

Welcome to

January 15, 2020



The Shepherd's Staff

Holy Shepherd's Newsletter

Hello Holy Shepherd,

It is hard to believe that it is already 2020. And with the start of the New Year, we also start the season of Epiphany. During the season of Epiphany we hear some pretty amazing Gospel stories about Jesus' baptism and Transfiguration that remind us that the baby born at Christmas is far more than an ordinary baby. But especially during this Epiphany season we will be reflecting on the promises of God—in our Scripture readings, songs, and worship activities.

God's promises are different than the promises that we make to each other. Especially at the start of the New Year, we often make all sorts of promises to ourselves about our new diet, about how often we are going to get outside and walk, or about finally taking full advantage of that gym membership. But, at least for me, these promises don't seem to last long. Full disclosure, I am eating some chocolate as I write this letter to you. But even though we sometimes fall short on our New Year's resolutions, God always keeps God's promises. No matter our external circumstances, we can count on God to remain faithful to the promises that God has made in Scripture—promises of faithfulness, presence, blessing and guidance.

And so, during this Epiphany season we invite you to participate in an activity that will give all of us a visual reminder of God's faithfulness to God's promises. For the next several weeks, at the front of the sanctuary we will have a paper chain that reminds us of all of God's promises. Each week, after the sermon, you will be invited to write or draw a brief reflection of how you experience some of God's promises in your own life. During the Hymn of the Day you can come up and attach your reflection to our chain of God's promises or leave it in the offering basket or in the Narthex to be attached to the promise chain later during the week.

Our hope is that as we engage in this season of reflection and celebration that you will be reminded of God's faithfulness, love, and grace. May the Lord bless your new year and this Epiphany season!

Peace,

Courtney Stutz



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!

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| 4:45 – 5:40 | Prime Time Choir |
| 5:50 – 6:30 | Dinner & Fellowship |
| 6:10 – 6:30 | Youth Choir |
| 6:30 – 7:30 | Handbell Choir |
| | Adult Study |
| | Confirmation |
| 7:30 – 9:00 | Chancel Choir |



January 22
Baked Potato Bar
Pistachio Cake

January 29
Pork Green Chili Stew
Beans, Dump Cake

February 5
French Dip
Chips, Salad
Zucchini Cake

February 12
Salad Bar Supreme
Chocolate Cookie Bar

Wednesday Night Life Adult Ed

6:30 - 7:30 pm Library

Teacher: Bonnie Yockstick

Faith discussions around a variety of DVDs.

January 22, 29 The Man of Galilee

The Sea of Galilee is the setting for this inspiring look at the Biblical narrative and allows for some new insights concerning the significance of the teachings of Jesus

February 5, 12 The Apostles' Creed

We explore the timeless power and importance of the Creed with a host of theologians from different faiths and parts of the world.

Missions

Have-A Heart Month

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

Please check the weekly bulletin for items needed each week.

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As we wrap up 2019 we're so excited to share with you what we were able to accomplish thanks to you! We're even more excited to see what 2020 brings our way!

In 2019 we:

- Helped **5261** students start their first day of school with new supplies and new backpacks.
- Provided **1,981** Thanksgiving Meal Kits which helped create **5,572** Thanksgiving meals.
- Connected **1,184** households with holiday gifts, ensuring **3,145 children** had a magical holiday season.
- Launched a refreshed brand for the Action Center to help build our community awareness.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg! Daily we help around 80 households providing:

591,075 meals **265,869** clothing items **61,736** personal care items **28,436** household items

And how can we forget to mention that we are now World Record holders for the Largest Sock Drive in an 8 hour period?! Thanks to you and our amazing community we were able to collect **37,566** pairs of NEW socks on December 4 and raise awareness around issues that surround those experiencing homelessness.

We can't wait to see what 2020 holds in store for the Action Center, thanks for joining us on this ride and for all you do, we couldn't make an impact without you!



Equal Exchange

Coffee

Sale Dates:

Sundays,

February 16 & March 15



Rocky Mountain Synod Happenings



SIMPLICITY
SPIRITUALITY
SERVICE
INTENTIONAL
COMMUNITY

At Urban Servant Corps, we believe that doing a year of service will not only impact those you serve, but it will change who you are and how you show up in the world.

This experience will offer concrete direct service skills, the opportunity to explore and live out your faith, and leave you with an understanding of what life might look like for marginalized and vulnerable populations in our country. This all happens as you build community with a group of like-minded people! Are you dedicated to social justice and a simpler way of life? Do you hope to explore your faith? Do you want to gain experience in the non-profit/service field? Join us!

For more info and to apply, go to:

<http://urbanservantcorps.org/volunteer/apply.html>

YOGA as PRAYER *Retreat*

January 31 – February 1, 2020



Join others for a rejuvenating, and relaxing overnight retreat of conversation, quiet, and yoga. Rachel Bass-Guennewig of Daily Bread Yoga will lead us through Bible Studies, yoga practices, and a deeper exploration of our own experience of faith. This retreat is most appropriate for those who are able to get up and down from the floor with relative ease. Experience with yoga is helpful, but not required.

