

Our Mission Statement:
Sharing God's Love

Shepherd's Staff

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Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church (ELCA)

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

There is much happening around Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran these days - God is certainly at work here among us! Our mid-week Lenten services began on Wed. Feb. 20 and will continue through Wed. March 20 at 7:00 p.m. We are using a service called *Holden Evening Prayer* - it really is a beautiful, contemplative service. Special thanks to those who are lending their voices for their vocal solos that enhance the service! This worship lasts about ½ hour and includes a brief devotional reading, and a hymn and a continuation of the video series "The Jesus Creed". I hope you'll plan on making these mid-week services a part of your Lenten journey. The services are preceded by a simple supper at 6:00. Come join us!

As we spend these next weeks intentionally thinking about the sacrifice Christ has made for us and the gift of our relationship with God, perhaps this would be a particularly good time to think about inviting someone you know to church. We have learned that over 14,000 people within a 3 mile radius of Shepherd of the Valley has no faith involvement *at all!* Think about your neighbors, co-workers or family - who do you know that you could invite to come to one of our mid-week suppers and worship? Who might be waiting for you to invite their children to come to Sunday school with your children? Who would enjoy an opportunity to come with you to Sunday morning worship and then go to brunch with you? Please pray intentionally about this - God *will* work through you!

As I look around at our life here at Shepherd of the Valley, and in my own personal life, I can see the hand of God clearly guiding us. My prayer is that you sense God's presence as well and will be called into action as we all seek ways to share God's love.

In Christ's love, Pastor Wold

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This year our mid-week Lenten worship services will once again use the Holden Evening Prayer as its liturgy and worship services are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday Feb. 27
6:00 p.m., Lenten Supper
7:00 p.m., Worship Service

Wednesday Mar. 6
6:00 p.m., Lenten Supper
7:00 p.m., Worship Service

Wednesday Mar. 13
6:00 p.m., Lenten Supper
7:00 p.m., Worship Service

Wednesday Mar. 20
6:00 p.m., Lenten Supper
7:00 p.m., Worship Service

Sunday, Mar. 24
Palm Sunday,
8:15 & 10:45 services

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: Roy Kloweit, at home, Kip Kirkland, husband of Diane Kirkland, Bell Choir Director; Kay Eagleson, & Alice Persaud at home; and all our home-bound members we name in our hearts.

Our sympathy to Gary & Pat Becker on the death of Gary's father, Edmund C. Becker who passed away in January. To Kris and Bob Tukker on the death of Signe DeMunn, Kris' mother who passed away; and to Faustine Kenerson whose son Kevin passed away in February as well.

Senior Happenings

Date: Tues. March 19

Time: Noon

Please bring your own lunch. Dessert and coffee will be provided. The East Bank Commanders will perform at church at 1 pm. A free-will offering will be given to the band.

YOUTH:

- Bingo at Rosewood from 2-3pm on 3/3 and 4/7.
- There will be a youth lock-in from 9pm, Friday, March 8 through 9am, Saturday March 9. Sign-up for this event will be on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office. When you sign up, if you are bringing guests, please indicate how many. Also please bring your favorite snack to share. For further information, please contact Alan Wold at 988-1230."

Getting to know our members . . .

Hugh and Linda DeGroff

Linda and Hugh met in the 4th grade at Rolling Green School. They have been married for 53 years. The DeGroffs were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Dubuque IA. They were able to go back with their family and renew their vows on their 50th anniversary. Their family consists of 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. Linda and Hugh joined Shepherd of the Valley in 2009. Linda serves on the Altar

Guild and Hugh is an usher.

Both enjoy attending the Sunday Forum. Linda was employed at Cintas Uniform for 29 years. Hugh is retiring from Cintas on March 25. He began his employment there on that same day 50 years ago. After Hugh retires, they will be going with friends on a two week trip to Panama City. Hugh and Linda are golfers. They have enjoyed square dancing for 40 years.

