

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2025, NEWSLETTER



Kelly Morris took another great picture of our congregation. Deb Arnold wrote a Thrivent grant to obtain a picture for the church; this also includes the rights to use this picture. For those of you receiving the newsletter via email, we will share a copy of the photo with you. Check out the new photo in the foyer.



Sunday & Festival	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
June 2, 2nd Sunday of Pentecost	Deuteronomy 5: 12-15	Psalm 81: 1-10	2 Corinthians 4: 5-12	Mark 2: 23– 3:6
June 9, 3rd Sunday of Pentecost	Genesis 3: 8-15	Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 4: 13—5:1	Mark 3:20-35
June 16, 4th Sunday of Pentecost	Ezekiel 17: 22-24	Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15	2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, (11-13) 14-17	Mark 4: 26-34
June 23 4th Sunday of Pentecost	Job 38: 1-11	Psalm 107: 1-3 23-32	2 Corinthians 6: 1-13	Mark 4: 35-41
June 30 5th Sunday of Pentecost	Lamentations 3: 22-33	Psalm 30	2 Corinthians 8: 7-15	Mark 5: 21-43

June 3 WELCA– 4:00 p.m. (One week early due to VBS)

June 8 Church Council Meeting following Sunday service

Happy 40th Anniversary celebration for Ross & Diane Johnson following church

June 10-12 Vacation Bible School 4:00– 6:00 p.m.

June 15 Happy Father's Day– Church Brunch Potluck

June 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast (place to be determined)



Educational and Service Opportunities

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

(John 3:16)

Day 1

God Sends Jesus to Earth Luke 2: 1-20

Day 2

Jesus Dies and Comes Back to Life John: 16-21



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ SVLC

JUNE 10-12 4:00-6:00p.m.

There are several children registered for VBS. The first two days will be students learning about “Celebrating God’s Greatest Gift.” Parents and guests are welcome on the third day to watch the children sing songs (provide moo-sic) and show what they learned. Dinner will be provided.



Blessings Bible Study meets 9 a.m. Thursday morning at the church for breakfast and Bible Study. *Christ in Our Home* is the text.

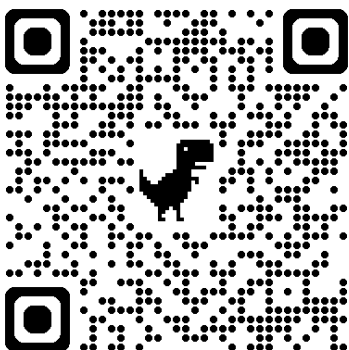
The afternoon Bible Study is on break for the summer, but it will resume on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in September.



June 15th is Father's Day!

We are having a Father's Day Brunch following church on June 15th!

We love our DADS & GRANDPAS, UNCLES & NEPHEWS, SONS & GRANDSONS!



Shepherd of the Valley's web page is now updated with worship and study information, groups and activities, the calendar, our newsletter, a live streaming link, and an activated giving button. You may access the web page through svlctownsend.org or use this QR code.

Wrapping up 2025 with 3,082 pounds of quilts and kits!



School kits provide the basic needs for children who struggle for an education! **67 school kits** were assembled for LWR.

Personal Care Kits meet the basic needs for victims of natural disasters. **133 personal care kits** were assembled this year. A towel, comb, toothbrush, nail clippers and two bars of soap makes a difference! (**18** for **God's Love**)

Besides providing quilts for local law enforcement and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, the quilters made **85 quilts** for Lutheran World Relief.

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



Fabric kits: Just 2 spools of thread, 3 yards of 45" cotton fabric or 4 yards of 36" make a great kit! **67 fabric kits** were shipped!



Thanks to the generosity and diligence of our workers, we assembled **567 baby kits**.

Thanks to all the wonderful helpers....

More people arrived after this picture, but once the truck was here...everyone went to work!



Passing the boxes bucket brigade style works well for us. We moved 159 boxes and with this much help, it was done in minutes!

Thanks again!



Thrivent grants provide resources, up to \$250 in seed money to assist with projects within the community. If you are a Thrivent member or an associate member, you have the opportunity to apply for grants every year. This website offers detailed instructions and ideas for your grant.

<https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>



Mike Colbert wrote a Thrivent grant for items for the personal care kits. Thanks Susan for helping with obtaining these supplies. Thanks again, Mike!



Deb Arnold's Thrivent grant provided for an updated photo of our church family. Stay tuned to see the new photo in the church narthex. Thank you, Deb!



Ken Urich (far right) wrote a Thrivent grant for a picnic table for use at the church. Groups can enjoy a shady gathering spot or eat lunch or snacks in a protected area. Thanks Ken, for shopping, assembling, and delivering a new table.

Business was fairly steady on **Yard Sale Day** and we had ample opportunity to offer fellowship and some great bargains!

Thanks Deb Arnold and Diane Johnson for co-chairing the sale, and thanks to the many workers who gave their time for a good cause.

Thanks to everyone for sharing their treasures and supporting this fundraiser.

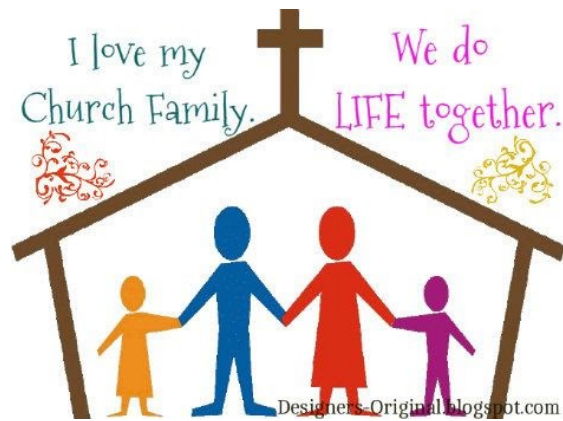
Net proceeds from donations \$1695.25

What did we learn? Everyone loves a \$5.00 bag sale!



