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Church in Society at 28

The autumn of 1991 had a lot going for it. The Soviet Union was rapidly dissolving. The Minnesota Twins won what some have called the greatest World Series of all time. And a 3½-year-old church grappled with what it means to be Christ's church in the midst of secular society.

What that young church—that is, we the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—came up with is still a guide to our official teaching and practice as a church and a valuable perspective for you and me in our lives as Christians. The nine pages of *Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective* speak of relationship we are called to have with society, especially when God's loving will needs a witness in concrete ways. It also set the pattern for us to discuss other difficult issues as a church; since 1991, we have discussed and developed over a dozen "social statements" on issues of Christian concern.

Of course, a lot has changed in the last 28 years. The Twins, sadly, have not been back to the World Series. But in a world where many people identify with their political party above all else, it's still (always!) a good time for us to remember our calling as Christians in the world. I invite you to be in dialog with your church, with the people around you and with the statements we have made together, to discern together how we will live out our baptismal call to "strive for justice and peace in all the earth" (Affirmation of Baptism, ELW).

To that end, I can do no better than to point you to *Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective*. You can find it on the web at <https://elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Church-in-Society>. It's *only* nine pages, but included in this newsletter is a one-page summary written at the time. But don't stop with reading: consider this an invitation to talk about what you read.

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, Neva Abel, Marcia Woodman, Dave Musser, Jeanne Retzer, Ruth Anderson, Jessie Tolodxi, Kaitlyn Owens, Scott K.** (husband of Karl Anderson's niece), **Nancy Brandt** (Kay Brindle's sister), **Howard Sand** (Kay Brindle's father), **Pastor Lynn Morrow** (friend of Deaconess Cheryl Erdmann), **Brad Carpenter** (brother of Brian Carpenter), **Carol Repsher** (Neva Abel's sister-in-law), **Erik Wilberg** (friend of Don & Kay Brindle), **Larry Musser** (Dave Musser's father), **Pastor Jane McChesney, Connie Blake** (Bob Black's mother), **Trey** (Sally Schrader's grandson), **Donna** (friend of Ron Rice), **Brian** (Betty Hart's nephew), **Colleen Dzedzic** (friend of Barb Pearson), **Virginia** (Peggy Wenstrom's mother), **Jennifer Peterson** (Pastor Gerald & Lois Peterson's daughter-in-law), **Pat K.** (Robert Aken's sister), **Stacey** (Sally Schrader's daughter), and **Judi Fields.**

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



**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:

October 21

November 18

Cover Girls



The Cover Girls are back at it beginning Monday, September 9, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. Also mark your calendars for

October 14

November 11

Library News

The library committee will meet on October 8 at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Judi out of the office

Judi is having surgery on September 19th and will be out of the office for a few weeks. Please keep her in your prayers.



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.

**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.

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



**.Kids at Heart
Mark your
calendars**

Kids At Heart meet on the last Tuesday, of the month. Watch the kiosk for information and a sign up sheet.

Keys

The key for the church office (that is kept in the cabinet in the hallway) is missing. Check your pockets. The one that is in there now is the last one we have.

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.

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



Preschool

The 3 and 4 year old preschoolers are doing great! We have had very few tears from the preschoolers this year! The 4's will be taking a field trip to Atlanta Bread Company to see how things are made at the store. Until next month! Stay safe

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial results as of July 31, 2019 and year to date totals

	C&B Actual	C&B Budget	C&B YTD Actual	C&B YTD Budget
Income	\$ 13,187.53	\$ 13,475.00	\$ 114,225.89	\$ 112,725.00
Expense	\$ 15,960.45	\$ 16,137.69	\$ 130,351.20	\$ 117,934.42
Subtoatal	\$ (2,772.92)	\$ (2,662.69)	\$ (16,125.31)	\$ (5,209.42)
offsets	\$ 1,348.01	\$ 1,252.90	\$ 18,125.02	\$ 5,040.40
Net Income	\$ (1,424.91)	\$ (1,409.79)	\$ 1,999.71	\$ (169.02)

