

SHEPHERD'S STAFF

Befana, the Santa of Epiphany

When I was in high school, my family welcomed an exchange student into our lives. Anna, from Italy, has remained a life-long friend and because of Anna, the Epiphany season is special to me.

Anna told me the legend of the Italian Santa Claus, Befana. Here is a brief rendition of her story:

Befana is busy with household duties, diligent and focused, when she hears a knock on her door and when she opens her door she sees an entourage of wise men on camels, traveling from afar.

They tell her they are seeking a new ruler who has been born who will rule with love. They tell her they are following a star to honor and adore this new ruler.

The wise men invite her to come with them. She refuses. She is too busy.

And so they continue on their journey without her. It is only after they have left that she begins to wonder if she is missing the best offer of her life and so she gathers up toys to share with the Christ child and leaves her house to follow them on the journey.

She never finds them but she lives forever on the road, sharing her bag of gifts with the children she meets all over the world.

Befana reminds me that God is inviting me to listen for a knock on my door. Her story invites me to open the door and wonder! God is inviting me on a journey! She shows me that God has great love to share and I am to let go and bring my gifts.

What about Holy Shepherd?

In this season of budgets and annual meetings, how do we live in the holy season of Epiphany, and let Befana's story speak to us?

How is God knocking at our door? What great love does God have to share with us? Where is God inviting us to journey? What gifts can we bring to freely and joyfully share?

Pastor Kari Reiquam

Adult F ducation

SUNDAY Mornings

9:30 am Bell Choir Room

January 20 Giving & Gift Planning

Guest Speaker: Tina Kvitek

January 27 TBD

February 3 Transition Team Report

Leaders: Transition Team Members Fellowship Hall

February 10 & 17

Courageous Conversations

Guest Speakers:

Team from Atonement Lutheran, Boulder

February 24 & March 3

Liturgies & Worship

Leader: Pastor Kari

MONDAY Afternoon

The Acts of the Apostles

the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month

Our next study dates – Jan. 28 & Feb. 11 1:00pm Fellowship Hall

We will study the second half of the book of Acts which tells us how the apostle Paul and his companions braved many dangers and persecutions, traveling to faraway places, spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and founding Christian churches all around the known world.

We invite all women to join us for study, discussion, and prayer time. Contact me for more information. Pat Mohrbacher pbmohrbacher@outlook.com

TUESDAY

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study Tuesday, February 19 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Meetings with Jesus By Night and Day: Coming to Faith in Jesus

Study Leader and Hostess: Betty Morris

Holy Shepherd Book Club February 19 7:00pm Library

Book Selection: A Gentleman in Moscow Author: Amor Towles

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov, is sentenced to house arrest in a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Stripped of all luxuries, the Count is forced to question what makes us who we are. A novel that is funny, charming and poetic.

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.

January 30: TOWARDS BELIEF - Exclusive Faith Pastor Karl Faase travels the world to interview authors, speakers & apologists as they discuss the top belief blockers to Christian faith.

February 6 & 13: *Newton's Grace* - The story of John Newton, writer of hymns, including Amazing Grace

February 20 & 27: Gallery of Living Art - Events of the last week in Jesus' Life in live scenes & music

Leader: Bonnie Yockstick

THURSDAY Morning

Lectionary Bible Study

8:30 – 10:00am Multi-purpose Room
Discuss & study upcoming Sunday lectionary readings.

Leaders: Pastors Michael & Kari

SATURDAY Morning

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

This year we will be doing a detailed study of the Gospel of Matthew.



Wednesday Night Life

Growing in God's Family

4:45 5:40 Prime Time Choir 5:50 – 6:30 Dinner For All 6:10 – 6:30 Children's Choir

Age 3 – 6th Grade 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesday

6:00 – 7:45 Confirmation

1st Wed. of each month Feb., Location: TBD

6:30 – 7:30 Adult Handbell Choir

Adult Education, Bible Story Time

7:30 - 8:30 Chancel Choir



January 23

Ham, Scalloped Potatoes Relish Tray, Watergate Cake

January 30

Caprese Chicken Casserole Olive Garden Salad Garlic Bread Rice Pudding

February 13

Sesame Chicken Rice, Vegetable Puff Pudding Pastry

February 6

Meat Loaf Roasted Sweet Potatoes Salad Hot Fudge Pudding Cake

February 20

Baked Potato Bar Fruit Dump Cake

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE SALE

Thank you for helping to provide a living wage for our third-world neighbors.

