



We are called to be in relationship with God, with God's people
and with God's world every day.

Shepherd's Staff

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter



Photo: Michael TeKrony

God says, "Be still and know, I am God,"

The psalmist begins Psalm 46 with a reminder of where we will find refuge and strength and our ever-present source of help. God. The answer is God. That's easy. Right? Isn't this the answer we're supposed to give as "good" Christians and Children of God?

Then the writer continues to paint a picture that is less than idyllic and beautiful: The earth changes, mountains fall into the sea and tremble, and waters roar and foam. Take a moment and paint your picture of the world you live in that this portion of Psalm 46 reveals for you.

The earth changes. That which I have grown to rely on, changes. That which I looked up to, trembles and falls. That which I would gaze upon in wonder and peace, now roars and foams. As that picture emerges in front of and within you, pay attention to it. What elicits fear within you? What is it that makes you tremble and fall? Name these puzzle pieces of the picture you find yourself in. Can you feel the turmoil? Can you hear the roaring? You know this picture very well. The scenes may differ, but there may be a familiarity that you wish was not so familiar.

Where is God in this picture? Is God present at all? Does it seem as though the picture is so intense and disturbing that the first instinct is to turn away and ignore? Or maybe, the impulse is to rearrange the pieces to form a picture that I'm more comfortable with, and maybe even removes me from the picture all together.

"God is our refuge and strength, an **ever-present** help." The psalmist thought it was important to begin this psalm with this understanding. God is "ever-present", here, right now, with you, with me, with us.

In the next 6 verses, the psalmist references God and what God does, 12 times. 12 times in 6 verses, we are turned to see, again and again, God.

Within the changing, turmoil, and the roaring, our "eyes" are being redirected to God, again and again, then... the invitation to be still.

In this picture of life that we may wish to turn away from, or re-arrange into a more comfortable experience, race through or ignore, we are invited, by God, to be still: not move, race, climb, escape, work, fix, ignore or re-arrange. We are invited by God to be still. Be still and know that our ever-present God is present here, right now, with you, with me, with us.

Siblings in Christ, be still and know God is God: the ever-present, life giving, refuge and strength providing God.

Be still.

Grace to you,
Pastor Michael



Re-Gathering Update

As more areas are opening up with less restrictions, we are pleased to announce the following effective July 1st:

In-Person Worship Sunday's 8 A.M. and 9:15 A.M.

- No longer need to sign up to attend a Worship Services
- We will continue to wear masks in Worship Services
- Congregational Singing – Adding back one hymn
- Open seating in Sanctuary but Prayer Shawls will be in back four pews for social distancing
- Communion remains the same



Fellowship and Small Groups

- Fellowship in Columbarium with food and drink allowed
- Small groups can determine whether or not to use masks
- Small groups meeting indoors with food and drink allowed



Holy Shepherd LIVE!

Live Streaming has begun!
We will be livestreaming the 9:15am service on our Holy Shepherd YouTube Channel.

You will access the service the same way you have been accessing our virtual worship

- 1) *Through our website (holyshepherd.com)*
- 2) *Going directly to the Holy Shepherd YouTube channel*
- 3) *Receive the link in the weekly Friday email.*

Live stream will begin approximately 10 – 15 minutes prior to worship -

Enough time for you to grab your coffee and get comfortable to prepare for worship.

If you are unable to be at worship during that time, the livestream will be recorded and will be available for you to access at anytime after the service on our youtube channel- whatever time fits your schedule.



Small Groups Gathering

Please contact the church office for groups that require zoom links

Prayer Time
ZOOM Tuesdays 12:45pm
Leaders: Pastor

Adult Lectionary Bible Study
ZOOM Thursdays Mornings, 8:30am
Discuss & study upcoming Sunday lectionary readings.
Leaders: Pastor

Writer's Group
Addenbrooke Park 11:00am – 1:00pm
July 1 & August 5

This summer, the Writers' Group will meet on the first Thursday of the month at Addenbrooke Park. All you need are a pen and paper to write about your life and thoughts, a subject you already know quite well.
If you would like to join, please contact Carol Rossini at carossini@comcast.net or 303-989-9660 to be added to the mailing list.

Book Club
July 27th 5:00pm Holy Shepherd
Book Selection: Braiding Sweetgrass

Author: Robin Wall Kimmerer
In this non-fiction book, the author, a Native American, lays out her philosophy of humanity's relationship with the earth through tales of people and nature.
All Book Lovers Welcome!

Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and calls that I received following my recent brain surgery . Two weeks later I am ready to continue golfing.

