



# The Stream

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Jesus himself says,

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

*John 4:13-14*



## The Vicar Year Begins Anew

For the past year, we have been privileged to an extension of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary located in Mequon, WI. Students enrolled here undertake a rigorous 4-year course of study. The third year is an internship at a congregation under a supervising pastor that gives the student real hands-on ministry experience. This year is called the "Vicar Year."

In talking with Vicar Nathanael Jensen, this past year was a great blessing to him and he thoroughly enjoyed his time here as he gained great ministry experience. He has returned to the Seminary for his final year of study and then it's "Here am I, send me!" to wherever he is assigned to serve in God's kingdom.

On Sunday August 12, we welcome our new Vicar and his wife, Jake and Rachel Brohn. Already Vicar Brohn is getting his feet wet in ministry, filling in preaching at our congregations in Redding and Anderson, CA. Having had our orientation meeting, he's excited for all the upcoming ministry opportunities. Take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome the Brohns... who are looking forward to a baby girl in the next weeks!



### "The Vicar Year"

by WELS President, Rev. Mark Schroeder

Those who are training to be doctors spend many years preparing for that work. Intensive study takes place in the classroom as future physicians learn about human anatomy, diagnosing diseases, and the proper use of available medications. But they can't become doctors with book knowledge alone. Before they become fully qualified physicians, they spend time as interns, gaining hands-on practical knowledge of the work they will do as doctors.

The same thing is true for those who will serve our congregations as pastors. They will spend a total of eight years preparing for the work they will do as shepherds and spiritual leaders. But the seventh year of training is not spent in the classroom. The seventh year of training for future pastors is spent in a congregation serving as a vicar. The vicar year is similar to a doctor's year of internship, in which future pastors are given hands-on training and experience in the various aspects of the pastoral ministry.

It's August, and that means the members of this year's vicar class will be arriving in congregations to begin this important year of their training. Over the next 11 months they will gain experience in preaching, teaching Bible class and confirmation class, planning and conducting worship, working with the congregation's lay leadership, and making hospital and shut-in calls. Perhaps most of all, they will spend this year gaining an understanding of the spiritual needs of people and how they will depend on the Word of God to serve those needs.

If your congregation is blessed to have a vicar this year, recognize that you will play an important role in his training as a future pastor. Welcome him (and his wife if he is married); encourage him; and, most of all, pray for him. By doing that, you will help him return to the seminary for his final year of training with a strong desire and a commitment to serve God's people as a pastor. If your congregation does not have a vicar, take a moment to thank God for those young men who are training now and who may someday serve as your pastor.

Serving in Christ,  
President Mark Schroeder



## WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

### Worship and Financial Summaries

In the month of July we saw one of the highest attended services as well as one of the lowest; the VBS Sunday had over 50 visitors. We closed out the month with a special farewell to Vicar Nathanael Jensen, enjoying a Music / Hymn concert on July 29. Even without the organ, it was an enjoyable evening.

We give thanks to God that in our first Fiscal Year in our new Building we were able to finish the year in the positive. This was due to both increase in offerings and the subsidies we have been receiving. We note as we go forward that our subsidies from WELS, SotM and our own Mortgage subsidy will decline. Our own offerings will need to make up the difference. We ask everyone to give prayerful consideration to the support of this wonderful Gospel mission which the Lord has entrusted to us.

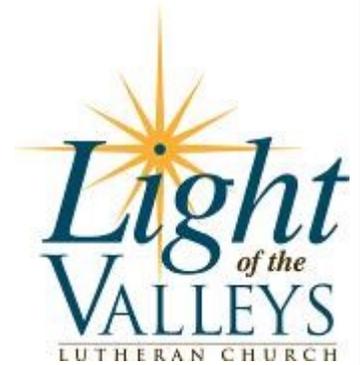
Gifts & Subsidy	June '18	Year to Date
General Fund	\$18,025	\$99,799
Subsidy from WELS	\$500	\$3,000
Subsidy from SotM	\$1,334	\$8,004
Gifts / Other Income	\$0	\$3,175
Mortgage Subsidy	\$3,500	\$21,000
<b>Income Totals</b>	<b>\$23,359</b>	<b>\$134,978</b>
Special Missions	\$192	\$1,519
Love Fund	\$35	\$890
N. Valleys Mission	\$0	\$170
Building Fund	\$235	\$1,170
Debt Reduction	\$15	\$891

July's Attendance Records	Worship Service	Adult Bible Class	Children's Bible Class	Midweek Bible Time
July 1	163	24	7	-
July 8	134	22	12	-
July 15	91	21	10	-
July 22	126	23	12	-
July 29	141	50	14	-
<b>Averages</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>

Expenses	June '18	Totals
CMO Remitted	\$1,000	\$6,000 YTD
Mortgage	\$7,300	\$43,800
<b>Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>\$21,327</b>	<b>\$127,727</b>
Income/Expense Difference	<b>\$2,032</b>	<b>\$7,179</b>
Balance in Checking	\$100,000	—
Balance in Savings	\$30,000	—

# Light of the Valleys Update

The storefront which Shepherd of the Mountains is leasing is now finished and ready for worship! This will be the permanent location of Light of the Valleys going forward. The address for that storefront is 8790 Red Rock Rd. Suite 103, Reno, NV 89508.



Starting August 12, there will be a new schedule!

