



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

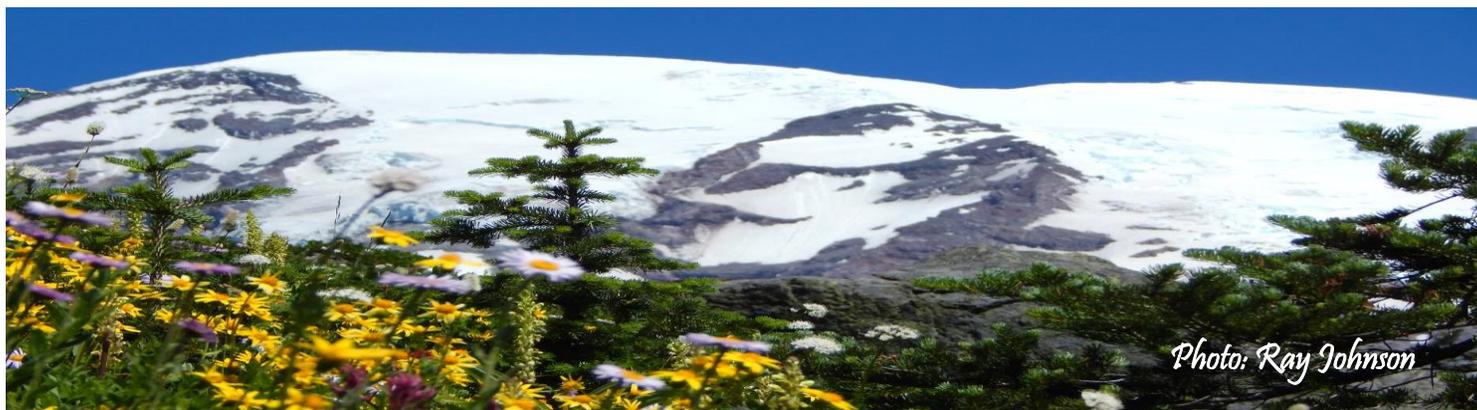


Photo: Ray Johnson

Sunday, March 15, 2020 was the beginning of the pandemic era for us at Holy Shepherd. March 15 was the first Sunday that we did not gather at 9th and Kipling to worship together. We were in the middle of the Lenten season with the worship theme of "A Journey through Wilderness and Death for the sake of Life." Little did we know how profound and maybe prophetic that Lenten worship theme would become.

As I write this article, we have been on this pandemic "Journey through Wilderness and death" for 368 days. 368 days of wilderness that could not have been predicted. 368 days that unfolded in ways that left us bewildered, afraid, angry, scared, wondering and emotions that have no words to give them justice. It has been 368 days of disruption, dismantling and threat to the way we were accustomed to living our lives. The journey of wilderness and death has been difficult, to say the very least.

Just today, I went back to the first worship service that we recorded when the pandemic began. It was the service for March 22, 2020 and one of the scripture readings assigned for that Sunday was Psalm 23. "Though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death." Looking back, we had no clue as to how this valley, this shadow of death would be experienced for the next 368 days, and beyond.

AND, Children of God, God's light that no darkness can overcome and your Baptismal identity have been illuminating this valley, this shadow of death, this journey of wilderness and death in blessed and powerful ways.

God has been faithful through you God, through you, has illumined the lives at The Action Center, Eiber Elementary, Auraria Campus Ministry, Family Promise and here at Holy Shepherd. Since March 22, 2020 many of you have collectively dedicated untold hours of rehearsals and recording, to create 330 worship and devotional videos. Yes, the shadow is still lingering AND the light of Christ, still shines. For this, for you, I humbly and enthusiastically say, "Thank you," and, KEEP SHINING.

Keep shining through your generous financial support of Holy Shepherd. Keep shining through your loving support of The Action Center. Keep shining your light for Eiber Elementary School. Keep shining as you knit, pray, learn, care, support and love our neighbor.

The journey of wilderness and death continues and so does the faithfulness of our God who joins and transforms the valley into a garden of life abundant.

