



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: Amy Evancheck

We are God's Church

It seems important for me to be reminded and for me to remind us all: We are God's Church. Holy Shepherd is a part of God's Church. Why might this be so important these days?

First, this reminder, that we are a part of God's Church, this is good news...very good news. Holy Shepherd, is a part of God's Church. The same Church that was established by God, the Holy Spirit, way back when the Spirit made that life changing entrance on the day of Pentecost. We are a part of the very same Church. On that day of Pentecost, Peter reminds us that this was what God/Jesus promised. And guess what, God doesn't break promises. Being a part of God's Church is being a part of God's promise. And God's promise is filled with life that is rooted in the one that started, saves, sustains and promises to continue to sustain all life. We are a part of this promise, this Church.

What I'm about to say may be some of the most profound words I've ever shared with you (winky, winky SMILE). Ever since the beginning, when God spoke life into existence, life has always and will always be filled with change. There you have it. I know it is profound and mind blowing. Joking aside, I remind us of this during this time of extreme change that we find ourselves in right now. You and I know the changes in unique and shared ways. Much of the change we are experiencing now, is difficult, very difficult. Some of the change in the world, we have zero control over.

And, change in the world right now, is consistent with the reality of change from the beginning. Now, back to the previous reminder: We are a part of God's Church.

As I noted earlier, we are part of God's Church and God's Church has been in the very same world that has been changing from the beginning.

How is this possible? How has God's Church endured all the changes that have happened? Everyone say it with me: "Because it is God's Church". As the world continues to change, God's Church continues to be rooted in the eternal promise of God. Yup, GOOD NEWS!

God's promises are not threatened by change. Us, on the other hand, we can certainly be shaken to our core by the reality of change. Holy Shepherd can be shaken to the core by change when it becomes something other than God's Church. God's Church is partly built on the proclamation that God is God and we are not: another bit of good news. From the beginning of God's Church, the Church has been leaning into the changes of life while seeking ways, new ways, to proclaim the promises of God to the world.

Holy Shepherd, let us lean into the changes of today, knowing we are a part of God's Church and continue to seek ways, new ways to proclaim the Good news of Jesus Christ.

Peace, Michael



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Beginning September 12!

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00AM

9:00am Adult Education

Start Date TBD

Fellowship Time – Following Worship

Narthex, Fellowship Hall & Columbarium (No food or drink will be allowed at this time)

Holy Shepherd LIVE!

Live Streaming

will begin at 9:50am on the Holy Shepherd YouTube channel



One challenge we've had as a congregation is creating a sense of community in times that COVID continues to affect how we can gather. The Worship Planning team, Music Ministry team, council and staff continue to seek ways for us to have life giving worship and community experiences and we've been listening to a number of voices from the congregation who have shared the same desire. Other factors in creating meaningful worship experiences center on the human resources that it takes to organize and lead worship and the reality that in this time of transition, our staff and worship teams are fewer in number these days.

We believe that this worship time will provide the best opportunity for the experience of a full community, allow for education time and fellowship time all while being mindful of the human resources that it takes to provide these meaningful experiences. The plan is to commit to this schedule through the conclusion of the call process at the end of the transition process which we have begun. And, we will continue monitoring all these factors all along the way, seeking the safest and best community experience possible.

New Music Ministry UPDATES!

The Music Ministry team: Karen Novess, Diane Klinkerfues, Jordan Ortman and Pastor Michael have been meeting and exploring together what the music ministry of Holy Shepherd might be like in the future. We see this time of transition to be a wonderful opportunity to evaluate and dream about what could be for music ministry at Holy Shepherd. A new position has been created, with council's approval - **Music Ministry Director**.

The primary purpose of the Music Ministry Director position is to oversee Holy Shepherd's music ministry and empower individuals and groups to explore new ways to share their musical gifts at Holy Shepherd and beyond. This position also includes being the director of both the Chancel Choir and Praise Team.

*Diane Klinkerfues has been hired to fill the new **Music Ministry Director** position.*

*Also, council has approved hiring Karen Novess as the **Handbell Choir Director**.*

Both the Music Ministry Director and the Handbell Choir Director positions are for an initial one year. Why one year? We recognize that we are in a time of great change and fluctuation and this coming year is filled with the wonderful opportunity to build on the strong history of music ministry and explore, evaluate and dream what music ministry could be at Holy Shepherd.

