Shenandoah Valley Lutheran Ministries

**JULY 14, 2018**

**Shenandoah Valley Lutheran Ministries** members met at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Woodstock for the Second Half of the SVLM Board Retreat with Pastor Nate officiating.

Discussion was held on WHO we (S.V.LM) are. We are an ecumenical movement developed to fulfill needs in the Central Valley Conference and to meet the needs of the community. WHAT we do is fulfill a discipleship for infants (Small Hands), children (Luke’s Backpack), and elderly (Good Shepherd). We are committed to fill a need from birth to elderly. The SMALL HANDS provides formula and diapers and diaper wipes for infants and toddlers. LUKE’S BACKPACK program provides a backpack of food for children in the Shenandoah County School system to provide them for meals for the weekend. GOOD SHEPHERD PROGRAM provides items for the elderly, such as paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, & personal care items.

Discussion followed the Retreat about the “God’s Hands, Our Hands” project we are doing for the collection of items for the Luke’ Backpack project, “Fill the Wagons”. Boxes are being distributed to over 25 businesses and banks in Shenandoah County for the collection of food items and/or donations for Luke’s Backpack. These boxes will be for collections thru the month of August, in order to be tallied by the Sept. 9th “Fill the Wagons”. Wagons will be at St. Paul’s-Strasburg, Mt. Zion-Fairview, and Zion-Edinburg. The goal is to collect 20,000 items.