Holy Shepherd, the valley and shadow of death do not have the last word. The journey to the cross does not end in death. The light does and will shine. The journey of wilderness and death is for the sake of LIFE. For this, we say, Thanks be to God

Pastor Michael



Worship

Holy Week 2021

Journeying to the Cross

Join us for virtual worship on each of these holy days as we journey together to the cross.

Worship videos will be available each day at www.holyshepherd.com and in your email box.

Maundy Thursday

April 1st

"Do this in remembrance of me."

Luke 22:19b

We will be offering a zoom communion service the evening of April 1st at 7:00pm. Please use the link below to access.

Zoom info:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86720253582?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86720253582?pwd=aDivZDBCRWlyOFdzSUUwNlIxMkUwZz09)

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Meeting ID: 867 2025 3582

Passcode: 259212



If you are not on our email list please contact the church office.
Thank you!

Good Friday

April 2nd

Then Jesus,
crying with a loud voice, said,

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

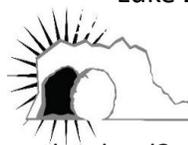
Luke 23: 46



Easter Sunday

April 4th

"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here, but has risen." —Luke 24:5



*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*

2 Corinthians 5:17

Easter Season

"Christ Revealed - The Journey Continues"

April 11th – May 23rd

Our worship theme for the Easter season continues with our journey in Christ –
to see Christ revealed in our daily actions.

We invite you to share, through photographs, how Christ is revealed in your daily lives.

What are you involved in that serves others – in your family, in the neighborhood, in the community, in the world? Do you check up on your neighbors, help babysit grandchildren, serve at a food bank, send cards to those who are grieving, make phone calls to homebound, picking up trash, make prayer shawls . . .

These photographs will be used as a part of our worship service videos – to share where Christ is revealed. Photos can be of the action itself (cards sent, food bank etc.) or it can be a picture that includes "in the action". Photos do not need to include you in it (if you are somewhat camera shy).

Along with your picture please label where Christ is revealed.

Please send your photos to Karen Novess –either through text 720.854.5365
or email, knovess@holyshepherd.com.

We will be using these photos throughout these 7 weeks, so send as many as you would like!

Thank you!



Trust Team



First OF ALL, the Trust team would like to thank members of Holy Shepherd for allowing us to work through the steps involved in making sure that money that comes to our church in the form of memorials is used in the best way possible. Our team is comprised of Del Holz, Chairman; Gail Skaggs, Secretary; Gerald Scholton, Treasurer, Carol Rossinni, and myself, Shirley Bradsby.

I am pleased to report that since our congressional meeting, we have selected the best place to keep our Perpetual funds. Our thanks to Jackie Johnson for her investigating and advice. The ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust-Fund A has assets which total \$904 million dollars. It has done very well while investing in socially appropriate projects. It was established to allow for the collective long-term investment of funds belonging to ELCA congregations. It is administered by the Endowment Fund of the ELCA Foundation. We have invested \$800,000 and will be able to take the distributions on a yearly basis. Although it varies from year to year, congregations this year were able to withdraw 5.5 %. The RM synod encourages using the distributions for appropriate projects, rather than routinely leaving distributions in Fund A. Larry and I, like many of you, have Holy Shepherd in our will. It is so nice that we know it will be invested in a fund that will continue to grow and ensure that Holy Shepherd will survive for years to come as well as giving us some funds to use yearly for worthwhile projects.

Know that your Trust Team will carefully follow your wishes when making Memorials to Holy Shepherd. If you specify a certain project be funded with your Memorial funds, it will be done. If you do not specify any project, members of the congregation can apply to use those funds for Holy Shepherd projects.

Lastly, we do need your help as a Congregation. In your annual report is a short and easy application for funds from the Trust. If you are interested in a certain project, please join that committee or start one of your own and apply for funds. We are in a wonderful position of being able to grant projects that will enhance our church and/or help our community.

Again, thanks for your patience. I am so happy to see procedures in place that should guide us for years to come. You may get the full Trust document in the annual report or ask Donna if you would like her to just send the pages which refer to the Trust.

