

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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August 2025 Newsletter



The call person for August is
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Greeters and Readers for August:

August 3	Ross & Diane Johnson
August 10	Margie Urich
August 17	Daryl & Marilyn Blumhagen
August 24	John & Lori Rains
August 31	Gretchen Carrels

Bible Readings for August 2025

The Bible readings are conveniently found in the *Christ in Our Home* books available free at the back of the church. We also have some available in larger print. Follow each day with a Bible Reading and a short inspirational message that gets you off to a great start! Want to dig deeper? Study the readings at the Blessing Breakfast Bible Study held at 9 a.m. Thursday mornings at the church.

- ♦ August 3 Church Council meeting— following church
SWIM & FLOAT 1:00-4:00 p.m.—free admission and floats for all!
- ♦ August 10 Celebrate John & Lori Rains' 50th following church service
- ♦ August 12 WELCA 4:00 p.m. @ church- All women are welcome!
- ♦ August 16 Open House for Jim & Darlene's 50th anniversary 2:00 p.m.
- ♦ August 17 Join Jackie & Don Kynett for 35th anniversary and vow renewal ceremony at Canyon Ferry Mansion, 1:00 p.m.
- ♦ August 19 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00 a.m. at Shepherd of the Valley—
cooks are needed
- ♦ September 7 **SUNDAY SCHOOL** resumes 9:45 for grades K-5
ALL CHURCH PICNIC will begin at 12:00.



"Jesus said: I am among you as one who serves." Luke 22: 27



- ♦ SVLC is responsible for the stocking and distribution at the food pantry during the month of August. It's fun, it's easy and it's so fulfilling. A sign up sheet is located at the back of the church.
- ♦ Helpers are needed the 1st, 3rd, 5th weeks of the month
- ♦ Donations of food and garden produce are accepted on Fridays from 9-11.
- ♦ Monetary donations may be mailed to Broadwater Food Pantry

Look for a collection box for school supplies at the back of the church!

Our mission kits offer extraordinary gifts of love for people coping with war, disaster and poverty. This is the season for finding those **school** bargains! Whatever you add will help provide a school kit for a child in need. Traditionally Gretchen assembles all of the kits in the Spring and they are trucked to a Lutheran World Relief distribution center. Your gifts are appreciated!

Supplies needed include:

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| 1 drawstring backpack | 5 unsharpened #2 pencils | 4 notebooks 70 sheets each |
| 5 blue or black pens | 1 eraser 2 1/2 inches | 1 box crayons 16 or 24 |
| 1 scissors | 1 pencil sharpener | 1 ruler with 30 cm/12 inches |



Open invitation to the women of Shepherd of the Valley: You are invited to join with the women of the choir for a musical offering in worship on Sunday, August 31st! We will sing a simple, but lovely piece of music celebrating "The Gift of Love"! Please join any or all of these rehearsals: Sunday, August 24th, at 8:30; Thursday, August 28th, at 12:00 noon; & Sunday, August 31st, at 8:30. If you enjoy singing, please come join us to raise our voices in thankfulness and praise! Linda



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These ladies wrote \$250 grants for seed money for projects carried out by groups within SVLC.



Thanks Lori Rains for writing a Thrivent grant for towels for baby & personal care kits.



Thanks Marsha Bieber for writing a Thrivent grant for quilting supplies.



Thanks Nancy Highland for writing a Thrivent grant for the Swim & Float.



Thanks Deb Arnold for writing a Thrivent grant for flannel for mission kits.

Educational and Outreach Opportunities



Blessings Bible Study meets Thursday mornings, 9:00 a.m. at the Church
Christ in Our Home is the text for the study.

The afternoon Bible Study will resume on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in September.



Swim and Float

Sunday August 3rd

1-4:00 p.m. Swimming Pool Park

Free Swimming and Root Beer Floats for the community

Sponsored by WELCA/ Thrivent



Sunday School for children in grades K-5 begins September 7th.

Sunday School will follow the children's sermon about 9:45.

Bring a friend! Contact Julie Mikula to sign up for teaching.



All Church Picnic

Sunday, September 7th 12:00 p.m.

◇ **Picnic Shelter of the Swimming Pool Park**

◇ **Games for all ages**

Please add your name to the list so WELCA can purchase enough chicken.

There's a sign-up sheet if you would like to help with a side dish.



Good things are happening in our church family!



