

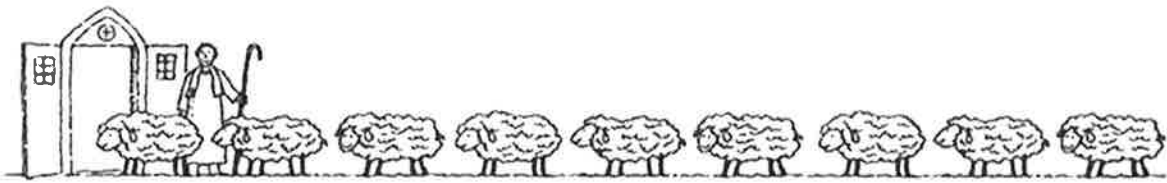
HOLY SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS
*Worshipping and Growing Together in Christ,
 Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All*



Sat/June 30	5:30pm	Holy Communion
Sun/July 1	8:00am	Holy Communion
	9:15am	Community Time (FH)
	9:30am	Adult Ed (BC)
	10:45am	Holy Communion
	11:45am	Community Time (N)
Mon/July 2		
Tues/July 3	10:00am	Staff Meeting (V)
	2:30pm	Transition Team (L)
Wed/July 4		Office Closed - Fourth of July
Thurs/July 5	8:30am	Adult Lectionary Bible Study (MP)
Fri/July 6		Office Open 8:00am to 12:00pm Office Closed in the afternoon
Sat/July 7	5:30pm	Holy Communion
Sun/July 8	8:00am	Holy Communion
	9:15am	Community Time (FH)
	9:30am	Adult Ed (BC)
	10:45am	Holy Communion
	11:45am	Community Time (N)
	5:00pm	HSLC Bridge Club (FH)

Readings for the week of July 7 & 8, 2018

Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123;
 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13



*Please welcome Alison Moody
who recently transferred her
membership to Holy Shepherd*

- **Church Office Hours** - Wednesday, July 4th - Closed All Day
Friday, July 6th - Open 8:00am to 12:00pm - Closed in the afternoon
- **Adult Education** - Sundays at 9:30 in the Bell Choir Room
July 1st - Pastor Kari
What does a New Beginning look like?
July 8th & 15th - Bonnie Yockstick
The Way
- **New Member Class** - If you or anyone you know is interested in joining Holy Shepherd, please contact the church office at 303-232-2740. We will be looking at dates for having a New Member class in the near future and would like to include everyone who is interested.
- **Transition Team** - meets on Tuesdays from 2:30 to 4:30. They have started their work on One to One Conversations. The team is reading '*Transitions: Making Sense of Life's Changes*'. Copies of the book are available in the church office. The members of the Transition Team are:
Shirley Bradsby
Joan Meister-Bridges
Denise Ikenberry
Carol Rossini
Paul Thomas
Don Threlkeld



*Altar flowers this weekend are
given to the glory of God by
Ron and Verona Skabo
in celebration of their
60th wedding anniversary*

What's Happening at Holy Shepherd? For a full listing of upcoming events held at Holy Shepherd, please refer to the monthly mailing or our calendar on the website at www.holyshepherd.com.

Pastors: Michael TeKrony and Kari Reiquam
Pastors' EMERGENCY number – 303-562-4207

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



the action center
pathways to self-sufficiency

This year is the 50th Anniversary of The Action Center and for the first time, **we are in crisis!**

WHAT DOES THE ACTION CENTER DO?

During a typical year, we distribute a five day supply of food to 42,000 individuals. We give out over 230,000 items of clothing.

We help more than 5,000 students with school supplies and provide new gifts to over 4,000 during our week of Santa Shop. There are also special days such as Thanksgiving and Christmas where additional food boxes are given. We give rent and utility assistance as well as case management.

WHY ARE WE IN CRISIS?

Our fund-raising revenue has decreased over the last several years. Exacerbating factors include the loss of some key funders, transitions on the development team, and the recent departure of our long time Executive Director who was instrumental to our fundraising. In addition, we have had 7% growth in demand for our services.

During this time, we diligently reduced operating expenses, including a reduction in staff.

Unfortunately, the reduction in revenue has continued and has impacted our ability to continue operating the shelter which has operated since 1997.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Please take action now by making a donation and pledging to donate in the future. If you are already a current donor, please consider giving an additional cash donation right now to help this valuable community asset continue offering services to families in need at the current level. Every dollar matters. Our Mission Committee will have a table after each service to receive your donations or you can mail them directly to: The Action Center, 8755 W. 14th Ave; Lakewood 80215

2. **FOOD DRIVE...**Currently, the Action Center distributes 2 to 3 tons of food daily. That is about 4,000 cans of food per day! Can our church donate a ton of food to help? That would be about 2,000 nonperishable items and would get the Action Center through 1/2 day. There is a heavy demand during the summer because we have 31.5% of Jeffco students on free or reduced lunch and they do not have those programs in the summer. Thus, more food is needed to feed the children. There will be a food box next to the Mission Cabinet.