	7/31/2019	6/30/2019
C&B Balance	\$ 6,432.60	\$ 7,857.51

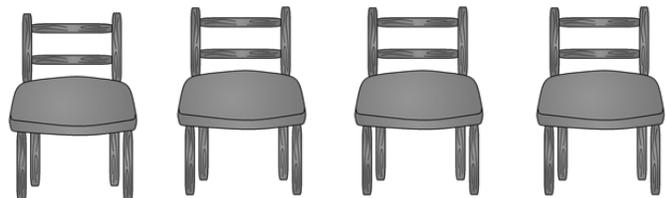
	Bld Actual	Bld Budget	Bld YTD Actual	Bld YTD Budget
Income	\$ 1,413.00	\$ 2,027.00	\$ 10,819.00	\$ 12,892.00
Expense	\$ 2,220.00	\$ 2,220.00	\$ 16,035.00	\$ 15,540.00
Net inc/exp	\$ (807.00)	\$ (193.00)	\$ (5,216.00)	\$ (2,648.00)

	7/31/2019	6/30/2019
Building Fund Balance	\$10,333.45	\$11,140.45

Please note: Financials run one month behind in the newsletter
Balance on our mortgage: \$260,354.58

Thank You

The new chairs for Moline Hall have arrived. A big "thank you" goes out to Harry Grueneberg for contributing the cost of the chairs in honor of Lois Grueneberg.





Christian Education

Come take a "Whirl" every Sunday after worship.



"Big Kids" (Middle & High school) meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays after worship.

TED Talks

On most first Sundays of the month we will start a new journey in our learning time for adults. We will gather in Shepherd Hall after worship for what we hope will help us connect some of the great minds of our time with the Bible, our lives today and the greatest teacher of ALL time.

Utilizing the library of knowledge available from TED (you can learn more at www.ted.com), matching it with a Scripture lesson and some probing questions for discussion, we will try to come to a deeper understanding of what it means to serve Christ in a changing world.

On other Sundays we will be discussing articles from last months Living Lutheran and have a Q & A time with Pastor Scott.



Volunteers Invited

Helpers for Sunday school are needed to assist the teachers. You can help as often as you would like and a rotating schedule will be put together. Please see Pastor or Carol Bailey if you would be willing to be a Sunday school assistant.

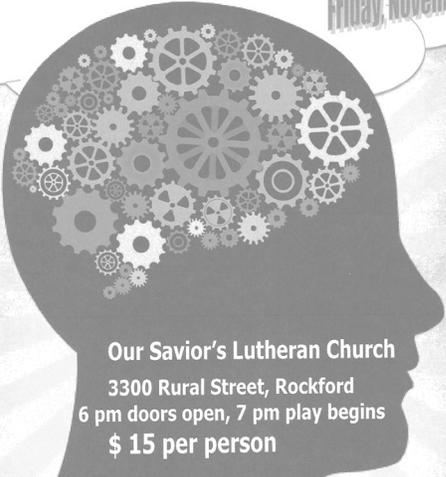
NOW HIRING! Nursery ATTENDANT

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 2715 S. Mulford Rd., seeks a Sunday-morning Nursery Attendant to care for infants to 5-year-olds in conjunction with adult volunteers in our church nursery during worship, 9:15–10:45 a.m., either biweekly or weekly (negotiable). Applicants should enjoy caring for children and must be at least 18 years old. Please contact the church at 815-399-5503 to apply.

Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, November 1



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
3300 Rural Street, Rockford
6 pm doors open, 7 pm play begins
\$ 15 per person

Tables of 8 available or sign up individually
www.RockTheGood.com
RalmMail@aol.com 815-962-4279

Do you like us on facebook?
www.facebook.com/RockfordAreaLutheran

Pre-registration required

2019 MAYOR'S HUNGER LUNCHEON



TUESDAY, OCT. 1 | CLIFFBREAKERS | 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Join us for this year's Mayor's Hunger Luncheon at Cliffbreakers Riverside Conference Center. Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara will deliver the keynote address, discussing the realities of hunger and what our community is doing to help those in need. Jodi Beach will lead attendees in opening and closing songs.



