

**HOLY SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS**  
*Worshipping and Growing Together in Christ,  
 Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All*



*Sr. High Retreat (Rainbow Trail Camp) All Weekend*

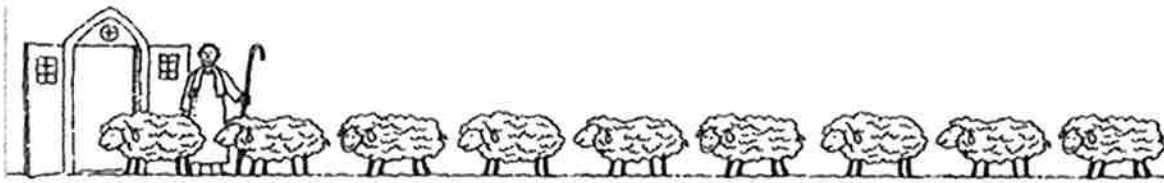
<b>Sat/Nov 18</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion, Traditional</b>
<b>Sun/Nov 19</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion, Traditional</b>
	9:15am	Community Time (FH)
	9:30am	Adult Ed (BC)
	9:45am	Praise Team (S)
	<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Holy Communion, Contemporary</b>
	11:45am	Community Time (L)
	5:00pm	HSLC Bridge Club (FH)
<b>Mon/Nov 20</b>	5:30pm	Council Meeting (MP)
	6:30pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (N)
<b>Tues/Nov 21</b>	9:30am	Women's Morning Bible Study (FH)
		Staff Meeting (V)
	7:00pm	HSLC Book Club (L)
<b>Wed/Nov 22</b>	9:00am	Visiting Nurses Foot Clinic (Ed1, L)
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Eve Worship</b> followed by Pie Social (FH)
<b>Thurs/Nov 23</b>		<i>Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed</i>
<b>Fri/Nov 24</b>		<i>Office Closed</i>
<b>Sat/Nov 25</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion, Traditional</b>
<b>Sun/Nov 26</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion, Traditional</b>
	9:15am	Community Time (FH)
	9:30am	Adult Ed (BC)
	9:45am	Praise Team (S)
	<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Holy Communion, Contemporary</b>
	11:45am	Community Time (L)
	12:00pm	Youth Meeting (FH)

**What's Happening at Holy Shepherd?** For a full listing of upcoming events held at Holy Shepherd, please refer to the monthly mailing or our calendar on the website at [www.holyshepherd.com](http://www.holyshepherd.com).

**Readings for the week of Nov 25 & 26, 2017**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a;  
 Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

**Pastors:** Rick Thompson and Michael TeKrony  
 Pastors' EMERGENCY number – 303-562-4207



- **Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Social** - On Thanksgiving Eve, November 22rd at 7:00pm we will gather to worship and give thanks with our annual offering for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Please use the special offering envelopes available in the pews. Along with our financial gifts, we will again bring forward our non-perishable offering of food during the worship service to be shared with the hungry through The Action Center. Bring a pie to share and following worship, come and enjoy our annual pie social.

- **The Abundant Living Update** - In mid October, the Abundant Living team mailed out Abundant Living Promise cards to members for their giving commitments in 2018. This year we will be opening and tabulating your commitment confidentially.

- ♦ Number returned to date: **50**      **Goal: 100**

- ♦ Number of participants using Simply Giving: **36**

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of your commitment and please remember to return your card on or before Thanksgiving Eve, November 22nd.

- **Send a Christmas Card to our Folks Serving In the Military** -

The Health Ministry team has provided cards & address labels that are available in the Narthex to mail to our Military folks. There's nothing like a hand written note on a Christmas card to warm the heart. The APO cards need to be mailed by **Thanksgiving** so they arrive before Christmas.

- **Advent Worship – 10:45 Service:** This advent season (**Dec. 3, 10, 17 & 24**) the Holy Shepherd community is invited to participate in all parts of the liturgy - *the work of the people* - not only in our singing and responses but to lead the confession & forgiveness, read the psalm or gospel, pray the prayers of the people, bless & send forth, and light the advent candles. A sign-up sheet for any of these liturgy parts is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. **ALL AGES are WELCOME to partake.** Parts and movements (where to stand etc.) will be sent to you 1 week prior to the date you signed up for. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Karen Novess at 303.233.2740 or [knovess@holyshepherd.com](mailto:knovess@holyshepherd.com).

- **Communion Assistants for January** - If you are interested in serving as a Communion Assistant for a service during the month of January, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Usher's desk.

