

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



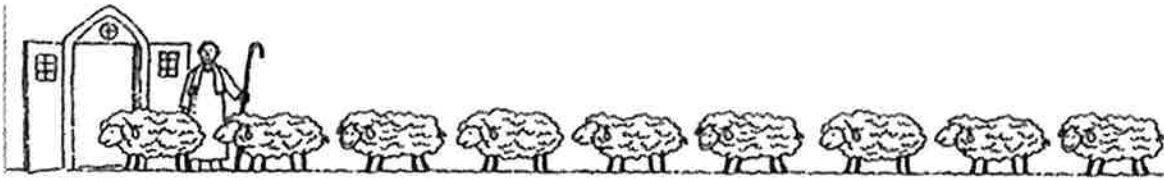
Sat/Nov 25	5:30pm	Holy Communion, Traditional
Sun/Nov 26	8:00am	Holy Communion, Traditional
	9:15am	Community Time (FH)
	9:30am	Adult Ed (BC)
	9:45am	Praise Team (S)
	10:45am	Holy Communion, Contemporary
	11:45am	Community Time (L)
	12:00pm	Youth Meeting (FH)
Mon/Nov 27		
Tues/Nov 28	9:00am	Busy Bees (MP)
	10:00am	Staff Meeting (V)
	5:30pm	Abundant Living Team (L)
Wed/Nov 29	4:45pm	Prime Time Choir (C)
	5:30pm	KOK Choir (ED1)
	5:50pm	Dinner & Fellowship (FH)
	6:10pm	KFC Choir (ED1)
	6:30pm	Adult Ed (L), Handbell Choir (BC)
		Confirmation (Church of the Master)
	7:30pm	Chancel Choir (C)
Thurs/Nov 30	8:30am	Adult Lectionary Bible Study (MP)
	7:00pm	Pastor Rick's Exit Interview with Bishop Gonia (S,MP,L)
Fri/Dec 1	5:00pm	Trim the tree—Set-up (S,N)
Sat/Dec 2	8:00am	Men's Bible Study & Fellowship (FH)
	5:30pm	Holy Communion, Traditional
Sun/Dec 3	8:00am	Holy Communion, Traditional
	9:15am	Community Time (FH)
	9:30am	Adult Ed (BC)
	9:45am	Praise Team (S)
	10:45am	Holy Communion, Contemporary
	12:00pm	Pastor Rick's Retirement Celebration
	5:00pm	HSLC Bridge Club (FH)

Readings for the week of Dec 2 & 3, 2017

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;

1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:1-4, 24-37

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



- **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: **60** **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 if you have not already done so.

- **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.

- **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. **There are also several December time slots left to fill.**



Altar flowers this weekend are given to the glory of God by Grace Fink in celebration of husband, Bob's birthday and in loving gratitude for family.

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.

Growing in Faith

**November 26 –
December 2, 2017**



Sunday, November 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*

Wednesday, November 29 6:30pm

Confirmation (7th & 8th Grade Youth):

Class provides education which leads to Affirmation of Baptism and assists the youth in confirming their faith. We partner with 3 other area ELCA Lutheran congregations in this ministry.

November location: Lutheran Church of the Master

Adult Study: *Library*

Faith issues are explored through video tapes/DVD's and discussion

Forgiveness: Helen Whitney narrates stories from mass shootings to adultery to reconciliation of nations. She explores the act of forgiving – giving voice to the stories of those who have suffered and struggle to forgive. *Leader: Bonnie Yockstick*

Thursday, November 30 8:30am

Adult Lectionary Bible Study *Multipurpose Room*

Discuss & Study the upcoming Sunday lectionary readings.

Leader: Pastors Rick Thompson & Michael TeKrony

Saturday, December 2 8:00am

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast *Fellowship Hall*

This year's study will be on the book of Daniel, and time permitting, moving into Hosea, Joel, Amos, and as many minor prophets as time permits. *Leader: Dennis Jacobson*

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.**



Revealing Spirit:

A Journey of Being

Devotions for Advent through Lent

A devotional book has been created, utilizing scripture, spiritual practices along with Pastor Michael's sabbatical reflections and photos.

We will be introducing the devotions starting December 3 - Advent 1 - in the weekend worship services and utilize them in mid-week Taize services.

We will be distributing the books starting November 29th in the Narthex.
At this time, we ask that there be one book per household.



Advent Mid-Week Worship

Taize Worship

Songs, Readings, Contemplation, Prayer

Wednesdays,

December 6, 13, 20

5:30 – 5:50pm Sanctuary

Taize contemplative worship will be offered on Wednesdays for 3 weeks beginning December 6th to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Christ -

a time to rest in silence and meditation in this busy season.

The sanctuary will be available following worship for continued prayers and meditation.



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 26th
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.

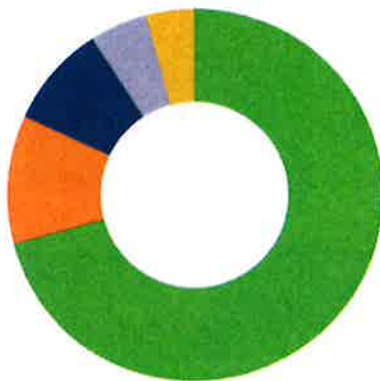


YOUR GIFTS. YOUR CHURCH. TRANSFORMING THE WORLD.

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

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.



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