



# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

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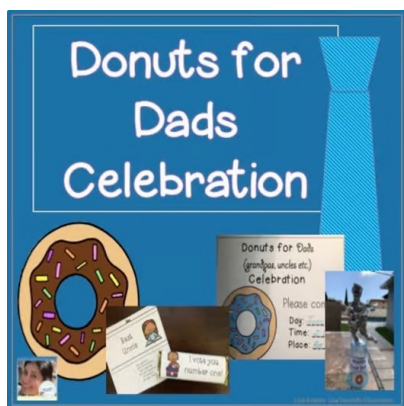
| Sunday & Festival                  | First Reading    | Psalm                  | Second Reading  | Gospel                        |
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| June 7- 2nd Sunday<br>Pentecost    | Hosea 5:15-6:6   | Psalm 50: 7-15         | Romans 4:13-25  | Matthew 9: 9-13,<br>18-26     |
| June 14 3rd Sunday<br>of Pentecost | Exodus 19: 2-8   | Psalm 100              | Romans 5: 1-8   | Matthew 9:35-<br>10:8, (9-23) |
| June 21 4th Sunday<br>of Pentecost | Jeremiah 20:7-13 | Psalm 69:7-18          | Romans 6: 1-11  | Matthew 10: 24-39             |
| June 28 5th Sunday<br>of Pentecost | Jeremiah 28:5-9  | Psalm 89:1-4,<br>15-18 | Romans 6: 12-23 | Matthew 10: 40-42             |



The call person for June  
is Susan Ramsey  
406-437-1507

### Ushers and Greeters for June

June 7 Kondeliks  
June 14 Astons & Rowells  
June 21 Ramsey & Kynetts  
June 28 Williams & Janes & Bennet



### June 21st is Father's Day!

WELCA is providing a "**Donuts for Dads Celebration**" after church for all the DADS & GRANDPAS, UNCLES & NEPHEWS, SONS & GRANDSONS.... Of course we ordered enough for the ladies too!

We wish you a wonderful day!



The **2026 Montana Synod Assembly** is meeting **May 29-30, 2026**, at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center.

- Theme:** This year's gathering centers around the theme "**Grounded in Hope.**"
- SVLC delegates to the Synod Assembly** are Shirley Wilson & Ross Johnson. Steve Ward is also attending as our **SAM**.

## Educational and Service Opportunities



# Walk..Run..Swim to get to VBS!



Contact: Deb Arnold: 406-860 6258

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### Tropical Trek VBS 2026

An Island Adventure with Jesus!

Get ready for an unforgettable 3 days of fun, faith, and friendship at **Tropical Trek VBS**! Kids will explore God's love through exciting Bible stories, upbeat music, creative crafts, games, and tasty snacks—all with a tropical twist!

📅 **Dates:** June 9th-11th

🕒 **Time:** 4-6 P.M.

📍 **Location:** Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry St, Townsend, MT 59644

Please scan the QR code for registration:

Registration is due by May 26th



*Children are a  
blessing and a gift  
from the Lord.  
Psalm 127:3*

If you are willing to assist with Bible School contact Deb Arnold. If you are willing to provide snacks for Bible School or a dessert for the church dinner on the 11th, you may use the sign-up sheets at the back of the church.



**Blessings Bible Study** meets 9 a.m. Thursday mornings at SVLC.. We discuss the lessons for the coming week from the devotional, *Christ in Our Home*, which is available at the church. Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

The afternoon Bible Study is on break for the summer but will resume on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in September.



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| June 9-11 | Vacation Bible School (VBS) 4:00-6:00 p.m. The program will be on the 11th followed by a taco dinner open to the congregation. A sign-up sheet to assist with dessert is at the back of the church. |
| June 14   | Church Council Meeting— following church                                                                                                                                                            |
| June 16   | WELCA —4:00 p.m. (one week later due to VBS)                                                                                                                                                        |
| June 21   | Happy Father's Day Enjoy Donuts for Dads following worship                                                                                                                                          |
| June 21   | First day of Summer! Rejoice!! ☀️                                                                                                                                                                   |
| June 23   | Men's Breakfast— TBA                                                                                                                                                                                |

# Wrapping up 2025-2026 with quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief !!



School kits provide the basic needs for children who struggle for an education! **101 school kits** were assembled for LWR.

Personal Care Kits meet the basic needs for victims of natural disasters. **166 personal care kits** were assembled this year. A towel, comb, toothbrush, nail clippers, and two bars of soap makes a difference!



Besides providing quilts for local law enforcement, the fire department, and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, the quilters made **82 quilts** for LWR.



Fabric kits: Just 2 spools of thread, 3 yards of 45" cotton fabric or 4 yards of 36" make a great kit! **14 fabric kits** were shipped!

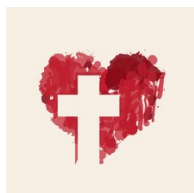


Thanks to the generosity and diligence of our workers, we assembled **384 baby kits**.

These volunteers gave up some of their Saturday morning to help load the U Haul with 2,409 pounds of Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits. The boxes will be loaded on a semi and then transported to Minneapolis where they will be dispersed wherever disaster strikes!



God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts of love and hope.





Join us for our next WELCA meeting! Tuesday,  
June 16th, 4:00 p.m. at the church!



