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SHEPHERD'S STAFF

I had begun to write this month's newsletter article in the morning of Ash Wednesday, the day we gathered to be reminded with a cross of ash upon our foreheads, which we are dust and to dust we will return.

After the first Ash Wednesday service, I returned to my office and learned of yet another tragic and senseless mass shooting. With the ashen cross upon my forehead and "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return" still ringing within and throughout me, I closed my eyes, bewildered, shaking my head and my heart heavy with groans and sighs that escape the realm of articulation.

I can not imagine the shock, fear, agony and screams experienced by Parkland and all the previous communities ravaged by such violence. That wilderness is one that way too many are driven into by no fault of their own. Then the predictable posturing and pointing of fingers launches into an endless frenzy, while tears of anguish still stain the faces of those who's lives have been ripped apart.

My spirit is weary and my emotions exhausted. And this is the wilderness we are driven into, together. Together, I plead with all of us to STOP blaming others, STOP pointing the fingers beyond ourselves. The healing will not begin with us, until we stop and look at ourselves as...Dust.

The path to healing will not begin by attending to one, two or even three potential catalysts of this violence. If it were so easy, we would not find ourselves so profoundly tempted in this wilderness. It is tempting to point from our privileged point of view where we are conveniently found outside the circle of destruction and devastation and blame. Trust me, I know this temptation well.

Satan LOVES when and how we turn on one another and tear each other apart with convicting words of hate, guilt and blame. This is the path of victory Satan would be so pleased for us to continue on. Why? Why continue on this path of destruction and death?

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, we are all deeply pained by the tempting blame game of Satan. I ask of you, today to stop. In love, stop allowing this hate to linger and destroy so many lives. But how?

I don't have a complete answer to this all important question of "how". But, I believe we can start, with an ashen cross on our foreheads and these words of truth and love, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return." With the cross of Christ emblazoned upon us and as dust in the hands of our creator that breathes life into us, we find that we are not alone in this wilderness. Jesus knows this wilderness all too well. Jesus knows this and all of our temptations. And, Jesus calls us to pick up our cross and follow. Follow by courageously speaking and acting in love for the sake of the afraid, grieving, outcast and vulnerable.

May we pick up our cross and follow where God leads. I need you. We need each other to lovingly remind us of the cross on our heads that I can so conveniently not see, until I look in a mirror. And we need each other, as dust, and breathe into one another the loving spirit of life that is generously given to all.

With God's help, may we all respond and follow.

Peace,

Michael

February 21, 2018

Education, Youth & Family



Wednesday Night Life

Growing in God's Family

4:45– 9:00pm

WNL is a midweek gathering that will strengthen your body and spirit with food, fellowship, education and song.

Everyone is welcome!

February 28 – March 21 Schedule

4:45 – 5:40	Prime Time Choir
5:00 – 5:45	Handbell Choir
5:50 – 6:30	Dinner & Fellowship
6:10 – 6:30	Kids For Christ Choir & Kids of the Kingdom
6:30 – 7:00	<i>Lent Worship</i>
7:00 – 8:30	Chancel Choir



February 28 - March 21

Season of Lent

Soup, Salad, Bread

No WNL March 28 – Holy Week

7th Annual

“Stock in the FLOCK”

Invest in the Youth -

Become a Shepherd of the FLOCK

Faithful Lambs Christ's Kingdom

Stock purchases will be used to help cover costs of a variety of Faith Milestones:

Sr. High Summer Trip to Houston, TX, Confirmation Camp,

Jr. & Sr. High RMS Gatherings and Retreats.

Approximately \$10,000 is needed this year to help cover a portion of these upcoming costs. This money not only helps support the youth group but also supports families by offering full and partial scholarships to anyone who needs it. No youth is ever denied an opportunity to participate!

In September 2018, a “Shareholders” Dinner will be held to say Thank You and share pictures and stories of these amazing Faith-filled Milestones.

Thank you.

Lent Worship

Lent Mid-Week

6:30pm

Wednesdays, February 21 – March 21, 2018

Holden Evening Vespers



Healing Worship

Saturday, March 10th, 5:30pm

Sunday, March 11th,
8:00am & 10:45am

We gather as broken people dependent on God's healing and life giving presence in our lives. The weekend of March 10th & 11th, worship will be offered for healing and prayer. We will embrace the gift of healing in many aspects of our lives: physical, emotional, spiritual, and relational, that are desired in our lives.

