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CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Please see the latest council minutes located on the bulletin board in the church library.

Dear Friends,

What a joy it is to have finally arrived solidly in spring...the flowers blooming, the sound of lawn mowers in the air, the sight of bird nests tucked away in a safe place!

With the coming of summer, we are delighted to once again offer our summer concerts here at Shepherd of the Valley. What started out over 10 years ago as a series of 3 concerts held in Moline Hall has grown tremendously into a very popular series of 6 concerts (with the occasional 7th concert thrown in!) held in our sanctuary with an average audience of 200 or so! The most exciting thing about our concerts, I believe, is that over 80% of the attendees are not members of our church!

In this newsletter, you'll find a list of concert dates and performers. We are often challenged as Christians to invite a friend with us to church. Sometimes inviting folks to Sunday morning worship may feel intimidating...it might feel like it's too big of a step for our unchurched friends to take. Our concert series is the perfect venue for an invitation! They are free (free will offering taken), refreshments following the concert gives you the opportunity to

introduce your friend to someone here at church and will, perhaps, open the door for your friend to want to accept your invitation to come with you to worship sometime. We didn't design these concerts to be an evangelism tool, but the reality is that it HAS become the first step for several of our members to come into the doors of Shepherd of the Valley and experience our hospitality!

Vacation Bible School is another opportunity for inviting your friends and neighbors with grade school aged children to join us here. There is more information about that week, held in July, in this newsletter as well. The kids (and adults) always have a great time – and, again, it allows folks to get to know some of the wonderful people here at our church.

I pray that God will work through each of us to help others know of God's love!

In Christ,

Pastor Wold

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In Our Prayers: Joyce Hunt and Stu Hoffman, undergoing treatment for cancer, Kay Eagleson, at home, Anne Teed (Pearson), Bruce Pearson's mother, under hospice care, Adolph Wacker's brother, Rudy, and all of our homebound church members we name in our hearts.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Peg Hoffman who passed away May 15. Her memorial service will be June 7 at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church with visitation beginning at 10:00 am., service at 11:00 am, with a lunch to follow.

We also extend our sympathy to Annette Stein on the passing of her father Raymond Petry on May 25.

SOCIAL MINISTRY AND OUTREACH

NORTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD ASSEMBLY IN-KIND OFFERING: Every year as your representatives attend Synod Assembly we are asked to bring an in-kind offering to help out a non-profit organization. This year's organization is LSSI's



Nachusa Lutheran Home. Items needed are as follows:

Bath towels (not white), Wash cloths, Twin bed sheets, Pillow and cases and Comforters.

If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to church by June 8th.

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 19:17

PEW BIBLES We are selling our extra pew Bibles on Sunday's for \$15.00.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY:
 Check out a book for your summer reading now. As new books are processed they will be placed on the shelves at the south end of the library.

SENIOR NEWS There will be no Senior luncheon during the summer months.

From the Mission Planning Committee

Thank you to everyone who participated in the small group discussions about where you see God leading this congregation. Out of those discussions, two topics were mentioned by many people:

- 1) **Creating a more functional kitchen** and
- 2) **Enhancing our youth and family ministries.**

At the church council meeting on 5/27, it was decided to take the first step to explore what a more functional kitchen might look like and invite an architect to meet with some folks to hear our ideas of what we're looking for. Any architectural drawings fees would be paid out of a designated memorial fund. Once a proposed plan is in place, we will notify the congregation and schedule a congregational meeting to discuss how we might want to proceed. The committee is also evaluating the rest of the comments received and will let you know of any further proposed plans as they develop. If you have questions, please contact Bob Maness, chair of the Mission Planning Committee.

BINGO:

Dates for BINGO at Rosewood from 2-3pm:

| | |
|------------|--------------|
| June 1 | July 6 |
| August 17 | September 14 |
| October 12 | November 2 |
| December 7 | |

Please come and help if you can!

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HELPING HANDS CANCER BENEFIT
FOR

JOYCE HUNT AND STU HOFFMAN

Sunday, August 17th

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

at the SM&SF Club on Sandy Hollow Road

Spaghetti Dinner

Raffle Baskets

50/50

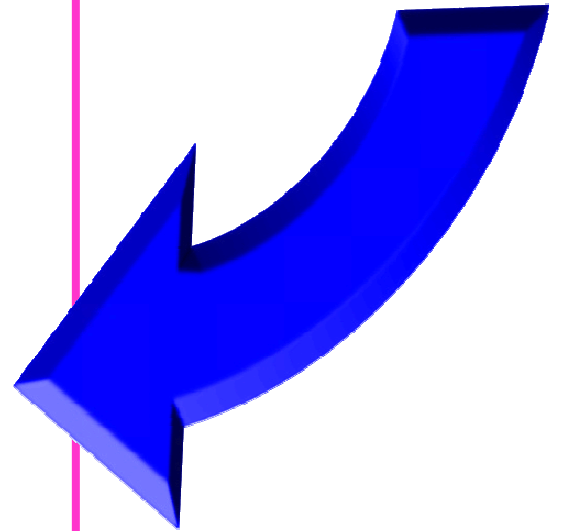
DJ Mike

\$10.00 Per Person

Tickets on Sale Soon!

Invite your friends, relatives and neighbors!

This is a family event!



RAFFLE ITEMS

NEEDED for our Helping Hands Cancer Benefit. We are in need of raffle baskets from church members as well from business.

A basket can be a homemade blanket, basket of chocolates, kids games, and **just** about anything OR take a "Donation Request Letter" from the poster in the narthex to a business. Please fill in the information about the business you contacted also located on the poster. Raffle items can be given to Kay Brindle or put in the church secretary's office.