Lauretta Stofferahn

Born and raised in Crystal Lake, IL Lauretta came to Rockford after retiring from Eagle Foods. She wanted to care for her husband of 46 years who was ill. After his death Lauretta joined the St Anthony sponsored Alpha Group for widows and widowers. It was there she met her second husband, Wayne. They were married at Shepherd of the Valley and were the last wedding preformed by

Pastor Peterson before he retired. Lauretta had 3 sons. The oldest, Don, died of cancer in 2007 after living with a heart transplant for 24 1/2 years. Her husband died the next year. Lauretta calls herself a Girl Friday. She works for people doing whatever needs to be done including cleaning, baby sitting, driving to appointments, etc. On Sunday after attending the 10:45 service, Lauretta goes hiking with the Blackhawk Trails Hiking Club of which she is a member.

Adult Forum . . .

Please note: "Learning Luke: the Apostolic Gospel" Beginning Feb. 24 and going 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

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

- average weekly worship attendance: 112
- average weekly contributions: Current & Benevolence \$3,475, Building Fund \$517.

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

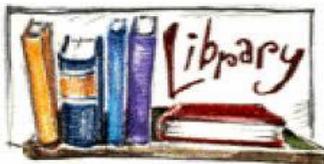
Financial results as of December 31, 2012 and Year To Date totals

	C & B Actual	C & B Budget	C & B YTD Actual	C & B YTD Budget
Income	\$23,843.84	\$22,430.00	\$202,546.03	\$203,064.00
Expense	\$19,387.47	\$18,429.32	\$223,107.94	\$214,595.04
Inc/exp	\$4,456.37	\$4,000.68	-\$20,561.91	-\$11,531.04
plus offsets	\$5,082.72	\$2,660.00	\$25,791.14	\$7,850.00
plus interest	\$0.69	\$2.50	\$24.29	\$30.00
Net income	\$9,539.78	\$6,663.18	\$5,253.52	-\$3,651.04
			12/31/12	11/30/12
C&B balance		\$9,375.63		(\$573.10)
	Building Actual	Building Budget	Bld YTD Actual	Bld YTD Budget
Income	2,763.00	2,069.00	369,351.00	25,469.00
Expense	\$1,747.40	\$2,078.20	366,495.07	23,360.23
Net inc/exp	\$1,015.60	-\$9.20	\$2,855.93	\$2,108.77
			12/31/12	11/30/12
Building fund balance		\$24,197.15		\$23,181.55

Please note: Financials run one month behind in the bulletin. Also note

The 1st HVAC bills are paid in full. The 2nd installment cost \$4600,

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



Liz Beale is sharing her copies of Christian Century with us. The magazine will be in the library—south wall. If you have not read articles from this magazine, you will want to begin. The magazine is published twice a month. Our magazines are available for you to read while you are in the building.



A sign-up sheet to contribute to the purchase of the Palms is also in the Narthex if you wish to con-



Sunday, March 10



Easter Flowers: There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to order your flowers. They are from Pepper Creek, \$9.90 each. The deadline to sign up is March 18th.



Butterflies will be hung in Sanctuary on Sat. March 30 at 9 am. Join in at a fun event!



The Easter Egg Hunt will be held after 2nd service on March 24 (Palm Sunday) in Moline Hall or outside weather permitting. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. The Fellowship committee will be accepting items to fill the eggs: candy, tattoos, rings, small toys, etc.

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**Our next Outreach Meeting will
be Sunday, March 10th after
second service in the library**

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.

This past month the preschoolers had fun playing in water: floating polar bears, penguins on ice logs, matching mittens & worked on writing & recognizing their numbers and names.



Social Ministry

Our collection for March will be donations for Carpenter's Place. Men's and women's gloves/mittens and men's and women's deodorant.

Thank You,

Social ministry & Outreach Committee.

A big thank you to those who helped in the Soup Kitchen in February. Cooks: Sam, James & Angela Horvath, Bruce & Barb Pearson; servers: Nevagay & Justin Abel, Lena Lund, Axandra Smalley, Andrew Ponder & Donna Olson, Joel, Bob & Rhoda Fox, Ron Rice & Alan Wold.

Please Note: we will not be serving the soup kitchen in March.