Both positions, along with the Music Ministry Team, will also seek ways to invite, empower and engage the Primetime Choir participants to share their gifts of music.

After a year, the music ministry will re-evaluate what we have learned and where we might be led by the Spirit, into the future of music ministry at Holy Shepherd. With God's help, this is an exciting time of dreaming how the Spirit is at work.

Holy Shepherd, together with God's guidance, we will continue being God's Church in the world.

It will take all of our efforts and commitment to being the safest, healthiest and most vital congregation we can be. Let's come together and continue our journey, following our Savior into the future.



Holy Shepherd Transition Update

We wanted to keep you informed about the transition process that we are in.

The council met with our transition coach who gave us a number of options for us to consider as we move forward. The council agreed and has informed our coach, that we are requesting an interim pastor to help us through this interim time of reflection along with joining the staff in providing the day to day needs of the church.

The next step will be for the council to receive names from the synod and interview candidates for this interim position.

The work that the congregation did in preparation to extending the call to Pastor Courtney, is still valid and valuable work that will be utilized in this transition time. We also believe it is important that we reflect on the time that Pastor Courtney was with us and on her departure. Are there things we can learn from these that can inform us how we envision the next chapter of Holy Shepherd?

With the help of the interim pastor, we will pray and explore all options. No decisions have been made and we ask that we join together to pray for God's guidance and wisdom.

As the process becomes clearer, we will keep you informed.

As always, please feel free to reach out to us or the council with any questions you may have. Together, with God's help, we will move into the future as the Body of Christ for the sake of the world.

Peace,

Diane Klinkerfues
Council President

Pastor Michael



Re-Gathering Update

Balancing Community and Safety

We are working hard to balance our needs and desires to gather together while keeping each other safe. Our "North Star" on how to operate during the pandemic has been the CDC, Jeffco Health and the Rocky Mountain Synod, Office of the Bishop. The good news is that according to the CDC and other health agencies, wearing masks is considered an effective step toward not spreading the disease. With that in mind, we will continue to require masks to be worn during all foreseeable worship services. This is our best chance to keep our community safe.

Food during Fellowship

One of the requests that has come to us is to offer food after the worship service during fellowship time. Because this would mean taking our masks off indoors, at this time we believe that serving food is not in the community's best interest. We hope to restore this as soon as possible.

Small and Large Group Indoor Activities

Finally, there have been many questions about small and large groups. Our recommendations for small groups (16 people and under) is to monitor themselves in regards to masks & food. Large groups (17 people and over) using the Fellowship Hall and Multipurpose Room will be asked to wear masks at all times with no food allowed.

Worship/Singing

Masks will continue to be worn during worship. We are also aware that singing has been identified as a way to spread the virus -- which is difficult because we all love to sing together.

At this time, we are comfortable with limited singing as a congregation as long as we maintain our mask wearing. In the near future, we are hoping to have more musical small groups such as the Praise Team & soloists back at worship. For your protection, all singers and musicians will also be wearing a mask. For larger singing groups such as our choirs, we are following the recommendations to record songs ahead of time and play them at our services. This way we will share the joy of singing in the safest way possible.

If you have any questions, as always, please feel free to reach out. We want to hear from you and do everything we can to support our church community. If the CDC changes its recommendations, we will do everything we can to adapt quickly.

The Regathering Team:

Kevin Klinkerfues, Chair, Pastor Michael TeKrony, Amy Evancheck, Melinda Powelson, Margaret Mohrbacher, Karen Novess, Diane Klinkerfues.

Small Groups Gathering

Please contact the church office for groups that require zoom links

Small Groups

(16 participants & Under)

- Small groups will monitor themselves whether or not to use masks; food & drink allowed.

Large Groups

(17 Participants & Over)

- Fellowship Hall & Multi-Purpose Room ONLY
- Mask must be worn
- No food or Drink

Women's Early Afternoon Bible Study

Two Mondays of each month, 1:00 PM (FH)

Our next study dates: September 13, 27, 2021

Beginning in September we will study the book of Hebrew. This book near the end of the New Testament presents a stirring defense of the Christian faith. The author shows how Jesus fulfills the Jewish law and covenants and yet also replaces them. He is a better prophet and priest, and, also, the perfect sacrifice for all sin. Jesus, who is the same yesterday, today and forever, brings a new covenant which is offered to all people everywhere.

