



the SHEPHERD'S STAFF

Sisters and Brothers in Christ...yes, cherished and deeply loved, Sisters and Brothers in Christ, I am writing to you with my heart overflowing with gratitude. Your generous gift of sabbatical these past three months has Re + Formed me and the Spirit has been revealing hints that the Re + Forming promises to continue long into the future. I'm excited to see how the Spirit will reveal ways in which I can share the fruits of this holy time of practice, Re + Forming and attending to my spirit. AND I am eager to witness how the Spirit has Re + Formed and is Re + Forming you through your spiritual practices.

The Spirit brings me back refreshed, rejuvenated and eager to live out our shared Mission: Worshipping and Growing Together in Christ, Serving and Reaching Out JOYFULLY to ALL. With our Mission embracing us, I am fully aware that we are embarking into time of transition, wonder and potentially some anxiety.

My first response to the news of Pastor Rick's upcoming retirement is JOY. My relationship with Rick, from the beginning of our shared ministry, has been a relationship that GOD has continuously blessed. I have witnessed Rick's faithfulness to his Call as pastor, husband, father, grandfather, son and colleague filled with integrity, love, humbleness and generosity. Because of my profound gratitude and love for my friend and colleague, JOY is the natural response to Rick's upcoming retirement. This announcement does not come to me as a surprise. Because of our open, honest, loving and respectful relationship, intentional and open communication has been a foundational characteristic that God has blessed me through countless times.

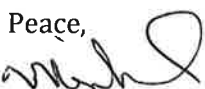
The next, almost simultaneous response is, "What does this mean... for me and for Holy Shepherd?" The quick and honest answer to these questions is, "I don't know." According to Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church's constitution, section C9.09.01, the Associate Pastor's call to serve Holy Shepherd is concurrent with the Senior Pastor. When the Senior Pastor resigns or retires, "...the associate pastor will tender a resignation and vacate the pastoral office within six months after the installation of a successor senior pastor." When I accepted my call to Holy Shepherd, I was fully aware of this important relationship and I can see much wisdom in it. At this shared moment in ministry, this also brings with it many questions AND opportunities.

Holy Shepherd and I, have before each of us a blessed opportunity to reflect on and discern who we are and how God is calling each of us into the future. This is critical and intensive work that requires our prayerful and faithful best efforts. Know that as Holy Shepherd prayerfully embarks into this intentional work, I will be doing the same. This work of discernment will be done concurrently but separately to avoid potential influence on each other that could easily distract us from GOD's call for each of us. This could lead us to a variety of paths and I pray that we will keep each other in prayer and accountable to what GOD is calling each of us to.

In addition, I am fully committed to continue to serve Holy Shepherd as long as God continues to call me to share in this wonderful ministry and I look forward to doing that TOGETHER in Christ.

With the unknowns in front of us, questions and anxiety can be a natural partner in this journey. I pray that we will continue to communicate openly and honestly, LOVE one another, and be faithful to our Mission and Vision. If you have any concerns or questions as we journey through this time, PLEASE bring them to Jeff Braden or myself. As Jeff Braden wisely said, "If we keep God at the center of all this, I bet we'll be ok."

With God's help, yes, we will.

Peace,


Michael

October 18, 2017

Education, Youth & Family

Adult Education

SUNDAY Mornings

9:30 am Bell Choir Room

October 29 & November 5

Sabbatical Sharing
Pastor Michael TeKrony

November 5, 12 & 26

The Gospel of John

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*. We read large portions of this Gospel during Lent, Holy Week and the Season of Easter each year. 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

MONDAY Afternoon

The Acts of the Apostles

the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month

Our next study dates: Oct 23, Nov. 13 & 27

We meet in the Fellowship Hall

The book of Acts takes us back beyond The Reformation, The Middle Ages, and even the early church history. Dr. Luke gives us a window into the transition from Jesus' ministry in Palestine to the amazing, world-wide revolution his followers began, known as Christianity. Come and study with us how a few dozen ordinary people, empowered by The Holy Spirit, started one of the most far-reaching movements in the history of our world.

We invite all women to join us for study, discussion, and prayer time. Contact me for more information.
Pat Mohrbacher pbmohrbacher@outlook.com

TUESDAY

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday, November 21 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

We are studying The Apostle's Creed this fall
Study leader: Vera Crabb
Hostess: Doris Frick

If you enjoy an informal study group with friends,
we're it! Join us. Bring your bible

All are welcome

Holy Shepherd Book Club November 21 7:00pm Library

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

A thought provoking "what if" novel in which Charles Lindbergh was elected President in 1940. He was a Nazi sympathizer which led to the persecution of Jews in U.S. It is also a story of a young boy growing up in New Jersey.

