

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

November 2025 Newsletter



Bible Readings for the month of November

November 2 All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1: 11-23 Luke 6: 20-31

November 9 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 19: 23-27a. Psalm 17: 1-9 II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19: 1-10

November 16 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Malakai 4: 1-2a Psalm 98 II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20: 27-38

November 23 — Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1: 11– 20 Luke 23: 33-43

November 30—The First Sunday of Advent

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Psalm 100 Philippians 4: 4-9 John 6:25-35



The call person for November is
Bonnie Berglind

Phone: 266-3043

Greeters and Ushers for November

November 2 Bonnie & Diana Berglind

November 9 Rick & Deb Arnold

November 16 Jim & Darlene Beck

November 23 Erick & Jackie Sorenson

November 30 Clint & Pam Watson

November 2 All Saints Sunday— lighting of candles for those who have gone before us
Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 a.m. Set your clocks back an hour!

November 6 Choir Practice 12:00 noon at the church

November 9 Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. & Church Council Meeting-following church service

November 11 WELCA Meeting– 4:00 p.m. at the church All women are welcome!

November 16 Brawl of the Wild Campus Ministry offering—**Bobcat** and **Grizzly** offering
cups will be passed to support campus ministries at **UM** and **MSU**.

November 23 Thankoffering Service- **WELCA** Quilts and Kits will be displayed & dedication
Free will offering for transportation

November 27 **Happy Thanksgiving!**

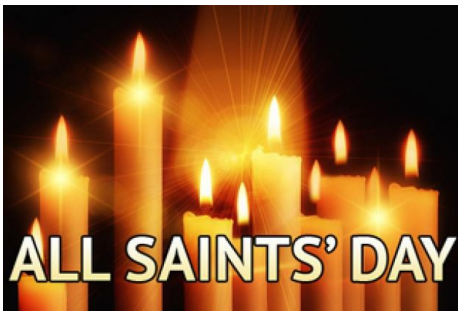
November 30 **First Sunday in Advent**- (World Hunger Offering)

December 6 Townsend Stroll- **WELCA Bake Sale** & **Wreath Raffle** (proceeds go to **Kids Count**)

December 7 **Potluck following church & Decorating church for Christmas**

December 14 **Children's Christmas Program** during church & Church Council Meeting to follow

What's Happening at Church in November?



November 2nd

Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.
Bless the memories of your saints.
May we learn from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

You may light a candle in memory of a loved one.



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY IS...

November 16

Brawl of the Wild

Offering for Lutheran Campus Ministry



Lutheran Campus Ministry is outreach for 2 college campuses and is funded, in part, by our offerings. We split the offering evenly between the two campuses; however we have a fun competition between the two college rivals. We have 2 collection cups: **UM** and **MSU**

WELCA THANKOFFERING SERVICE **NOVEMBER 23rd**



*When we bless others, we
are letting our light shine
for the glory of God*
Matthew 5:16,

We will give thanks for all the hands that
worked with the following ministries. God's
blessings to those who receive these gifts:

Quilts for Lutheran World Relief, our local Sheriff's Office,
Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, and local families in need

School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Personal Care Kits— for LWR & God's Love

Baby Kits— for Lutheran World Relief

Sewing Kits— for Lutheran World Relief

Pillow Cases for Africa— dresses and shorts reaching all
parts of the world



Advent is the Christian season of preparation, reflection, and anticipation that occurs for four weeks leading up to Christmas. It commemorates the coming of Jesus Christ and the anticipation of his second coming. It is observed with lighting candles on an Advent wreath and reading scripture. The season focuses on hope, peace, joy and love. The first Sunday of Advent is **November 30th.**



WELCA will host a BAKE SALE & RAFFLE at this year's stroll.

WELCA Raffle to benefit **KIDS COUNT**

Kids Count provides necessities for children who need school supplies, warm clothing or other essentials. All proceeds from this raffle go directly to the Kids Count program.

WELCA is providing a wreath with \$250 worth of gift cards for the raffle. Second prize is a beautiful handmade quilt.

- ♦ Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.
- ♦ Tickets are available Sunday, November 9th at church & during the Stroll



The Lutheran Bake Sale will be held during the stroll. Please offer your specialty so that we can continue our community outreach projects.



Churchwide Potluck December 7th

Food, fellowship and fun while we decorate the church for Christmas!



It's always a spectacular event when we have children sharing the Christmas story.

Who: The Sunday School children & helpers

What: The Christmas Story- Program

When: **December 14th** during church

Why: Because we love our youth, we will celebrate Christ's coming with a party following the program.



Bible Study Opportunities—There's room at the table!

Breakfast Blessings Bible Study meets Thursday mornings, 9:00 a.m. at SVLC

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study meets 1:00 p.m. at the church

In Fellowship with Christ We Celebrate!



Seven of our youth celebrated their first communion supported by their parents. It's even a little more heart-warming to know that two of these parents received their first communion at Shepherd of the Valley. We are blessed by these children and their parents and we pray for their continued walk with Christ Jesus.

**WELCOME TO
QUILTING & MISSION WORK**
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
9:00 a.m.



**Choir Practice: Thursday,
November 6th, 12:00 noon**

**Choir Practice: Sunday,
November 9th, 8:30 a.m.**



These ladies are smiling because they share the fellowship of quilting and packing mission kits. Along with their work, they have a devotion and of course a sweet treat!



