

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,

Mark your calendar!
"God's work. Our hands." Sunday
September 8, 2013

For 25 years, the ELCA has been a church deeply rooted in faith and in sharing its passion for making positive changes in the world. To celebrate our anniversary and our church's commitment to sharing God's love with our neighbors, our congregation is called to take part in a dedicated day of service on **September 8** known as **"God's work. Our hands." Sunday.**

Locally, Rockford Area Lutheran Churches are compiling a collection for Carpenter's Place and doing work in the Rock-

ford area. Each congregation is asked to **collect an item for Carpenter's Place** during the month of August. The goal is to fill church vans and trailers to deliver a fleet of ELCA vans full of supplies. **Shepherd of the Valley will collect pine cleaner** . something that



Carpenter's Place uses every day. For those unfamiliar with the work that Carpenter's Place does, here is their mission statement: *"Carpenter's Place provides the tools necessary for rebuilding the lives of homeless adults. Inspired by Christ's compassion, Carpenter's Place offers direction with accountability to people with broken lives, helping them find peace with God, themselves and their communities."*

The second part of **God's Work, Our Hands Sunday** is participating in **service projects in the community.** On Saturday, September 7 there is an opportunity to volunteer in many community locations. Don't you agree it would be great if we mixed and had members from each congregation at different locations? Current volunteer opportunities include: a

roadway clean-up, working at Becca's Closet, sorting cans at the Food Bank, working with the Rockford Park District, helping the City of Rockford, by collecting food in the Labor Day Parade. I will share more info on these projects as the details are worked out. Each congregation will celebrate the community work on Sunday, September 8. You work every day to welcome your neighbors and make your community a better place. Now let's do it together as one body, using our hands to do God's work in Jesus Christ's name. Imagine the nearly 10,000 congregations of our church serving meals, cleaning up neighborhoods, making quilts for refugees or simply visiting the neighbors who need us. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work! Thanks to Amy Hoening, director of Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries, for coordinating our local efforts!

In Christ,

Pastor Wold

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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 Diane Kirkland at 815-621-3118.



opportunities include: a

Our Church Family

In Our Prayers: Harry Grueneberg recovering from knee replacement, Kay Edlen recovering from dental surgery, Lyle Solko (Bruce Solko's brother) have a defibrillator inserted for his heart, Kay Eagle-son and Peg Hoffman at home, and all of our homebound church members we name in our hearts.

Our sympathy to Sally Schrader and family on the death of her father, Everette Linquist. We wish her and the family, God's peace.

Outreach

Summer Concerts

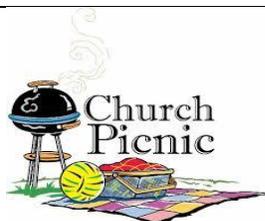
Wed. Aug. 7
Alleluia Quartet

Wed. Aug. 21
East Bank Commanders.

Doors open at 6:30pm,
concerts begin at 7pm.

Sunday School Rally Day &
Adult Forum both begin on
Sunday, September 8 at
9:30—10:30am. Come for
the fun and fellowship!!!

Fellowship



Sunday, August 11, noon—
4 pm, Alpine Park, Shelter
2 by playground.

Items provided by SVLC:

- Hamburger
- Hot dogs
- Brats
- Water & lemonade

You bring a dish to pass.
Sign up sheet in the Nar-
thex!

Shepherd of the Valley T-Shirts!!

These T-Shirts, celebrating the ELCA's 25th anniversary, will have Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, Rockford printed on the back. Cost is only \$6.50 (more for plus sizes) and need to be ordered by August 9.

Sizes available: Adult Small, Medium, Large & XL
\$6.50

2XL (add \$2.00 to cost 3XL (add \$3.00) 4XL (add \$4.00)
(Please make checks payable to Shepherd of the Valley,
memo "t-shirts")

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY



Bruce and Deb Solko will be leading the seminar "Dave Ramsey's Guide to the 7 Baby Steps to Financial Independence." **The seminar begins on Sunday, September 8, 2013 at 6:30 pm and goes for 9 weeks.**

Have you signed up to come??????

This is not your typical "money class."
.....Financial Peace University is practical,
entertaining and fun!

- More than 1.5 million families & individuals have then the class.
- The average family completing the course pays off \$5,300 and saves \$2,700 in just 90 days! That is an \$8,000 change in position!
- Whether you are struggling to make ends meet or you are a millionaire, this class has something for you.
- The class is based on more than 800 verses of Scripture and is a proven plan that will work for you!
- Cost for the course is \$93
- **Sign-up @ daveramsey.com/findaclass.**

Financial Information

July 2013 statistics (based on the 4 weeks):

- average weekly worship attendance: 130
- average weekly contributions: Current & Benevolence \$3,585 Building Fund \$655..

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."



Check out the books on the library table in the Narthex or in our Library. Enjoy summer reading.

Social Ministry



Our collection for August will be bottles of pine cleaner for Carpenters Place. On Sept. 8, 2013, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - 4 million members in nearly 10,000 congregations - will have an opportunity to celebrate together the 25th anniversary of the ELCA by taking part in "God's work. Our hands." (Serving areas we live in.)

Here are some school donation ideas for Fairview Early Childhood Center students/families that face financial challenges:

- blunt end scissors (name brands cut best)
- Crayola washable markers - broad line (any colors)
- hand sanitizer-pump bottle
- hand soap-pump bottle
- 70 count spiral notebook . wide rule
- box of kleenex
- EXPO dry erase markers

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

	C & B Actual	C & B Budget	C & B YTD Actual	C & B YTD Budget
Income	\$16,182.41	\$16,527.50	\$95,581.36	\$96,059.00
Expense	\$17,935.35	\$17,479.02	\$109,576.81	\$106,590.05
Inc/exp	-\$1,752.94	-\$951.52	-\$13,995.45	-\$10,531.05
plus offsets	\$580.74	\$395.00	\$6,195.55	\$2,215.00
plus interest	\$0.80	\$0.42	\$4.45	\$2.51
Net income	-\$1,171.40	-\$556.10	-\$7,795.45	-\$8,313.54

	6/30/13	5/31/13
C&B balance	\$1,580.18	\$2,751.58

	Building Actual	Building Budget	Bld YTD Actual	Bld YTD Budget
Income	2,273.00	2,613.00	12,990.00	12,874.00
Expense	\$2,227.40	\$2,257.40	13,514.40	13,544.40
Net inc/exp	\$45.60	\$355.60	-\$524.40	-\$670.40

	6/30/13	5/31/13
Building fund balance	\$23,672.75	\$23,627.15

Please note: Financials run one month behind in the bulletin

Also note: The First phase is paid in full

The second installment cost \$4600 and we have paid

\$244 of this bill as of June 30, 2013

Balance on our mortgage - \$333316.08



Our missionary family, Randy, Juliana, Marissa, Megan, Carol and Nathan Stubbs will be visiting the United States. SVLC will host a potluck dinner for them on Saturday, August 3 at 4:30. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

RANDY STUBBS

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Our Adult Choir practice begins Sept. 4 at 7:30 pm.

Our Bell Choir practice begins August 28 at 6pm.



Handbell
Choir



Has your mailing address, phone or e-mail address changed? If so, please let us know. Thanks!

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.