We pray that this time of worship will open our lives to the healing presence throughout our entire personal lives and the life in which we share together

Holy Week



Palm Sunday

March 24 5:30pm

March 25 8:00am & 10:45am

Palms to Passion



Maundy Thursday

March 29

10:00am & 7:00pm

Absolution, + Holy Communion

Stripping of the Altar

Labyrinth available for prayer 1hr before & after worship



Good Friday

March 30

7:00pm

Labyrinth available for prayer 1hr before & after worship

Easter Sunday

April 1

8:00am & 10:45am

Festival + Holy Communion +

No Saturday night service



Education, Youth & Family

Adult Education

SUNDAY Mornings

9:30 am Bell Choir Room

February 25 TBD

March 4 Health Ministries
Orkin: Bed Bugs and other Critters

March 11, 18
Forgiveness: A Time to Love & A Time to Hate
DVD & discussion exploring the act of forgiveness through actual stories of nations & individuals who have suffered and struggled to forgive.
Leader: Bonnie Yockstick

March 25 All Age Event – Holy Week

MONDAY Afternoon

The Acts of the Apostles
the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month
Our next study dates - Feb. 26, March 12, 26
We meet in the Fellowship Hall

The book of Acts takes us back beyond The Reformation, The Middle Ages, and even the early church history. Dr. Luke gives us a window into the transition from Jesus' ministry in Palestine to the amazing, world-wide revolution his followers began, known as Christianity. Come and study with us how a few dozen ordinary people, empowered by The Holy Spirit, started one of the most far-reaching movements in the history of our world.

We invite all women to join us for study, discussion, and prayer time. Contact me for more information.

Pat Mohrbacher 303-238-5179 or
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TUESDAY

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Tuesday, March 20, 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Topic: **Multiple Meanings...**The Good Samaritan

We are an informal group and open to more!
Coffee will be brewing.. come join us..

All are welcome!

TUESDAY

Holy Shepherd Book Club
Tuesday, March 20, 7:00pm Library

Book Selection:

Hillbilly Elegy:

A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis

Author: J.D. Vance

Part memoir, part historical and social commentary on the struggles of America's poor working class in Appalachia.

Leader: Shirley Bradsby

WEDNESDAY Evening

Wednesday Night Life Adult Classes
6:30 - 7:30pm Library

Discussion of a variety of faith issues centered around DVD's.

No classes during Lent: Feb. 28 – March 28

THURSDAY Morning

Lectionary Bible Study
8:30 – 10:00am Multi-purpose Room
Discuss & Study upcoming Sunday lectionary readings.
Leader: Pastors Michael

SATURDAY Morning

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
8:00am Fellowship Hall

This year's study will be on the book of Daniel, and time permitting, moving into Hosea, Joel, Amos, and as many minor prophets as time permits. Join us for great food, great fellowship, precious prayer time and exciting and in depth Bible study.

Scholarships Available

Students pursuing a post-high school education are encouraged to apply for a scholarship from the Holy Shepherd Aid Fund - \$500.00. A total of up to 4 scholarships will be awarded. Applications are available in the office and must be returned by May 13th. Scholarships will be given out in August. Please contact Karen Novess at 303.233.2740 if you have any questions.



All Age Event: *Holy Week*

Sunday, March 25 9:30am Fellowship Hall

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE SALE

It's such a good feeling to aid
the subsistence farmers,
thanks so much for your
continued support.

Next up: Sunday,

March 18 and April 15



On behalf of your Health Ministries Team
& Parish Nurse

February 2018



As Health Ministries begins to
plan 2018, please let us know if
there is a special interest you'd like to learn
more about. We have some ideas of various
events to offer, but we would like to have your
ideas as well.

Meet Your Health Ministries Team:

Vera Crabb, Ruth Huebner, Linda Jones, Shirley
Matson, Carol Rossini, Barb Suder, Kathy Yorgin,
Joan Young. We meet on Tuesday evenings at
5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

Sharon Lubieniecki, Community Wellness

Advisor, City of Lakewood will meet with you
personally to develop your own exercise
program. She will teach you balance skills &
techniques to help you maintain balance for a
healthier more active life.

Call her at 720-963-5362 or email her at
shalub@lakewood.org

Project C.U.R.E Donations

Barb Suder, Parish Nurse, is once again collecting
donations for PROJECT C.U.R.E for 2018. If you
have supplies to donate, please contact the
Parish Nurse *prior* to dropping them off. Project
C.U.R.E. has restrictions and cannot take
everything. Exclusions include, but are not limited
to, medication, mercury thermometers or
anything containing mercury & out dated
materials/supplies.

