



Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

March 2025 Newsletter



Bible Readings for March 2025

Festival	First Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Mar. 2 Transfiguration of our Lord	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	II Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-43
March 9 First Sunday in Lent	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4: 1-13
March 16 Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
March 23 Third Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63: 1-8	I Corinthians 10: 1-13	Luke 13: 1-9
March 30 Fourth Sunday in Lent	Joshua 5: 9-12	Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5: 16-21	Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32



The call person for March
is Bonnie Berglind

Phone (406) 266- 3043

Greeters and Ushers for March

March 2 Chuck Smith, Diana Berglind, Bonnie Berglind

March 9 Rick & Deb Arnold

March 16 Nancy Highland, Sharon Borer

March 23 Jim & Darlene Beck

March 30 Erick & Jackie Sorenson

Lenten Schedule for March and April

March 5 Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m.- Imposition of Ashes— No soup supper

March 12 Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.

March 19 Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.

March 26 Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.

April 2 Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.

April 9 Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.



If you would like to assist with soup or bread, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church kitchen.



Holy Week

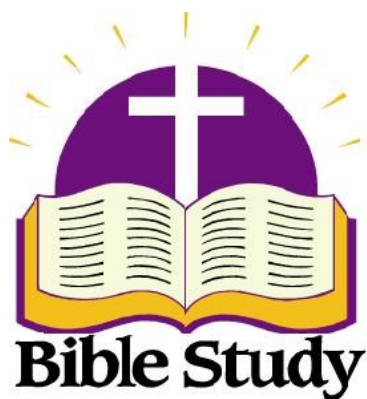
April 13 Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m.

April 17 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.

April 18 Good Friday Service— 7:00 p.m.

April 20 Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Educational Opportunities and Service—There's a Place for Everyone!



Scriptures Study- Thursday morning 9:00 a.m.
(backroom of The Mint)

Christ in Our Home- Daily readings-available at the church

Hebrews Bible Study, Wednesday 1 p.m. @ the church

WE WELCOME NEW FACES! Come for fellowship in Christ!

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

March Sunday School Schedule and the Lessons

March 2— Sunday School Luke 19: 1-10 Zacchaeus

March 9— Sunday School John 13: 1-20 Last Supper

March 16- No Sunday School

March 23 Sunday School- Luke 19: 28-40 Holy Week

March 30 Sunday School— Luke 24: 1-12 Empty Tomb



What a delightful singing group!

We are blessed to have such beautiful children in our midst!



WEDNESDAYS 9:00 a.m.—11:00 Join us for:

- ♦ Quilting
- ♦ Working on Baby and Personal Care kits
- ♦ Fellowship!
- ♦ Devotions and Treats!



Choir Rehearsal	March 20	12:00 noon
Choir Rehearsal	March 23	8:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal	March 30	8:30 a.m.

1 Peter 4:10-11. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various



Thrivent News:

- ♦ Many thanks to Helen Turcotte and Margie for working on a grant to purchase software for projection purposes during the worship services. In the near future we should have screen access to the words of the liturgy and our songs.
- ♦ Deb Arnold wrote a grant to provide flannel and sewing needs for our mission outreach projects. Quilters and those who assemble Baby Kits are particularly excited to have some fabric, pins, new scissors etc. to help with their mission. Thanks again for writing the grant, shopping and sewing!
- ♦ Thank you Lisa Rowell for coming to our need with soap. The personal care kits and the baby kits each use two bars of soap, so our soap disappears quickly. We use hundreds of bars of soap! Thanks for helping Lisa!
- ♦ Thank you Alieda Stone for providing us with baby shirts and socks. We put two shirts in each baby kit, so we always are short. Thanks for writing a grant and shopping for our baby needs!



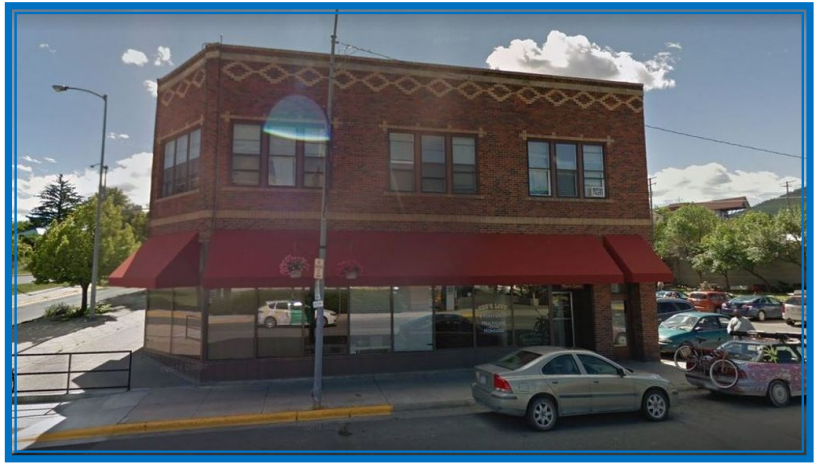
Thank you, Chuck Smith, for providing an afternoon of Trivia!

Despite the cold wind and low temperature, about 25 people attended Chuck's annual trivia event! Chuck makes the categories fun and he challenges us to think! What a great time we had digging for answers, begging for clues, and enjoying the fellowship and treats!



