

Welcome to

February 19, 2020



The Shepherd's Staff

Holy Shepherd's Newsletter

Lent:

A Journey through
WILDERNESS & DEATH
for the sake of Life

On Ash Wednesday we will once again begin the holy journey of Lent. For 40 days, not including Sundays, we will walk with God as we encounter the wilderness of our lives. We will journey through the wilderness of discovery, death, reflection, preparation and life, all with God as our guide.

But why? Why embark on this journey through the wilderness? Isn't Lent a time of darkness, "giving up important things in my life", repentance of my sin and brokenness and ultimately, death? Well, yes and no. Maybe you've practiced the discipline of fasting during previous Lents. And here is where CHOCOLATE enters the journey. Or, more precisely the giving up of chocolate during Lent. Maybe in the past you've dove into Lent with the intention to prove to yourself that you have the power within you to deny yourself of something that may have some level of importance in your life: chocolate, Facebook, shopping, etc. And, if you have enough will power to overcome those desires along the way, at the end of Lent, you can celebrate your accomplishment with...well a whole bunch of chocolate, of course. And somehow, this is what a successful Lent would look like.

Well, I'm thinking there is a more significant purpose and hope for the holy season of Lent. And, I think it has to do more with the difference of two little words: "from and for".

This Lent we are invited to move our focus away from what we deny ourselves "from" to, journeying into the wilderness "for" life. This Lent, we will journey through the wilderness "for" the sake of life, life with God, with God as our guide. The goal is not to see how miserable we can make ourselves and live to tell about it. The journey of Lent is to be mindful of our journey with God through that which might stand in the way of "life" with God. Lent is a season of preparation to fully receive and be fully immersed in the blessing of "life" that nothing can extinguish, not even death.

So, if you decide to fast this Lent, consider fasting for the sake of opening and growing with God. Fast from that which fills space in your life, that could be opened to new and abundant life that God is willing to send Jesus, to die for.

May God guide us as we embark into this holy season of Lent, as we journey through the wilderness and death FOR life.



Ash Wednesday
February 26, 2020
10:00am & 7:00pm
+ Holy Communion +
Imposition of Ashes

Lenten Midweek Services
Wednesdays, March 4 – April 1
6:30pm

As we journey through Lent, many of us focus on our own internal spiritual disciplines like fasting or prayer. While these are great practices, Lent is also a time to be reminded that Jesus calls us into the world to care for those most in need. This Lent, Missions Committee is planning and leading our mid-week services on Wednesdays at 6:30 immediately following dinner. We will be using resources from ELCA World Hunger as each week we hear a story about how ELCA world hunger is working in our own country and around the globe. We will also hear stories from our own members about how they see God at work in their own lives and ministries. And of course there will be times for prayer, singing, and Scripture reading.

Join us on this Lenten journey!

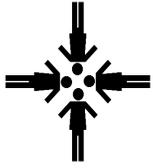


Healing Worship
Saturday, March 21,
5:30pm
Sunday, March 22nd
8:00am & 10:45am

We gather as broken people dependent on God's healing and life giving presence in our lives. We will embrace the gift of healing in many aspects of our lives: physical, emotional, spiritual, and relational, that are desired in our lives.

Faith Formation

Sunday Mornings



Cross-Generational Event: *Creating a Community Lenten Devotional Book*

Sunday, February 23 9:30am
Fellowship Hall

Come join the community of Holy Shepherd in creating together, a Lenten Devotional booklet. Our time together will begin with song, be reminded of what the season of Lent means, hear Bible stories that will be read during the season and then respond to those readings through art, poetry, questions, writings, pictures etc. Your responses will then be compiled in a Lenten Devotional booklet that will be available the weekend of Feb. 29/March 1 to be used as a contemplative resource during the season of Lent.

*We hope you can participate
and be engaged in this community effort.*

Adult Education

9:30am Bell Choir Room

March 1 through April 5

The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life

By: Adam Hamilton

As we enter the holy season of Lent, our worship theme is: Journey into the wilderness and death, for the sake of life. While we move through this sacred time, during our education hour on Sundays, we will explore spiritual practices that Jesus models for us as we follow. Bring your book and Bible with you and "grow together in Christ."

**You can purchase the book on Amazon,
Christianbook.com and Cokesbury.com
or your favorite book store.**

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 – February 24, March 9,23

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

March 17, 2020 9:30am

Topic: "We Are Called"

Session 3: Called to Serve

Leader: Pat Mohrbacher Hostess: JanEckersley

All ladies are Welcome!



Holy Shepherd Book Club

Tuesday, March 17 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!

Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday Night Life Adult Ed & Confirmation Classes

Will not meet during the season of Lent –
February 26 – April 8

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

February 14, March 13 & 27 (will not meet February 28)

Please consider coming to join us 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

Saturday Mornings

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

8:00am Fellowship Hall/Library

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

Leader: Randy Updike

Thank You



Thank you to Jim Freeman, Gerry Scholten, Peter & Trevor Morse for moving the large metal cross to a semi-permanent place on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Your ingenuity and muscle strength were greatly appreciated to create a space that would highlight this lovely memorial gift. A reminder of the history of the cross from the Anderson family . . .

"The cross was made from a design that I had come up with from seeing one in a video from a Lutheran church in Aurora, CO that had utilized something similar for their Easter services. The cross was purchased as a memorial for our parents, Lowell and Mera Lou Anderson by their 3 children - Chris, Vickie and Dana and spouses. All of us put in additional money to have it made with also using memorial money from Mera Lou's memorial fund. The cross can be used to "highlight" the church seasons." - Dana Anderson

A heartfelt thank you to my Holy Shepherd family for all the prayers and support you have given me as I recover from a broken hip. It means so much. It is a slow process but I am getting there.

In His love,

Marian Werning

Thank you to everyone who came to the baby shower on February 9th. It was a fun time of food, fellowship, and plenty of laughs. Andy and I are so appreciative and feel so supported by this loving community.

Thanks!

Pastor Courtney

Thank You

Thank you to our HSLC family for their thoughts, prayers, and cards during our recent hospitalizations. A special thanks to Pastor Mike for his frequent visits and encouragement. Our recovery went well. We are blessed!

Ron and Verona Skabo

Thank you, Pat Mohrbacher!!!

Pat has lovingly and faithfully facilitated the Adult Education team for many, many years. She has recently decided to pass on the reigns to new leadership. Pat's dedication to this important aspect of who we are as a "growing together in Christ" community will continue to be a beautiful gift to Holy Shepherd for generations to come. Thank you, again, Pat. You have been and continue to be tremendous blessing to all of us.

Holy Shepherd

ART

Gallery

Sharing the Gospel through Visual Art



As we begin our Lenten Journey, the gospel readings will lead us through "wilderness & death for the sake of Life". **What does that mean?** Even in despair there is hope. Our hope is encouraged in Christ's living waters – they are waters of death, then life. Of dying, then rising. Of sin swallowed up, then life given and then renewed. Each week, the Jesus revealed in these readings stands before us and calls us back to life!

YOU! (yes, you) are invited to share your response to this journey of "wilderness & death for the sake of life", through the visual arts - paintings, drawings, photography, collage, sculptures etc.; the written word (stories, poems, a magazine article etc.); personal photos etc. If you are not moved to create a piece of your, you can submit creations that other people have created that moves/speaks to you based on this theme.

All submissions will be returned.

Art pieces submitted will be displayed in the Narthex during the Easter Season – April 12 – May 31, 2020

Submissions will be collected by Karen Novess. Your submission does not need to be framed or even sized – I will take your "art piece" and prepare it for the art gallery. **All submissions need to be submitted by April 5.**

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Novess at 303.233.2740 or knovess@holyshepherd.com



Theater & Theology

Denver Center for the Performing Arts

Cost \$35.00

Contact Barb Stannard (303-987-8200)

Tuesday, April 21 6:30 pm

Choir Boy

Reservation Deadline – March 31st

Featuring gorgeous gospel music, this stunning coming-of-age drama by Oscar-winner Tarell Alvin McCraney (*Moonlight*) illuminates the chaos of growing up



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 February 26 Ash Wednesday

Lenten Schedule March 4 – April 1

4:45 – 5:40	Prime Time Choir
5:00 – 5:45	Handbell Choir
5:50 – 6:25	Dinner
6:30 – 7:00	<i>Lent Worship</i>
7:00– 8:30	Chancel Choir

No Confirmation or Adult Ed during Lent



Cafe

March 4 – April 1

Lenten Soup Suppers

Bread

Fruit & Cottage Cheese

LENT Lent LENT Lent

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.*

Post-High School Scholarships Available

Students pursuing a post-high school education are encouraged to apply for a scholarship from the Holy Shepherd Aid Fund - \$500.00 - 2 scholarships will be given out.

Applications are available in the office and must be returned by **May 17th**.

Scholarships will be given out in August.

Please contact Karen Novess at 303.233.2740 if you have any questions.