**Bible Study at 10:00 am**  
**Worship Service at 11:00 am**

Pastor Valleskey will lead the Bible Class, and Pastor Derme will come from Shepherd of the Mountains to lead the worship service. Pastor Hillmer and Vicar Brohn will help out occasionally, as needed, but with the change in service times, they will not be in a regular rotation as had been the case with the afternoon services.

Three calls have been extended to active Pastors. The most recent was to Pastor Jesse Stern who serves at Peace Lutheran Church in Boulder, CO. After deliberating the call, he too returned it and will remain in CO. Another Call Meeting will be held in the next week.



### Pictured:

Top Right: Sanctuary/Multipurpose area

Middle Right: Pastor's office

Bottom Right: Kitchen

Bottom Left: Storage Room/Back Classroom



## A Place for Moms and Children to Connect!

It's no secret that our community is growing quickly. Subdivisions and homes are popping up; new families are moving into the area; our schools are full as we await new ones to be built. It's a very exciting time.

As part of our Ministry Plan, with the help and coordination of our member, Liz Breitmeyer, we are pleased to offer a great program that allows for mothers with young children to connect with one another. (Dad's and grandparents welcome too!) ***Mornings with Mommy*** will be offered at 10 am every other week beginning in September. See the schedule and themes below.



This hour-long event has age-appropriate activities for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers which include: arts and crafts, sensory table, flannel graph stories and story time, music, educational toys, and a snack. The program costs just \$5 per family per session and includes all snacks and materials. Not only will you go home with a great keepsake gift, you'll get to know more people in our wonderful community!

Check out what ***Mornings with Mommy*** did last year by visiting and liking our Facebook Page. Type "Mornings With Mommy The Springs Lutheran" into the search bar to easily find the page. Here are two pictures showing story time and the roasting marshmallows craft from the "Camping" session.



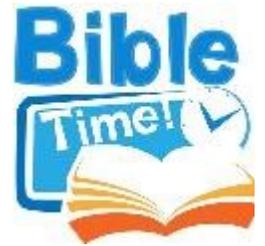
### **The Upcoming Schedule/Themes. Sessions begin at 10 am.**

Sept. 6	Things that Go
Sept. 20	At the Farm
Oct. 4	All about Me
Oct. 18	Fall Fun: Pumpkins and Leaves
Nov. 1	Music and Instruments
Nov. 15	Harvest Time: Apples, Corn & Gourds
Dec. 6	Happy Birthday Jesus

You can register ahead of time via Facebook or calling 775-354-2800. Pass the word along about this great way for moms and children to connect! Liz is also looking for people to come and help, even if you don't have kids and would like to interact with others, this would be a great help and lots of fun. Contact Liz at [liznkatie@gmail.com](mailto:liznkatie@gmail.com).

# Highlights and Announcements

**Midweek Bible Time** will begin meeting again starting August 8. Wednesday's Bible Time goes from 6:30-7:30pm. Friday's Bible Time meets from 10:30-11:30am. This class is for all ages, and is aimed at preparing God's people for the following worship service.



**Sunday Morning Bible Class** for all ages will continue throughout the summer months. There are 3 classes for younger children, a teen Bible class, and an adult class. Each class begins at 9:00 am. We will be beginning a study of the "I Am" statements of Jesus.

**Praise and Proclaim Ministries**—August 19-21 Sign up for this great witnessing training seminar held on Sunday Aug. 19 from 6 to 8 pm. See the Information Table for more info.



**Open Forum**—August 26 We will hold our Quarterly Open Forum after worship this Sunday.

**Youth Confirmation Class Meeting**—August 26 Calling all parents with children going into 7th and 8th grade. Mark your calendars for a Confirmation Class meeting on this Sunday, following the Open Forum. The first class will be Sunday, September 9.



**Church Work Day** will be on August 25th. Starting at 8:00 am we will tackle a number of tasks around the Church property. Question? Contact Paul Cox.



**Youth Group Event** The youth group event for August is a pool party at the Ingram's! Join us on Saturday, August 25 from 11:00am to 3:00 pm. A lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. The address is 4635 Tobago Dr. Sparks, NV 89436.



## August Birthdays

## Happy Anniversary!

Teri Salgado	Aug 2	Caleb Salgado	Aug 13
Marilyn Koster	Aug 3	Don Tews	Aug 17
Pam Clizer	Aug 7	Cass Barrett	Aug 22
Timothy Reynolds	Aug 8	Tyson Clizer	Aug 23
Edward Breitmeyer	Aug 9	Paul Cox	Aug 27
Harry Reed	Aug 10		

Joseph and Sue Banholzer  
August 4  
Bruce & Kenya Clark  
August 26



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# Praise and Proclaim

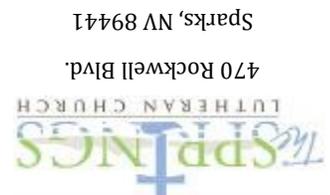
## August 19-21

All members are welcome and encouraged to come! This is a great opportunity to face the natural fears that come with evangelizing. Come and join us Sunday night at 5pm for a meal and training on door-to-door gospel evangelism. After training, we will be going out Monday morning from 10am-12pm and Tuesday evening from 4pm-6pm. Following Tuesday's canvassing we will return to the Springs for a celebration meal.

Please use the sign-up sheet at church if you're able to come for any of these times.

## Labor Day Picnic—Sept. 2

Stay tuned for more information!



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