MISSIONARY PRAYER LIST:



Please look at the Missionary Prayer chart on the mission table. Sign up for one or more days when you will

remember our Stubbs family with prayers. Remember to contribute to their support; envelopes are in your giving packets.

RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped with the rummage sale; those who donated items, sorted and priced items baked, worked the day of the sale, picked up items or prayed for us. We made over \$5,000 !

THANK YOU FROM KARL ANDERSON

Karl wishes to thank Kay Brindle and Candy Wolf for helping him with the hospitality table on May 18.

FROM JUDI FIELDS: Thank you to all who prayed for me during my recent illness. Your thoughts and prayers were felt daily. A special thank you to Kay Brindle who filled in for me. It's good to be back at work.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

| Financial results as of April 30, 2014 and Year End totals | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | C & B Actual | C & B Budget | C & B Yr End Actual | C & B Yr End Budget |
| Income | \$15,611.26 | \$15,833.00 | \$58,936.30 | \$59,616.00 |
| Expense | \$18,790.08 | \$15,980.75 | \$71,685.59 | \$66,803.05 |
| Inc/exp | -\$3,178.82 | -\$147.75 | -\$12,749.29 | -\$7,187.05 |
| plus offsets | \$2,995.08 | \$400.00 | \$5,694.11 | \$1,515.00 |
| plus interest | \$0.72 | \$0.42 | \$2.90 | \$1.66 |
| Net income | -\$183.02 | \$252.67 | -\$7,052.28 | -\$5,670.39 |
| | | 4/30/14 | 3/31/14 | |
| C&B balance | | (\$1,161.26) | (\$978.24) | |
| | Building Actual | Building Budget | Bld Yr End Actual | Bld Yr End Budget |
| Income | \$2,138.00 | \$1,920.00 | \$8,455.00 | \$8,040.00 |
| Expense | \$2,257.40 | \$2,257.40 | 9,029.60 | 9,029.60 |
| Net inc/exp | -\$119.40 | -\$337.40 | -\$574.60 | -\$989.60 |
| | | 4/30/14 | 3/31/14 | |
| Building fund balance | | \$21,328.55 | \$21,447.95 | |
| Please note: Financials run one month behind in the bulletin | | | | |
| Also note: The second installment cost \$4600 and we have paid \$1344 of this bill as of 4/30/14 | | | | |
| Balance on our mortgage -\$324,652.24 | | | | |

Statistics based on the 5 weeks April 27—May 25:

- Average weekly worship attendance: 104
- Average weekly contributions:
 - Current & Benevolence—\$3228.19
 - Building Fund—\$469.60

YOUTH

GAGA-BALL is back. June 20th from 6:00-8:00 at GPS Faith Community in Machesney Park. Reservations due by June 9. Don't forget to bring pop and chips to share. Pizza will be provided.

Upcoming Youth Connect Events:

- July: Softball or Kickball at Alpine Lutheran
- August 23: GPS Flapjack Fundraiser and hike at Rock Cut
- September: Hayride
- October: Turkey Trot
- November: Mission and Music

KATIE'S CHOICE BOOK CLUB

The selection for June is *The Lake of Dreams* by Kim Edwards. The book club will meet June 12 at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm at Katie's Cup, 502 7th Street, Rockford

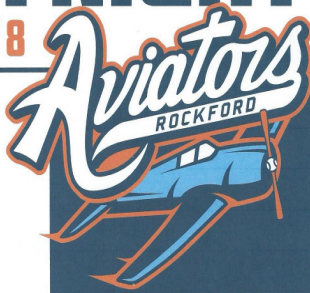
VBS: This year the theme for Vacation Bible School is **Final Frontier: Out of this World.** Vacation Bible School (July 14-18) starts at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary and concludes at 11:30 am. Registration fee is \$10.00 for the first child, \$5.00 for each additional child with a \$20.00

**RALM night at Magic Waters Waterpark
Fundraiser for Rockford Area
Habitat for Humanity
Sunday July 13
Tickets: \$9.00**

Time: 6:30—9:00 pm
Get your tickets at
www.RockfordAreaLutheranMinistries.com

FAITH NIGHT
TUESDAY JULY 8

Fellowship & Fun in a family friendly atmosphere. Enjoy a FREE night at the ballgame with your friends.



Get your **COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS** Today!

For tickets call **(815) 885-2255** or complete the form and fax to **(815) 885-2204**

**ROCKFORD AVIATORS
VS
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES
7:05PM**

**PURCHASE A SCORECARD
FOR A CHANCE TO WIN
CASH & PRIZES!**

**AVIATORS STADIUM
4503 INTERSTATE BLVD. LOVES PARK, IL 61111**



RALM ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE:

The RALM Annual Golf scramble is July 11 at Westlake Golf Course in Winnebago. Registration is at 7:30 am and the cost is \$80.00 per person (\$75.00 for seniors over 65). This includes golf, green fees, cart, golf balls, tees, etc, a steak lunch and prizes.



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

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SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY PRESCHOOL

Registration for the 2014-2015 school year at Shepherd of the Valley preschool is now open. The 3-year-olds meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30—11:00 am. Tuition is \$75 a month. The 4-year-olds meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30—noon and tuition is \$120 per month. There is a \$65 non refundable deposit. A \$10 per month discount is offered for members of Shepherd of the Valley. For more information or to schedule a tour of our preschool, call 815-397-5880 or email preschool@shep61..org.