Cal Janes 11/7
Teresa Raisland 11/8
Judith Binkley 11/23
Nancy Highland 11/24
John Rains 11/24
Randy Dotson 11/28



It's *GRAND* NEWS



Our former piano was moved downstairs for Sunday School. The new transition took less than an hour. Thank you to the Worship & Music Committee for finding this gem! The dedication will be November 9th!



Quilts are serviceable in so many ways.

Bryson Rowe, a deputy from the Broadwater County Sheriff's office accepted our handmade quilts to be carried in the police cars and used in emergency purposes.

We pray that people can be protected and wrapped in God's Love.



Bentley Hoppe Wins the Chili Challenge!

The WELCA sponsored chili competition was a great success! There were 13 different chilis in the competition and there were 47 plus people on hand to sample, enjoy delicious sides, frost their own sugar cookie and play BINGO!



Everyone concentrated on their BINGO cards like they were taking the SAT's



Congratulations Ken & Margie Urich

These wonderful people have been dedicated to each other, our church and our community. We are so blessed to celebrate with them. Happy 40th Anniversary!





October 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes of the Church Council

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

Council members absent: Clint Watson and Julie Mikula

Others attending the meeting: Assistant Treasurer Lisa Rowell, Deb Arnold, and Steve Ward, SAM

The meeting was called to order at 10:43 am by President Rick Arnold. Rick led the council in prayer.

Church member comments: Deb Arnold's discussion is in the standing committee reports.

Steve Ward made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2025 regular-meeting. The motion was seconded by Diane Johnson and passed.

Treasurer's report: Lisa Rowell reported:

The September giving was \$5102 and other income was \$689

Monthly church expenses were \$3473

The monthly rental income was \$1820 with expenses of \$630

The end of September checking balance was \$4190

There was \$37,600 in money market savings with \$3000 of that encumbered

The CD balance was \$230,000, with \$30,000 of that in a plumbing reserve

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

SAM Report:

Steve Ward said that he and Pastor Ken DuVall would be attending a meeting with the Bishop later this month. They plan to seek an opportunity to discuss a local man who is graduating from seminary this spring to see if there is potential for him to consider New Life and SVLC.

The first communion class will be held near the end of October.

Steve will be on vacation November 2 and 9, 2025.

Call Committee Report:

The call committee and church council chairpersons from New Life and SVLC met on October 10. They discussed the open pastor position, with concern that the new Bishop and the replacement Assistant Bishop may not be aware of what has transpired with respect to our combined call. It was decided to wait until mid-November to see if an Assistant Bishop appointment is made, and then ask for a meeting with the Bishop.

Tom Grabinski was appointed to fill the open position on the call committee.

Rental Committee:

It was noted that the cost of maintaining both the rental and parsonage should be monitored. Consideration should be given to switching the functions of the rental and the parsonage.

Replacement of the kitchen light(s), replacement of carpet, and painting are being considered for the parsonage.

Committee Reports:

Worship & Music Committee

The committee reported that Linda Mosness is planning choir presentations and supplying sheet music for the choir.

Steve Ward made, and Diane Johnson seconded a motion to include \$500 in the 2026 budget for choir music. The motion passed.

Diane Johnson made a motion to pay a, one time, \$25 bonus to Linda Mosness for leading the choir and providing music. Dave Rowell seconded the motion , it was passed as amended (see below).

Aiden Mosher investigated the cost of sheet music, and based on his findings, Steve Ward made and Dave Rowell seconded a motion to amend the bonus from \$25 to \$100. The amendment passed.

Deb Arnold explained that the current sanctuary piano will not stay tuned. The committee is looking into options for a replacement piano and potential ways to fund the replacement.

Diane Johnson made and Steve Ward seconded a motion to have the Worship and Music Committee explore piano replacement options and methods of financing the purchase. The motion passed.

Steve Ward informed the council that he was contemplating outside sources for special music.

There was a question concerning a second projection screen and expanded use of the projection system. Dave and Lisa Rowell said that the second monitor and mount are in the pastor's office. Jim Beck mentioned that the software is on the projection computer for anyone to use.

Property & Maintenance Committee

Diane Johnson indicated that Cost Cutters (tree removal company) would not bid on tree trimming.

Steve Ward made a motion to have the north pine tree removed, per the previous bid, and have select-ed tree trimming done on a cost per hour basis. Virgil Binkley seconded the motion and it passed.

Dave Rowell received a bid of \$3800 from a local contractor to place a 22-inch-high retaining wall along the south and east sides of the basement stairwell. Dave felt that the bid was high and suggested that he could look for form materials over the winter and a church work group could make the concrete placement in the spring. President Arnold directed that the retaining wall be revisited during the March 2026 meeting.

It was mentioned that the underground sprinklers would be winterized on October 13.

Continuing Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

Lisa Rowell presented the proposed budget for 2026. After a brief discussion, President Arnold asked the council members to review the proposed budget in preparation for discussion at the November meeting.

Jim Beck presented an anticipated agenda, list of nominees for the Nominating Committee, and a list of reports for the annual meeting. He asked the members to review the agenda before the next meeting.

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 Virgil Binkley and passed at 11:44 am. The meeting attendees prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Jim Beck, Secretary

Rick Arnold, President