Thanks be to God!! Del Holz

I want to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, prayer shawls, and the contributions to the Columbarium. Your prayers and caring have been a blessing to me at this very sad time of Toms death.

Dolores Launder



To My Holy Shepherd Family,
Thank you for all your prayers, phone calls and cards you sent. Your Love and support have helped my family through this difficult loss.

Love, Wanda Carlson

Many, Many Thanks to Carmine Gabbianelli, our sound technician, who spent many months preparing our sound equipment to be able to live stream in high quality. His hard work in participating in the discussion of what our vision was, researching equipment, setting the sound booth up, and training others to run it has truly been a gift! Carmine has recently left this job due to other work commitments, so we wish him well. We could not have done this without him!

Thank you...

to the Grimm Family - Jonathan, Sabrina, Zahara and Zoya - and the Simmons Family – Nick, Lindsey and Hailey – for spending a Saturday morning cleaning up the playground area on the West side of the church. The space was opened up to be more usable and welcoming and many ideas were shared to help improve it. Your hard work was greatly appreciated!

Council Minutes

June Council Meeting Summary 6-15-21

1. Council learned about 'Spiritual Practice and Centering Prayer' from Pastor Michael and guest Pam Morhbacher Klenz. The practice of Centering Prayer is from a monk, Father Thomas Keating who said, "Silence is God's first language. Everything else is a poor translation." Father Keating suggests 20 minutes of silence, to sit comfortably, eyes closed. Introduce a "sacred word" as a symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within, a word such as Peace or Yahweh. When engaged with thoughts, return to silence gently by saying your sacred word. The purpose of the Centering Prayer is internal silence, being still, resting in God.
 - a. Pastor Michael challenged the council members to practice the Centering Prayer or other spiritual practice which could include music, art, photography, or writing one day per week through the summer. Intention and attention are key.
2. An all-age congregation picnic has been scheduled for August 1st at O'Kane Park
3. Council president Diane Klinkerfues will prepare a statement for the congregation, giving an update on our transition process after Pastor Courney's departure.
4. Re-gathering team: New guidelines will begin on July 1st.
5. Finance Summary



Quick summary of the Income Statements

- a. 1. May 2021 giving was (\$6,300) below our new 2021 Budget and (\$10,600) lower than our giving in May 2020. YTD giving through May 2021 is slightly higher than our YTD 2020 giving through May 2020, but (\$11,100) under the higher 2021 Budget.
- b. May 2021 expenses were \$1,600 under our new 2021 Budget, but were \$6,500 higher than our May 2020 expenses. YTD expenses are approx. \$2,400 under the 2021 Budget.
- c. Bottom Line: May 2021 net loss of approx. (\$4,700) as compared to May 2020 income of \$12,400. YTD 2021 loss of (\$8,800) vs. YTD 2020 income of \$17,400.

Quick comments on the Balance Sheet

- a. Contributions to the Building Fund were approx. \$3,000 in May and are \$23,200 YTD 2021. Contributions through May 2020 were \$39,000. Cash balance in the Building Fund Account at 5/31/21 is \$29,500.
- b. Solar Loan balance at 5/31/21 was \$90,156. After the June 2021 loan payment, the loan balance is now \$88,843. We continue to receive contributions for early principal paydown on this loan and have applied \$6,200 through 5/31/21.

Serving & Reaching Out To All



A big THANK YOU to all who donated blood at our June 16th blood drive.

You are amazing!

Battling 100 degree heat outside, you still showed up to donate.

We had 30 donors of whole blood, 6 donors of red blood cells
and also added 2 new donors.

Blood is Life and you all saved lives! THANK YOU!

Our next blood drive will be sometime in October. Stay tuned.

Jim Freeman

GREEN CORNER

July Hodgepodge

Good news on the recycling front! Since China stopped accepting much of our plastic and paper for recycling in 2018, companies in the U.S. have stepped up to build facilities to recycle those materials here. One company recycles almost everything: terracycle.com

Check out **Terracycle** on the web to sign up for the free King Soopers recycling of their plastic packaging (mostly, those pesky, crinkly plastic wrappers) - **"The Simple Truth™ Recycling Program"** has now been expanded to include all of Kroger's store brands of flexible plastic packing! You can now recycle flexible plastic packaging from Simple Truth™, Private Selection®, Kroger® Brand, Comforts®, HemisFares®, Luvsome®, Abound® and more!" Many companies will accept their packaging for recycling free to customers at Terracycle, so be sure to look their website over!

