



# SHEPHERD'S STAFF

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## **Big Change & Big Dreams for the Sake of the World**

This season marks a big change for our ministry together. After twelve years as our Director of Christian Education, Patte Lund is stepping down to pursue other opportunities. While thankfully she will still be able to share her experience and talents in the congregation, we will miss the leadership and energy she brought to Sunday mornings and Vacation Bible School. In September we will have a reception to give thanks for her ministry, but you don't have to wait that long to let Patte know what she has meant to you.

Taking stock of the past is part of any big change, and so is looking to the future. Our community and our congregation have changed over the last twelve years. How we are formed as servants of God must change as well. What doesn't change is that the Holy Spirit walks beside us and guides us into ministry for the sake of the world. As Jesus promised in the gospel reading from Holy Trinity Sunday, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."

Since the Spirit is among us all, we get to discern *together* where the Spirit is leading. We get to dream together and see how those dreams can take shape. After worship on July 14 we'll gather to do just that: to envision how our ministry of Christian Education will look for the next year and the years after that. Be there so that you can be part of the Spirit's vision.

Pastor Scott

† IN OUR PRAYERS †



*Intercessions:* **Nevagay Abel, Don Abel, Elizabeth David, Stu Hoffman, Kevin Persaud, Carline Talmadge, Karl Anderson, Doris Dohlen, John Miller, Alice Schaefer, Robert Aken, Richard Farris, Cher Eagelson, Scott Francis, Al Johnson, Jerry Lofquist, Ronald Rice, Sally Schrader, Sam Horvath, Betty Hart, Jerri Dal Collo, Neva Abel, Marcia Woodman, Dave Musser, Jeanne Retzer, Scott K.** (husband of Karl Anderson's niece), **Nancy Brandt** (Kay Brindle's sister), **Sara Falth** (Karl Anderson's sister), **Howard Sand** (Kay Brindle's father), and **Pastor Lynn Morrow** (friend of Deaconess Cheryl Erdmann), **Brad Carpenter** (brother of Brian Carpenter) **Carol Repsher** (Don Abel's sister), **Dennis Eagleson, Erik Wilberg** (friend of Don & Kay Brindle), **Larry Musser** (Dave Musser's father), **Pastor Jane McChesney, Connie Blake** (Bob Black's mother), **Judi Fields, Nella** (friend of Mark & Laurie Pellant), and **Trey Morris** (Sally Schrader's grandson), **Donna** (friend of Ron Rice).

*Thanksgiving:* For the birth of **Emma Russell** (Don & Kay Brindle's granddaughter)



**Living Vine  
(Women's Bible Study)**

Join the women of Shepherd of the Valley on the third Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. for a women's bible study. We are using the bible study from the Gather magazine.

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

July 15  
August 19

**Cover Girls**



Cover Girls are taking the summer off. See you in September.

**Faith Forum**

Faith Forum, Sunday school, and Middle/High Schoolers will resume in September. Watch upcoming newsletters for the schedules. Enjoy the summer.

**Keeping Shepherd of the Valley  
Up to date**

Please be sure to let the office of Shepherd of the Valley know when you have a change in address, phone number or e-mail.

**Follow us on Facebook**

New items are posted frequently. See what your Synod or the ELCA is doing.  
[www.facebook.com/Shepherd-of-the-Valley-Lutheran-Church-ELCA](http://www.facebook.com/Shepherd-of-the-Valley-Lutheran-Church-ELCA)

God's Work. Our Hands. is Sunday, September 8. Mark you calendars.

**Laundry Love & M&M's**

Containers of M & M's are available in the Narthex for your eating pleasure. After enjoying the M & M's please fill the container with a roll of quarters which will be given to Laundry Love for their clients.

Please let the church office or Pastor Scott know if there are items you would like to see in the newsletter.

**Congratulations**

On June 2, 2019, an Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held at Shepherd of the Valley honoring Eagle Scout Gareth Persaud.

**Envisioning Christian Education**

Our ministry of Christian education is at a significant crossroads. Come be part of envisioning its future in Shepherd Hall after worship July 14



**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Financial results as of May 31, 2019 and Year to date totals

	C & B Actual	C & B Budget	C & B YTD Actual	C & B YTD Budget
Income	\$13,651.75	\$13,725.00	\$85,482.04	\$83,875.00
Expense	\$30,713.18	\$17,778.09	\$98,194.83	\$84,767.04
Inc/exp plus offsets	-\$17,061.43	-\$4,053.09	-\$12,712.79	-\$892.04
Net income	\$14,712.24	\$2,103.00	\$16,354.91	\$3,364.60
	-\$2,349.19	-\$1,950.09	\$3,642.12	\$2,472.56

