



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: Winston Herbert

Dear people of Holy Shepherd,

It is with a heart full of gratitude that I write this final Shepherd's Staff letter. I know that this has not been a year that any of us could have predicted—I certainly never had a seminary class on "Being a Pastor During Pandemic." But we have navigated this season together faithfully. I will always be grateful to have been a part of such a generous congregation who cares so deeply and thoughtfully for one another.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who I have had the privilege of doing ministry with here. I have enjoyed getting to know you and serving alongside you. The groups and individuals are too numerous to list by name here, but each of you have made an impact with your willingness to engage your community, serve one another, and pray faithfully. Thank you especially to the staff and leadership of Holy Shepherd, your work during this season has been the glue that has held us all together. It has been an honor to work alongside each of you.

As I reflect on our time together, I am reminded of a piece of a Celtic Blessing that I have always loved:

*"May the peace of Christ go with you, wherever he may send you,
may he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm,
and may he bring you home rejoicing at the wonder he has shown you."*

We don't know all of the twists and turns our paths will take, but in this past year we can be certain that God guided us through wilderness and protected us through the storm. We don't always know the road ahead, but we can be certain that God travels with us. I am certain of this truth for you, people of Holy Shepherd: God is not done working. I am grateful for the amazing stories I'm sure you will be able to tell of what God is doing in and through you.

*Peace,
Pastor Courtney*



Worship



In-Person Worship

Limited seating (75 people) at 8 A.M. and 9:15 A.M.

Because of Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines these services will look different than you may be used to.

It is essential that you reserve a spot before attending.

We will be using Sign-Up Genius for reservations.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4faac28a4fd0-worship>

Sign-up Genius link is also on our webpage – www.holyshepherd.com

If you have any questions please call the church office.



Holy Shepherd LIVE!

Live Streaming will begin June 6th!!
We will be livestreaming the 9:15am service on our Holy Shepherd YouTube Channel.

(Our virtual worship will no longer be created)

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.

Re-Gathering Update

We have so enjoyed worshipping with you all in person the past couple of Sundays. We are grateful to Council, staff, the Regathering Team and all of you who have helped us lead into this new phase of our life together. We are excited to share some updates for the month of June:

- Capacity for worship will be increasing to 75. And because of this increased capacity you can sign up for as many services as you would like to attend.
- We will be adding some more formal fellowship time in the Columbarium Space in between worship services.
- We will be adding an additional musician who will offer special music. We still ask that the congregation refrain from singing along for the time being.

We are grateful that we are able to make these steps forward as restrictions continue to ease! We will continue to keep careful tabs on cases and recommendations from the C.D.C., the CDPHE, and Jefferson County. Thank you all for working with us as we begin to gather together again in person.

Why are we still wearing masks?

We know that many of you are wondering why we at Holy Shepherd are continuing to wear masks. The reality is that while many in our congregation are vaccinated there are some who are unable to be vaccinated because of age, pre-existing condition, or other factors. We do not want those who have not been able to be vaccinated to feel singled out or excluded, so for the sake of solidarity and for the sake of being a community that supports young children/adolescence, the immune-compromised, young families, and others we invite all to continue wearing their masks at worship services and Holy Shepherd gatherings.

Small Groups Gathering

Please contact the church office for groups that require zoom links



Adult Lectionary Bible Study

ZOOM Thursday Mornings, 8:30am

Discuss & study upcoming
Sunday lectionary readings.

Leaders: Pastors

Friday Prayer Group

Prayer Group will have a last meeting and luncheon on **June 4 at 10:00 A.M.** at Nancy Bybee's house. We will discuss chapter 9 in our books, "Before Amen."

Please contact Pat Mohrbacher if you need more information, at pbmohrbacher@outlook.com

Prayer Time

ZOOM Tuesdays 12:45pm

Leaders: Pastors

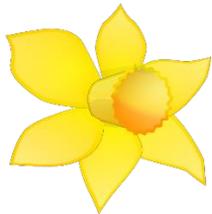
Writer's Group

Addenbrooke Park 11:00am – 1:00pm
June 3, 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.