Mayor Tom McNamara



Jodi Beach

Greater Rockford Pantry Coalition

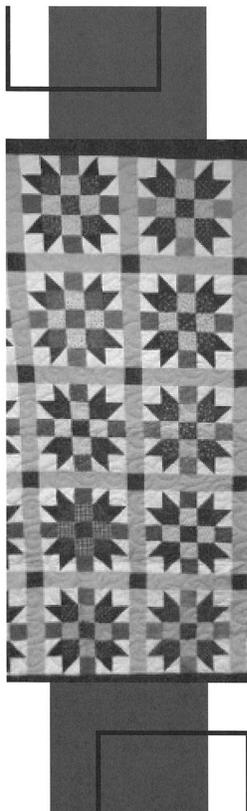
- Christ the Carpenter Pantry
- Christian Union Pantry
- Cornucopia Food Pantry
- Emmanuel Lutheran Food Pantry
- God's Glory Food Pantry
- Unity in the Community
- Rock River Valley Food Pantry
- Salvation Army Food Pantry
- St. Elizabeth Community Center
- Soul's Harbor Food Pantry

Proceeds from the luncheon will be distributed equally among the 10 member agencies of the Greater Rockford Pantry Coalition. Together, they serve thousands of neighbors throughout the Rockford area.



No one should ever be hungry, and by coming together as a community, we can work to ensure no one is.

Tickets \$30 | Register by Sept. 23: mayorshungerluncheon.eventbrite.com
No tickets sold at door | Questions? 815.397.5579



1ST ANNUAL LOMC QUILT AUCTION

Main Dining Hall @ Autumn Fest

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019

11AM - 3PM
Come shop the beautiful quilts alongside our silent auction baskets during Autumn Fest.

*Donations accepted now through September 13th.

Please see lomc.org for donation form.



Join us as we celebrate 45 years of ministry at LOMC!

FEATURING FREE...

- DOUGHNUT Fun Run/Walk
- Bags/Cornhole Games
- Lunch
- Devotions/Worship
- Archery
- Apple Cider Pressing
- Pumpkin Carving
- Hiking
- Fishing
- Quilt and Silent Auctions

Freewill Donations Accepted

Bring your 3-6th Graders to the:

*** BYG EVENT Oct. 11-12 **

OPEN HOUSE—SATURDAY October 12—10am to 5pm

Overnight accommodations are available at the retreat cabins. Please contact the LOMC Office for details.



Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center
Oregon IL

www.lomc.org
815-732-2220

Synod-wide Reformation Worship and Ordination Service – October 27, 2019

A festive Reformation worship service with Rite of Ordination will be held Sunday afternoon, October 27 at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Ottawa.

Chelsey Olson Weech, called to [First Lutheran Church, Prophetstown](#), will be ordained.

Please extend the invitation far and wide. All are welcome to attend this synod-wide service.

All rostered ministers and interns are invited to vest and process. The color of the day is red!

[Trinity Lutheran Church](#), is located at 717 Chambers Street, Ottawa, IL

At the 2019 Synod Assembly, Bishop Jeffrey Clements introduced the synod's new mission statement, vision statement, and core values.

Now Bishop Clements invites you to one of three gatherings around the synod this fall to join in a continuing conversation together about these important values.

Your input is vital as we discern how we will best walk together and live out this mission and these values at the synod level and in your congregations.

Sunday, **October 6**, 2019, at St Mark Lutheran Church, 675 N. Mulford Road, **Rockford**, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Mission Statement

Walking together... loving Christ, loving all, for the sake of the world

Vision Statement

As church together, the Northern Illinois Synod will faithfully make Christ relevant to a diverse and changing world.

Core Values

Worship/Prayer (attributing worth to God/communicating with God)

Innovation (making changes that promote the ministry as it serves Christ)

Leadership (using our abilities to influence others to pursue God's mission for the church)

Equipping (preparing someone for a particular ministry situation or task)

Evangelism (telling others the good news about Christ)

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SECOND SUNDAY

KATIE'S CUP
502 7TH STREET
ROCKFORD, IL

OCTOBER 13

NOVEMBER 10

DECEMBER 8

7:00–8:30 P.M.
NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED

— 23rd Annual Ecumenical —
BENEFIT BRUNCH

Salem Lutheran Church

1629 S. 6th St, Rockford, IL

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5
9AM - 11:30AM

Registration at 8:30am

Cost \$12

“For the Least of These”

Matthew 25:40

Featured Speakers

*Rev. Rebecca White Newgren of Second First Church and
Carly Rice of “Miss Carly’s”*

Co-Sponsored by

*North Conference of the Northern Illinois Synod
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
and*

Rockford Deanery Council of Catholic Women

Please see additional information on Registration Form
for local mission focus donations to “Miss Carly’s”

******Women and Men are invited to attend this timely program.***



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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NOVEMBER
NEWSLETTER IS
OCTOBER 17, 2019**

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Rhoda Fox
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Zane Smalley
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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.