Savvy Stiles 8/6

James Lucas 8/7

Ross Johnson 8/11

Dan Stocks 8/15

Jan Stocks 8/24

Deb Arnold 8/29

Terry & Jan Stocks 8/1

John & Lori Rains 8/2 50 years

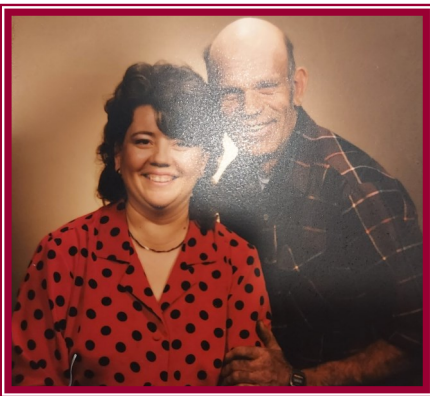
Bruce & Nancy Highland 8/3

Don & Jackie Kynett 8/19 35 years

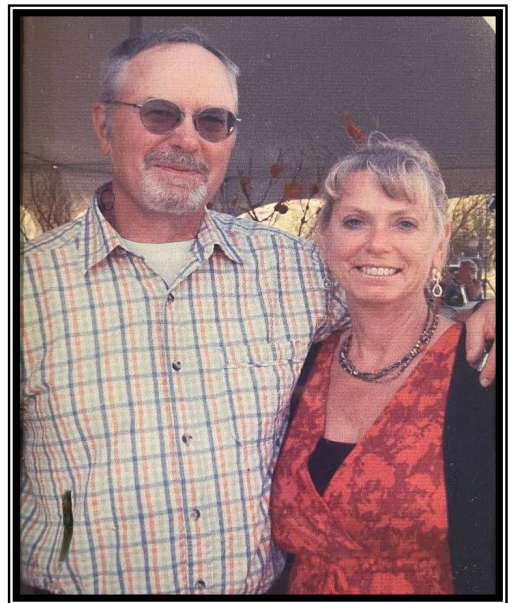
Erick & Jackie Sorenson 8/25

Guthrie & Alanna Oiestad 8/30

Jim & Darlene Beck 8/30 50 years



Congratulations to Dee & Bob Hoppe who celebrated 50 years of marriage on March 8th.



Please join us to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of

Lori & John Rains

Sunday, August 10th, 10:30 a.m.

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**Darlene and Jim Beck were married
at Shepherd of the Valley
with Rev. Bob Ohnstad officiating.**

**Please join them for an open house
celebrating their 50th Anniversary**

Saturday, August 16th

2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran
Church**

**Fun fact: Pastor Ohnstad, 86,
is currently the pastor at All
Saint's Lutheran in Clancy.**



**Don & Jackie Kynett are celebrating
their 35th Wedding Anniversary**

**Please join them for a Vow Renewal
Ceremony and a celebration at
Canyon Ferry Mansion**

**Sunday, August 17th
at 1:00 p.m.**

With this ring



**Celebrating a special birthday or anniversary?
Please share a photo and a few details so we can
share a happy event.**



**Please keep Tom Grabinski in your thoughts and prayers as
he undergoes six weeks of treatment in Seattle Washington.
Words of support and encouragement may be sent to:**

**Thomas Grabinski
Room 109
923 228th Street SE
Bothell, WA 98021**

July 13, 2025 Meeting of the SVLC Council



Council members present: Julie Mikula, Diane Johnson, Virgil Binkley, Jim Beck, and Rick Arnold

Council members absent: Clint Watson, Dave Rowell, and Aiden Mosher

Others attending the meeting: Treasurer Mike Colbert, Daryl Blumhagen, and Steve Ward, SAM

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am by President Rick Arnold. Rick led the council in prayer.

Church member comments:

Daryl Blumhagen said that the renter at 307 N Cherry St. mentioned to him that the pond from the church sump pumpage is larger than she has seen before. The water surface has reportedly extended to the east beneath the back yard fence for the rental. She has also asked that the dead tree at the southwest corner of the lot be removed. There was no objection to the tree removal. Because of the standing water and saturated condition in the area, it was thought that it would be better to wait until fall to consider an alternative water disposal method.

Steve Ward made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2025 regular-meeting. The motion was seconded by Virgil Binkley and passed.

Treasurer's report: Mike Colbert reported:

The June offering was \$6609 and other income was \$811

The monthly expenses were \$9100, with \$4380 of that being for the deck, ramp, and step renovations

Rent income for the month was \$1650, with associated expenses of \$747

The month end checking account balance was \$4000

The Money Market balance was \$47,580, with \$3000 of that encumbered

The CD balance was \$210,000 with \$30,000 of that in a plumbing reserve

Steve Ward moved to accept the treasurer's report, Diane Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed.

SAM Report:

Steve Ward reported that he had worked with a member with health concerns so that she could comfortably attend church. He brought up that the adult confirmation class would begin on Monday July 21.

Call Committee Report:

It was asked if there had been any interest in our open pastor position. Jim said that he had not received any communication from the Synod concerning a prospective pastor. There was a discussion if SVLC could provide support for a seminary student with the prospect that he/she might come to New Life/SVLC. This fall, Steve Ward will explore that possibility with the Synod.

Rental Committee Report:

Notice has been given to the parsonage (208 N Cherry St.) renters of a rent increase in August

The storm doors have been installed at the rental (307 N Cherry St.)

Townsend flooring is to install flooring in the kitchen of the rental sometime during the week of July 14

An electrician is to look at the replacement of two wall heaters and kitchen light in the rental

The Northwestern Energy notice at both rentals has been satisfied.

Committee Reports:

It was related that the deck, ramp, and step renovations were complete. A report of the work was reviewed by the council.

With two of the heavy rains this past month there has been some seepage into the southeast corner of the new basement. The seepage was mopped and dried with fans. This appears to be caused from runoff from the bare ground beneath the pine trees on the east side of the church ponding in the area of the bicycle rack.

Continuing Business:

The discussion of additional handicapped parking was postponed until the September regular meeting

New Business:

Jim Beck made, and Diane Johnson seconded a motion to authorize assistant treasurer, Lisa Rowell, to sign checks and other financial documents on behalf of the church at Opportunity Bank and Mission Investment Fund. The motion passed.

Council Member Concerns:

President Arnold summarized a letter from Lutheran World Relief seeking assistance for people affected by the Texas flood. Steve Ward made, and Julie Mikula seconded a motion to contribute \$500 to the flood relief and allow the congregation to make a free will offering through August 1. The motion passed.

There being no further business, Steve Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Diane Johnson and passed at 11:29 am. The meeting attendees prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Jim Beck, Secretary Rick Arnold, President