OTHER FACTS

40% of the Action Center participants are families with children

Over 90 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to program services

Donations \$250 and over qualify for an Enterprise Zone 25% tax credit

Volunteers donate 100,000 hours a year to make programs happen

Holy Shepherd has helped the Action Center for the past 50 years. You are a loving, giving church that really believes its' mission of "Reaching Out Joyfully to All"

**Thank you for your continued support,
Shirley Bradsby**



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Statement from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton on executive order

6/22/2018 10:10:00 AM

About two weeks ago, I joined more than 20 other faith leaders in raising concerns about the administration's announced plans that it would begin separating families and criminally prosecuting all people who enter the U.S. without previous authorization. In line with that statement, I acknowledge that President Donald Trump's new executive order, "Affording Congress an Opportunity to Address Family Separation," does keep families together, but for how long and in what conditions? I am troubled by what the executive order does and does not guarantee. There is no provision for reuniting children already separated from their families, nor for children whose parents have already been deported. The executive order also allows for the possibility of future family separations.

The forced separation of children from their parents is unnecessarily cruel, further traumatizing families who have already suffered in their countries of origin and on the dangerous journey to the U.S. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and its predecessor church bodies have a long history of caring for children, families and refugees. It's who we are.

This executive order will expand the detention of families. The ELCA opposed the detention of families policy during the George W. Bush and Barack Obama administrations, and we oppose the policy now. Detention centers are not designed to support families. Community-based alternatives to detention, like ones that Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) has piloted, are cost-effective ways to ensure that children and parents can await their court case in a dignified setting.

In his explanation of the Lord's Prayer in the Small Catechism, Martin Luther reminds us that good government is part of our daily bread. As Lutherans and as citizens, we can work with elected officials toward humane, just, and compassionate solutions. Through AMMPARO and LIRS, the ELCA is committed to walking alongside children and families who are seeking asylum. You can be part of a network that uses their hands and voice to ensure they feel welcomed wherever they go. We can also advocate through ELCA Advocacy (elca.org/advocacy).

By grace we are set free to love and serve the neighbor. Let us, through prayer and action, serve these vulnerable children and families.

ELCA presiding bishop responds to Supreme Court decision on travel ban

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June 26, 2018

Thus says the Lord: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow ... (Jeremiah 22:3).

I am dismayed by the Supreme Court's recent decision concerning the president's authority to restrict travel into the United States. It applies to travelers from certain countries based on those countries' inability to provide information necessary for immigration vetting. Strong vetting procedures have already been authorized by Congress and reviews of applications for possible links to terrorism are also in place. Therefore, restricting all travelers from certain countries simply because they are citizens of those countries is deeply troubling. In the past, we have seen the sometimes horrific effects of excluding and marginalizing (or worse) whole classes of people based on their ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender identity or other characteristics.

Our social statement, "For Peace in God's World," provides theological guidance for the church to respond by offering wise words of caution:

Citizens need to give careful attention to how we in the United States perceive our national interest and interpret our national identity, since what states do depends in large measure on their views of their own interests and identity. Sin's power often makes itself felt in arrogant and self-righteous views of national identity, and in narrow, short-term, and absolute views of national interest.

We expect expressions of our nation's identity to build on the best of our traditions, to respect others' identity, and to open up paths for mutual understanding. For the sake of a greater good or for reasons of conscience, citizens may need to oppose a prevailing understanding or practice of national identity and interest.

With this court decision, we are again reaching a point where the assertion of "national security" by the executive branch of government results in the rejection of all other considerations in national policy discussions. Our social statement also reminds us: "In bondage to sin, we fall captive to fear." Jesus taught us to love one another. The social statement calls us to "a dynamic vision of difference in unity."

In a time ... when an idolatrous allegiance to one's own community endangers our oneness, we must voice with clarity the powerful vision of difference in unity. This vision calls us to engage differences, not to ignore or fear them. The hope for earthly peace challenges people to strengthen their own particular communities in ways that promote respect and appreciation for people in other communities, for all share a common humanity.

Let us recall that all people are created in God's image and, therefore, rather than have suspicion be our assumption, let us attribute to them honor and respect as God does.

God's peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America