

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,

It's hard to believe that summer is over and school has begun! Alan and I had a great summer with time off to go to Door County, a week at home doing some projects and then a week spent at our Church-wide Assembly (along with Alan Wold & Kay Brindle) in Pittsburgh, PA. Our national assembly of the ELCA was a powerful week which included, among other things, amazing worship and the election of a new presiding bishop (who oversees our denomination nationally), Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Now I am refreshed, renewed and ready to hit the ground running this fall!

One of the things that fall brings is the **return to two worship services on Sunday, Sept. 8: 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.** Sunday school for ages 4 to adults begins with registration and a look at the curriculum and opportunity to meet the Sunday school teachers on Sept. 8. Classes will begin on **Sept. 15 at 9:30 a.m.** The adult Sunday school time (also known as **Adult Forum+**) this fall will feature a new study entitled **Animate Faith+**. I am really excited about this class. It 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! To see an overview of the program, please go to YouTube.com and search for **animate faith+**. There you will meet the seven presenters we'll see on the DVD and hear a little more about the class. You'll want to be part of this lively discussion!

of men and women will be studying the appointed scripture for the upcoming Sunday using new-to-us material entitled "Light on the Lessons." Prepared by Lutheran Bible Ministries, this series of informal studies is based on the Revised Common Lectionary lessons for each Sunday. 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.

I love teaching and look forward to both of these opportunities for adults to connect their faith with their day-to-day lives. I look forward to seeing you in class!

In Christ,

Pastor Wold



Can you help provide cookies for a meeting SVLC is hosting? A meeting will be held here on Monday, September 16, 6:30 pm for a group of pastors and treasurers from our Synod to learn about the health care options for 2014. Let's show these folks what great bakers we have here at SVLC! Please sign up in the Narthex if you help. *Thank you.*

Wednesday Bible study moves back to Shepherd of the Valley after being held at Peterson Meadows these last few years. We will begin on **Wednesday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m.** We meet in Shepherd Hall, near the kitchen and the SE door for about an hour. This group

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The ELCA is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a worship service
Sunday, October 6, 6:30pm
At Trinity Lutheran Church
200 N. 1st St., Rockford

Our Church Family

In Our Prayers: Gil Dohlen recuperating at Rosewood, Dyvone Freiburg, recuperating at PA Peterson Rehab, Jim Boothe recovering from partial knee replacement, Pete Ferguson, under- going treatment for cancer, Lyle Solko (Bruce Solko's brother) recovering from surgery, Kay Eagleson and Peg Hoffman at home, and all of our home-bound church members we name in our hearts.

Our sympathy to the Frisella family on the death of Nicholas' grandmother, Annetta Frisella .

Also, sympathy to **Melvin Streeter and** Dennis, Karen & Keith Streeter upon the death of Mary Streeter on March 1st of this year. The family were charter members of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.



- Youth help w/bingo at Rosewood, Sept. 8, 2-3pm

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.**

Outreach



The T-shirts are in. You must pay for the shirts before you can

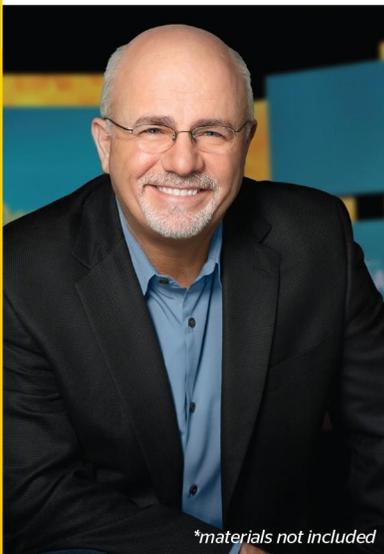
pick yours up. Call the church office to check about payment if you are not sure you've paid. 815-399-5503.



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

FREE LESSON

You're invited to attend one lesson of *Financial Peace University* totally FREE!



**materials not included*

Need to find a class?

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You are invited to take one class free with this ticket.

Come and see what's it about!

Financial Information

August 2013 statistics (based on the 4 weeks):

- average weekly worship attendance: 93
- average weekly contributions: Current & Benevolence \$3,506 Building Fund \$405.

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."

Financial results as of July 31, 2013 and Year To Date totals

	C & B Actual	C & B Budget	C & B YTD Actual	C & B YTD Budget
Income	\$13,953.39	\$13,960.50	\$109,534.75	\$110,019.50
Expense	\$29,253.03	\$16,022.24	\$138,829.84	\$122,612.29
Inc/exp	-\$15,299.64	-\$2,061.74	-\$29,295.09	-\$12,592.79
plus offsets	\$14,422.07	\$525.00	\$20,617.62	\$2,740.00
plus interest	\$0.83	\$0.41	\$5.28	\$2.92
Net income	-\$876.74	-\$1,536.33	-\$8,672.19	-\$9,849.87
		7/31/13	6/30/13	
C&B balance		\$703.44	\$1,580.18	
	Building Actual	Building Budget	Bld YTD Actual	Bld YTD Budget
Income	2,344.00	2,090.00	15,334.00	14,964.00
Expense	\$2,256.10	\$2,257.40	15,270.50	15,801.80
Net inc/exp	\$87.90	-\$167.40	\$63.50	-\$837.80
		7/31/13	6/30/13	
Building fund balance		\$23,760.65	\$23,672.75	
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 July 31, 2013				
Balance on our mortgage - \$332447.27				



NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Adult fiction by authors, Lynn Austin, Cindy Woodsmall, Stephanie Grace Whitson, Colleen Cable, Tracie Peterson.

Large print fiction by Debbie Macomber.

For young readers, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" by Jeff Kinney (3 books); "Llama, Llama and the Bully Goat" by Anna Dewdney; "Peace Baby" by Linda Ashman; "Mossy" by Jan Brett.

Social Ministry



Our collection for September:

School is back in session and Rock House Kids is busy with their after school program.

They are in need of individually wrapped snack items. Rock House Kids reaches out to children ages 4 to 18 who are in need, and offers them a safe, warm and nurturing environment.

Outreach & Social Ministry

It's back-to-school time! Sunday, September 8 at the 10:45 service there will be a special blessing of all school-aged children and their parents as part of our regular worship service. Children in grades K-8 should bring along their school backpack for a special Backpack Blessing Event. During the service, children and parents will come forward for a special moment of prayer and blessing.



Let's send our congregation's kids into the new school year assured of God's promises and our loving support! Be sure to join us and to include all of our young people in your prayers as they return to

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ATTENTION CRAFTERS!

A member of our church, Alice Persaud, had a crafting collection. These items will be for sale at our church in Moline Hall, Thursday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm; Saturday, 8am-1pm. Scrap booking supplies, holiday decorations and much, much more!

JOB OPENING:

Custodial position available at SVLC. The position is part-time. Interested parties please call Bruce Solko at 815-742-1941 or the church office at 815-399-5503.

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.

