



# SHEPHERD'S STAFF

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## Where's Your Church?

Your church meets every Sunday, and your church meets every June, and your church meets every three years. That's because your church is the *congregation* called Shepherd of the Valley, the *synod* called the Northern Illinois Synod, and the national church called the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You have one church with three "expressions." This is a season to be mindful of your church.

It's a season to be mindful that August 5–10 the triennial ELCA Churchwide Assembly will take place in Milwaukee. There voting members from across our church will "worship, pray, engage in Bible study, deliberate and conduct business in plenary sessions" ([www.elca.org/ChurchwideAssembly](http://www.elca.org/ChurchwideAssembly)). Thanks to the internet, you don't have to be there to know what's going on: look for live streaming on [elca.org](http://elca.org). And whether you keep up to date with the assembly or not, please remember your church in prayer.

It's a season to be mindful that every June (the two days before Father's Day) the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly meets in Rock Island. This year, along with voting members from across the synod, Sarah Thurber Fiorenza, Kevin Nitz and I worshiped, learned, deliberated, enjoyed fellowship with one another. Maybe you'd like to attend next year!

And It's a season to remember how ordinations bring the church together. At synod assembly our worship included a new pastor in the synod being ordained. Your church witnessed him ask God's help in ministry and witness to the world. We prayed for him and for all creation. And we acclaimed him as a servant of Christ. Both the words of the liturgy and the act itself served as reminders of what the church is about: the word and sacraments; faithful service and prayer; witness to the world. Your church—from its nationwide expression to this congregation—is striving together to do these things for the sake of the world Christ loves.

Pastor Scott

## † IN OUR PRAYERS †



*Intercessions:* **Nevagay Abel, Elizabeth David, Stu Hoffman, Kevin Persaud, Carline Talmadge, Karl Anderson, Doris Dohlen, John Miller, Alice Schaefer, Robert Aken, Cheri 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, Ruth Anderson, Jessie Tolodxi, 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 Eagle-son, Erik Wilberg** (friend of Don & Kay Brindle), **Larry Musser** (Dave Musser's father), **Pastor Jane McChesney, Connie Blake** (Bob Black's mother), **Nella** (friend of Mark & Laurie Pellant), **Trey** (Sally Schrader's grandson), **Donna** (friend of Ron Rice, , **Brian** (Betty Hart's nephew), **Colleen Dziedzic** (friend of Barb Pearson), **Virginia** (Peggy Wenstrom's mother), and **Jennifer Peterson** (Pastor & Lois Peterson's daughter-in-law).

(Please pray with this list and let either Pastor Scott or the church office know when a name can be removed).

### 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.



### 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:

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.

### 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.



**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.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Financial reports for June & July 2019 will be available in the August newsletter.

**Thank you and Good news**

Stu Hoffman said thank you for all the prayers. They are appreciated.

And Stu welcomed his first great granddaughter, Olympia Marie.

Carpenter's Place and Miss Carly's appreciate the generosity of the church. Almost \$450 worth of insect repellent bracelets and spray have been delivered for comfort of the homeless and others in need. Thank you to Thrivent, Avon, and all of you!

**Sympathy**

We extend our sympathy to the families of Don Abel and Doris Kampfe.

Don passed away on July 18 and his service will be held in August at Shepherd of the Valley.

Doris passed away July 20 and her service will be August 3 at 11:00 a.m. at Shepherd of the Valley.

**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.



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 Valley Café, 216 East State St., Cherry Valley, for breakfast and fellowship. No reservations needed.



**Kids at Heart Mark your calendars**

Kids At Heart will meet on Tuesday, August 27. Watch the kiosk for information and a sign up sheet.

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

July 31, 7pm - ACOUSTIC JUICE

They are back again this year! The duo of Tim Austin and Tom Wilson have been musical collaborators for 20+ years. Their vocal and instrumental styles unite to offer a distinctive blend of their musical backgrounds, bringing you jazz, R&B, reggae, blues, country/rock, pop, folk & rock.

August 14, 7pm – PATTE ARMATO LUND

Patte has been in numerous musical and theatrical shows and will be working with Rise' Barker at this concert. Her quick wit and varied music always makes her show very entertaining.

Come out for a fun evening with Patte and Rise'.

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

A free will offering will be taken.  
Coffee and cookies after the concert.  
Come to meet our neighbors.

**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.



**FORMERLY  
"WARM FEET"**

*Same collection different name*

**BRING ADULT AND CHILDREN'S SOCKS FROM  
SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15 TO  
THE NARTHEX.**

**There will be a box for cash donations.**



**New Moline Hall Chairs!**

The Chair Committee, consisting of Liz Beal, Harry Grueneberg, Kris Tukker, and Gary Zandonatti, did a lot of research work on chairs. They made a selection and recommended it to Property committee. The recommendation was approved by the Church Council, and the chairs have been ordered. Some of the chairs were back-ordered, and we don't have a date certain when they will arrive. So just know that one of these days there will be a surprise when you see the new chairs.

They also found a charity, The Restore, Habitat for Humanity, who will pick up all our old chairs when the new arrive.

A big Thank you goes out to all who worked hard to accomplish this.

**College Student or Military Service**



If you have a child beginning college or going into the military soon, please either contact Judi at the church office or Beverly Wacker, 815 519-8553, call, text or email, [abwacker@hotmail.com](mailto:abwacker@hotmail.com)



# 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  
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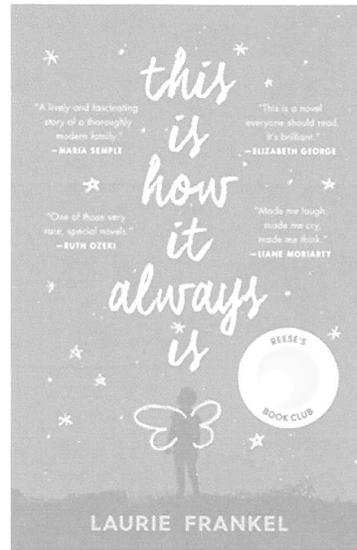


# CARS AND COFFEE

AUGUST 3RD

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, August 3rd from 9 am- noon and again on the first Saturday of September.



## Katie's Choice Book Club

Thursday  
August 8  
10 a.m.

*This is how* a family keeps a secret...and how that secret ends up keeping them. *This is how* a family lives happily ever after...until happily ever after becomes complicated. *This is how* children change...and then change the world.

This is Claude. He's five years old, the youngest of five brothers, who loves peanut butter sandwiches. He also loves wearing a dress, and dreams of being a princess. When he grows up, Claude says, he wants to be a girl.

Rosie and Penn want Claude to be whoever Claude wants to be. They're just not sure they're ready to share that with the world. Soon the entire family is keeping Claude's secret. Until one day it explodes.

SALEM'S ANNUAL  
**CORN BOIL**  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7TH  
6:30PM

**\$6**  
Per Person Donation

Along with delicious  
sweet corn  
we'll have hot  
tomatoes,  
French bread,  
beverages and  
great fellowship!

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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.*