*Altar flowers this weekend are given to the glory of God  
by Dorothy Haldeman in loving memory of her husband, Bob.*

# Growing in Faith



**November 19 - 25, 2017**

**Sunday, November 19 & 26 9:30am**

**The Gospel of John** Bell Choir Room

The Gospel of John is unique among the church's four Gospels, so much so that scholar Robert Kysar once wrote a study of John entitled, *John: The Maverick Gospel*. What makes John unique, beloved and, sometimes, challenging? We'll explore the uniqueness, themes, and story of Jesus as told by John. *Leader: Pastor Rick Thompson*

**Tuesday, November 21**

**Women's Morning Bible Study 9:30am Fellowship Hall**

**"The Apostles Creed" -**

*Study Leader: Vera Crabb Hostess: Doris Frick*

**Holy Shepherd Book Club 7:00pm Library**

Book Selection: ***The Plot Against America*** Author: Philip Roth

*Leader: Gail Skaggs*

**Wednesday, November 22 6:30pm**

**No Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth) or Adult Ed**

**Thanksgiving Break**

**Thursday, November 23 8:30am**

**No Adult Lectionary Bible Study Multipurpose Room**

**Thanksgiving Break**

**Saturday, November 25 8:30am**

**No Men's Bible Study & Breakfast Fellowship Hall**

**Thanksgiving Break**

## Retirement Celebration



December 3rd, noon in the fellowship hall.

Please come and join in the celebration of Rick's 16 1/2 years of ministry at Holy Shepherd. There will be a luncheon and program beginning at noon. Main dish will be provided, please bring a side dish to share.

Hope to see you there!

You are also invited to **Pastor Rick's Pre-Retirement "Sale"**, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be art, knick-knacks, and books available. There will also be a booklet of selected poems by Pastor Rick available. Free-will donations for items, books, and poetry booklets to Pastor Rick's favorite charity, the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, will be gratefully received. There will be a locked receptacle for donations. Checks may be written to Holy Shepherd, with the memo line "World Hunger Appeal". **The "sale" will continue through Thanksgiving weekend.**



*Youth Fundraiser*

# *Christmas Celebration*

**Wednesday, December 20th  
5:30- 7:30pm**

The youth will be offering a festive dinner, musical entertainment and a Christmas Carol sing-a-long to celebrate together  
AND support the youth fund.

 *Evening's Festivities* 

**5:30pm Advent Worship**

Taize Contemplative Worship - Sanctuary

**5:50pm Dinner**

Ham, Roasted Potatoes,  
Carrots, Rolls  
Christmas Cookies



*Musical Entertainment:*

Handbell Choir, Strolling Minstrels,  
AND . . . a Christmas Carol sing-a-long

Sign up (RSVP) for this wonderful evening, beginning November 26<sup>th</sup>  
in the Narthex, or call the church office.

***Suggested donation: \$10.00 per person,  
to be collected the night of the celebration,  
to benefit the Youth Mission Fund.***



# ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Today, 1 person in 9 lives in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.90 a day. In the United States, 46.7 million Americans live in poverty and 795 million people around the world do not know where their next meal is coming from. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger help our church creatively and courageously work toward a world of justice in which **all are fed.**



## GLOBAL NETWORK. LOCAL APPROACH.

We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United States and in more than 60 countries to find solutions to unique challenges within the local

context. We start by listening to our neighbors and learning how we can accompany them to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good.

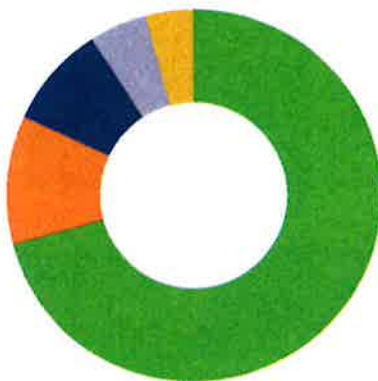


# YOUR GIFTS. YOUR CHURCH. TRANSFORMING THE WORLD.

ELCA World Hunger has been working to address hunger and poverty through education, advocacy, relief and development for 43 years. From microloans to health clinics, water wells to animal husbandry, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that get at the

root causes of hunger. And they don't stop there. We engage Lutherans in advocacy and hunger education to act and speak in ways that can make a difference. Through this comprehensive approach, we address hunger from all angles, locally and around the world.

## HOW YOUR GIFTS ARE USED



Based on 2017 budget

International Relief and Development

**71%**

U.S. Relief and Development

**11%**

Fundraising and Administration

**9%**

Advocacy

**5%**

Hunger Education and Networking

**4%**

## HOW TO GIVE

### MAIL

Make checks payable to "ELCA World Hunger" and mail to:

ELCA World Hunger  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

### ONLINE

[ELCA.org/hunger/donate](http://ELCA.org/hunger/donate)

### SUNDAY OFFERING

Give through your congregation's Sunday offering. Make your checks payable to your congregation and write "ELCA World Hunger" on the memo line.

Our goal for 2017 is to raise \$24 million to support the work of our worldwide network of companion churches and partners in the fight to end hunger. We rely on your gifts. ELCA World Hunger is funded solely by gifts from ELCA members and congregations like yours. More than 90 cents of each dollar you give to ELCA World Hunger goes to directly support programmatic work, with less than 10 cents of every dollar used for program administration and fundraising. Thank you for making this work possible through learning, action, prayer and giving.



**ELCA World Hunger**  
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