

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

October 2024 Newsletter



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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon

SVLC Sunday morning services 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45

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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 4 Ted & Patti Aston, Susan Ramsey

October 11 Cal & Lori Janes, Susan Ramsey

October 18 Dave & Lisa Rowell, Don & Jackie Kynett

October 25 ** Joe & Kim Kondilek

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

October Scripture Readings

PPFestival	First Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
October 4, 19th Sunday of Pentecost	Isaiah 5: 1-7	Psalm 80: 7-15	Philippians 3:4-14	Matthew 21: 33-46
October 11, 20th Sunday of Pentecost	Isaiah 25: 1-9	Psalm 23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22: 1-14
October 18, 21st Sunday of Pentecost	Isaiah 45: 1-7	Psalm 96: 1-13	I Thessalonians 1: 1-10	Matthew 22: 15-28
October 25 Reformation Sunday	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	Psalm 46	Romans 3: 19-28	John 8: 31-36



Thursday Lunch Lessons 11:30 a.m. in the church fellowship area

- ♦ **CHRIST IN OUR HOME** text study– books and schedules for October and November are available at the back of the church. December will be an ADVENT study with the lectionary lessons.

Wednesday Afternoons 1:00 p.m. In the office at the church

- ♦ The 23rd Psalm

CELEBRATING OUR YOUTH!



We welcomed our Sunday School students back on September 13th! It's always a joyous time to have youth participation! The students have some new technology for music in the basement. Thank you Jan Martin for sharing a children's sermon!



Photo credit: Susan Ramsey,

What a ray of sunshine our little Ari is! We love her million dollar smile.



We had a royal visitor for Rally Sunday and the All Congregational picnic. Susan Ramsey's grandson, Jett was all smiles after he was crowned king at Jefferson High School.



Photo credit: Lori Rains



These ladies wrote \$250 grants for seed money for the Congregational picnic and mission projects carried out by various groups within SVLC.





IS YOUR CHILI UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Women of the ELCA+

WELCA is sponsoring the 4th annual Chili-Cook off for the sole purpose of FUN & FELLOWSHIP!!

- ♦ 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!
- ♦ Mark your calendars for 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 4th
- ♦ Get your BINGO Card and prepare yourself for some exciting fun!
- ♦ Watch your card and prepare yourself for fun and prizes.
- ♦ If this is anything like last year, this is the perfect game for all ages....



As we get back in our regular schedules, be sure and mark your calendars with the upcoming choir practice times and performances. Come sing for the Glory of God!

Practices:	October 1st & October 8th	12:30 p.m.
Practice & Performance:	October 11th	8:30 a.m.



October 4th will be an opportunity to recognize new and transferring members. These are not necessarily new faces because we have enjoyed worship and fellowship together. It is important to recognize official new members of our church family: Ted & Patti Aston, Linda Mosness and Sally Crawford.

If you are interested in joining our church family at SVLC, please contact Steve Ward. His contact information is on page one of this newsletter.

September 20, 2026 Meeting of the SVLC Council

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

Council members absent: Margie Urich and Julie Mikula

Others attending the meeting: Treasurer Lisa Rowell, Sharon Borer, and Steve Ward, SAM

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 am by President Rick Arnold. Rick led the council in prayer.

Church member comments:

Sharon Borer asked if Chad Blumhagen could be considered for a call to be pastor at Shepherd of the Valley. President Arnold stated that the option would be considered. He referred the question to the Call Committee, requesting a response at the regular October council meeting.

Dave Rowell made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 16, 2026 regular-meeting. The motion was seconded by Diane Johnson and passed.

Treasurer's report: Lisa Rowell reported:

The average attendance for August was 46.

Offering for August was \$7660, with other income of \$945.

Expenses for the month were \$4303.

The August rental income was \$1080; with expenses of \$966, which included a new kitchen range for the parsonage.

The end of August checking account balance was \$4553.

The money market ending balance was \$52,113, with \$5771 of that encumbered.

Balance of the CDs was \$250,000, with \$30,000 of that in a plumbing reserve.

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

SAM Report:

Steve Ward informed the council that he would be willing to serve as the SAM through March 2027 if the council wishes him to do so. Steve plans to have a new member Sunday on October 4. Pursuant to the plans for a new member recognition on October 4. Jim Beck made a motion to accept into membership Patti Aston, Ted Aston, Sally Crawford, and Linda Mosness; pursuant to §C8.04. of the church constitution. Steve Ward seconded the motion and it passed.

Call Committee Report: There was nothing to report from the call committee.

Committee Reports: Jim Beck reported that the drainage sump had been accessed by a church member with a legitimate reason for access. Jim's concern of unauthorized access was unfounded.

Continuing Business: There was discussion about adding some suggestions from MIF to our facilities inspection reports. Steve Ward made a motion to table the discussion of any changes to the inspection reports. Clint Watson seconded the motion and it passed.

Ross Johnson told the council that the language in the 2025 model constitution concerning the disposition of church property (sanctuary and the lots it is on) was improved from our current constitution.

President Arnold appointed a committee of Ross Johnson, Shirley Wilson, and Jim Beck to prepare a proposed constitution, based on the 2025 model constitution, for presentation at the regular November church council meeting.

New Business: Dave Rowell outlined the bids that were secured for demolition of the rental house (307 N Cherry St.)

BSE	\$12,800
Centennial Demo & Dirt	\$10,125, without landfill fees, transportation of waste, and landscaping
Green Wing Excavation	\$12,200, without landfill fees, transportation of waste, and landscaping

Dave estimated that the landfill fees, transportation of waste, and landscaping would cost about \$5000.

It was noted that Randy Dodson, Tom Helm, Dave Rowell, and Rick Arnold removed and/or processed items from the house that would not otherwise be accepted by the landfill or were reuseable.

Council Member Concerns:

It was asked if anyone planned to attend the Flathead Bible Camp annual meeting in October. No council member expressed an interest.

There being no further business, Diane Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Clint Watson and passed at 11:58 am. The meeting attendees prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Jim Beck, Secretary

Rick Arnold, President



- October 1 Choir Rehearsal at 12:30 p.m. (Thursday)
- October 4 New Member Sunday
- October 4 Chili Cook-off & Bingo 4:00 p.m.
- October 8 Choir Rehearsal 12:30 (Thursday)
- October 11 Choir Rehearsal 8:30 a.m. (Performance)
- October 11 Church Council meeting following the church service
- October 13 WELCA meeting 4:00 p.m. at the church
- October 25 Reformation Sunday— Red is the liturgical color and represents the Holy Spirit. I was asked to remind people to wear red.
- November 1 All Saints Day— this is a day of remembrance to honor all Christian believers who have died.



Please share your birthday or anniversary with Darlene Beck so we can include you in the newsletter.



None to report

Happy Birthday !!

- Jamie Williams October 18
- Erick Sorenson October 19
- Mitch Stocks October 19
- Marilyn Blumhagen October 20