**For complete information on The Endowment Fund Pooled Trust,
Go to ELCA.com and in the search put: Endowment Fund Pooled Trust-Fund A**

Thanks again. Your Trust Team



Council Minutes

March Council Meeting Summary 3-16-21

1. Financial update: February 2021 giving was \$5,000 under our 2021 budget. Contributions to the Building Fund were roughly \$5,400 in February. We transferred \$975,000 funds from Susan Gourley Estate Reserve to HSLC Trust Fund in February.
2. The following people have spent many hours planning our Easter in-person communion services: Pastor Michael, Pastor Courtney, Karen Novess, Donna Madsen, Diane Klinkerfues, Susie DiPaolo, Kevin Klinkerfues, Larry Lagerberg.
3. Council discussed setting goals for the 2021 church council. Each goal will be measurable, will have a timeline and a point person. Goals will be as follows:
 - Review the church constitution, including a review of ministries which we may not have currently, as well as an update of co-pastor language.
 - Clarify the procedures and timeline for evaluation of church staff.
 - Clarify procedures for ministry teams and groups.
 - Review budgeting process.
 - Identify the council member transition process, possibly developing a booklet with role definitions and yearly timeline of tasks.

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

In-Person Library Friday Mornings at 10:00
Next Meetings – April 9, 23

Come and join us the 2nd and 4th Friday mornings to study prayer, share concerns, and to pray for our church, our community, and nation, as well as personal needs. We are using the book "Before Amen" by Max Lucado as a guide. Everyone is invited to join us. "Prayer is not just a conversation, it is a bridge between the natural and the supernatural."

Contact Person - Pat Mohrbacher

Sunday Morning Adult-Ed

ZOOM Adult Ed will be focusing on evangelism.

What is it? Why is it important? And how might we do it?

If you have burning questions about evangelism that you'd like answered, we will have time for that too. If the thought of talking to people about your faith makes you uncomfortable, or if you've shared about Jesus multiple times and have experiences to share, or are anywhere in between, we hope you join us!

Adult Ed takes place most Sundays (unless there is communion or a congregational meeting) at **10:15 A.M.**

Zoom info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93335392533?pwd=Zi9NU2lXVTBObHduWlpzSjFzcVp1QT09>

Meeting ID: 933 3539 2533 Passcode: 175427

Holy Shepherd Book Club

April 27, 2021 5:00pm

In-Person Library or Fellowship Hall

Book Selection: Underground Railroad
Author: Colson Whitehead

A fast-paced novel which follows Cora, a 15 year old slave from a plantation in Georgia, on her journey "up north" to freedom via an actual (fictional) railroad operating underground.

Leader: Bonnie Yockstick & Book Lovers

Prayer Time

ZOOM Tuesdays 12:00pm Leaders: Pastors

Writer's Group

ZOOM April 8th 1:00pm

The Writers' Group meets on the first Thursday of the month from 1:00-3:00. 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

Two Mondays of each month, **1:00 PM In-Person Library**
Our next study dates – April 12, 26, May 10, 24

Our new study for 2021 is "Seven Letters to Seven Churches." The letters are both pointed and heartwarming messages from Jesus himself to the young congregations of Christians springing up in Asia as a result of the ministry of Paul and other early church leaders. The study is based on chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation where, in a vision to John, Jesus appears in person to his beloved disciple. Let me know if want to participate and I will get a study book to you.

We invite all women to join us for study, discussion, and prayer time. Contact me for more information.

Pat Mohrbacher 303-238-5179
or pbmohrbacher@outlook.com

Men's Bible Study & FAST

Saturday's 8:00am

In-person Fellowship Hall

Leader: Bob Gordon

What is generosity?

In-Person April 10 & 17 9:30am Library

Join Pastor Michael and Pastor Courtney for a discussion on generosity and how it impacts our faith. We will be looking at Scripture and an excerpt from Henri Nouwen. What is generosity? How do we practice it as an entire congregation? How do we think about generosity in light of the recent large gift to Holy Shepherd? This group will gather on April 10th and 17th at 9:30. These conversations will be held **in person**, so sign up early with Pastor Courtney (csteitz@holyshepherd.com).