Holy Cross Retreat Center

600 Holy Cross Rd. Mesilla Park, NM

\$150 per person includes double room & 3 meals

Register at <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/1040636>



James Hersch Annual Concert/Soup Supper

Saturday, February 1 at 6:00 p.m

James Hersch will be joining us for his annual concert at Holy Love Lutheran Church. A potluck soup supper will be held in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the concert will follow immediately after. Free will offering.

Holy Love Lutheran Church 4210 S. Chambers Rd. Aurora

Faith Formation

Sunday Mornings

Adult Education

9:30am Bell Choir Room

January 19 – February 2

Hebrew Bible

The Hebrew Bible is full of poems, prophecies and crazy stories. How do we read and understand such varied literature in our world today? Come and learn.

Leader: Pastor Courtney

February 9 & 16

Storytelling



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 – January 27 & February 10

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

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Tuesdays

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study

January 21, 2020 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Topic: "We Are Called"

Session 1: Hearing God's Call

Leader: Jan Eckersley Hostess: Betty Morris

February 18, 2020

Topic: "We Are Called"

Session 2: Disciples of Christ

Leader: Darla Trahnstrom Hostess: Vera Crabb

We have room for a lot more ladies!

Holy Shepherd Book Club

Tuesday, February 18 7:00pm Library

BOOK SELECTION:

"The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules"

AUTHOR: *Catharina Sundberg-Ingleman*

An international best selling novel about a group of women in a care home who decide to make their lives more exciting by rebelling and even planning to "break out" of the care home. A heartwarming and fun read.

Leader: Carol Rossini

All Are Welcome!

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

January 24, February 14

Please consider coming to join us every other Friday morning to share concerns and to pray for our church, our staff, and our community. We will be using "Beginning to Pray" by Anthony Bloom as our guide.

Everyone is invited to join us.

Contact Person - Pat Mohrbacher

James 5:16:

"The prayer of a righteous person has great power in its effects."



Saturday Mornings

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

8:00am Fellowship Hall

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

Leader: Randy Updike



Theater & Theology

Denver Center for the Performing Arts

Cost \$35.00

Contact Barb Stannard (303-987-8200)

New Date: Tuesday, February 18th 6:30 pm

You Lost Me

Reservation Deadline – January 27th

Flow through time as unexpected guests and echoes of the past leave their indelible mark on the inhabitants of a remote shoreline in this poetic and bright new drama.

The last deadline for those tickets is Monday, Jan. 27th, in order to assure ticket (from limited amounts available), anyone interested should contact me as soon as possible so I can request tickets ASAP.

Because this year DCPA has limited the amount of tickets available for Theatre & Theology, the churches that request earliest will get the tickets and others are (maybe) left out. So individuals interested in attending these plays should always contact Barb Stannard ASAP to try to guarantee themselves a seat.

Prime Timers 2.0

Thursday, January 23, 1-3 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Water Up/Fire Down

A brain based holistic approach to health and wellness presented by **Joan Meister-Bridges**,

Body & Brain and Brain Education practitioner

Get healthier this year and learn tools that help balance the body, mind and spirit.

The workshop includes:

- a conversation about health and wellness
- gentle stretches for flexibility, strength, circulation, and alignment
- breathing exercises to recharge your body and mind
- moving meditation to relax your brain and clear away the busy thoughts of the day

Exercises may be done while sitting or standing and are suitable for all ages, body types, and conditions. Wear comfortable clothes.

A tea ceremony will follow.



Pre-Valentine Lunch

Thursday, February 13, at 11:30 A.M.

Prime Time 2.0 invites all to a Pre-Valentine lunch date at Red Lobster Restaurant at Belmar on Wadsworth Blvd.

The menu includes a variety of seafood, steak and chicken entrees. Please sign up on the flyer at the visitor's center and request a ride, if needed. *Hope you can join us.*

Bon Appetit!!!

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Elected Leaders

Executive Team

Jamie Malone, President*

Susan Scott, Vice President*

Winston Herbert, Personnel*

Emily Parkhurst, Secretary*

Scott Ikenberry, Finance*

Vision Team

Kevin Klinkerfues*,

Larry Lagerberg, Tanja Warnick,

Diane Klinkerfues

* also Congregational Council members

Visit our website

holyshepherd.com

for up-to-date calendar

and more information

Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

Article Submission Dates

February 10

Please submit your articles to

Karen Novess at

knovess@holyshepherd.com

Thank You

Many thanks . . .

