

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,

Our Sunday school year has just been completed (thanks to all who helped make that happen this year!) and on May 19 four young men stood before the congregation to confirm their faith. Sometimes I run into people who think that their Christian education ends with confirmation - seeing it almost like a "graduation" from learning. I couldn't disagree with that sentiment more. Daily I learn more about my faith through reading Scriptures and discussing my struggles and joys with other Christians. Learning is a lifetime experience, and my prayer is that you're taking the time to discern what God is trying to teach you.

We offer several opportunities for ongoing education here at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran. Our worship service is a time of hearing God's word, singing God's praises and receiving God's gift of Holy Communion. We will offer Vacation Bible school during the week of July 15. During the Sunday School year we offer a Wednesday morning Bible Study, and an adult class on Sunday mornings (the same time as Sunday school). This fall look for another opportunity to gather on Sunday evenings for a meal and learning time. I am amazed at how much God's word continues to say new things to me as I journey along in life - as I mature, as difficult things happen to me,

and as I face new challenges, I am glad to be "rooted in the gospel" and surrounded by fellow Christians.

My prayer for our confirmands this year, and for ALL of us is to continue to seek ways to hear God's word and be on a lifelong journey of learning about our Lord. Remember: we start our summer worship hours on May 26 with only one worship service at 9:30 a.m. - this continues through Sept. 1.

*In Christ's love,
Pastor Wold*

Our Summer Concert Schedule is Inside!

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Our Hand Bell Choir needs you!!! Do you enjoy music? Then why not join us. We need more members in order to keep playing each month. I would be very glad to give any of you private lessons this summer to prepare you for the fall start-up. So please think seriously about helping us. You can call the church or me at 815-621-3118.



Diane Kirkland, Bell Choir Director



We have begun our Summer Hours: One Service at 9:30 am followed by fellowship in Moline Hall. Office hours remain the same: 8am-2pm, Mon-Thur.

Church Telephone Directory Updated
Copies are in the Narthex if you would like a current address/telephone list of our members.

Our Church Family

In Our Prayers: Sophie Cupchack (Bev Wacker's mother) hospitalized, Paul Stein, David Stein's father, recovering from a fall, Doug Beale (Liz Beale's son), in rehab at Mayo Clinic, Roy Kloweit at VanMatre, Kay Eagleson at home, Peg Hoffman and Everette Linqvist (Sally Schrader's father), both under the care of hospice and all of our homebound church members we name in our hearts.

Senior Happenings

There will be no events in June, July and August.

Have a fun and safe summer.

Congratulations to our Confirmands

Sam Horvath
VanMetre Felix Lund
Andrew Ponder
James Woodcock



Congratulations to our Graduates!

Carlos Vera, Jr.
Allyson White
Brooke Dolan
Melissa Trites
Matthew Northrup



The next three dates for bingo at Rosewood are 6/2, 7/21 and 8/4. 2-3pm.

Brooke Dolan is graduating from East High School and plans to attend Carthage College in Kenosha, WI, majoring in Marketing/Business.

Matt Northrup Matt is graduating from Jefferson High School and will attend Rock Valley College to explore his opportunities.

Melissa Trites is graduating from Harlem High School and plans to attend Drake University in Des Moines, IA with a double major of psychology and child education. Her plan is to become a child psychologist.

Allyson White is graduating from Guilford High School and will work at Magic Waters this summer and plans to attend Rock Valley College this fall.

Carlos Vera is graduating from Guilford High School and will attend Rock Valley College this fall for 2 years in Law Enforcement and go on to NIU for his 4-year degree. Carlos, is also interested in the National Guard.

Social Ministry



June 16 is SVLC's day to help with the Emmanuel Soup Kitchen. Please check the Kiosk for a "sign-up" form to help out!



Just to let you all know those of us who helped at Becca's Closet in May thoroughly enjoyed the time.....it's like living your prom experience all over again!!! Think about helping in October.



Habitat Homes are beginning to get "news" that the building will begin.

June 22 We are to provide Habitat Lunches.

You may sign up on the chart in the Narthex; or if you wish to donate and cannot do the shopping, you may donate money and Laurie Pellant will take care of the rest! Laurie's phone is 815-218-0652.

Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries thanks everyone that helped with the Habitat for Humanity House of Prayers by signing a board. Over \$3000 was raised to purchase doors and windows for the new Habitat home. The prayers and supportive thoughts will cover the roof of the home. God does great work through our ELCA churches as they partner together. To help with the construction of the Apostles' home, please contact Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity at 815-636-4573.

May, 2013 statistics (based on the 4 weeks):

- average weekly worship attendance: 121
- average weekly contributions: Current & Benevolence \$3,874 Building Fund \$364.

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."



Library Workday: Tuesday, June 11, 9 am

Financial Information

Financial results as of April 30, 2013 and Year To Date totals

	C & B Actual	C & B Budget	C & B YTD Actual	C & B YTD Budget
Income	\$14,375.16	\$14,465.50	\$64,161.36	\$64,410.00
Expense	\$16,776.98	\$16,806.01	\$75,087.14	\$72,676.85
Inc/exp	-\$2,401.82	-\$2,340.51	-\$10,925.78	-\$8,266.85
plus offsets	\$539.93	\$510.00	\$4,649.01	\$1,640.00
plus interes	\$0.73	\$0.42	\$2.89	\$1.67
Net income	-\$1,861.16	-\$1,830.09	-\$6,273.88	-\$6,625.18
		4/30/13	3/31/13	
C&B balance		\$3,101.75	\$4,599.91	
	Building Actual	Building Budget	Bld YTD Actual	Bld YTD Budget
Income	2,073.00	2,142.00	8,723.00	8,171.00
Expense	\$2,257.40	\$2,257.40	9,029.60	9,029.60
Net inc/exp	-\$184.40	-\$115.40	-\$306.60	-\$858.60
		4/30/13	3/31/13	
Building fund balance		\$23,809.55	\$24,074.95	

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 April 30, 2013
 Balance on our mortgage - \$334996.66

Outreach



Chris Lopez, our member serving in the military who we have been praying for, is now HOME!!! He will be doing his reserves at the Midway Airport in Chicago. What a blessing for their family!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Shepherd of the Valley is happy to announce our VBS the week of July 15–19, 2013 from 8:30 to 11:30 am. The first day, July 15, you should arrive 8-8:20am to check in and join your group! Otherwise the rest of the week you will come from 8:30-11:30am.



This year we will "Rumble in the Jungle" and will include a scriptural safari that will help you discover bible stories in a way you've never done before! On Sunday, July 21, the children will share the songs they learned with our congregation at the 9:30 am service. This VBS experience is for everyone. Invite friends, neighbors & family members.

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8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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**THE SALVATION ARMY
SUMMER
GARDEN MINISTRY**

Every Tuesday, 7 am from May
to Sept. 24.

Anderson Japanese Gardens,
318 Spring Creek Road.

There will be Scripture read-
ing, devotions and prayer. Signs
will direct you to the pavilion.
Enjoy the gardens after the
service.

Guest speakers and musicians.

Katie' s Cup Book Club:

June 11, 7pm

June 13, 10am

The Secret Garden, by Frances Hodg-
son Burnett

July: *Mockingbird—A Portrait of
Harper Lee*, by Charles J. Shields.

Katie' s Cup is located at the corner
of 4th Avenue and 7th Street in Rock-
ford.

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. Call 815-398-3656 or
397-5880 to register.

