

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,
I know April showers bring May flowers, but if you're like me, I'm ready for some sunshine and warmer weather!

Weather is just one of the many things in life we have no control over – we have to just accept (or complain about it) and move on.

One of the things we DO have control over is how we use our free time. Taking care of family, getting together with friends, running errands, working out, taking a nap – the choices we have are endless. Volunteering is another option for some of

that time. I know that for me, I have always felt a need for (and a great satisfaction from) volunteering my time for causes/ organizations that I believe in. I currently volunteer to serve on a couple of committees for our synod and I volunteer at Katie's Cup, the coffee bar located on 7th Street that is a ministry affiliated with Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries. Not only do I help these organizations, but I've also met some amazing people I wouldn't normally have met.

Like all churches, we could not survive without volunteers here. Many, many of you choose to give of your time in some way here, by

ushering, mowing the lawn, teaching Sunday school, helping in the library etc. It is a great way to get to know each other and, as I said, help this congregation be all that God intends it to be! Enclosed in this newsletter is the response sheet you can use to indicate where you'd like to help out in the coming year. There is a booklet that goes along with this response sheet explaining more about the various activities – you'll receive one of those in worship on May 5 (or one can be mailed to you, if desire). **Please** prayerfully consider how God is calling you to use your gift of time and talent. **Please**, even if you've always done something and just figure we know you want to do it again, fill out a sheet to let us know of your desire. We hope to have everyone's response sheet turned in by **May 19**.

We can't do the work God has called us to here at Shepherd of the Valley without you. Thank you for volunteering!

*In Christ's love,
Pastor Wold*

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"The grace God offers is not only for saving you from this world;

but also for carrying you through it."



New Member Class – Sunday, May 19, 9:30-10:30 am, Shepherd Hall.

It is a session to receive more information about Shepherd of the Valley and the Lutheran style of Christianity. For those who decide to join our congregation, we will jointly choose a Sunday to be officially welcomed. Please contact Pastor Wold with any questions you may have. We welcome you

Our Church Family



In Our Prayers: Myrna Hagemann and Phyllis Nelson, recovering from surgery, Lyle Nelson at PA Peterson, Scott Francis at Rosewood, Kevin Persaud, Roy Kloweit, Alice Persaud, and Kay Eagleson - all at home and Peg Hoffman, also at home, now under the care of hospice. and all our homebound church members we name in our hearts

Our Sympathy to Carol Dahl and family on the death of her husband, Cliff who passed on April 10.

Senior Happenings

Senior event for May will be held on Tuesday, May 28. Watch for more information on kiosk in the narthex.

- May 11 from 9am –noon . LOMC youth event. This time we will be doing canoeing/archery if the weather allows otherwise they will have some indoor activities. Children in 3rd grade or higher are welcome!
- Cost: \$10 for the first child; \$7.50 second child; \$5 for third & \$2.50 for fourth member of family.
- Be at Church no later than 8 am to car pool to camp.

Please call Alan Wold 815-988-1230 or Nevagay Abel 815-978-8192 with questions.

Social Ministry

Fellowship

Adult Forum . . .



Our collection for May will be for Carpenters Place, an amazing place that feeds 80-100 homeless guests Monday thru Friday. They are in need of the following items, styro-foam cups, sugar and powdered creamer. Thank you all for your generous donations this year.

Proverbs 19:17 Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.



Volunteers needed!

Time & Talent Booklets (explaining in detail the duties for each committee) are in the Narthex. We have enclosed a sign-up sheet for you to fill out and return to us by May 19.

Shepherd of the Valley works the way it does with the help of many people. The Time & Talent of everyone makes our church a very special community. We are asking for your help, both visible and behind-the-scenes. Opportunities to volunteer your God-given talents here at church. Don't be afraid to try something new—you may be surprised how well you do!
 (NOTE: We need a NEW form from you even though there may no changes to the areas you wish to serve.) As always, thank you for your continued support!

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.



Sunday Morning Adult Study

Financial Information

April, 2013 statistics (based on the 2 weeks):

- average weekly worship attendance: 112
- average weekly contributions: Current & Benevolence \$3,837, Building Fund \$558.

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."



There was a positive response to the videos and devotional book by Scot McKnight during the past Lenten season. Because of the response, the library display in the narthex includes two of his books and other books on the theme "Loving God-Loving Others." Just sign your name and phone # on the card in the book and leave it in the box on the table. Enjoy reading!

Financial results as of March 31, 2013 and Year To Date totals				
	C & B	C & B	C & B YTD	C & B YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$20,904.46	\$20,927.50	\$49,605.20	\$49,944.50
Expense	\$22,537.96	\$21,124.67	\$58,673.16	\$55,870.84
Inc/exp	-\$1,633.50	-\$197.17	-\$9,067.96	-\$5,926.34
plus offsets	\$1,824.49	\$240.00	\$4,109.08	\$1,130.00
plus interest	\$0.75	\$0.42	\$2.16	\$1.25
Net income	\$191.74	\$43.25	-\$4,956.72	-\$4,795.09
			3/31/13	2/28/13
C&B balance		\$4,599.91	\$4,408.17	
	Building	Building	Bld YTD	Bld YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	2,341.00	2,638.00	6,636.00	6,029.00
Expense	\$2,257.40	\$2,257.40	6,772.20	6,772.20
Net inc/exp	\$83.60	\$380.60	-\$136.20	-\$743.20
			3/31/13	2/28/13
Building fund balance		\$24,074.95	\$23,991.35	
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 March 31, 2013				

Outreach



Outreach Fundraiser

Need a gift for Mother's Day, a friend or just to pamper yourself? The Outreach Committee will be selling Lumpy Monkey Coffee+April 21st, 28th and May 5th for \$9 per 12oz bag. Samples will be available for tasting. Also for sale will be The Little Chocolatiers+Cheesy corn and Caramel corn for \$3 per bag and Pecan Dumplings for \$1.00 each. Individual items will be sold as well as in baskets. The money raised will go towards supporting the Outreach Committee's college student (and military personnel) ministry.

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**SVLC's cleaning day is
May 11 from 8 am until 2 pm.
Please bring your own supplies.
There is a job for everyone.
We will be cleaning the inside
of the church.**

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.



**Sunday, May 26 we begin
our Summer Hours: One
Service at 9:30 am fol-
lowed by fellowship in
Moline Hall.**

Katie's Cup Book Club

**Tuesday, May 14, 7pm or
Thursday, May 16, 10 am**

***The Light Between Oceans*, by
M.L. Stedman**