C&B balance 5/31/19 4/30/19  
\$8,075.01 \$10,424.20

	Building Actual	Building Budget	BLD YTD Actual	BLD YTD Budget
Income	\$1,741.00	\$1,927.00	\$7,931.00	\$8,938.00
Expense	\$2,220.00	\$2,220.00	\$11,595.00	\$11,100.00
Net inc/exp	-\$479.00	-\$293.00	-\$3,664.00	-\$2,162.00

Building fund balance 5/31/19 4/30/19  
\$11,885.45 \$12,364.45

Please note: Financials run one month behind in the bulletin  
Balance on our mortgage - \$262,684.56

**Relationship Status**



High schoolers are invited to dive deeper in relationship with each other and deeper into what our relationship with God means for the issues we face. Join other High schoolers the second and fourth Sundays in July and August from 8-10 p.m. at 6828 Thomas Pkwy.

**Church Work Day**



The Property committee is holding a Work day on Saturday June 29. We have many

projects that we would like to accomplish! We can use help from all ages, Junior High on up. There are projects inside and outside the church. Please come and help! There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex along with some of the projects that we hope to complete.



**Summer Concert Series 2019**

Hosted at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

- June 5 – Winnebago H.S. Jazz Band
- June 19 – Alleluia Quartet
- July 3 – The Diners
- July 17 – Trinadora
- July 31 – Acoustic Juice
- August 14 – Patte Armato Lund

Doors open at 6:30  
Concerts begin at 7pm  
Concerts are free  
there will be a free will offering supporting our music and educational programs  
Cookies, Coffee and Conversation following each concert





**.Kids at Heart  
Mark your  
calendars**

**Kids At Heart** will meet  
on Tuesday, July 30.

Watch the kiosk for information and a sign  
up sheet.



**Plastic Bags**

Do you have unused plastic bags  
taking over your house? If so, bring  
them to church!!!

We are collecting your plastic bags  
for Cornucopia Food Pantry. Zion Lutheran  
Church prepares the bags for customers at the  
pantry by inserting a paper bag inside the  
plastic bags to make it stronger and weather  
proof.

We will be collecting the bags through July



All men are invited to  
join the men of  
Shepherd of the  
Valley at 8:30 a.m. on

the first Thursday of the month at Cherry Val-  
ley Café, 216 East State St., Cherry Valley, for  
breakfast and fellowship. No reservations  
needed.

In July we will meet on July 11 due to the 4th  
of July.



SVLC members Bob Black and David Musser  
are finishing their 2-year journey through the  
Diakonia Program and will be graduating on  
Sunday afternoon, July 14th. The service will  
be held at 3pm and is at Salem Lutheran  
church in Sycamore. Everyone is welcome and  
previous Diakonia graduates are invited to  
robe and take part in the procession. Bob and  
Dave lead the Laundry Love program and are  
looking forward to using their new skills and  
knowledge to take Laundry Love to new places  
for God's glory!

**Time & Talent**

**Hearing God's Call**



Included in the June  
newsletter was the annual  
Time & Talent booklet and  
sign up form. If you haven't  
already don so, please read  
the descriptions of the  
different areas of service  
available at Shepherd of the Valley and decide  
where your gifts can best be used. Then fill out the  
sign up form and drop it in the collection plate or  
mail it to the church office.

**Cassidy Purvis** graduated from Stillman High School and will be  
attending Illinois State University to study Math Education.

**Zane Smalley** graduated with high honors from Winnebago High  
School, where he was very active in various activities including their  
scholastic bowl team, math team, robotics, choir, and jazz band. In the  
fall, he will be heading way up north to Michigan Technological  
University to pursue a degree in software engineering.

**Julia Spangler** graduated from Rockford Lutheran High School and will be attending  
Concordia University in Mequon, WI studying physical therapy.

**Katie Flygare**

**Gareth Persaud**



**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**



**JULY CONCERTS**

**July 3 – The Diners**

A Rockford band formed in 2016. Playing alternative and progressive rock. A group of young men, doing what the love!

**July 17 – Trinadora**

Jannie Nelson and Ron Holm comprise this duo. Their music is eclectic; embracing country, blues, jazz, pop, rock, Celtic, Latin, reggae, calypso, folk and standards. Jannie and Ron are self-accompanying with a wide variety of instruments.

Doors open at 6:30  
Concert begins at 7:00

A free will offering will be taken.  
Coffee and cookies after the concert.