Leader: Gail Skaggs

Book Club Service Project

The Book Club will be collecting books for Christmas gifts for Eiber School children through November. Collection basket located in the Narthex at the "Re+Formed" display.



WEDNESDAY Evening

Wednesday Night Life Adult Classes 6:30 - 7:30pm Library

Discussion of a variety of faith issues centered around DVD's.

Oct. 25 Reformation Overview *Anabaptists*
Called radicals, they were met with much opposition but their legacy remains today.

Nov. 1 Reformation Overview *William Tyndale*

Nov. 8,15 Forgiveness: A documentary exploring the act of forgiveness through a wide range of stories from personal betrayal to apartheid.

Nov. 22 No class, Thanksgiving Worship

Leader: *Bonnie Yockstick*

THURSDAY Morning

Lectionary Bible Study

8:30 - 10:00am Multi-purpose Room

Discuss & Study upcoming Sunday lectionary readings.
Leaders: *Pastors Rick & Michael*

No class November 23 - Thanksgiving

SATURDAY Morning

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast 8:00am 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. Join us for great food, great fellowship, precious prayer time and exciting and in depth Bible study.

Education, Youth & Family



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!

4:45 – 5:40	Prime Time Choir
5:30 – 5:50	Kids of the Kingdom Choir <i>Age 3 – 2nd Grade</i>
5:50 – 6:30	Dinner & Fellowship
6:10 – 6:40	Kids For Christ Choir <i>3rd – 6th Grade</i>
6:30 – 7:30	Handbell Choir Adult Study
6:30 – 7:45	Confirmation <i>Oct. Holy Shepherd</i> <i>Nov. Church of the Master</i>
7:30 – 9:00	Chancel Choir

God's Way Cafe



October 25
Brats & Hot Dogs
Relish Tray
Baked Beans
Brownies

November 8
Chili & Cornbread
Salad, Fruit
Rice Crispy Treats

November 1
Lasagna
Salad, Bread, Fruit
Oatmeal Raisin Bar

November 15
Turkey with Stuffing
Green Bean Casserole
Pumpkin Bars

500 Year Reformation Celebration

Reformation Lessons & Songs Festival

October 29th 6:30pm

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church

2017 is a very special year for Lutherans as it marks the 500th anniversary of the year Martin Luther made his 95 Theses known to the world, thus changing the history of the church, country, and world forever.

In honor of this monumental occasion, Holy Shepherd has invited musicians from area churches and will be presenting a

Reformation Lessons and Songs Festival on Sunday, October 29th, at 6:30 PM.

Our Pastors will be teaching about Martin Luther's ideas on vocation and the music will be provided by a 50 voice combined choir as well as our Holy Shepherd musical ensembles.

You don't want to miss this special celebration at Holy Shepherd.



Healing Worship

Saturday, November 11th, 5:30pm & Sunday, November 12th, 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 is desired in our lives.

We pray that this time of worship will open our lives to the healing presence throughout our entire personal lives and the life in which we share together.



Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.

What you need:

- Large pieces of paper
- Several large leaves
- Crayons (fall colors)
- Fine-tip permanent marker

What you do:

1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.

Education, Youth & Family



Re + Formed

*Called to Gratitude,
Generosity & Service*

During the Fall Season of Pentecost we will be highlighting missions that we are called to serve – with gratitude & generosity. God has given all of us abundant life - a life to be shared for others as we continue to grow in Christ – to **Re-Form!** A Harvest display, located in the Narthex, is where you can place your donations at – items and monetary – to a variety of missions.

OCTOBER 8 – 29

Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. **Please make check payable to HOLY SHEPHERD**
Memo line: Lutheran Disaster Relief
and place in the designated box in the Narthex or in the Offering.

The Action Center Children's Coat Drive

The Action Center is in need of over 2000 coats to distribute to Eiber Elementary and other areas where children need coats in Jefferson County. New or gently used children coats would be appreciated.

NOVEMBER 5 - 26

Toy Drive Denver Indian Center

Please bring a new or gently used toy for the Denver Indian Center toy drive. The center is usually the first place Native American people contact for information and help. It serves more than 200 different tribal nations.

Urban Servant Corps

Urban Servant Corps is a faith-based, intentional community of full-time volunteers who seek to live simply while serving and accompanying those most in need at non-profit partner agencies in the heart of Denver.

