

Welcome to

November 20, 2019



The Shepherd's Staff

Holy Shepherd's Newsletter

Waking early with wonder, hope and anticipation, we prepare for the journey ahead of us. We may be tempted to snuggle deeper under the familiar, comfortable, and cozy covers of yesterday, hit the snooze button a couple times, or not get up at all and disregard the new that is placed in front of us. It certainly would be the easiest and most comfortable thing to do. I mean, it is still dark in front of us and the path can be hard to see at this time in the journey. Yup, this is an option for us. But, with God's help, we rub the sleep from our eyes, take in the nourishment we need and head out to witness, celebrate and proclaim the new that promises to illuminate our day, today, this new day.

Now, let me be clear, we are not ignoring the path that we have been on in the past. Oh, no. We bring with us the same faith, same grace, same forgiveness, same mercy and the same source of life that has brought us to this point in our journey. These traveling companions have consistently proven reliable and worth bringing with us, wherever the path may lead. In fact, even in this dimly lit portion of the journey, if we pay close attention,

we can make out the figure in front of us.

There is a familiarity to this one that has risen **with us**, this new, early morning of our journey. In fact, if we reflect back for a moment, we will notice that at the beginning of EVERY new day that we have come upon, this trustworthy servant has been **with us** back then and today is no different. If we have put our trust in this faithful guide who has been **with us** in the past, I wonder if we can do it again? I say, "With God's help, yes we can."

Those wonderfully warm and cozy comforters of yesterday can weigh us down in ways that can convince us that these ever familiar quilts, patched together with memories of life and love, why would we ever want to leave them? Trust me, I know the blessing of those patches of life, all stitched together with love and the warmth that they gift us with. And..., I sense an excitement inside me, and even within us, that is accompanied with an even more familiar voice of life and love that is **with us**. This faithful servant that rises **with us**, is tenderly and lovingly extending this precious "new" invitation, "Rise up. Come and follow me."

We've heard this life giving invitation before, and...we have followed. We have followed into the unknown, the dimly lit path, with faith, grace, forgiveness, mercy and love and our faithful leader, Emmanuel, God **WITH US**. We have added to the quilt of life, patches of struggle, triumph, skinned knees and beaming smiles of joy.

Holy Shepherd, let's go. The sun/son is about to shine again. Just think of the excitement and new opportunities ahead of us that we can not even imagine from the comfort and security of yesterday. Imagine the awe and peace that the new light will release from us as we catch that first glimpse of this brand new day, the brand new light. I wonder, could this so called "new" light be the same, eternal light that has been ushering in new days for all time and in all places? Even more reason to get up and follow into the new day.

Thanks be to God.

Peace,

Michael



Thank you!

voted to call **Courtney Steitz** to be the new **Co-Pastor of Community Engagement!**

Your presence was uplifting and an encouragement to Council, Call Committee, Transition Team, Pastors & Staff as Holy Shepherd begins to step into the next chapter of its life and ministry. We continue to be grateful for this amazing congregation and our shared vision and ministry in the surrounding community!

And thanks be to God for such a place and such a people called "Holy Shepherd"!

Jamie Malone
Church Council, President

Thanks to all who participated in the Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday. With one hundred and twenty nine members voting, 99%

Worship



Advent Mid-Week Worship

*Songs, Readings,
Contemplation, Prayer*

Wednesdays, December 4 & 11
6:30 – 7:00pm Sanctuary
following dinner

*A restful, contemplative
worship to help us prepare our
hearts and minds
for the birth of Christ –
a time to rest
in this busy season.*

*The sanctuary will be available
following worship for continued
prayers and meditation*



All ages are welcome to come and help prepare the Christmas trees as part of our Advent preparation. Come for a festive evening of food, music and fellowship

Potluck begins at 4:30 with tree set-up following (or during, or . . .) Bring a potluck dish & beverage to share. Christmas trees supplied!

Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 24th
3:00 & 5:30

*Word, Holy Communion,
Candlelight, Carols*

3:00 p.m. **5:30 p.m.**
Prime Time Choir Chancel Choir



Christmas Season

Lessons & Carols

Saturday, December 28th 5:30pm
Sunday, December 29th 9:00am
(1 Service Only)

All Ages! Church Tree Set-up

Friday, December 6th, 4:30pm
Sanctuary & Narthex

Welcome Courtney Steitz

New Co-Pastor of Community Engagement will join Holy Shepherd on November 18th.

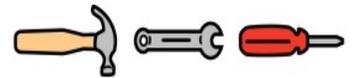
You are invited to the following events as we celebrate together what we know made new!

Ordination

Courtney's ordination will be Friday, November 22 at 6:30pm at King of Glory Lutheran Church
2919 N. Wilson Avenue
Loveland, CO

Installation

Both Courtney & Pastor Michael will be installed into their new callings as Co-Pastors on Saturday, December 7 at 5:30pm Holy Shepherd
A light reception will follow.



Church Office Renovations

Over the last 2 months the church offices have been in the process of a makeover - to be transformed into a space that welcomes the community into a more useful & functional space. Over 80% of the work is finished with the hopes that all will be done after the 1st of the new year. Many hands have been, and continue to be, used to accomplish this change. We are grateful beyond words to those who have shared their gifts:

Donna & Mike Madsen
John Haug & Jackie Johnson
Susan Julian
Dave & Karen Novess
John & Pat Szkrumelak
Michael TeKrony
Rod TeKrony
Larry Lagerberg
Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues
Jim Freeman

*Stop by sometime –
see what has been made new!*

New Hearing Devices

We are happy to let you know that we now have 4 new hearing aid devices available for use during the worship services. Please stop by the Sound Booth if you would like to try one out.

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Visit our website
holyshepherd.com
for up-to-date calendar
and more information.

Faith Formation

Sunday Mornings

Adult Education

9:30am Bell Choir Room

December Education Classes TBD



Monday Afternoons

Women's Early Afternoon Bible Study

The Mystery Hidden for Ages

2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 1:00 PM

Our next study dates – Nov. 25

December 9th we will have a Christmas Celebration

In the book of Ephesians Paul reveals God's great, eternal plan that was set in motion in Genesis. It is a compact guidebook for understanding the meaning of Jesus' mission on earth, and how he saves us from death and teaches us how to live out our new-found freedom in the household of God.

We invite all women to join us for study, discussion, and prayer time.

Contact me for more information.

Pat Mohrbacher 303-238-5179 or

pbmohrbacher@outlook.com

Tuesdays

Holy Shepherd Book Club

Tuesday, December 3rd 5:00pm

West 29th Street Grill

BOOK SELECTION: "A Redbird Christmas"

AUTHOR: Fannie Flagg

Please respond to Donna Madsen for your reservation

All Are Welcome!

Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday Night Life

6:30 - 7:30 pm Library Teacher: Bonnie Yockstick

Faith discussions around a variety of DVDs.

Nov. 27 The Gospel of Matthew

Be immersed in the world of first century Palestine as we explore the Gospel that was written for a Christian Community.

No Class during Advent - December 4, 11 & 18

Thursday Mornings

Lectionary Bible Study

8:30 – 10:00am Multi-purpose Room

Discuss & study upcoming Sunday lectionary readings.

Leaders: Pastor's Michael & Courtney

Friday Mornings

Prayer Group

Twice a month, Friday Mornings 10:00am

Administration Building

November 29, December 13

We all want to contribute to a thriving future for Holy Shepherd. The little book "Autopsy of a Deceased Church, 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive" is our guide our conversation and prayer. Please consider joining us on Friday mornings

Philippians 4:6 says, "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Contact Person - Pat Mohrbacher

Saturday Mornings

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

8:00am Fellowship Hall

December 7, 14, 21

Join us for a wonderful breakfast & discussion on a variety of topics.

Leaders: Group Members



Thank You

To my church family –

Many thanks for your thoughts and prayers in the loss of my father. Your love and care are a blessing.

Melyna Picraux

Eiber Classroom Crawl was a huge success!

Because of the cold temperatures, our Trunk or Treat night was moved indoors and was such fun! All the classroom doors were decorated and teachers and volunteers passed out goodies. We helped with hot dogs, chips, and coca. Almost 300 children participated.