WEABS Women's Early Afternoon Bible Study & Men's Bible Study & Fast

Both groups on Summer hiatus. Will see you next September!



Holy Shepherd Blood Drive

Wednesday, June 16, 2021
10am-2:30pm

This is a great opportunity to save lives

Sign up now to schedule your appointment

For Details: Please contact –

Jim Freeman 303-986-3968 jpfreem@Q.com

Michael Boehm 303-279-7463 maboehmj@yahoo.com



Serving & Reaching Out To All

Update: Dave and Bobbi Edwards

Some of you have supported Dave and Bobbi Edwards and their work in India in the past. Because of Covid realities they are discontinuing their in-person work there, but will be supporting several organizations doing work in India. They ask that you discontinue sending financial support to them by July 1st. If you would like more information about the organizations they are going to continue supporting and how you could support them also, please reach out to Pastor Courtney (csteitz@holyshepherd.com) or Donna Madsen (dmadsen@holyshepherd.com).

Thank You



Eiber Thank You!

This year for teacher appreciation week, Eiber Elementary teachers and staff received beautiful handmade towels and a personalized note thanking them for their commitment to students especially during this difficult year. Thank you especially to Melyna Picraux for making the towels, and Shirley Bradsby and Donna Madsen for coordinating the notes and delivery. Actions like these help strengthen our relationships with Eiber and offer encouragement to our neighbors who have worked so hard this year.

Thank you from the people of Holy Shepherd!

Council Minutes

May Council Meeting Summary 5-18-21

- Council approved funding for enclosing the sound booth to make our new equipment secure.
- Offering marked "Building Fund" will go into a building fund reserve to be used for future building needs, such as roof repair and HVA replacement.
- Offering marked "Solar Loan" will go towards paying down the solar loan balance.
- Live streaming equipment is ready! The target start date is June 6, 2021.
- Our pastors continue to provide online devotionals, prayer group, Bible study, pastoral care calls, and Sunday messages as well as leading conversations on the character of God and "What is generosity?" May 9 marked the return to in-person worship with two services on Sunday mornings while continuing the online worship service.
- Pastor Courtney informed the council that she is resigning her call from Holy Shepherd and her last day with HSLC will be June 20.
- Finance:
 - April giving was the highest monthly total since December 2019.
 - YTD giving through April is only \$4800 under the 2021 budget.
 - YTD expenses are approximately \$800 under the 2021 budget.
 - Bottom line: YTD loss of (\$4000).
 - Contributions to the Building Fund are \$20,200 YTD.
 - Solar Loan balance, after the May 2021 loan payment, is \$91,656.

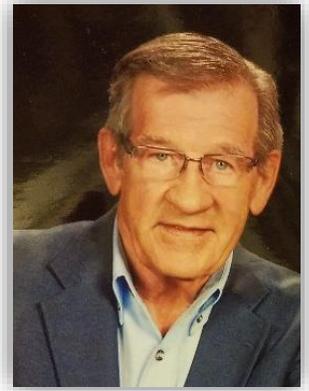


*Recognition of
High School Graduate*
Jonathan Mahoney
Son of Corinne & Joe Mahoney



Jonathan graduated this spring from Green Mountain High School. In the Fall he will attend Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska - a private Lutheran liberal arts college. He plans to study Political Science and run track & cross country .

Richard Lee "Dick" Jacobson



Richard never knew he was handicapped.

The only handicap our dad ever had was not being able to tell a joke. Richard Lee "Dick" Jacobson was born on July 21, 1936, the fourth child born to Jens and Ingeborg (Bach), and one of 14 children.

He grew up on the family farm. He was a decent student, loved history and was good at math. In 1950, he had an altercation with a corn picker. His right arm lost. He learned to write again by copying the industrial arts textbook. He credits one of his teachers with keeping him focused on the task and motivated to finish.

In 1954, he graduated from Laurel High School. He then moved to Sioux City, IA and went to work for Wilson Chamberlin to put himself through school at Morningside College. While attending classes and working full time, he met Irene, better known by all as Toots. They were married June 3, 1961. As his career started to develop, they moved to Omaha and he attended what is now the University of Nebraska at Omaha and began a 20 -year career with Diamond Vogel.