The communities are looking for a few items: sewing machine, heavy weight cooking pot, cookie sheets, food processor, baking pans, vacuum, gently used mattresses, bikes, tent, patio furniture, heavy curtains or window quilts, bathroom and kitchen cleaning supplies, grocery certificates, seeds for gardening.

All donations are tax deductible.
You can get more information and drop off donations at the display in the Narthex.

Bread for the World

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad..

By making our voices heard in Congress, we make our nation's laws fairer and more compassionate. We leverage big changes for people in our country and around the world who struggle with hunger. Bread equips people to write personal letters and emails, meet with their members of Congress, and to work with others to end hunger. Come by and get more information at the display in the Narthex.

Continuing through November . . .

Eiber Elementary Book Drive

Sponsored by the HS Book Club
Donate a new or gently used book (grades K-6)
or money toward a classroom set of books

SR. HIGH RETREAT

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp

"Adventure Crossing"

Where God's Story Intersects Our Story

November 17 – 19, 2017

3 youth and 1 adult will be attending this year's Rocky Mountain Synod Sr. High Youth Gathering. The weekend will consist of Worship, Bible Study, Fun Camp Activities, and Fellowship to nurture and support their faith journey.

Attendees: Chase Evenson, Emma Brown,
Paul Ikenberry & Karen Novess

*Please keep them in your prayers during this
faith-building weekend!*

ELCA World Hunger Special Offering



We will be gathering our annual offering for the **ELCA World Hunger Appeal** the week of November 19 - 26; special offering envelopes will be available in the pews. Along with our financial gifts to World Hunger Appeal, we will again bring forward our non-perishable offering of food during the Thanksgiving worship service on November 22nd to be shared with the hungry through The Action Center.

Look for the **ELCA Good Gifts Catalog** in the narthex of additional holiday giving ideas

Education, Youth & Family



The HOLY SHEPHERD WEBSITE

is up and running!

www.holyshepherd.com

Are you aware of all the information that you can access about Holy Shepherd on your computer, tablet & phone? Below are some highlights.

+ SERMONS +

Audio Sermons from the last 2 months are available to listen to.

- Click on Sermons
- Scroll to appropriate date – click on Listen Button
- Click on the play button

+ WORSHIP SUPPORT SCHEDULE +

Downloadable schedule to check when you are scheduled to serve.

The following groups are listed on the schedule:
Greeters, Ushers, Readers, Communion Assistants, Assisting Ministers, Fellowship Servers, Growing With Jesus Leaders & Welcome Desk

- Highlight Ministries
- Drop-down menus comes up - highlight "Worship & Music"
- Side extension "Worship Support Schedule" appears – click on it
- Click on month

+ WNL DINNER MENU +

Weekly menu to prepare your taste buds!

- Highlight Ministries
- Drop down menu appears– highlight "Wednesday Night Life"
- Side extension "WNL Dinner Menu" appears – click on it

+ CHURCH CALENDAR +

Check out what is happening daily at Holy Shepherd

- Click on Calendars
 - Click on Shepherd Logo
-

+ SHEPHERD'S STAFF +

Go paperless and view the Shepherd's Staff online (days before you get it in the mail!)

- Click on Newsletter
 - Click on month that you want to view
-

+ ADULT EDUCATION CALENDAR +

Find out about the numerous adult education classes that are offered weekly & monthly.

- Highlight Ministries
- Drop down menu appears – highlight "Faith Formation"
- Side extension "Monthly Calendar" appears – click on it
- Choose month/click on specific day/class for more information

Information on "Who We Are", ministries, staff, links to other relevant sites, a photo gallery and so much more can also be found on the site.

Check it out!

Mark Your Calendars!



Wednesday, December 20th

5:30pm **Advent Worship**

5:50pm

Christmas Celebration!

Dinner, Music & Fellowship

Fundraiser for the Youth Fund

Funds will be used to help cover costs for the upcoming ELCA Sr. High Youth Gathering in Houston next summer, the Jr. & Sr. High Rocky Mountain Synod Gatherings and summer camp.

Details and sign-up coming soon!



EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE SALE

It's such a good feeling to aid the subsistence farmers, thanks so much for your continued support. Coffee as always makes a wonderful gift.

Next up: Sunday,
November 19, December 17



FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2017 BUDGET

This is kind a tale of two years thrown into one. We were in the black through June having more income than expenses. We were however below budget in both income and expenses. Then came July, August and September when income fell way off while expenses stayed about the same. The net result is that we have now spent about \$15,000 more than we have received. We hope to recover some of this in the last three months that are usually good months for income. However this will not happen without your help.