Wish-cycling plastic clamshell containers? Most trash/recycling companies landfill the clamshells that they collect...but, Sustainability Recycling at 6240 54th Ave. in Arvada accepts clamshells and sends them for recycling. For \$2.00, you can drop off all your recyclables. There is an extra fee for electronics and some other products. No batteries accepted. Empty, clean plastic plant pots can be dropped off at Lowe's for recycling

Columbarium Renovation UPDATE

A place for Contemplation, Worship & Coffee

2 Phase Project

Phase1 was recently completed with plants, bushes, vines and a pine tree placed around the area.

Phase 2 will begin the end of July/1st part of August!

It will include: Re-doing the existing upper deck and stairs,
create a deck/platform on the west
side & add a pergola above the lower deck.



Many thanks to Ken DiPaolo who took on the role of general contractor – working with Holy Shepherd's vision & design team and hiring the landscape companies to finish this project!

His expertise is greatly appreciated!



A farewell reception for Dave and Brenda Gleason
will be held in the columbarium after the second service on
July 11. Come help us celebrate their 19 years with us
and wish them well on their next adventure!



Thomas Launder

Thomas Launder 89, passed away Wed. May 19, 2021 from Alzheimers. Tom was born in Denver and grew up in North Denver. After graduating from North High School, he joined the Navy. After leaving the Navy he worked in the Wholesale Dry Goods business until he retired in 2001. He met his wife Dolores at a WSA Polka dance. They were married in St. Paul Lutheran Church. They were married 65 years this Feb. They have two children - Darlene, Duane (Teresa). Four grandchildren - Brent, Darla (Rob), Matthew (Jessica), Michael. Three Great Grandsons - Cooper, Andrew, Bradley.



Tom was a member of WSA Fraternal Assoc. and was very active in volunteering.

He was a member of American Society of Germans from Russia. He alway enjoyed making Cabbage Burgers for their fund raising project.

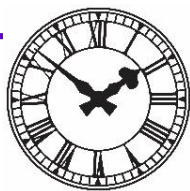
At the Senior Recreation Center he participated in Yoga, Cardio exercises and played pool. He was a member of the Senior Board. He volunteered for the Christmas Craft Sale, ushered for the Strawberry Brunch, took tickets for many of the programs at the center.

He joined the senior Golf Club and was a pretty good golfer.

He joined Holy Shepherd Church in 1957 where he helped in the Sunday School, volunteered in Prime Timers, and was on the 50th Anniversary Committee for Holy Shepherd.

Tom liked to dance, camp, fish enjoy his grandchildren and great grandsons. He and Dolores traveled much of the US and Europe. The Great Wall and the Terra Cotta Soldiers were one of his favorites.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends who enjoyed his humor, smiles and love of life.



Church Office and Staff Hours

Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 8:00am to 12:00pm

Staff Office Hours will be:

Pastor Michael	Tuesday and Wednesday
Karen Novess	Tuesday



To ensure that we are able to keep a safe environment we are requesting that you schedule an appointment to visit with a staff member. This will allow us to monitor the flow of individuals at one time in the building.

Continuing the practice of this previous year, the staff, when not in the office will continue to work remotely from their homes.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
August 1st 12:00pm O'Kane Park

Summer Special!
"An Olympic Games Extravaganza!"

An All-Age Gathering hosted by the Faith Formation Team

We will eat (picnic style), play games (created for all ages!) and get re-acquainted with one another with our Holy Shepherd Community & Friends

Plans are in the works now! Look in the weekly Happenings for more information soon!



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Newsletter Article Deadline

August 20th

Please submit your articles to
knovess@holyshepherd.com

Giving to Holy Shepherd

You can continue to give your financial support to Holy Shepherd during this time in the following ways:

Offering Envelopes or Checks

These can be mailed directly to the church office. In each monthly Offering Envelope packet, there is an envelope addressed to Holy Shepherd that you can use – or write out your own envelope. We will continue to make a weekly deposit to our bank.

PayPal or Credit/Debit Card

Visit our Web-site: www.holyshepherd.com and select the 'Giving Tab'. Then click on the 'Donate' button to make a contribution via PayPal or Credit/Debit Card. These contributions are automatically credited to our bank account.

Simply Giving – Automatic Deductions

Deductions can be made directly from your bank account using the Simply Giving program on a weekly, semi-monthly or monthly basis. Contact the church office to have a form mailed out to you. Just complete the form with your information and authorization and return to the church office. We will process your request for these deductions. These contributions are automatically credited to our bank account.