### RECYCLE, REPURPOSE and REUSE

We have so much "stuff" in our houses and in our lives; it is a blessing to have ample to share with others. That is why our WELCA yard sale is donation only.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a wonderful success! We had fantastic volunteers assisting us from start to finish. It takes a strong community working together to make this happen, and we thank God for giving us the strength and ability to do so.

We are profoundly grateful for your generosity, which allows WELCA to sustain its meaningful projects and ministry.

### Wednesday morning quilting is just a little bit more!

There is more to our gatherings than sewing quilts and assembling mission kits. The true highlight is the fellowship—sharing a devotional and a cup of coffee while staying connected to the life and rhythm of our church.

The team made great progress today as boxes were prepared for shipping and plans and scheduling for the upcoming yard sale were discussed. Additionally, Dave and Jim worked together to install the new special needs parking signs, ensuring our grounds are accessible and ready for everyone.

Everyone is welcome to join in on our project, or simply drop by to enjoy some coffee and fellowship during our devotion. Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.



## May 3, 2026 Meeting of the SVLC Council

Council members present: Clint Watson, Margie Urich, Dave Rowell, Aiden Mosher, Diane Johnson, Jim Beck, and Rick Arnold

Council member absent: Julie Mikula

Others attending the meeting: Treasurer Lisa Rowell

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

Church member comments: There was no correspondence from a member or a member present at the meeting.

Margie Urich made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2026 regular-meeting. The motion was seconded by Diane Johnson and passed.

Treasurer's report: Lisa Rowell reported:

Average attendance for April was 57

The April offering was \$8588 and other income was \$1546

June expenses were \$4608

Monthly rental income was \$865, with expenses of \$7039, including \$3770 for parsonage flooring, \$1000 for parsonage painting (advance), \$1469 for parsonage washer/dryer, and \$450 for rental plumbing

The end of April checking balance was \$6044

The money market balance was \$41,588, with \$5771 of that encumbered

The MIF CD balance was \$250,000, with \$30,000 in a plumbing reserve

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

SAM Report: Steve Ward was not present to make a report

Call Committee Report: There is nothing new to report. There will be a Zoom call with Bishop Quanbeck on May 7, which Jim Beck will report on at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Dave Rowell recounted that the painter had power washed the exterior of the parsonage. Because of deterioration at the base of the siding, Dave Rowell and others added a belly band at the base of the siding all around the building. Since then, the painter has scraped and then primed selected areas on the siding. The painter will resume work in mid-May.

Jim Beck noted that smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and pressure reducing valves had been installed in the parsonage and the rental (307 N Cherry St.). Additionally, the main water line in the rental was rerouted so that the main water shutoff is in the living room coat closet.

Parking barriers that were stored on the rental property have been moved to the west parking lot and staked.

Continuing Business:

Rick Arnold told the council that new rental agreements had been sent to the renters at the parsonage and rental (307 N Cherry St.). The modified agreement adds a requirement for renter's insurance and limits guest stays to 10 days. The effective date of those agreements is to be June 1, 2026

The discussion of adding Tic Toc to our Sunday service streaming was postponed until the June regular meeting

After review of information from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, Jim Beck made and Margie Urich seconded a motion to give \$2000 to their Capital Projects Campaign. The motion passed.

There was a discussion if the Easy Worship software subscription was to be renewed. Since it is currently not being utilized, Margie Urich moved that the software be canceled. Diane Johnson seconded the motion and it passed.

## New Business:

There was no new business to come before the meeting

## Council Member Concerns:

It was noted that there was not a designated person or group to update the hymn board each week. President Arnold delegated that responsibility to the Worship and Music Committee. Jim Beck will leave a note with the hymn numbers on the board each Thursday or Friday to guide the designated committee member.

Daryl Blumhagen has agreed to make some upgrades to the rental fence. Jim Beck said that the materials would cost about \$40. Margie Urich made and Diane Johnson seconded a motion to proceed with the fence repairs.

Margie Urich made a motion to have Jim Beck secure flowers to present at the May 10 (Mother's Day) service. Diane Johnson seconded the motion and it passed.

There being no further business, Margie Urich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Beck and passed at 11:41 am. The meeting attendees prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Jim Beck, Secretary

Rick Arnold, President

## WELCOMING & MEMBERSHIP

The Membership and Hospitality Committee has provided us with an updated directory of names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Thank you to Kim & Joe Kondelik for the updates and printing. If you have not received your new directory, you may find them at the back of the church. The new ones are bright yellow!

| Date | Attendance | Offering |
|------|------------|----------|
| 5-3  | 49         | 2420.00  |
| 5-10 | 39         | 858.00   |
| 5-24 | 44         | 878.00   |



Thrivent grants provide resources, up to \$250 in seed money, to support church, non-profit organizations, or fundraising causes. A Thrivent member may apply for up to 2 Thrivent grants per year. The Thrivent website will also provide information on how to become an associate member. .



## Birthdays

Susan Ramsey 6/15

Lisa James 6/24

John Hilton 6/25

Lisa Rowell 6/28

Marcus Oiestad 6/29

Dave Rowell 6/30

## Anniversaries

Ross & Diane Johnson 6/8

Lee & Aubra Lewis 6/20

Rick & Deb Arnold 6/21

Clint & Pam Watson 6/23

Bob & Sheri Brastrup 6/25

Dylan & Jessica Lancello 6/29