BUILDING FUND

Income to the building fund continues to be about the same as previous years while the interest expense continues to go down. We have reduced the loan balance about \$40,000 so far this year to a balance as of September 30 to \$278,425. We usually receive many annual payments in the last three months so this balance should go down even more.

PROPERTY EXPENSES

HAIL STORM

We are continuing to work with the insurance company on additional property damage besides the asphalt shingles which have been replaced. We met with the adjuster for a second time on October 2. He said he was going to approve most of our requests but must wait for his final report. Adjusters are private contractors, so our insurance company (CHURCH MUTUAL) must also approve the adjuster's recommendations. The final report will probably not be received until November.

PARKING LOT

We have poured new concrete in the northeast corner of the parking lot where the dumpsters are located. We chose concrete over asphalt because of the wear and tear of the garbage trucks. We had enough money in Capital Improvements reserve along with a \$5,000 donation from the trust. Total cost for this project was about \$14,000.

Next up, we need to do some maintenance on the rest of the parking lot. (Sealing and Crack Filling) We are still gathering bids for this project and may have to have a fund raiser for this. With this maintenance we are hoping to get another 5 years without significant additional costs. We hope that the mortgage and solar loan will be paid off by then. Repairing and or replacing the asphalt will be very expensive since there is about 38,000 square feet in the parking lot.



Holy Communion at Holy Shepherd

Saturday

5:30pm Traditional
Service

Sunday

8:00am Traditional
Service

10:45am Contemporary Service



Elected Leaders

Executive Team

Jeff Braden, President*
Jamie Curry, Vice President*
Randy Updike, Personnel*
Jackie Johnson, Secretary*
Gerry Scholten, Finance*

Vision Team Kevin Klinkerfues*,
Amy Evancheck, Jackie Johnson, Emily
Parkhurst*, Larry Lagerberg, Wally Settgest, Tanja Warnick,
Pastor Rick

* also Congregational Council members



THANK YOU

Dear Holy Shepherd Family,
So many of our beautiful brothers and sisters in Christ have inquired about my back injury, either via get well cards or phone calls or asking me about it yesterday in church. We truly are a blessed congregation. When our previous church closed, we were heartbroken, but the lovely folks here at Holy Shepherd have made Wally and me feel so welcome, and we are very lucky to have these tireless "worker bees" among us that make the church function so well.
Blessings, Linda & Wally Settgest

More EIBER NEWS

Eiber "Trunk or Treat" Halloween Party

Bring a bag of candy of "Trunk or Treat" Sign up to help with "Trunk or Treat" on Friday, October 27 from 5:00-6:30.



Last year we worked with Eiber for their Halloween "Trunk or Treat" in the Eiber parking lot. We had a ball decorating the trunks of our cars and passing out treats. We also grilled and served hot dogs, chips, water, and hot chocolate. We are invited to do that again!!



For All the Saints

Nearly 200 people contributed money as a Memorial to a loved one or friend from October, 2016 to October 2017. Some of this money has been designated for specific projects and went to that particular budget item. The rest was donated and the Trust committee used that money to fulfill Trust Fund requests submitted by members of Holy Shepherd for things needed to enhance our church and worship

Money was distributed to the following projects: Busy Bees, Youth Missions, Family Promise, Music, Grocery Cards-Office Assistance, the Holy Shepherd Columbarium, Facility Improvement, Music and Worship Reserve, some funding of Pastor Michael's sabbatical, the Scholarship Fund, Seminary expenses for Emily Norris, Communion kneelers, Cross planter for the Easter season, and a worship computer.

Thank you to everyone who donated money this year as a Memorial to those they love. Your gift will continue to enhance the life of our church. *The Trust Committee*

Worship Attendance September 2017				
	5:30pm	8am	10:45am	Total
9/3	36	105	64	205
9/10	53	80	104	237
9/17	41	110	75	226
9/24	69	91	43	203

Dear Holy Shepherd family:

I want to thank all of you for the love and support you have shown me during my recovery from a pelvic fracture. How blessed I am to be part of a such loving church family. All of the cards, phone calls, visits, and food have meant so much. Thanks also to Pastor Rick and Barb Suder for their visits. I hope to be back with you soon.

In His love, Marian Werning



Dear Holy Shepherd,
Thank you to everyone in the church who has supported me on my college journey. I greatly appreciate it. ~ Jacob Parra

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES
Submission Dates of Articles and Calendar Items
 November 8, December 13, January 10
Mailing Dates
 November 15, December 20, January 17th





**THANK YOU
HOLY
SHEPHERD!!**

What a privilege to know the Creator of the universe. It's even more an honor and privilege to meet and fellowship with people who reflect His love and mercy. Isn't it the purpose of the church to be a light to the world (Luke 11:33, Matt 5:14)? Family Promise has, and continues to be, a light to families who are homeless. Showing compassion to families struggling, truly displays the heart of God (1 John 2:9, Matt 25:34-40).