For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in

Matthew 25:35



God's Love Shelter located 533 N. Last Chance Gulch in Helena NBC photo

Thank you so much to all the people who answered the needs of God's Love Shelter. For the last four months we have collected warm clothing, personal care kits, and health care essentials for this amazing place. Many of you have donated clothing, and food and supplies, so now this place is on your radar for donations. Established in 1981 by Wayne and Ann Miller, this shelter assists families in transition, the homeless, and those caught in emergency situations. They accept food, clothing, furniture, and medical equipment for mobility. They do not sell anything that is donated. There's a PBS video and transcript on God's Love. You might enjoy checking out the information.

<https://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/2012/03/09/july-1-2011-gods-love-homeless-shelter/9075/>



All of the dates relating to Lent are on page 1.

March 9 Daylight Savings Time begins—advance your clocks 1 hour

March 9 Church Council Meeting following the service

March 11 WELCA meeting 4 p.m. in the church fellowship room

March 18 Men's Prayer Breakfast– Trailhead 6:30 a.m.

March 20 Choir Rehearsal 12:00 noon

March 23 Choir Rehearsal 8:30 a.m.

March 30 Choir Rehearsal 8:30 a.m.



Happy Birthday!

Ed Watson	March 2
Aubra Lewis	March 6
Greyson Hoppe	March 14
Jackie Kynett	March 19
Ava Watne	March 27



February 9, 2025 Meeting of the SVLC Council

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

Council member absent: James Lucas

Others attending the meeting: Treasurer Mike Colbert, Steve Ward, SAM, and Daryl Blumhagen

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

Church member comments:

Mike Colbert noted that Judith Binkley asked that her Thrivent Choice money be passed on to WELCA for supplies for their projects.

Steve Ward made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2025 regular-meeting. The motion was seconded by Virgil Binkley and passed.

Clint Watson made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2025 organizational meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Rowell and passed.

Treasurer's report: Mike Colbert reported:

January offering was \$6640, or \$1660 per service, additionally, there was \$1400 interest from MIF

Monthly church expenses were \$4176 Rent income for January was \$1915 with expenses of \$350

The checking account balance was \$7877 The money market account stood at \$36,556, with \$3470 of that encumbered

SVLC's CD balance was \$210,000, with \$30,000 of that in the plumbing reserve

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

SAM Report: At least 20 people expressed interest in the adult confirmation class. Steve plans to initiate the class after Easter.

Committee Reports: There was nothing new to report from the call committee.

Continuing Business:

A \$250 Thrivent grant was received to begin our subscription for software to operate our monitor. Aiden Mosher will have more time by late February, so he and Jim will look into installing the software in a couple of weeks. Aiden may be able to observe the use of the software at Trailhead Church.

The spare parts storage bin is housed below the sink in the old kitchen (it didn't fit well in either furnace room). Jim asked people who are aware of any spare or replacement parts for church equipment to let him know so that the parts can be placed in the storage bin.

As of February 2, the members of the congregation give \$120 for California disaster relief. Steve Ward made a motion to continue the free will offering until March 2, 2025 and then reassess if the church's \$500 donation should be modified. Julie Mikula seconded the motion and it passed.

Virgil Binkley had prepared a report concerning the options for the rentals. It was decided to set the deadline for receiving the rental surveys until March 2, so they could be summarized before the March council meeting. Since Virgil may not be able to attend the March meeting, his report will be considered at the April council meeting.

Reviewing and revising the constitution was discussed. Since Ross Johnson initiated the constitutional revision discussion, it was decided to invite him to the April meeting to discuss his concerns, and then consider a committee to propose a revised constitution for the members to consider.

New Business:

Jim Beck explained that the church has or is considering up to four subscription software items. He noted that currently they are paid by member's credit cards. That often leads to discontinuity problems when changes are needed in the software or credit card(s). He asked if there would be an option of the church securing a credit card to facilitate these payments? A credit card, debit card, and direct checking withdrawal will be considered.

Daryl Blumhagen and Steve Ward received an email from our insurance agent asking if we were considering a standby generator for the church or flow-based water shutoff. Daryl responded that neither was being considered, although a flow-based shutoff has been discussed by the council, without action being taken. Steve remarked that the insurance premium will increase 11% to \$6900 for the coming year. There is not a reduction in the premium for the installation of either the backup generator or flow-based water shutoff.

Council Member Concerns:

Jim Beck explained that the corporate annual report had been filed. A copy was made available for the council's review.

Data from the church's monitoring well was presented. It illustrated that the 2023 water levels were 0.5 to 1.0 foot higher than last year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Rick Arnold with general consent at 11:59 am. The meeting attendees prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Jim Beck, Secretary

Rick Arnold, President



Thank you to the church council for agreeing to provide leadership for 2025.

Rick Arnold, President

Clint Watson, Vice-President

Jim Beck, Secretary

Dave Rowell

Judy Mikula

James Lucas

Virgil Binkley

Aiden Mosher, Youth Representative

Mike Colbert, Church Treasurer

Steve Ward, Synod Approved Minister



March 2nd is the Deadline for:

- ◆ Returning your church surveys concerning the rental properties. Please include any comments you may have so that the council can assess the overall feeling of the congregation.
- ◆ The Lutheran Disaster Response (California Fires) offering from SVLC will be sent in March 2nd. If you want your offering included please place it in the can provided at the back of the church.