March 12, 1:00pm
Fellowship Hall
BUNCO

Church Council Corner



Annual Meeting January 26

Recap:

- President Jamie Malone acknowledged all of the hard work the congregation accomplished this past year including service, call of the New Pastor, and refreshing several documents. President Malone issued a challenge that Holy Shepherd keep pushing forward.
- Large Gift Planning: a new policy is being prepared to address large gifts donated to Holy Shepherd.
- Elections were held for positions vacated:
 - Council
 - President: Diane Klinkerfues
 - Secretary: Judy Ekberg
 - Member-at-large: Jen Kurtz
 - Trust Committee Reps:
 - Carol Rossini
 - Gail Skaggs
 - Synod Assembly Representatives:
 - Lisa & Gavin Tomlinson
- 2020 Budget Passed
- Thank You's and grateful recognition were given to those outgoing council & trust committee members and ministry leaders who have served faithfully in their positions over the last few years:
 - Council President: Jamie Malone
 - Council Secretary: Emily Parkhurst
 - Trust Committee Members:
 - Chairperson: Emily Parkhurst
 - Secretary: Jane Walker
 - Treasurer: Gaylord Stumm
 - Fellowship Team Leaders:
 - Wanda Carlson & Pat Scholten

Community & Neighborhood

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Be sure to join us **Friday, March 20** and **Saturday, March 21**
for **Colorado's Largest Rummage Sale for a Cause**
at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds!

Beautiful Junk Sale

What treasures will you find?



With 10,500 square feet of treasures, trinkets, and goods, you'll find everything you never knew you needed! General Admission opens at 8:30 a.m. each day and is \$5 Buy One Get One FREE - bring your friend and they'll get in for FREE. Children 16 and under are always free. For those looking for the best deals and finds, join us for the Early Bird Sale, Friday ONLY starting at 7 a.m.; admission is \$30 for Early Birders.

VOLUNTEER AT BEAUTIFUL JUNK

We need over 400 volunteers for Beautiful Junk! Sign-up today on the their website: theactioncenter.org



Family Promise Success Stories

West Rotation- 2019

- **48** families served in Shelter in 2019
 - **27** served in the West rotation
 - **71%** of families left Shelter with improved housing & financial stability



Teshawn, Lindsey, Byris (6) & Brysin (3)

faced a lot of barriers before entering shelter, including health and credit issues. This family took full advantage of our program's offerings; they got their kids enrolled in school, fixed their vehicle, and obtained employment. They moved into a brand new unit where their rent is based on their income, and they keep in touch through our Home aftercare program.

Kendra and her son, Thy (19), were sleeping in a tent before joining the shelter program. They struggled to find a shelter that would keep them together as a family unit because Thy was over 18, along with one that would accommodate their dog, **Ky**. We were able to provide shelter to the whole family, including their furry friend, thanks to our Pets with a Promise program. While in shelter, Kendra and Thy found the staff helpful and encouraging. They are now in our Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program, where Family Promise covers a portion of their rent each month. Thy is figuring out his career plan, and is interested in zoology, where he can put his love of animals to work.

Byron & Jaxon (2)

were sleeping on the bus before joining Family Promise. While in the program, Byron became well known for "running" the Day Site by helping with donations and cleanliness. While they have since moved into their own apartment, Byron still volunteers weekly and is working toward becoming a licensed Peer Navigator.



Missions



Equal Exchange

Coffee

Sale Dates:

Sunday

March 15

Save the Date

April 25 6:30pm

Fellowship Hall



The Dennis Jacobson Memorial Hunger Dinner: a Fundraiser for ELCA World Hunger

Details will be available
in the March Newsletter



Have-A Heart Month

Throughout the month of February the Missions Team has been gathering items to restock the shelves of The Action Center - warm clothing, Paper/Plastic Products & Socks & Underwear.

On Feb. 22/23 we will be collecting Baby & Toddler Items



Rocky Mountain Synod Happenings

Taizé Weekend

Hospitality: A Pilgrimage of Trust

Saturday, March 14

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 15

4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



You are invited to a Taizé Encounter of song, prayer and dialogue with Brothers Emile and John from the Taizé community in France.

We will gather around the theme, *Hospitality: A Pilgrimage of Trust*. In an increasingly fragmented world, people are asking: Who is my neighbor? Is reconciliation possible? Is community a dream?

Join Brothers Emile and John as they share in dialogue and spiritual practice that is the heart of the community's home in France. Bishop Gonia will be a part of panel discussion with the Brothers. Ihoby Rakotomalala of Auraria Campus Ministry and Krista Kilgus of Urban Servant Corps will also be leading workshops on hospitality and building community.

The venue is **The Sanctuary of Calvary Baptist Church**,
6500 E. Girard Ave., Denver, CO

Please register at

<http://www.thethreshold.us/TaizeWeekend.htm>

For more information, ask Pastor Michael



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Lay Leadership

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Susan Scott, Vice President

Winston Herbert, Personnel

Judy Ekberg, Secretary

Scott Ikenberry, Finance

Jen Kurtz, Member-at-large

Kevin Klinkerfues, Vision Rep

Vision Team

Kevin Klinkerfues,

Larry Lagerberg, Tanja Warnick,

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and more information

Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

March Article Submission Date

March 9

Please submit your articles to

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