My purpose for this letter is to share with you the benefits that take place when your congregation partners with and assists programs such as Family Promise. From experience, it brings some comfort and peace knowing that my children are in a safe environment and are well taken care of. This type of comfort became an encouraging factor that fueled me and Monique to push harder with Family Promise to end our "Homeless" state. Thank you for aiding in that comfort. We can never go on in life claiming to have a testimony without justly accrediting your congregation for its part in our story. God works in mysterious ways, and mysteriously He brings people's paths together for a reason. You NEVER know what is God's reason for your service. Initially it appears to be for the benefit of the family. Yet if you allow God to use you, your service can have an amazing impact on your life. Monique and I want to truly thank you all for everything that you have done for us. We first acknowledge our success as being the result of the endless supply of God's grace. But we also thank you for your contribution to our "success". It is our hope that our time together wasn't a mere event, but an experience that will always be remembered. Thank you again, and please know that all of your contributions to families are acts of kindness and love that reflect that very nature of God. May our Creator continue to expand your ministry and resources to have an even greater impact on our community. -Cleveland and Monique Smith



EIBER NEWS



Dear Friends

I wished you could all be here to see the joyful faces of our children when Mrs. Shirley delivers the books... The classroom exploded with cheers when the kids saw the precious gifts.

Our students who could otherwise not afford such exquisite collection will now have those books for their use through the school year.

I would like to personally thank you for sending Eiber School these beautiful books. They are all breathtaking. I know Mrs. Hatchet and her students will enjoy them and it will greatly enhance their knowledge. The books will help them to better understand multicultural respect, tolerance, and cultural awareness. They will hold a special place in our library collection. Your generous donation is much appreciated and will be treasured for many years to come."

Thank you for caring about the needs of our children and teachers.

God Bless you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Saunders

Family Engagement Liaison Title 1





On behalf of your Health
Ministries Team & Parish
Nurse ~ October 2017

HAPPENINGS:

Saturday September 30

Bless Our Pets was held on Saturday, September 30th. The weather was beautiful and the pets did great. Pastor Rick officiated and blessed 18 pets, total which included 17 dogs and 1 kitty. A personalized certificate was given to each pet. We collected \$90 as a free will offering which will be donated to Foot Hills Animal Shelter. Thanks to all who participated.

Saturday & Sunday October 21 & 22

Disabilities Weekend promises to be interesting and an eye opening experience for all of us. You'll want to hear this year's speaker as she tells her story of abuse, addiction and successful recovery which lead her to profound service for others. Barb Cramer wrote a book, *Broken Souls*, based on this ladies horrific experience. The book won the Gold Star Award.

Project C.U.R.E Donations

If you have supplies to donate please contact the Parish Nurse *prior* to dropping them off. Project C.U.R.E. has restrictions and cannot take everything. Exclusions include, but is not limited to, medication, mercury thermometers or anything containing mercury & out dated materials.

Parish Nurse: Barb Suder is available to help you & your family & friends in person, by phone, by email or by text. You are most welcome to stop by her office if you have questions or would just like to visit.

Disposal of Unwanted Medications

Blue Spruce Pharmacy, 9485 W. Colfax Lakewood, will take medications you no longer want. Use their south entrance and go to the second floor. They request you **place all medications in a zip lock bag. They cannot take original containers, liquids or sharps. They can only take tablets and capsules. NO EXCEPTIONS.** There is a Green box to place your zip lock bag in. Their number is 303-432-5925 for questions.

Your Health Ministries Team:

Ruth Huebner, Linda Jones, Shirley Matson, Carol Rossini, Barb Suder, Kathy Yorgin, Joan Young. We would love to have you join our team. You don't need to be a medical person, just have an interest in helping others. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 24th at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

*You are Invited to the Global Gift Fair
at Atonement Lutheran Church
Nov. 4th and 5th, 9am-2pm.
6281 W. Yale, Lakewood*

Shopping at the Global Gift Fair is a
GOOD THING!

GOOD FOR YOU because you find exciting and unique items not available in your local or national chain stores. Most items are coming direct to you through Non-Profit Organizations from the artisans themselves.

GOOD FOR OUR VENDORS because you not only support their mission but also support women and men around the globe who provide goods and services to these vendors and benefit from the vendors' mission and work!