GREEN CORNER

Decomposition Chart for litter*

(Source: California Waste Mgmt Bulletin)

Alternative disposal method

BANANA OR ORANGE PEEL 2-5 weeks



Compost If you put these in your home compost, chop up in smaller pieces to break down quicker.



NEWSPAPER 3-6 months

Recycle or compost Newspaper is a good source of carbon, or “brown” for a healthy compost mix. When recycled, it can become insulation.

PLASTIC BAG 10-20 years

Recycle Plastic bags can be recycled at grocery stores - look for the bin.



TIN CAN 100 years

Recycle Metals can be recycled time and time again without degrading. (Source: recyclenation.com)

PLASTIC BEVERAGE CONTAINER 100 years

Recycle Avoid plastics when possible. They are made from petroleum and use a lot of water and energy.



ALUMINUM CAN 200-500 years

Recycle Aluminum is one of the most valuable recyclable materials because there is no limit to how many times it can be recycled. The aluminum cans that you drink soda from can be recycled over and over again without degrading. (Source: recyclenation.com)

GLASS BOTTLE 1 million years

Recycle Glass bottles and jars are 100% recyclable and can be recycled endlessly without any loss in purity or quality. (Source: gpi.org)



* *Decomposition depends on weather and site conditions: warm, wet conditions enhance decomposition, as does exposure to sunlight and oxygen. Material sheltered from weather and sunlight requires increased time to decompose. For more about recycling, check out terracycle.com and learn about how you can recycle almost all your trash.*

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.

Thank You

Have a Heart Collections for the Action Center

Thanks to your big hearts, we filled their van with over 5,000 diapers, a whole lot of baby items and food staples. Plus we received \$380 in donations! Junia also sends her thanks and enjoyed getting to see so many of you.

Thank you all so much! The Missions Team

Re-Gathering Update

Our recommendation continues to be that groups meet by Zoom whenever possible, but if your group is unable to access Zoom or would greatly benefit from meeting in person, please contact the Holy Shepherd office to check building availability and updated guidelines for small group gatherings at Holy Shepherd.

As we continue to monitor positivity rates and guidelines from the CDPHE, the CDC, and the Rocky Mountain Synod Office of the Bishop, we remain grateful for your patience and commitment to the health and wholeness of our community.

If you have questions or concerns we invite you to reach out to any member of the Regathering Team:
Kevin Klinkerfues, Larry Lagerberg, Amy Evancheck,
Pastor Michael, or Pastor Courtney.



Newsletter Article Deadline April 23rd

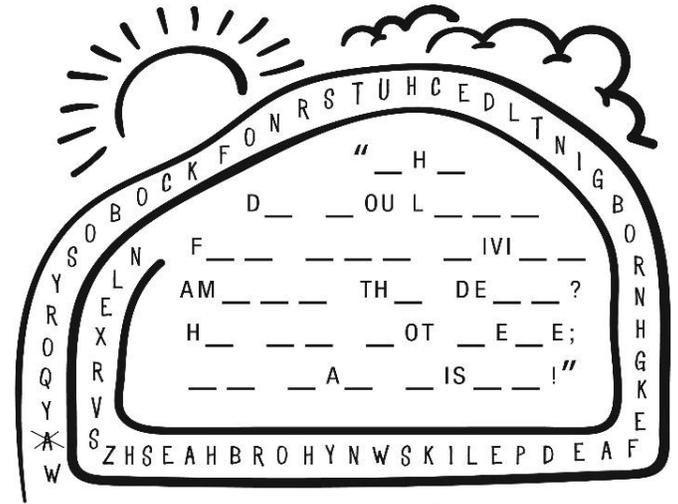
Please submit your articles to
knovess@holyshepherd.com



EASTER MORNING *message*

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV

The church office is closed during this time but you can contact the church office via phone or email. Messages will be received and responded to daily.

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