Disposal of Unwanted Medication/s

Blue Spruce Pharmacy, 9485 W. Colfax Lakewood, will
take medications you no longer want. Use their south
entrance and go to the second floor. They request
you **place all medications in a clear zip lock bag.** They
cannot take original containers, liquids or sharps.
They can only take tablets and capsules. NO
EXCEPTIONS. Call them to ask how you dispose of
containers, liquids and sharps. There is a Green box to
place your zip lock bag in. Their number is 303-432-
5925 for questions.

February is 'Have-a-Heart' Month sponsored

by the Missions Team.
Items will be collected for
the Action Center to fill
up the shelves for those
in need in our
community. Items will be
collected each weekend:



Have - A - Heart

February 24 & 25

Items for Babies
and Toddlers

Place your items in the Heart Box by the Mission
Cabinet....Thank You!!



Peace Corps Week:
February 25-March 3

We are proud to have 5 Peace Corps
families in our congregation.

Elected Leaders

Executive Team

Jeff Braden, President*
Jamie Curry, Vice President*
Winston Herbert, Personnel*
Jackie Johnson, Secretary*
Scott Ikenberry, Finance*

Vision Team Kevin Klinkerfues*,
Amy Evancheck, Jackie Johnson, Emily
Parkhurst*, Larry Lagerberg, Wally Settgast, Tanja Warnick,
Michael TeKrony

* also Congregational Council members



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TOO MANY OF OUR NATION'S SENIORS ARE GOING HUNGRY

The National Council for Aging Care is dedicated to educating seniors and those who care for them. The article, *The Facts Behind Senior Hunger* addresses some of the causes, complications, and cures for senior food insecurity. A local resource for seniors is:

<http://www.aginginplace.org/the-facts-behind-senior-hunger>

Your Parish Nurse, Barb Suder, is available to help you, your family & friends in person, by phone, by email or by text. She helps people both near and far. You are most welcome to stop by her office, call, text or email if you have questions or would just like to visit.

Contact information is 303-233-2740 x 103
Barb.suder@holyshepherd.com

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Thank You

The Busy Bees

thank you for your great response to our

November

"Joyful Quilts and More" sale.

The money raised by the sale was donated as follows:

- \$200.00 - to Urban Servant Corp
- \$200.00 - to The Action Center, with the recommendation it be used for counseling.
- \$200.00 - to Eiber School, for the benefit of the students items.



Holy Communion at Holy Shepherd

Saturday
 5:30pm Traditional Service

Sunday
 8:00am Traditional Service

10:45am Contemporary Service



Greeters needed!

Welcome all to the services and make all feel welcome. Contact office if this ministry is for you. 303 233-2740



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Submission Dates of Articles and Calendar Items

March 14, April 11, May 9

Mailing Dates

March 21, April 18, May 16

Worship Attendance & January 2018

	5:30pm	8am	10:45am	Total
1/7	38	96	73	207
1/14	40	63	162	265
1/21	66	31	37	134
1/28	52	66	118	236

Save the Date

Dining Out for Hunger

Saturday, April 28

6:30pm

Always a good time!!

Hunger Dinner







Thrivent

Members...Remember you only have until March 15th to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars. If you need help, please contact Shirley and Larry Bradsby.



Appleton, Wisconsin • Minneapolis, Minnesota

MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:00 AM Holy Communion, Traditional 9:15 AM Community Time (FH) 9:45 AM Praise Team (S) 10:45 AM Holy Communion, Contemporary 11:45 AM Community Time (L) 5:00 PM HSLC Bridge Club (FH)	26 1:00 PM Women's Early Afternoon Bible Study (WEBS) (FH) 5:30 PM Council Meeting (MP) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Private Meetings (Family Recovery Group) (FH,L,BC,nursery)	27 9:00 AM Busy Bees (MP) 10:00 AM Staff Meet (V)	28 Wednesday Night Life 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Private Event (Families First) (BC) 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Visiting Nurses Foot Clinic (ED1,L) 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM Private Event (AAUW bridge)(FH) 6:30 PM Mid-Week Lenten Worship Service (S)	 1 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM LHS Testing (MP) 8:30 AM Adult Lectionary Bible Study (L)	2 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM LHS Testing (MP) 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Private Event - (FH)	3 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (FH) 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Private meeting Ward 1 (C) 5:30 PM Holy Communion, Traditional
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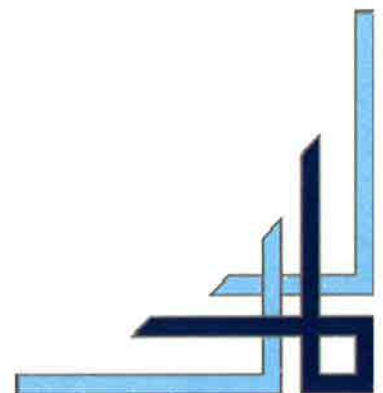