*In other words: God's Work,
Their Hands, Our Support.*

Joyful Quilts and More

Save the dates:

November 11 and 12

Saturday after evening
service and Sunday
between services

- 2 quilts will be raffled
- 1 quilt will be held for a silent auction



Many other lovely quilts will be on sale as well as a variety of baby quilts for those special newborns.

More: Slipper socks, Table runners, Pillows, Christmas items

Come and see what the Busy Bees have made and learn about the quilts they make throughout the year for Lutheran World Relief.

Proceeds will be donated to various charities with a small amount set aside for supplies.

Dear Mission Committee of Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Greetings from Madagascar! So fun to think that some of you I have just seen. It was wonderful to be back in the USA for 3 months over the summer!

Thank you so much for your recent commitment to sponsor and support me in my work here in Madagascar. It is wonderful to be connected and to know that you have an interest in the work being done on behalf of you in Madagascar and with YAGM (Young Adults in Global Mission.)

I want to share another article I wrote that you might find interesting. It was included in the Holden Village Voice this summer. Turn to page 10 and look for "The Unicorn of Madagascar"

http://www.holdenvillage.org/files/6715/0369/6370/HVV17Summer_onlineLO.pdf

I send many prayers and blessing from Madagascar! Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information. Thanks again and many blessings to you all!

Pastor Kirsten Laderach

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Country Coordinator - Madagascar

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*Please Call the Office ~
Pastors or Staff*

- ✓ When a new child is born or adopted into your family.
- ✓ When a loved one is hospitalized or ill.
- ✓ To add someone to the prayer list.
- ✓ To request that a Pastor visit at home, in the hospital or care center.
- ✓ To update the address/phone numbers of family members, including college students.
- ✓ To make an appointment to meet with a Pastor or a staff member.



FAMILY PROMISE Holiday Party



The Holiday Party will be held at Christ on the Mountain (13922 W Utah Ave, Lakewood, CO 80228) on Sunday, December 3, from 1-3 p.m.

Dear Friends of Family Promise,

We are so excited to celebrate another year of serving incredible families, and we cannot wait to show them even more support and love at this year's holiday party! This year, we are asking folks to sponsor an entire family, with various family sizes available. We are also asking for gift card donations.

To sponsor a family, you can request a family wish list. The wish list is a guide, and it's not required that you buy everything listed. We ask that you purchase two (\$10-\$20) gifts for every child and one for each adult in the family. We also ask for a \$25 grocery gift card for the family to buy food for their own holiday meal.

Please do NOT wrap the gifts. Staff and volunteers will wrap gifts the day before the party. If you would like to help wrap gifts or provide supplies for the wrapping party, please let us know!

Families get together, reunite with other guests, volunteers and staff, decorate cookies, visit with Santa, enjoy a lovely meal, and have lots of holiday fun, including unwrapping and enjoying their sponsored gifts. We appreciate and welcome any contributions for this event as well!

If you would like to help support our families through a sponsorship or gift card donation, please contact me at 303.675.0713 x104 or email me no later than Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2016. We will get a wish list out to you as soon as possible. **Please have all gifts to the day site by Monday, Nov. 27**, so that we have time to prepare the gifts for the party.

We look forward to hearing from you and we are so very grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Melanie Davis-Campbell

Community Support Assistant
Family Promise of Greater Denver
(303)675-0713 x104

World Hunger Ambassador Program

Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network

A World Hunger Ambassador has a passion for ELCA World Hunger and believes that the work we do together with partners around the world makes a real and sustainable difference in the lives of people living in poverty and hunger. **The goal of the Hunger Network is to have at least one ambassador in all of our synod conferences! Can you serve in this capacity??**

Ambassadors will:

- † Attend a **one-day training session on Saturday, November 11, 2017**, at Augustana Lutheran Church in Denver. *All expenses will be covered!*
- † Attend **quarterly WebEx training sessions** designed to enhance skills and story-telling abilities and to find and explore resources on the ELCA World Hunger website.
- † Agree to **contact congregations within their conference**, keeping in touch, offering to come and speak about ELCA World Hunger, offering to conduct workshops and educational activities, providing information on resources, encouraging contributions to ELCA World Hunger, and thanking congregations for their gifts. *Mileage will be reimbursed as funds are available.*
- † Check in with the World Hunger Ambassador Program Coordinator on the Core Team if any questions come up between WebEx sessions.
- † Feel free to share and use personal ideas and creativity to accomplish the mission of the ambassador program.
- † Agree to **serve for a period of two years**, with the option of renewing the commitment.