A huge thank you to: Pat and John Szkrumelak, Del Felton, Gaylene Szaltzer, Larry Bradsby, Carol Rossini, Wendy Chase, Dianne and Jeff Watts, and Barb Kretsch.



Trust Committee Update

Over 64 people contributed money as a Memorial to a loved one or friend from October 2018 to October 2019. Some of this money has been designated for specific projects and went to that particular budget item. The rest was donated generally and the Trust committee used that money to fulfill Trust Fund requests submitted by members of Holy Shepherd for items needed to enhance our church and worship. This year, money was distributed to support the HVAC fundraiser and for the Service Day dumpster.

Thank you to everyone who donated money this year as a Memorial to those they love.

Your gift will continue to enhance the life of our church.

Prime Timers 2.0

Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 13th

1:00pm – 3:00ish

Fellowship Hall

- Come prepared to have fun!
- Enjoy each other's company
- Holiday snacks
- Sing along Christmas songs
- White Elephant Exchange
 - Wrapped – and the funnier the better
 - New or used, you decide



If you have any questions, contact
Jan Eckersley 303.988.5646

Please sign up at the information station
or call the church office 303.233.2740

Holy Shepherd – Weather Related Closing Procedures

During the Week

- If Jeffco Schools are closed, then the church office will be closed
- Holy Shepherd can also decide to close even if Jeffco Schools remain open.
 - **Closing announced during & after office hours**
 - Staff will notify leaders of groups that would be affected
 - Majority of Holy Shepherd Community notified through:
 - Phone Message
 - Web site
 - Social Media
 - Email sent out to Holy Shepherd list
 - Outcall sent out to Holy Shepherd list



Weekend Closures

Every attempt will be made to make a decision as early as possible regarding closure for a Weekend Service utilizing the above outlets.

If a group chooses to meet when the office is closed and church activities have been canceled, there will be no staff support available to the group. This would include, but is not limited to:

- Access to the church and administration (office) buildings
- Parking lot and sidewalks cleared

What is God calling you to be involved in at Holy Shepherd? We have a number of important ministry & leadership positions that need to be filled starting in January 2020. Please consider how you could use your gifts to help, and see a Council Member or one of the Pastors should you have any questions.

Property Team – Co-Leaders (2)

1. Oversee the maintenance of the grounds, including the grass, trees, and other plantings.
2. Oversee the maintenance of all buildings and equipment, including all necessary inspections.
3. Oversee snow and ice removal from parking lots and sidewalks.
4. Update church property inventories.
5. Develop and oversee an annual budget for the team.
6. Provide reports to congregation council as requested.

Fellowship Team – Co-Leaders (2)

1. Plan fellowship activities within the congregation.
2. Organize and promote fellowship teams.
3. Oversee the use of the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, and supplies.
4. Develop and oversee an annual budget for the team.
5. Provide reports to congregation council as requested

Other ministry positions to be filled:

Education, & Evangelism Ministry Leaders

Please contact the Pastors for more information on these leadership opportunities.

Church Council Corner



At the October 21st Church Council meeting:

- Council is preparing the 2020 Budget. We received an update & budget request from the Safety & Security Team. If you are part of a ministry that has an allocated line in our Church budget or would like to request a specific amount of funds for next year's budget, please submit a prioritized list of the financial request to a member of Council by November 1st.
- Stewardship for All Seasons received 63 intent cards on the first weekend. Follow up will begin soon.
- Church Council has been spearheading a clean-up of many of our governing documents during this transition period. The Personnel Manual update has been finalized, and the sub-Committees for Building Use & Church Constitution are beginning to meet. Any member interested in joining either of these sub-Committees, please contact a Council member.

- Council discussed the various events leading up to the Co-Pastor Vote on Nov 3rd. We finalized details for the meet & greet, as well as Vote day.
- We have Council & Ministry openings for 2020. We will begin to invite folks to prayerfully consider how they can share the gifts they have. If you are interested in serving on Council or in a ministry position next year, please contact a Council member.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of Council. As always, all Church Council meetings are open for attendance. The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for November 18th at 5:30 PM in the basement.