**Shepherd of the Valley Pre-School**

**REGISTRATION**

Students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis with preference being given to church members. The pre-school follows the Rockford School District #205 in regard to age enrollment. The child must be either 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2019. The following sessions are offered:

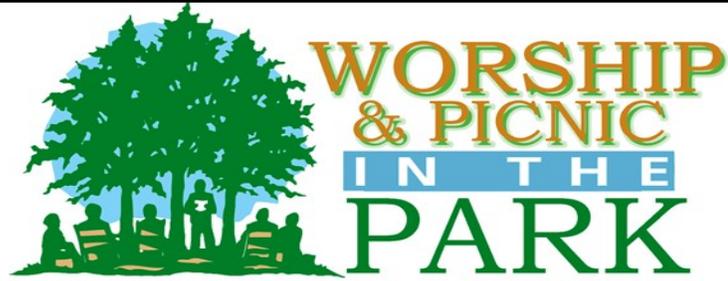
Session 1:	T-Th	8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon	(Three year olds)
Session 2:	M-W-F	8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon	(Four year olds)

**ADMISSION AND FEES**

A non-refundable registration fee of \$75 is due at the time of enrollment. Tuition for Session 1 is \$85 per month for nine months. Tuition for Session 2 is \$125 per month for nine months. Tuition is due on the first school day of the month. There is no rebate for absences due to illness or vacation.

The state requires that an application blank, a medical form, a copy of a birth certificate and an emergency consent form be on file in the pre-school area.

Contact Patti Wiese at (815) 398-3656 (home phone) or cell # (815) 978-8532 for information and registration forms.



With our brothers & sisters from Alpine Lutheran Church  
 When: August 11  
 Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
 Picnic starts around 11:30

Where: Olson Swedish Heritage Park  
 7901 Harlem Road  
 Loves Park, IL

What's provided: Chicken, Brats & Hotdogs, lemonade, water, paper goods, & coffee.

Congregation members bring a dish to share.

## Congratulations

### Karen Dolan Serves Synod Committee

Congratulations to Karen Dolan! Our Northern Illinois Synod Assembly just elected her to serve on the Synod Discipline Committee. The Synod Discipline Committee governs officers, minister of Word and Sacrament, ministers of Word and Service, congregations, and members of congregations. If you'd like to learn more about opportunities to serve our synod, talk to Pastor Scott or Deaconess Cheryl.

### Mark your calendar

**Celebration for Patte Lund's 12+ years  
 as Christian Education Director**

**Sunday, September 15**

**After worship service**



### Season of Creation

As encouraged by our Northern Illinois Synod, scripture readings in worship during four Sundays in September will focus on our relationship with God as Creator and with our fellow creatures. You

are invited into a season of reflection on your own wonder, love, and care for God's creation.

# ROCKFORD MIDTOWN MARKET



Saturday Mornings  
9am- Noon  
June 1 – September 7

RPS 205 Administrative Building  
501 Seventh Street – Rockford, IL 61104

Music, food, crafts, coffee, pet friendly, family fun

Contact us to be a vendor:  
Deb Ibisevic, Market Manager  
Phone: 779-300-7439

[rockfordmidtownmarket@gmail.com](mailto:rockfordmidtownmarket@gmail.com)  
[www.rockfordmidtownmarket.com](http://www.rockfordmidtownmarket.com)

Sponsored by Katie's Cup and  
Midtown District



## Bike Midtown

Saturday, July 13, 2019

8:30 AM 10:30 AM

Architectural Bicycle Tour  
with Gary Anderson

Midtown to Downtown!

Starts and ends at Katie's Cup!

The ride is about 4 miles long!

Free event!



## CARS AND COFFEE

JULY 6TH

Katie's Cup is sponsoring a new program called "Cars and Coffee". The focus will be to bring in various car groups to show off their cars in the RPS205 Parking Lot. This will be coordinated by Katie's Cup and the Rockford IL Area Car Show & Cruises group.

The next "Cars and Coffee" will be Saturday, July 6th from 9 am- noon and again on the first Saturday of the August and September.





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### **Officers of the Congregation**

President - Sherry Scheider  
Vice-President - Rhoda Fox  
Secretary - Vicki Nitz  
Treasurer - Phil Smalley

### **Congregation Council**

Justin Abel  
Brian Carpenter  
Karen Dolan  
LaVon Downing  
Rhoda Fox  
Vicki Nitz  
Sherry Scheider  
Zane Smalley  
Bob Tukker  
Peggy Wenstrom  
Don Wiese

### **Staff**

The Rev. Scott Benolkin,  
Pastor  
Judi Fields, Secretary  
Linda Longardner, Organist  
Phil Smalley, Treasurer  
Susie Smalley, Music Coordinator  
Anita Ralston, Custodian



*Worship service 9:30 a.m.*