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DAILY BREAD

for ALL who care about poverty and hunger!!

The Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network

World Hunger Ambassadors...a GREAT Opportunity to Learn, Serve, and Grow!

Do you or someone you know have a passion about making a real difference for people who struggle with hunger and poverty? We are looking for people who want to be leaders in a new way, honing personal skills for now and in the future. Ambassadors can be high school students (old enough to drive) or 80-year-olds who are up for a new challenge! Ideally, they should be people who like to listen to and tell stories.

The Hunger Network obtained a grant to initiate this pilot program for training and deploying World Hunger Ambassadors across the territory of the synod. THREE members of the ELCA World Hunger staff will be with us for the **initial training on Saturday, November 11**, at Augustana Lutheran Church in Denver.

Volunteer yourself or encourage someone who may not recognize the gifts they have for this adventure. All travel expenses will be reimbursed.

A flyer with the job description and schedule for the November training is available on the synod website at rmselca.org/hunger. Let Barbara Ripperger know if you are interested in serving in this capacity OR if you have an idea about someone who might be interested. Her contact information is: bripperger2@gmail.com or 719.248.9615 (call or text).

Ambassadors who need to travel from outside of the Denver area will be housed the night of November 10 at the Hilton Garden Inn near Cherry Creek. Contact Carol McDivitt (mcdivittc@mindspring.com or 970.689.2569) if you will need housing. **The rooming list is due October 13.**

Get on board TODAY! You don't want to be left at the station while the World Hunger Ambassador train heads out to do God's work.

October 2017

From February through July of this year, congregations and individuals in the Rocky Mountain Synod gave **\$246,349 to ELCA World Hunger.**

We ranked fifth among the 65 ELCA synods. **THANK YOU** for your generosity!!

Contributions can be made through your congregation (write "ELCA World Hunger" on the memo line of your check) or directly to ELCA World Hunger. Be sure to put your congregation's name on any donations!!

Treasurers should mail checks to the synod office OR to

ELCA World Hunger

P.O. Box 1809

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Core Team Recruiting

The RMS Hunger Network has a small team of people working to raise awareness about the amazing hunger ministry of our church. Want to join us?

We are looking for people to help with social media (Facebook and the website) as well as a *Theologian in Residence* to develop and carry out a job description that helps us creatively tie our theological heritage to our work and reach out more effectively to rostered leaders.

Contact Carol McDivitt (mcdivittc@mindspring.com or 970.689.2569) if you are interested...or just want to chat about the possibilities!

500 Years on the *MOVE* for Hunger



Remember the Rocky Mountain Synod's Hunger Network's invitation to get *MOVING* in 2017 to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The roots of the poverty and justice ministries of our church come directly from the soil of Martin Luther's teachings...especially his concern for the need of our neighbors.

From February 1, 2017, through January 31, 2018, we are encouraging congregations to try something **NEW** this year! Check out the website dedicated to this campaign at rmselca.org/hunger500.

There are stories of interesting projects carried out by several congregations, including Joy in Parker, CO; Augustana in Denver; Holy Cross in Wheatridge, CO; and Shepherd of the Hills in Canon City, CO.

Share what you are doing by emailing stories and pictures to Carol McDivitt (mcdivitt@mindspring.com). Watch Bishop Gonia's video about this campaign at <https://vimeo.com/215462906>.

News from the 11th Annual Grace Race!

October 7 was a great day to be the Church Together.

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp hosted the 11th Annual *Grace Race* to support ELCA World Hunger. This year's proceeds put the total raised from this race over the \$50,000 mark!

Congratulations to Cross of Christ for being the "Fleetest Flock" and having the most participants! Congregations, ELCA colleges, not-for-profit organizations, businesses, and individuals came together to fight hunger here and around the world. THANKS, Rainbow Trail!



ELCA World Hunger
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

The Season is Coming!

Americans spend over \$300 billion on Christmas shopping each year.

Encourage your congregation to substitute one traditional gift with one from the **ELCA Good Gifts catalog**. This will redirect a significant amount of money toward the fight against hunger and poverty.



Last year, over \$5.4 million was raised through ELCA Good Gifts, supporting work in 83 countries.



The **NEW** catalog is ready to order...along with an updated set of Advent ornaments for a display or tree.

Based on the needs of our partners, some gifts have been added and some removed from the new catalog. Since there is currently a surplus of sheep, they have been removed.

New items include: a water filter (\$30), farming field school for a woman (\$75), and a solar-powered lantern (\$30).

