



Bible Readings for the month of February:

Date	Sundays &	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
February 2	Presentation of Our Lord	Malachi 3: 1-4	Psalm 84	Hebrews 2: 14-18	Luke 2: 22-40
February 9	5th Sunday after Epiphany	Isaiah 6: 1-8	Psalm 138	I Corinthians 5: 1-11	Luke 5: 1-11
February 16	6th Sunday after Epiphany	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalm 1	I Corinthians 15: 12-20	Luke 6: 17-26
February 23	7th Sunday after Epiphany	Genesis 43: 3-11, 15	Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40	I Corinthians 5: 1-11	Luke 5: 1-11



The call person for
February
is Susan Ramsey
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Greeters and Readers for February:

February 2 Dave & Lisa Rowell

February 9 Cal Janes & Susan Ramsey

February 16 James Lucas & Lisa James

February 23 Don & Jackie Kynett and Jamie & Kari Williams



- February 5** WELCA ladies bring Valentine goodies and meet to assemble Valentine bags for Sunday School (10:30 downstairs)
- February 6** Choir Practice —12:00 noon
- February 9** Church Council– following church services
- February 11** WELCA meeting 4:00 p.m. at the church
- February 16** TRIVIA @ the church 3:00 p.m.
No Sunday School: President's Day weekend
- February 18** Men's Prayer Breakfast– SVLC 6 a.m. to cook, 6:30 serving
- March 5** Ash Wednesday

What?

TRIVIA

Who?

Everyone! It's a family fun time!

When

February 16, 3:00 p.m.

You may wish to bring
snacks to share!

Why?

Fun and Fellowship

SNACKS

where

Shepherd of the Valley

Sponsored by WELCA

Orchestrated by Chuck Smith

**Men's Prayer
Breakfast**



**The men's prayer breakfast is scheduled for 6:30
February 18th at SVLC!**

Cooks are needed at 6:00 a.m.



**The choir needs you, and if you love to sing, February is the
perfect month to get started! Choir rehearsal is Thursday,
February 6th at 12:00 noon and Sunday, February 9th at 8:30
a.m. Come join the fun and sing to the Lord a new song!**



**Bible
STUDY**

**We have a place
for you!**



Thursday: 9 a.m. @ The Mint

Christ in Our Home –devotional

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. @ church

Hebrews



Sunday School Schedule for February:

February 2 - Sunday School 9:30

February 16- No Sunday School— President's Day weekend

February 9 - Sunday School 9:30

February 23— Sunday School 9:30

There's a sign-up sheet for Sunday School at the back of the church.



On Sunday, January 19th Aiden Mosher made public affirmation of his baptism. He graciously thanked all of those who helped him on his journey through confirmation classes.



Teresa Raisland and Steve Ward share this proud moment with Aiden.

It's Committee Time again!

Every year we have an opportunity to get involved with new church committees. Last year, Rick Arnold said at the annual meeting. *"It's the committees that help accomplish the work of our church."* He is absolutely right! We need helpers to keep our church alive!

The committee sheets are coming around again for the next couple of weeks. Please ask God to use your hands and heart. Which committees will you consider? The bulletin board in the narthex has a description of what the committees do.

Committee Opportunities:

Membership and Hospitality

Memorial

Property and Maintenance

Helping Hands

Worship & Music

Visitation and Prayer Chain

Stewardship

Youth Activities

Lawn and Grounds

Education- (Sunday School)





February Birthdays:

Judy Riddle	February 5
Haakon Oiestad	February 5
Mitzi Huft	February 6
Tom Grabinski	February 7
Rick Arnold	February 8
Archer James	February 21

There's still time to wish Diana Berglind a Happy Birthday on January 30th. I am sorry she was omitted last month.



Margie Ulrich opened the meeting with devotions for 13 ladies present.

Lisa Rowell noted the balance was \$4793.60 with some outstanding payments to be made. She then issued a check for \$745 for Kids Count from the wreath raffle. There is also an outstanding bill for the Christmas gifts for the youth, which Lisa put on her credit card. She also enumerated the gift baskets that she and Dave put together for each of the rest homes.

Margie read communications from Lori Rains with a donation and a thank you note for all that WELCA does. Thank you notes for the Christmas gifts were read from Alden and Addy Mosher. A thank you letter for Lutheran Disaster Response was read for the \$500 donation that was sent to aid hurricane victims. A letter was read from the Christmas Connection discussing the community outreach.

New business:

Confirmation Sunday is January 19th. WELCA will purchase a cake to honor Alden.

Margie showed the ladies a pin that she ordered for Dee Hoppe to recognize her dedication and leadership in quilting for Lutheran World Relief

Sharon Borer made a motion which was seconded by Aubra Lewis to send \$500 to Lutheran Disaster Response for the victims of the fires in California.

Bonnie Berglind will check with Chuck Smith to see if we can have a trivia event on February 16th at 3:00 p.m.