- **Installation Service** for Pastors Courtney & Michael on December 7th. Thank you to the participants who created & served - organist, choirs, readers, greeters, ushers, communion assistants, altar guild, and those who served a wonderful reception following. It was a celebration for all!
- **Christmas Celebration** held on Wednesday, December 18th. Thank you to the many helpers . . .
 - Annette Gillcrist and the WNL cooking team for preparing a wonderful Christmas meal.
 - Bonnie Yockstick for writing the "screenplay" for the presentation of "The Three Trees"- wonderful!
 - All the actors who helped present the play -narrators, trees, woodcutters, Mary, Joseph, carpenter, soldiers, fisherman - your interpretation for each role was excellent!
 - Diane Klinkerfues for her accompaniment for the play & sing-a-long. and leading the minstrel singing group. And thanks to those who sang in the minstrel group who added to the festivities.
- **Office Renovation Help**
 - Tony & Shanda DeAngelis who ordered & installed privacy blinds on 3 new doors in the office. Thank you for sharing your time and talents – they look great!



Thrivent Grants

Church members wrote more than 30 Thrivent grants this year. These grants were all written to help others in our community. In dollars, this raised more than \$20,000 and provided over 500 hours of volunteer work. Thank you so much to our Thrivent Members who participated in this program!

Shirley Bradsby

Holy Shepherd Missions Committee, Busy Bees & Friends,

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of Warm Hearts Warm Babies. Since we are a total volunteer organization, we depend on gifts both monetary and baby items to continue our mission of assisting needy newborns throughout Colorado. At present we are delivering an average of 5,000 items a month to over 50 agencies, hospitals, group homes, etc. The need continues to grow and we appreciate your contributions.

WHWB Board of Directors



**A note from
Family Promise Executive Director,
Allie Card**

THANK YOU for another incredible year of support. We truly CANNOT do this work without you. Together, we served **46 families in 2019 through shelter**. This was a total of 170 people, including **95 children!** Thank you for giving your time and resources so that families have a safe place, warm meals and are surrounded by love.

In all 5 of our programs, we served **nearly 700 families in 2019!** The spectrum of supportive services we're able to provide is making a huge impact in our community. We will continue investing our passion and resources into these families until there are no more children sleeping in unsafe conditions.

We have a new grant for 2020 through the City and County of Denver to provide Bridge Housing to around 20 families. Families will be temporarily housed in apartment units and will transition into permanent housing through our community's coordinated efforts. We're excited for this new opportunity!

The coordinators of Holy Shepherd would also like to add our THANKS to Allie's for everything you do to make our guests welcome and comfortable!!

Looking forward to seeing YOUR name on the signup board in 2020!!

Thank You

The Action Center

Thank you very much for donating toys to our Holiday Gift Shop. We provided toys to over 3,140 children! We are so grateful to you and our community for donating enough toys to make this event such a success. The families who received toys were so grateful.

Nancy, one of the team leaders, shared the story below which I wanted to pass along to give you an example of the impact that you had on people.

"She was well dressed and trying to put on a good face. She just got out of the hospital 2 days ago, was on a feeding tube, using a walker, and had her caregiver with her. She's probably in her mid-30s and has 4 children. She stood in line and was here on the designated day for the Santa Shop. She had obviously been thinking and worrying about how to give her kids a good Christmas. She was also clearly in pain and struggling. We saw her and made an exception to help her through the Santa Shop early and with a personal shopper. You could see the relief in her eyes and then the delight as she slowly moved through the Santa Shop. She had a quick eye for what the 2 girls would want – make up kits, crafts, and a shopping kit for the youngest. The 2 boys would like the action figures, the kits to make an electric car, and the hot wheels set. The family game she picked was a silly one – something about a pig eating junk food. She had a painful laugh. Fun stuffed animals and a few stocking stuffers. She was out of energy by the time we got to the books, but we found one for each. She was grateful and so tired. You could see the relief in her body and face that she had done what she could to give her kids a Merry Christmas. As she got in the car she said with relief, "now Christmas is finished, I can go home and rest and heal." A strong woman with an unknown future. We will probably never know where her journey or the journey of her children's lives will lead. But I'm pretty sure we gave her the chance and dignity to pick out a little joy for the children she loves."

Thank you for your generosity

- Kerri and The Action Center staff

Church Council Corner



At the December 16th

Church Council meeting:

- Council continued preparation of the Church's 2020 Budget. Budget Hearings will be January 11, 2020 after service and January 12, 2020 between services.
- Council continued preparations for the Annual Meeting which will held on January 26, 2020 at noon.
- Church Staff and Council have begun discussing a potential new position at Holy Shepherd for a Property Manager.

Holy Shepherd
Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 26th
12:00pm.

Leadership Invite: Church Council is seeking new leaders for the following positions: Council President, Council Secretary, and Vision Team Representative for Council. Ministry leaders are also needed for the following teams: Faith Formation, Evangelism, Fellowship, and Property Co-Chair. Please contact a member of Council if you are interested in a leadership position.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of Council. As always, all Church Council meetings are open for attendance.