

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

October 2025 Newsletter

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The call person for the month of

October is Susan Ramsey

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USHERS AND GREETERS FOR OCTOBER:

October 5 Cal Janes & Susan Ramsey

October 12 Ted & Patty Aston, Kim Kondelik

October 19 Dave & Lisa Rowell

October 26 ** Don & Jackie Kynett, Jamie & Kari Williams

**** Reformation Sunday- Lutherans traditionally wear red to represent the Holy Spirit and those who died for their faith in Jesus Christ.**

October Scripture Readings

Festival	First Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
October 5, 17th Sunday of Pentecost	Habakkuk 1:1-4	Psalm 37:1-9	2 Timothy 1: 1-14	Luke 17: 5-10
October 12, 21st Sunday of Pentecost	2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15	Psalm 111	2 Timothy 2: 8-15	Luke 17: 11-19
October 19, 22nd Sunday of Pentecost	Isaiah 43: 3-13	Psalm 124 (8)	2 Timothy 4: 5-11	Luke 1:1-4; 24: 44-53
October 26 Reformation Sunday	Jeremiah 14: 7-10	Psalm 84: 1-7	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-38	Luke 18: 9-14

Educational & Fellowship Opportunities for Everyone!



We welcomed our Sunday School students back on September 7th! It's always a joyous time to have youth participation! We love our acolytes, basket holders, assistant ushers, singers, and children's sermon participants! What a wonderful way they serve the Lord!



Breakfast Blessings Bible Study: Thursday Mornings 9:00 a.m.

At the church *CHRIST IN OUR HOME* text study

Wednesday Afternoons 1:00 p.m. At the church

Everyone is welcome to attend both Bible Studies!



Welcome all joyful voices!

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, October 16, 12:00 p.m.



Quilting—Baby Kits— Devotions—Fellowship!!

Wednesdays in the Church Basement

9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.

Volunteers are always welcome!



Tuesday, October 21

6:30 a.m.

Mountain Valley Church—100 E. Street, Townsend

IS YOUR CHILI UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?



**Come out to enjoy some chili and place
your votes for your favorite.**

WELCA is sponsoring the 3rd annual Chili-Cook off

Sunday October 19th, 4:00 p.m. At the church!

- ♦ Sign up to make chili or help with toppings or sides if you wish.
- ♦ We will have taste testing or you can just enjoy a bowl of chili! Everyone will be allowed to vote for their favorite!
- ♦ Mark your calendars for 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 19th

ACTIVITIES & CRAFT will be available for all YOUTH!!

PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

The 5th Old Fashioned Church Picnic provided fellowship, fun, food and music.

Thank you :

- ♦ WELCA for sponsoring the picnic
- ♦ Those who provided set-up, food & clean up
- ♦ Erick and Jackie– for music





None to report

Happy Birthday !!

Mike Colbert October 8

Jamie Williams October 18

Erick Sorenson October 19

Mitch Stocks October 19

Marilyn Blumhagen October 20



October 12 Church Council meeting following the church service

October 14 WELCA meeting! ALL WOMEN WELCOME! 4:00 p.m. At church

October 19 Chili Cook off at 4:00 p.m. at the church—Activities for the kids!

October 21 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 a.m. Mountain View Church

October 26 Reformation Sunday— Red is the liturgical color and represents the Holy Spirit. I was asked to remind people to wear red.

November 2 All Saints' Sunday— remembering all of those who have gone before us



September 14, 2025, Meeting of the SVLC Council

Council members present: Clint Watson, Dave Rowell, Aiden Mosher, Diane Johnson, Julie Mikula and Rick Arnold.

Council members absent: Virgil Binkley and Jim Beck.

Others attending the meeting: Treasurer, Mike Colbert; and Assistant Treasurer, Lisa Rowell.

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 by President Rick Arnold. Mr. Arnold led the council in prayer.

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

Dave Rowell made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 3, 2025 regular-meeting. The motion was seconded by Julie Mikula and passed.

Treasurer's report: Mike Colbert reported:

The August offering was \$7,327 and other income was \$1,045

Expenses for the month were \$5,529

August rental income was \$2,090 with expenses of \$1,384

The end of the month checking balance was \$ 4,206

The money market balance at month's end was \$34,588, with \$3,000 of that encumbered

CDs totaled \$230,000, with \$30,000 of that in a plumbing reserve

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

SAM Report: There was no report.

Committee Reports:

Mike Colbert inquired about the signed copy of the Parsonage rental agreement. Clint Watson reported that he would be stopping by this week to get the signed agreement. Mr. Colbert also inquired about reimbursing the renter for the roof repair. Mr. Watson will check on that as well and the council agreed to credit the rent accordingly. The council also discussed replacing the carpet in the Parsonage and Mr. Watson will get a bid. Also discussed was replacing the lighting in the kitchen and it was noted that Daryl Blumhagen will be consulted.

Rick Arnold reported that Marcia Bieber has requested to be removed from the Call Committee and that she will need to be replaced. It was noted that Mr. Arnold also announced the recent vacancy during today's Sunday service asking the congregation for recommendations.

Continuing Business:

The Property and Maintenance Committee presented the recommendations for tree removal and drainage on the east side of the church. The council discussed the recommendation of the removal of one tree and trimming of the remaining trees. Ms. Johnson will get a new bid for the work from Cost Cutters. Also discussed was the issue of water runoff. Mr. Rowell reported that he and Mr. Beck had discussed raising the retaining wall, adding fill dirt and taper it away from the building, then add gravel and putting a roof over the basement entrance. Mr. Rowell will get a bid for the retaining wall and Mr. Watson, Mr. Mosher, and Mr. Rowell will develop a draft of the building plan for the roof. Mr. Arnold asked for a motion for the committee to move forward with the above-mentioned work. Ms. Johnson moved to allow the committee to do so. Ms. Mikula provided the second and the motion carried.

Mr. Arnold led the discussion of additional handicapped parking and asked that a decision be tabled until the December meeting. Mr. Watson noted that he would like approval to place the signs designating the restricted parking.

Mr. Arnold asked for an update on the property assessment appeal and Mr. Colbert and Ms. Rowell reported that the appeal was delivered to the county assessor in a timely manner and we are waiting to hear from the appraiser.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Council Member Concerns:

There were no council member concerns.

There being no further business to come before the council, Mr. Rowell moved for adjournment. Mr.

Watson seconded the motion, and it carried. Mr. Arnold then led the members in the Lords Prayer.