Missions



Equal Exchange Coffee

Sale Dates:
Sundays,

December 15 & January 19



Down for Dreaming All Ages!

A fundraiser for the Family Promise HOME program that supports children and their families who recently transitioned out of homelessness.

NOVEMBER 9TH & 10TH UPDATE

Thank you, Holy Shepherd!!

for your generous support of Family Promise's HOME Program!

So far, we have collected \$1,988.00 from our **Down for Dreaming** fundraiser.

And a big thank you to everyone who provided food, volunteered to cook, clean and help us out:

Dianne Watts, Pat and Bob Mohrbacher, Gaylene Szaltzer, Emilee Johnson, Toots Jacobsen, Barb Stannard, Jade and Gavin Tomlinson, Kat Patterson, Matt, Ben and Dan Mohrbacher, Del Holz, Jim Freeman, Peter Morse, Susan Parks, Susan Julian and Karen Novess - you guys are great! (and made this a really fun event). A HUGE thank you to Allison Moody who coordinated and made this a **very** successful event. Your passion is catching!!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

November 27, 7:00pm Holy Communion
Praise & Thanksgiving

Please bring non-perishable food items for the Action Center which will be collected during worship.



Thanksgiving Eve Pie Fellowship

The Women's Retreat will host this event following the Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday night, November 27th. Please bring a pie to share.



Each year **The Action Center** provides meals with all the fixings to feed 5,000 people. Although the event takes place on Saturday, November 24th we need to help before that! A \$10 donation will buy a gift card for a turkey.

We also need canned goods.

If you would like to donate money, you can make a check to Holy Shepherd with "Thanksgiving Distribution" in the memo line.

Thanks so much! The Mission Committee



**Donations
to the
Mitten/Hat
Tree begins
December 1**

Missions



Christmas is fast approaching.

If you are interested in helping those in need Family Promise is asking for the following:

The families that are leaving the program are in need of grocery cards (available at Safeway) and gift cards that will allow them to buy gasoline. Please contact Cheryl Holz at 303-984-2390 if you have questions or want to make a donation. Items could also be left at the church office.



Thank you for your support of the **Family Promise Program.**
Cheryl Holz

Eiber Christmas Crafts

Christmas crafts will be on **Friday, December 13** from **5:00-6:30**. We help more than 200 Eiber students make Christmas decorations in the school gym. It is really fun! We need 30 volunteers. Please help!

Contact Shirley Bradsby
LSBRADSBY@GMAIL.COM to sign up.

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Annual Holiday Gift Shop

Distribution is right around the corner and you make the holidays special for a child in need.

Each year we provide gifts and books to over 3,800 children! This year with our NEW location at The Rock Community Church we hope we can serve even more. Our goal is to collect 400 new toys! That is 10% of what the action Center needs to provide a good Christmas for our neighbors in need.

Help us make sure these kiddos have a memorable holiday season, please consider donating some of our most needed toys, such as:

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| Skateboards | Make-Up Kits |
| Remote Control Cars | Science Kits |
| Arts and Crafts Kits | Legos |
| Nerf Toys | |

You can also buy online and save time by visiting our Roonga site at www.roonga.com/holidayshopactioncenter

We are gladly accepting donations at our dock Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to Noon. The dock is Closed on Wednesdays and Sundays.



A form of gift giving where the donor, instead of buying a gift for the recipient, makes a donation to a charitable organization in the recipient's name.

ELCA Good Gifts	community.elca.org
World Hunger Appeal	elca.org/hunger
Capitol Hill Community Service	mealsforthe poor.org
Denver Indian Center	denverindiancenter.org
The Action Center	theactioncenter.org
Outdoor Ministry	
Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp	rainbowtrail.org
Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp	skyranchcolorado.org
Bread for the World	bread.org
Urban Servant Corps	urbanservantcorps.org
Habitat for Humanity	habitat.org
Christ Aid International	christaidinc.org
Second Wind Fund	thesecondwindfund.org
Lutheran Family Services	lfsrm.org
Family Promise	familypromiseofgreaterdenver.org
Heifer Project	heifer.org
Border Servant Corps	borderservantcorps.org
Warm Hearts, Warm Babies	warmheartswarmbabies.org

On the Sock Campaign

The Action Center and Breaking History TM with Ryan Avery are attempting a world record and are asking the public to please



“Bring a Pair of Socks, Bring a Buck” and help them collect 10,587 pairs of NEW socks as well as \$10,587 to raise awareness of homelessness issues in Colorado. If successful in their attempt, they will break the world record for “World’s Longest Sock Drive.”