Next up: Sunday:

February 17 & March 17



Thanks to all who donated mittens and hats to The Action Center clients over the holidays.

In February the Missions Team brings the "Have-a-Heart" ingathering of items to restock the shelves of The Action Center.

See the list below and donate to help those who face challenging times.

February 2-3, Cold weather clothing

February 9-10, Paper and plastic supplies



Heart

February 16-17, Socks and underwear

February 23-24, Items for babies/toddlers









Worship Attendance & December 2018 5:30pm 8am 10:45am Total 12/2 49 94 104 247 12/9 34 68 106 208 72 93 12/16 76 241 12/2337 114 94 245 12/24 Christmas Eve 3:00pm 306 5:30pm 150 456 12/30 40 9:00am 105 145

We Need Your Help

The Safety & Security Team needs your input.



Do you have a suggestion or concern about a safety or security item at Holy Shepherd? Our aim is to identify and address anything than concerns you.

A slippery walkway, a chair that could fail, an under-lit area, an electrical switch that sparks when it's used, a wiggly ladder, a stranger acting suspiciously on the premises, a suspicious vehicle cruising the parking lot, a door that will not lock. a first aid kit that is missing or not fully equipped, some sort of threat or perceived threat, a way of doing things more safely and/or more securely, etc., etc, Please bring your concerns to our attention.

How can you do this?

If it concerns an imminent threat, call 911 to report it and take other appropriate action. Otherwise: notify staff or catch one of the undersigned or go to the Welcome Desk in the narthex and put your concern(s) on the Safety & Security form available there.

Your Safety & Security Team: Randy Updike, Jim Freeman, Bill Carmin, Barb Jacobson, Susan Linner, Donna Madsen.

HVAC Replacement Up-date

The new HVAC is up and running! I hope you are cozy warm in the sanctuary now.

Fundraising for this project is amazing. We have generous people here. We have raised \$60,832.00. THANK YOU!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Submission Dates of Articles and Calendar Items February 13, March 13, April 10 **Mailing Dates** February 20, March 20, April 17



The 2019 flower sign-up is at the Information Center. If you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary during the year:

- Sign your name on the Flower list for the weekend(s) you would like to provide flowers.
- 2. Complete a blue card with your information for each occasion (cards located below the chart)
- 3. Each bouquet is \$30.00
- 4. Place payment and blue card(s) in the envelope provided and place in the offering plate or send to the church office.

Sign up today for flowers to celebrate an anniversary, birthday, memory of a loved one or to beautify our sanctuary.

Please Call the Office ~ Pastors or Staff

- $\sqrt{}$ When a new child is born or adopted into your family.
 - $\sqrt{\ }$ When a loved one is hospitalized or ill.
 - $\sqrt{}$ To add someone to the prayer list.
- $\sqrt{}$ To request that a Pastor visit at home, in the hospital or care center.
- $\sqrt{}$ To update the address/phone numbers of family members, including college students.
- $\sqrt{}$ To make an appointment to meet with a Pastor or a staff member.

December was truly a wonderful time of the year for our **Family Promise Guests**.

On December 9th, with the support of our church members, Christ on the Mountain volunteers and the Family

Promise staff, we hosted a smashingly successful Christmas party.



The party was for the guests who had been in the Family Promise program during 2018 and those who were currently in the program. We served about 30 pizzas and other goodies to approximately 150 guests. The pizza and cookies were the biggest hit for the children. Christ on the Mountain volunteers made many dozen cookies. We had enough left over for every family to take a small bag of cookies with them.

Santa and Mrs. Claus were in attendance and Santa gave every child a gift. In addition, due to the generosity of our church and other churches that host Family Promise guests, every family took home additional gifts for the parents and children.