Allieda asked WELCA if we would like to consider Easter Banners in the church. She will come up with more specifics for our next meeting. She inquired if WELCA was planning to provide Valentines bags for the youth in the church. We will assemble bags 10:30 Wednesday, February 5th after quilting. Anyone willing to assist may send valentines for stuffing the bags for 19 children. We also noted that we should send Valentines to the residents in the rest home.

Aubra Lewis, a new member of the Montana/N. Wyoming Synodical board for 2024-2026, reported on the various projects of the regional board. "I am excited to continue the tradition of serving the women of the ELCA in any direction that the Holy Spirit decides to move me." Prayers for Aubra as she expands her work churchwide.

Darlene reported that she had taken another load of warm clothing, blankets etc. to God's Love. She gave a little more background on God's Love and noted that there is a need for more warm coats for men in all sizes.

Some discussion of what grants can be written to purchase soap for personal care kits and baby kits. Thrivent grants help keep these kits ongoing.

The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Darlene Beck, Secretary



Wednesday Workers! Come join us!



Dee,
Thank you for being a leader of the quilt ministry. We are so grateful for you!



Industrious & Productive!!
This group assembled 3 water filtration kits and 4 solar lights to be distributed to disaster areas.



All Thrivent members are eligible to receive one kit per year through Thrivent partnerships with Wine to Water and SolarBuddy. Members can make a difference by assembling water filters for communities without clean water, or solar lights for those living in energy poverty.

January 12, 2025 Meeting of the SVLC Council

Council members present: Clint Watson, Margie Urich, Ross Johnson, Marilyn Blumhagen, Bonnie Berglind, Jim Beck, and Rick Arnold Council members absent: None

Others attending the meeting: Treasurer Mike Colbert, Darlene Beck, and Steve Ward, SAM

The meeting was called to order at 10:42 am by Vice President Ross Johnson, in the temporary absence of President Urich. Steve Ward led the council in prayer.

Church member comments:

Darlene Beck was in attendance to present information about the church's web site, as detailed in continuing business.

Marilyn Blumhagen made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2024 regular-meeting. The motion was seconded by Clint Watson and passed.

Treasurer's report: Mike Colbert reported:

The offering for December was \$12,470, or \$2,078 per service

Other income was \$708

Expenses for the month were \$4,652

Rental income for December was \$2,675, with expenses of \$303

The end of December checking balance was \$2,220

Balance of the Money Market savings balance was \$36,550, with \$3,500 of that encumbered

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

Ross Johnson moved to accept the treasurer's report. Marilyn Blumhagen seconded the motion, and it passed.

SAM Report:

Steve Ward thanked the people who had assisted him with the confirmation class.

Adult confirmation books will be ordered in preparation for the class later this year.

Committee Reports:

The call committee has not met recently. With no candidate to evaluate, there has not been any business for the committee consider. The committee is still in contact with the New Life call committee and periodically communicates with the Synod.

WELCA is planning a social event for January or February

The furnace filters have been changed and should be good through March

Continuing Business:

Darlene Beck demonstrated the new SVLC website for the council. Several features of the website were explained. Darlene asked the council members to examine the website and give her any suggestions for improvements.

The draft rental survey was reviewed. President Urich asked Jim Beck to present it at the annual meeting, suggesting that he have rental rates and basic expense data available to answer possible questions.

A Thrivent grant was submitted, and rejected, for software for our projection screen. The grant will be modified and resubmitted.

Jim Beck, Secretary

New Business:

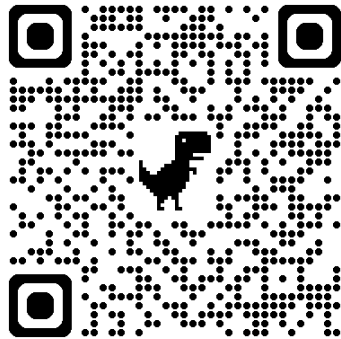
The draft annual meeting agenda was reviewed. There were no additions suggested. Jim asked that any additions or corrections be submitted to him by January 15 so that the agenda and notice can be mailed out by January 16.

Council Member Concerns:

Ross Johnson suggested that a constitutional review be done sometime this year. It was noted that it has been over six years since the last review.

Jim Beck suggested that a tub for spare parts be placed in one of the furnace rooms. Currently, repair/replacement parts are in files, drawers, and boxes at various locations throughout the church.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Margie Urich with general consent at 12:05 pm. The meeting attendees prayed the Lord's Prayer. Jim Beck, Secretary Margie Urich, President



Thank you, Lisa James, for setting up the church website and for giving us a great structure for our ministry!



svlctownsend.org

It's here! It's official!

Shepherd of the Valley has a web page. There will need to be a few adjustments from time to time, however, all the current information will be made available to you! You can access the website from your computer or phone or use the QR code on the right. If you are using your phone, use the drop-down menu in the upper left hand corner to help you navigate.