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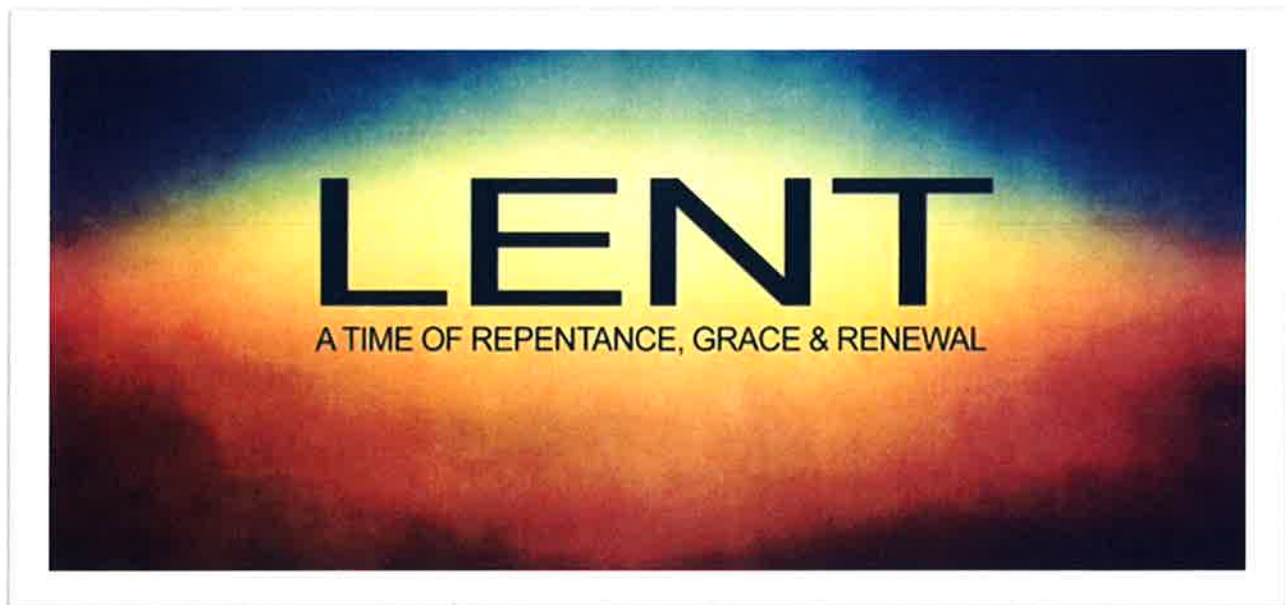
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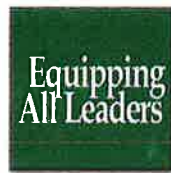
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Celebrating four years at the Lutheran Center

When rent at the previous location was increasing year after year, Synod Council directed a task force to consider other options for the Office of the Bishop. About that same time, Valley Lutheran Church discerned that Holy Closure would result in gifting their property and building to the Rocky Mountain Synod for whatever ministry purpose was on the horizon.

"When first touring the north building, which was the original unit of Valley Lutheran Church, it was impossible to imagine it as it is now," said the Rev. Kent Mueller, assistant to the bishop who shepherded the renovation and building project that began in 2013.



Office of the Bishop large conference room prior to renovation.

"We extend our gratitude to the people of Valley Lutheran Church, who made possible a transformational story of death and resurrection."

While the Office of the Bishop is located in the north

building, the church basement and office annex are the site of the Growing Home emergency and transitional housing program for families. It is the Adam's County branch of Family Promise. Volunteers from area churches host families for 13 weeks throughout the year. So that the families are safe, egress windows were installed in the basement several years ago, and a fire alarm system is in the process of being installed now.

"The decision to relocate to the Valley site was wise, in that our renovation mortgage payment is much less than our rent would be downtown," said Pastor Mueller. "Good stewardship means we maximize our resources so that our capacity for ministry is multiplied."

But owning and operating a property also means there are always additional projects and repairs. A massive hail storm in 2016 resulted in a total reroofing, mostly covered by insurance. "We also have some unfinished landscaping matters on the north side, and on the horizon is the need to completely redo the parking lot," said Mueller.

The next time you are visiting the Lutheran Center, pause to give thanks for the legacy of the congregation of Valley Lutheran Church.