Just to watch the children go up to Santa and sit on his lap and receive a gift was truly a blessing. My prayer for 2019 is that people who have thought about becoming active in the Family Promise mission will contact me or sign up for a volunteer opportunity during one or more of our five rotations.

One week after the Christmas Party we welcomed 15 guests at our church to stay with us for the week. The families had been in attendance at the Christmas Party and the children were still excited about the gifts they received and all the fun they had.

All of the adults but one had jobs and were working hard at improving their situation. One of the families of four were without transportation. They had to take the bus in the morning to ride with their children to get them to their school and then get to work using another bus. The afternoon pick up for the children included additional bus rides and waiting for buses which was time consuming. As a result, the family was not able to get to the church to eat until evening. I was told by one of our volunteers that when the family arrived at our church to eat they were so hungry they ate for a solid hour. Our wonderful volunteers cooked and saved food for this family so they could eat after the dinner hour. We are so blessed!!

Cheryl Holz Family Promise Coordinator





& assisted 22 families transition back into stable housing!

We've officially completed the first full year of our Prevention & Rehousing Program. In 2017 we began this program with initial funding from Help Us Move In (HUMI), an organization partnering to end homelessness.

With your help, we raised the remaining \$30,000 for a total program cost of \$40,000.

We served a total of 81 families including 163 children through Prevention & Rehousing in the past year & continue to serve more.

Your support will allow us to serve even more families who are facing a housing crisis.

Every dollar donated goes directly to families!

Beth & her kids were prevented from homelessness!



Beth turned to Family Promise of Greater Denver after having to put unexpected repairs into her car leaving her short for rent. We were able to supplement a portion of her rent allowing her family to stay safe & in their home.



Whitney, Clarence, & their kiddos were able to move into their new home because of your generosity.





Ministry Focus: Advocacy

Thoughts from Bishop Jim:

For many people in our nation, the notion of "church" and "state" belong in separate realms. As ELCA Christians, we recognize the inseparable connection between the role of government and our voice as the church when it comes to the life of our marginalized neighbors, especially those living with hunger or poverty. Advocacy is an essential ministry of our church calling us to engage public leaders, asking them to partner with us as people of faith in developing solutions that address systemic issues related to our neighbors in need. What a gift to use our voices as God's instruments of justice for the life of the world!

Mission Moment: Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-New Mexico Advocacy Conference



The 2018 Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-New Mexico Advocacy Conference was held on Saturday, November 17 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Albuquerque. There were over 100 attendees with many full communion, ecumenical, and interfaith advocacy partners joining advocates from ELCA congregations in New Mexico.

Director of ELCA Advocacy, Amy Reumann, was the keynote speaker with the theme of "God's Word Spoken

Publicly, Boldly, and Honestly." Rocky Mountain Synod Bishop Jim Gonia opened the conference with prayer and remarks. Attendees networked with each other and learned about ELCA advocacy and LAM-NM issues that are expected in the upcoming 2019 legislative session. Those issues included creating a Medicaid Buy In program for low-income people; creating the mid-level profession of dental therapist to help deal with the lack of access to dental care; and building a "Roadmap to a Stronger New Mexico." During lunch, Justin Remer-Thamert, executive director of the New Mexico Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice and a member of the LAM-NM Policy Committee, updated the gathering about migrant advocacy work along the border and in New Mexico.

Mission Moment Image:

Over 100 advocates participated in the recent Advocacy Conference, committing to stronger New Mexico and world.

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- The Annual Meeting (with lunch served) will be held on Sunday, January 27th, following the 10:45am worship service.

The Transition Team Report will also be presented during the Annual Meeting.

Elected Leaders

Executive Team

Jamie Malone, President*
Winston Herbert, Personnel*
Jackie Johnson, Secretary*
Scott Ikenberry, Finance*

<u>Vision Team</u> Kevin Klinkerfues*, Jackie Johnson, Emily Parkhurst*, Larry Lagerberg, Tanja Warnick, Michael TeKrony * also Congregational Council members

Holy Communion at Holy Shepherd

Saturday 5:30pm Holy Communion

<u>Sunday</u>

8:00am Holy Communion 10:45am Holy Communion



FEBRUARY 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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