Celebrate the excitement,

anticipation and wonder of the birth of Christ with the 2017 ELCA Good Gifts **Advent Calendar**. Each day is a reminder of the reason for the











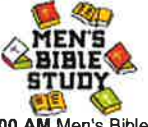



season with hymns, prayers, Bible verses and stories of how ELCA Good Gifts make a difference in the world.

Visit Resources.ELCA.org to order free catalogs,

ornaments, calendars, and other world hunger resources. A new **Advent Study** is full of weekly devotions, prayers, blessings and hymn suggestions. Use it at church or encourage members to take it home. Download and print for free at ELCA.org/Hunger/Resources under the "Seasonal" tab.



NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p>  <p>8:00 AM Holy Communion, Traditional 9:15 AM Community Time (FH) 9:30 AM Adult Ed (BC) 9:45 AM Praise Team (S) 10:45 AM Holy Communion, Contemporary 11:45 AM Community Time (L) 6:30 PM Reformation Lessons & Carols</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Private Meetings (Family Recovery Group) (FH,L,BC,nursery)</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>Halloween 10:00 AM Staff Meet (V)</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>All Saints Day 4:45 PM Prime Time Choir (C) 5:30 PM KOK Choir 5:50 PM Dinner & Fellowship (FH) 6:10 PM KFC Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation - (Lutheran Ch of the Master), Adult Ed (L), Handbell Choir (BC) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (C)</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>8:30 AM Adult Lectionary Bible Study (MP) 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Writers' Group (L)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Private Event - (MP)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (FH) 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Private meeting Ward 1 (C) 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Private Event (Corvette Club Chili Cookoff)(FH) 5:30 PM Holy Communion, Traditional</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>All Saint's Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Communion, Traditional 9:15 AM Community Time (FH) 9:30 AM Adult Ed (BC) 9:45 AM Praise Team (S) 10:45 AM Holy Communion, Contemporary 11:45 AM Community Time (L) 5:00 PM HSLC Bridge Club (FH)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Private Event (Embr. Guild)(FH) 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Private Event (Bass Lessons) (C) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Private Meetings (Family Recovery Group) (FH,L,BC,nursery)</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>9:30 AM Staff Meet (V)</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Deadline for Calendar & Shepherd Staff Wednesday Night Life 6:30 PM Confirmation (Church of the Master)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 AM Adult Lectionary Bible Study (MP) 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Private Event - AAUW (FH)</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Busy Bees, set-up for sale (FH, N)</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>Busy Bees-Joyful Quilts and More 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (FH) 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Private Event - Lace Guild (FH) 4:00 PM First Communion Instruction 5:30 PM Holy Communion, Healing</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Busy Bees-Joyful Quilts and More 8:00 AM Holy Communion, Healing 9:15 AM Community Time (FH) 9:30 AM Adult Ed (BC) 10:45 AM Holy Communion, Healing 11:45 AM Community Time (L) 4:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits (Bethany Lutheran)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1:00 PM Women's Early Afternoon Bible Study (WEBS) (FH) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Private Meetings (Family Recovery Group) (FH,L,BC,nursery)</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>9:00 AM Busy Bees (MP) 10:00 AM Staff Meet (V)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Mailing of Shepherd Staff Wednesday Night Life 7:45 AM Newsletter folders (FH)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:30 AM Adult Lectionary Bible Study (MP) 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM Action Center - Set-up & Annual Meeting (FH)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 AM Communion Bread Baking (FH Kitchen) 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Private Event - (MP)</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>8:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (FH) 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM Private Event (Norsemen)(FH) 4:00 PM First Communion Instruction 5:30 PM Holy Communion, Traditional</p>
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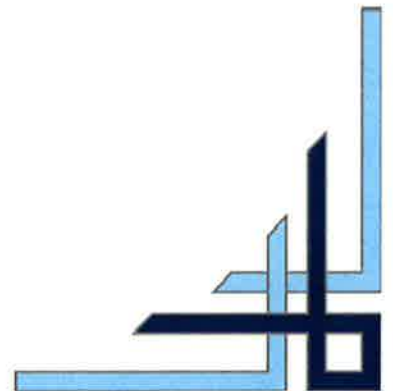
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**We are all here to take
care of this house, the
one we call God's House**

Holy Shepherd.

When you are the last
person leaving the church in
the evening or late in the
afternoon, **PLEASE MAKE
SURE THAT ALL THE DOORS
ARE CLOSED AND LOCKED
AND THE LIGHTS ARE OUT.
PLEASE DO NOT PROP
DOORS OPEN.**

***Thank you in advance for
taking care of each other!***



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