WHEN: Wednesday, December 4th 12 p.m. (Noon) to 5 p.m.

WHERE: The Action Center – Program Services Building 8745 W 14th Ave

If you are unable to attend on the 4th, we encourage you to bring socks to Holy Shepherd and leave them in the box in front of the Missions Cabinet before Dec.4th They will be taken to the Action Center.

Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

Article Submission Dates

December 9, January 6

Please submit your articles to

Karen Novess at knovess@holyshepherd.com



Joyful Quilts

Our "Joyful Quilts and More" Event was a success! Thanks to your participation and generosity, we received **\$1055.50.**

We have designated funds to the following:

The Action Center	\$300.00
Family Promise	\$200.00
Eiber School	\$200.00
Busy Bees Budget	\$255.50*
Urban Servant Corps	\$100.00

(shipping costs to the warehouse in MN.)

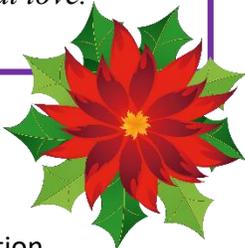
Each 60" by 80" quilt uses 7 yards of fabric. We receive wonderful fabric donations from our Holy Shepherd family and from friends of the quilters. We also take anything related to sewing--items such as sewing notions, decorative items and any related materials.

Those that we can't use for quilting we use for the Joyful Quilts and More Event.

We have ten to twelve women working on the quilts. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 9:00 to 12:00 in the multi-purpose room at church.

**Busy Bees budget covers cost of batting and servicing the sewing machines.*

*"Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things with great love."
Mother Teresa.*



Poinsettias

For Christmas the Altar Guild will be ordering Poinsettias plants to beautify our Sanctuary. If you would like to make a financial contribution to help pay for these plants, please put your donation in the worship offering globe or send to the church office and designate for Christmas flowers. Contributions exceeding the actual cost will be donated to Rejoicing Spirits. Rejoicing Spirits is a "no-shush" worship service for all people and is specifically inclusive of people with developmental and cognitive disabilities. The Altar Guild at Holy Shepherd has been baking the gluten free communion bread for their monthly worship service at Bethany Lutheran Church.

COUNTERS WANTED!

Due to recent retirements, we have openings for new counters on our team in 2020. The function we perform is critical to Holy Shepherd, but occurs behind the scenes and out of the limelight. We will provide excellent training and benefits. Members who can count high will be given preference. If interested, please contact Scott Ikenberry or Donna Madsen in the office.



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!**

No WNL November 27th

ADVENT SCHEDULE DEC. 4 & 11

No Adult Ed

4:45 – 5:40	Prime Time Choir
5:00 – 6:00	Handbell Choir
5:50 – 6:30	Dinner For All
6:10 – 6:30	Youth Choir
6:30 – 6:50	Advent Worship
7:00	Chancel Choir Confirmation

ADVENT SCHEDULE DEC. 18

No Adult Ed

4:45 – 5:40	Prime Time Choir
5:00 – 6:00	Handbell Choir
5:50 – 7:00	Christmas Celebration <i>Dinner, Carols, Skit</i>
7:00	Chancel Choir Confirmation



December 4
Taco Bar
Beans
Gingerbread Cake

December 11 Chicken Teriyaki Rice, Vegetables Egg Rolls Pineapple/Coconut Cake	December 18 <i>Christmas Celebration</i> Ham Roasted Potatoes Carrots, Rolls Cookies
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Christmas Celebration

Wednesday, December 18, 5:50pm- 7:00pm

Join the community of Holy Shepherd as we come together for a wonderful meal prepared by the WNL dinner crew, sing carols and experience the word through drama.

An evening of fellowship and love as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth.