

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

September 2025 Newsletter



The call person for September is
Teresa Raisland Phone: 949-2101

Greeters and Readers for September

September 7 Shirley Wilson & Gordon Huft

September 14 Beth Ward

September 21 Teresa Raisland & Laura Ascheman

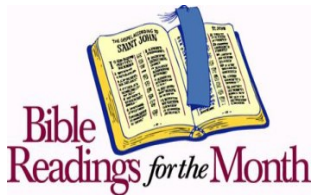
September 28 Tom Helm & Alieda Stone



Sunday School Begins September 7th

Welcoming children through Grade 5

Sunday School will begin right after the children's sermon during church. God bless the coordinators, teachers, parents, and church family who support Christian education!



September Scripture Readings are found in the *Christ in Our Home* Daily Devotional— available at the back of the church.

Church Picnic—Welcoming everyone!

◇ Sunday, September 7, 2025

◇ Picnic Shelter of the Swimming Pool Park

◇ 12:00 Noon

◇ Please add your name to the sign up sheet at the church so we can plan for food.

◇ Chicken is provided by WELCA.

◇ We have a sign-up sheet for salads and desserts and sides

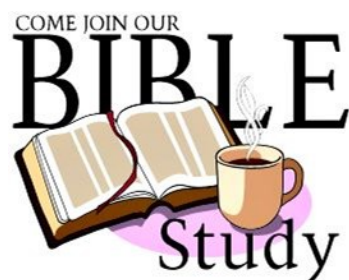
◇ Please come and get the church/school year off to a great start!

Ladies' Anthem Scheduled for Sunday, September 28th

Practices: Thursday, September 25th, 12:00 noon at the church

Sunday, September 28th, 8:30 a.m. at the church





John 8:12 Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



Blessings Bible Study- using *Christ in our Home*

- Thursday mornings 9:00 a.m. at SVLC fellowship area— breakfast & study
- There's room at the table—come and share the Word of God!

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

- ◆ Begins Wednesday, September 17th 1:00 p.m. at the church. Sign up for the next course of study on the sheet at the back of the church.

Montana/Wyoming Women's Synodical Gathering

Walk in the Light of Christ

All Women in the Synod are invited to attend.

Sept. 20, 2025 8:30-3:30pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

1000 Helena Ave, Helena MT

Keynote Speaker: Pastor Christine Holler-Dinsmore

Music ~ Movement ~ Worship ~ Crafts ~ Service Projects ~Fellowship ~Lunch

Registration form from QR code at the left. Contact: Aubra Lewis

CHURCH
CALENDAR



- September 7 Sunday School begins 9:45
- September 7 Church Picnic 12:00 noon— Swimming Pool Park
- September 9 WELCA 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship area of the church
- September 14 Church Council Meeting following church service
- September 16 Men's Breakfast Trailhead Church 6:30 a.m.
- September 17 Afternoon Bible Study resumes Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. at the church
- September 20 Montana/Wyoming Synodical Gathering— St. John's in Helena "Walk in the Light of Christ" registration sheets are available on the bulletin board at the church.
- September 25 Ladies Choir Practice 12:00 noon
- September 28 Ladies Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. to sing anthem in church the same Sunday

Mission Work—It's Fun

Want to enjoy some fun and fellowship while doing something for others?

Join us for fellowship Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

We have so many people helping with our mission work.

Thank you to everyone who shops, donates, sews and helps aid the mission process!

*Thank
you*



We have the best team of ladies who knit and crochet hats for our LWR baby kits! Thank you for all you do!

Thank you to all the volunteers who work on a variety of projects within our church. So many people give of their time and energy to keep the mission of our church alive:



Daryl Blumhagen and all the August volunteers!

Thanks to our WELCA team for the root beer floats and to Nancy for writing the Thrivent grant to assist with the pool rental.

Thank you Teresa Raisland for the lawn care! It always looks great! Thank you Alieda Stone for Weed control and cleaning all the cobwebs from the windows!



Thank you to Lisa Rowell who is assuming the church treasurer position from Mike Colbert.

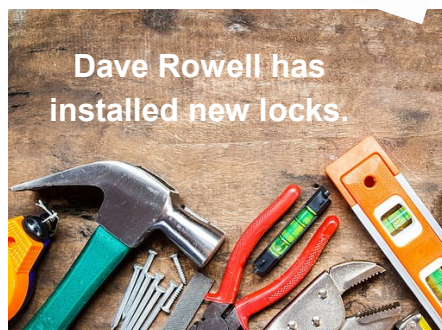


Alas! Notice the lovely front doors of the

Thanks Alieda Stone for the fresh coat of paint on the front doors.



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Church Council

Lay Pastoral Leadership

Education Committee

Visitation Committee

Worship & Music Committee

Membership & Hospitality

Property & Maintenance

Memorial Committee

Lawn & Grounds Committee

Helping Hands Committee

Stewardship

Ushers, Greeters & Organizers

WELCA

Call Committee

Missions workers

Bible Study Groups

Youth

Bible Study Groups



Judy Arensmeyer September 1
 Jessica Lancello September 4
 Abi Lancello September 7
 Daryl Blumhagen September 10
 Ryan Lancello September 14
 Beth Ward September 19
 Aiden Mosher September 25
 Helen Turcotte September 28

Dave & Lisa Rowell September 9

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, we urge you to text Darlene, 406-980-0017



Celebrating Lori & John Rains'
 50th Wedding Anniversary



Jim & Darlene Beck's
 50th Wedding Anniversary



Don & Jackie Kynett
 Happy 35 years!

Psalm 145: 4 "One generation shall commend your works to another; they shall declare your mighty acts."



Margie Urich photo



Susan Ramsey photo





August 3, 2025 Meeting of the SVLC Council

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

Council member absent: Julie Mikula

Others attending the meeting: Treasurer, Mike Colbert; Assistant Treasurer, Lisa Rowell; Marcia Bieber; and Steve Ward, SAM

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 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, except to present for an agenda topic.

Diane Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2025 regular-meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Ward and passed.

Treasurer's report: Mike Colbert reported:

The July offering was \$5321 and other income was \$1449

Expenses for the month were \$3565

July rental income was \$1740, with expenses of \$747

The end of the month checking balance was \$5375

The money market balance was \$29,580, with \$3000 of that encumbered

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

Lisa Rowell related that \$528 had been given in the Texas flood assistance offering. It will be combined with the \$500 already designated by the council.

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

SAM Report:

Six students will be attending the first communion instruction, tentatively scheduled for late September

The adult confirmation is ongoing

Committee Reports:

The Rental Committee reported that the rental notice and agreement had been discussed and signed by the renters of the parsonage. The committee recommended against updating the electrical service at the parsonage as it would likely involve a chain of changes to the home's electrical system. The screen doors and kitchen floor in the rental (307 N Cherry St.) have been replaced. The electrical work is still pending.

The Property & Maintenance Committee explained that the sump pump had been raised about 9 inches, with no apparent problems with basement seepage. Raising the pump reduced the average discharge to 0.8 gpm, about 1/3 of the previous discharge. The general groundwater level has dropped about 8 inches over the past month.

President Arnold said that Alieda Stone is willing to repaint the front doors of the church. Steve Ward made and Diane Johnson seconded a motion to accept Aleida's offer. The motion passed. President Arnold asked the Property & Maintenance Committee to purchase paint for Alieda.

Continuing Business:

Marcia Bieber and Mike Colbert recommended to the council that they pursue an informal appeal for the property assessment for the rental (307 N Cherry St.). Dave Rowell made and Diane Johnson seconded a motion to proceed with the informal property assessment appeal. The motion passed. Lisa Rowell and Mike Colbert will prepare the appeal paperwork for Rick Arnold to sign.

Diane Johnson reported that she had obtained a bid of \$1300 per tree to remove the pine trees and stumps on the east side of the church. The removal of the tree and stump at the southwest corner of the church property would cost \$1500. Steve Ward made a motion to take the tree removal under consideration and have the Property & Maintenance Committee consider landscaping options if the tree(s) are removed. Diane Johnson seconded the motion and it passed.

New Business:

Jim Beck remarked that he had communication from New Life Lutheran Church asking if we would be amenable to having a combined service with New Life, the goal being to allow our congregations to better know each other. Consensus was that we would explain the offer to the congregation and have members offer their opinions.

Council Member Concerns:

There were no council member concerns.

There being no further business, Steve Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Diane Johnson and passed at 11:44 am. The meeting attendees prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Jim Beck, Secretary

Rick Arnold, President