churches for a community worship service.

Trinity Lutheran Church
200 North 1st Street, Rockford

Sunday, October 6th @ 6:30pm.

This service will feature a choir, including members from Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.



Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries is once again hosting TRIVIA NIGHT! This is an evening of FUN you won't want to miss!

WHEN: Friday, November 1st

WHERE: Our Savior's Lutheran Church
3300 Rural Road, Rockford

TIME: Doors open at 6pm,
Trivia begins at 7pm

COST: \$15/person

Please sign up in the kiosk!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Financial results as of August 31, 2013 and Year To Date totals				
	C & B	C & B	C & B YTD	C & B YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$14,009.23	\$13,831.50	\$123,543.98	\$123,851.00
Expense	\$16,922.01	\$16,496.23	\$155,751.85	\$139,108.52
Inc/exp	-\$2,912.78	-\$2,664.73	-\$32,207.87	-\$15,257.52
plus offsets	\$670.43	\$455.00	\$21,288.05	\$3,195.00
plus interest	\$0.74	\$0.42	\$6.02	\$3.34
Net income	-\$2,241.61	-\$2,209.31	-\$10,913.80	-\$12,059.18
		8/31/13	7/31/13	
C&B balance		(\$1,538.17)	\$703.44	
	Building	Building	Bld YTD	Bld YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	1,618.00	1,960.00	16,952.00	16,924.00
Expense	\$2,257.40	\$2,257.40	18,027.90	18,059.20
Net inc/exp	-\$639.40	-\$297.40	-\$1,075.90	-\$1,135.20
		8/31/13	7/31/13	
Building fund balance		\$23,121.25	\$23,760.65	
Please note: Financials run one month behind in the bulletin				
Also note: The First phase of our AC/Heat replacement is paid in full.				
The second installment cost \$4600 and we have paid				
\$244 of this bill as of August 31, 2013				

September 2013 statistics (based on the 4 weeks):

- Average weekly worship attendance: 113
- Average weekly contributions:
 - Current & Benevolence—\$3485.
 - Building Fund—\$657.

Bread for the World and Church World Services present...



"A Place at the Table"

A documentary exploring the issues of hunger, poverty, and healthy food in the USA.

Wed., October 16th @ 6:30 PM

GPS Faith Community, Machesney Park

All are welcome. Admission is free, but a healthy nonperishable food item donation is requested. Refreshments will be available to purchase. For more info or to reserve your "Place at the Table" visit: www.GPSFaith.com or call 779-221-8491.

Support for the presentation of "A Place at the Table" comes from the North Winnebago County Chapter of Financial for Lutherans.



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SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY PRESCHOOL

Preschool began on September 5th and 6th. The children have started getting into their routines. We have 11 three year olds and 18 four year olds enrolled at this time. Everyone is adjusting well to school!



CAKES FOR OCTOBER 29th PARTY

Shepherd of the Valley will again host the birthday party for residents at P.A. Peterson who have October birthdays. We will need 7 cakes. Please let Mary Lofquist (815-332-5473) know if you can bring a cake or help serve at this event on **Tuesday, October 29th at 1:30 p.m.**



JOIN CUB SCOUTS!

Join cub scouts! Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church is hosting a recruitment night for Cub Scouts at **7:00 PM, October 7th** in Shepherd's Hall. Whether it's shooting archery at day camp or building and racing pinewood derby cars, Cub Scouts is an extremely fun experience for all boys. Families with boys in grades 1-5 are invited to come learn about scouting. Come see what it's all about!