Welcome Tina Kvitek, new RMS gift planner!

The ELCA Foundation is pleased to introduce Tina Kvitek, Regional Gift Planner for the Rocky Mountain Synod.



Tina has lived in Colorado for 20 years and worships with her family at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Broomfield, CO. She brings 12 years of financial planning expertise to the position and is truly passionate about helping individuals, congregations and our ELCA Lutheran Partners fully engage their ministry by taking action through charitable giving.

"I'm really excited about three things... first, helping our ELCA members ensure that their estate plans take care of the people they love and the ministries they are passionate about; second, guiding our congregations in establishing gift policies and endowments that will support their ministries, their operating budgets and their long-range planning goals; and third, supporting the Rocky Mountain Synod and other ELCA Partners with endowments, major or current gifts and estate gifts.", reported Tina in a recent meeting with the Rocky Mountain Synod Council meeting, "so if you fit into one of those 3 categories, a visit with me will be very helpful to you."

To schedule a meeting with Tina, you can email her at: Tina.Kvitek@ELCA.org or call her office at: 773-380-2795.

Roster Changes

NOVEMBER 2017

The Rev. Jeremy "Jay" Gamelin from South Carolina Synod to Lead Servant for Engagement, Abiding Hope Church 11/1/2017

The Rev. Breonna Roberts from Pastor St. Luke Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM to On Leave From Call 11/27/2017

The Rev. Ryan Roberts from Pastor St. Luke Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM to On Leave From Call 11/27/2017

DECEMBER 2017

The Rev. Tomas Bayou from Pastor Chaplain Suncrest Hospice, Denver, CO to On Leave From Call 12/1/2017

Deacon Joyce Higgs-Spruth deceased 12/12/2017

JANUARY 2018

The Rev. Kathleen Armstrong from Associate Pastor Cross of Christ Lutheran Church to Senior Pastor 1/1/2018

The Rev. Teri Hermsmeyer from Interim Pastor Risen Lord Lutheran Church, Conifer, CO to On Leave From Call 1/1/2018

The Rev. Daniel Holt from Pastor Ascension Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs to Co-Pastor Ascension Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs 1/1/2018

The Rev. Daniel Smith from Associate Pastor Ascension Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs to Co-Pastor Ascension Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs 1/1/2018

The Rev. Wayne Nieminen from Greater Milwaukee Synod to Pastor Trinity Lutheran Church, Las Cruces, NM 1/6/2018

The Rev. Christa von Zychlin from Greater Milwaukee Synod to Pastor Trinity Lutheran Church, Las Cruces, NM 1/6/2018

The Rev. Susan Gamelin Pastor retired from Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod to Rocky Mountain Synod 1/8/2018

The Rev. Timothy Gamelin Pastor retired from Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod to Rocky Mountain Synod 1/8/2018

The Rev. Paul Anderson from On Leave From Call to retired 1/15/2018

The Rev. Kimberly Gonja from on-leave-from-call to Pastor Risen Lord Lutheran Church, Conifer, CO 1/1/2018

The Rev. Richard Thompson from pastor Holy Shepherd, Lakewood, CO to retired 1/1/2018

The Rev. Laura Stephenson from candidacy to Associate Pastor St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Grand Junction, CO 1/16/2018

Nomination deadline is March 23

Seeking Leaders for our Life Together

Vice President Earline Bohling

May 3-5 we will gather at the Westin Hotel for our 2018 Synod Assembly. One item of business on the agenda will be to elect new leaders for our synodical board and committees, as well as voting members for the 2019 Churchwide Assembly.

This year there are some exciting ways for folks to become involved in the life of our Synod. I am excited about many things happening in our life together. We are in the midst of a three year grant from the Lilly Foundation to address financial needs of some of our rostered leaders and of our congregations. How wonderful to be able to discuss money in a faithful way. Following the success of our fall Synod Council meeting in El Paso, TX, the leadership of the synod is exploring new ways to engage with people throughout our vast territory and learning about the ministry that happens in all of our contexts. Missional gatherings, new ideas for our Synod Assembly, and youth gatherings are ways that we can be together as church.



Members of the Global Mission Committee with Young Adults in Global Mission Alums for conversation and planning

As we continue into God's future for the Rocky Mountain Synod, we need new and dedicated leaders to join us in ministry "for the life of the world."

I hope you will consider joining a synodical board or committee as one way to support our life together. Full committee descriptions and position openings can be found on the **synod assembly website: www.rmselca.org/elections**. Nomination forms must be received by **March 23**, or be nominated from the Assembly floor.

Christ's Church
better together



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God's work. Our hands.

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