We are now offering an additional way to make your contribution online. You may visit the website home page to donate or you can scan this QR code to go to svlctownsend.org/giving.

If you wish to donate to a special fund or give a memorial, simply indicate your wishes in the box with your donation.



Birthdays

Susan Ramsey 6/15
Ava Harris 6/15
Lisa James 6/24
John Hilton 6/25
Lisa Rowell 6/28
Marcus Oiestad 6/29

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



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

Greeters and Ushers for June

June 1	Joe & Kim Kondelik
June 8	Dave & Lisa Rowell— celebrating Ross & Diane Johnson's 40th Wedding anniversary
June 15	Happy Father's Day potluck BRUNCH
June 22	Don & Jackie Kynett and Jamie & Kari Williams
June 29	Cal Janes & Susan Ramsey



May 4, 2025 Meeting of the SVLC Council

Council members present: Clint Watson, Dave Rowell, Aiden Mosher, James Lucas, Jim Beck, and Rick Arnold

Council members absent: Julie Mikula and Virgil Binkley

Others attending the meeting: Treasurer Mike Colbert and Marcia Bieber

The meeting was called to order at 10:47 am by President Rick Arnold. Rick led the council in prayer.

Church member comments: Marcia Bieber stated that she was present to provide insights to the rental discussion.

Dave Rowell made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2025 regular-meeting. The motion was seconded by James Lucas and passed.

Treasurer's report: Mike Colbert reported: The April offering was \$6504, or \$1626 per service

Other income was \$1721

Church expenses for April were \$6009

The rental income was \$1400 with associated expenses of \$440

The end of month checking account balance was \$1690

The money market balance was \$47,570, with \$3000 of that encumbered

There was \$210,000 in MIF CDs with \$30,000 of that in a plumbing reserve

It was noted that a debit card had been issued to Jim Beck and another is available to Rick Arnold

Treasurer Colbert said that a termination of telephone service had been received from Verizon. A bill was sent a few days after the termination. It was thought that bill represented final charges. Clint Watson made and Dave Rowell seconded a motion to pay the bill in question, but nothing further. The motion passed.

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

SAM Report:

Steve Ward was not present to present a report. Rick Arnold reported that Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Brenda Ferelsi, will conduct the service on May 18 and Steve Ward will probably return on May 25.

Committee Reports:

Jim Beck mentioned that Pastor Frelsi is planning to talk with the congregation during the coffee hour after the May 18 service. Some of that discussion will probably center around the potential for a pastor for New Life and SVLC.

It was reported that the groundwater is staying down. The lawn sprinklers will be started on May 5.

The Constitution Committee has met. Ross Johnson needs to discuss some items with Synod. Agenda space will be allotted at the June meeting for further discussion of this committee's work.

Lisa James will arrange a meeting with Mike Colbert, as it appears all of the details have been addressed to allow for on-line giving.

The Rental Committee's report is contained in the continuing business.

Continuing Business:

The Rental Committee reported on the rental house (307 N Cherry St.). The committee suggested two general items to consider. One, several repairs on the house to be scheduled over the next several months. Two, a raise in the rent to cover the cost of city services. Marcia Bieber said that rents in Townsend for houses similar to the church rental are up to \$1000 per month. She also commented that the property taxes for the property are high and should be protested at the next opportunity. The suggested repairs are detailed below:

Add a main water shut off in kitchen pantry

New flooring in the kitchen and possibly the bathroom

Replace the kitchen light

Replace the screen door

There was discussion concerning the rent increase. Dave Rowell made and Clint Watson seconded a motion to increase the rent for the rental (307 N Cherry St.) \$90 (to \$840 per month) in June 2025 and \$90 (to \$930 per month) in January 2026.

More detailed discussion of the parsonage rental was delayed until the June regular meeting.

New Business:

The condition of the finish on the exterior decks, stairs, and ramp were discussed. President Arnold asked the Property and Maintenance Committee to examine the structures and recommend a course(s) of action at the June council meeting.

Rick Arnold said that Tom Helm had offered to add an additional handicap parking space at the south side of the present parking area. By general consent, it was agreed to have Tom present a plan for the parking expansion at the next meeting.

Council Member Concerns:

Jim Beck asked permission to release the results of the rental surveys, which was acceptable to all council members.

Clint Watson made and Dave Rowell seconded a motion to purchase carnations to give out at the May 11 service. The motion passed. Jim Beck was asked to place the order for the flowers.

Mike Colbert reported that after meeting with representatives from Precision Business Resources, he does not believe that the church needs to continue its subscription to QuickBooks (we are currently using the stand-alone version).

Aiden Mosher said that he was ready to work with the suggested presentation software. Jim Beck said that the software would be downloaded to the monitor computer sometime in the coming week.

James Lucas said that he would be moving and would have to vacate his council position. Rick Arnold said that the candidates for the position would be recruited so that the council could select a replacement.

Jim Beck said that SVLC had been selected by ELCA for a random quarterly report. He would complete the report.

There being no further business, Jim Beck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Clint Watson and passed at 12:28 pm. The meeting attendees prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Jim Beck, Secretary

Rick Arnold, President