Never one to do things in a rush, Dick earned his degree from Morningside College in 1967.

Dick and Toots adopted a child in 1968 and had a child in 1969 but they could never remember which one was which. Daughter Tina and son, Leif Christian, born 13 months apart and dressed as twins. Explains a lot about those kids.

In 1974, the family moved to Lakewood, CO after Dick was promoted to Regional Vice President of Diamond Vogel. The classic, peaceful suburban life ensued. Thank you, God.

Dick, Toots and the kids were very involved at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. Dad served on the council several times in various roles including president.

Dick had one hobby. He loved going to Bronco football games. He has been a season ticket holder since 1982 and prior to that had season tickets to CU so he could see the Huskers play. Go Big Red.

1984 he left Diamond Vogel and made the leap to own his own business, a life-long dream. He ran Marchek Equipment until he sold it 20 years later and what some people might call "retired".

Kids got married and soon the grandkids were the center of his world. As they got older, he fixed them breakfast (pancakes and bacon, grapes and cheese, nothing too fancy) and took them to school. He never missed a grandkids game or event, Soccer, lacrosse, dance recitals, church programs and 6th grade Continuations.

At the age of 75 he earned his real estate brokers license and started yet another career. It took a world-wide pandemic to keep our dad at home. He spent his last year at home, reading history books, watching crime shows, playing with his cats, Ingeborg and Freyja, and visiting with his grandkids.

In his final days, I asked my dad if he was afraid. He quietly and stoically (as always) told me, "No, I am a Christian and I'm going to heaven."

Dick passed away at home on April 30, 2021 from Lung Cancer. He was cared for at home by his family and the wonderful angels at SCL Collier In-home Hospice Care. Donations can be made to the Holy Shepherd Columbarium or Collier Hospice.

Richard is survived by his wife, Toots, of almost 60 years, his son Leif and daughter-in-law Theresa and granddaughter Kai, his daughter Tina and son-in-law Todd Brown and granddaughter Emma Jane and grandson Elias. He is also survived by brothers Don, Morris and Mike (Cathie) and sisters-in-law Donna and Vicki.

Preceded in death by his parents Jens and Ingeborg, brothers, Christian, Duiane, Leonard, Harvey, Ray and wife Judy, James and wife Betty; sisters, infant twins Judith and Julia, Ruby Johnson and Shirley and her husband Loren Keifer.

So many people to play cards with in Heaven.



Church Office and Staff Hours

beginning June 1st!

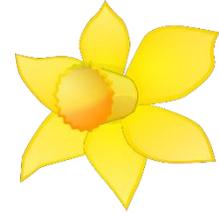
As some of the pandemic restrictions are now being eased, we are pleased to announce that starting June 1st, the **church office** will be open the following hours:

Tuesday – Thursday 8:00am to 12:00pm



Staff Office Hours will be:

<i>Pastor Michael</i>	Tuesday and Wednesday
<i>Pastor Courtney</i>	Tuesday and Thursday
<i>Karen Novess</i>	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.

When you come, please continue to wear a mask that covers both the nose and mouth – we want to keep everyone safe.

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

Holy Shepherd Staff & Council

**Pastor's Emergency Phone
Available 24 Hours
303-562-4207**

- Co-Pastor Courtney Steitzext. 106
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- Co-Pastor Michael TeKronyext. 109
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- Ministry Partner, Karen Novess.....ext. 101
knovess@holyshepherd.com
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- Organist, Jordan Ortman
- Chancel & Bell Choir Director, Dave Gleason
glea7149@hotmail.com
- Praise Team Director, Diane Klinkerfues
dklinker@me.com
- Nursery Coordinator, Pat Braden

Lay Leadership Church Council

- Diane Klinkerfues, President
- Melinda Powelson, Vice President
- Judy Ekberg, Secretary
- Jen Kurtz, Personnel
- Scott Ikenberry, Finance
- At-Large: Chase Evenson, Dave Irwin

Newsletter Article Deadline

June 18th

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.