We hope you can join us! Contact me for a study guide.

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Prayer Group

Friday Mornings at 10:00am (L)

Next Meetings – Sept. 10, 24, 2021

Come and join us Friday mornings to study prayer and spiritual life themes, share concerns, and to pray for our church, our community, and nation, as well as personal needs. Our guidebook this fall is "Traveling Light," based on some meditations about the 23rd Psalm, by Max Lucado. Anyone, men or women, are welcome to join us. For a guidebook or questions contact me.

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Wednesday Night Life

Growing in God's Family



Wednesday Night Life is temporarily on hold until further notice due to the pandemic re-gathering guidelines.

Prayer Time

ZOOM Tuesdays 12:45pm

Leaders: Pastor

Writer's Group

11:00am – 1:00pm (Library or Addenbrooke Park)

Thursday, September 2

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.

Adult Lectionary Bible Study

ZOOM Thursday Mornings, 8:30am

Discuss & study upcoming Sunday lectionary readings.

Leaders: Pastor

Women's Morning Bible Study

3rd Tuesday morning of the month at 10:00am (FH)

Women's Morning Bible Study meets once a month on the third Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall for brunch, fellowship, and a Bible lesson. We use the studies in the ELCA Women's magazine "Gather" as our guide. This fall we will be studying "The Gift of the Spirit" and exploring how this mysterious member of the trinity is active in our lives, revealing truth and giving us spiritual power. If you don't have a September issue, contact me and I will get you a copy of the lesson. We hope many of you can join us for the thought-provoking studies written by women pastors and leaders in our church!

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Updated Holy Shepherd Family Information

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Council Minutes

August Council Meeting Summary 8-17-21

1. Jen Kurtz, personnel chair, has stepped down from Council. We appreciate all of her work. Thank you, Jen!
2. Council has decided to utilize an Intentional Interim during this period of transition in leadership. This individual will help with church duties as well as assist with the transition process.
3. Council will offer the position of Music Ministry Director to Diane Klinkerfues and Handbell Director to Karen Novess effective 9/1/21 to be re-evaluated 8/2022. Music Ministry Director includes being director of both Chancel Choir and Praise Team, positions previously held by Dave Gleason and Diane Klinkerfues. Handbell Director was previously held by Dave Gleason,
4. Effective September 12, 2021 Holy Shepherd will move to one service at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays, lasting through the completion of the call process, re-evaluating as necessary. Holiday services will be added as needed.
5. Council has authorized Kevin Klinkerfues, property manager, to proceed with the City of Lakewood to receive approval for Family Promise to stay in our Multi-purpose room beginning January 2022 for six months.
6. Finance summary:
 - Year-to-Date expenses are under the 2021 budget
 - YTD net income of \$3,200 vs YTD 2020 income of \$30,000.
 - Solar Loan balance after the August loan payment is now \$86,241.



Next meeting is September 20, 2021 at 5:30pm

Serving & Reaching Out To All

Eiber Elementary News

We had a great meeting with Marie Beken, Family Engagement Liaison, at Eiber. They will be giving a "Birthday Bag" to each student on their birthday. The student gets a bag as well as the chance to have lunch with the Principal.

We can help with this project!! Each bag contains:

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| A cake mix | A frosting mix |
| Candles | A book |
| A disposable cake pan | |

We have donated some great books but they do need Cake mix, frosting mixes, candles and disposable cake pans as well as cute bags to put it in.

A donation of any of these items will be appreciated! Just leave them by the Mission Cabinet in the Narthex! Thanks

We will need your help for two upcoming projects:

Trunk or Treat...October 29

Holiday Family Night...December 17.

More information will be coming on these.

the ACTION CENTER

COMMUNITY • COMPASSION • CONNECTION

BEAUTIFUL JUNK SALE

When: September 17 and 18

Where: Parking Lot of Lakewood Methodist Church, 14th And Brentwood

What: Many, many items for sale as well as FREE carnival games.(Saturday only)

Bring the whole family and have fun as well as supporting all that The Action Center does.

There is more information on the Action Center website (www.theactioncenterco.org)



Next Blood Drive at Holy Shepherd

SAVE THE DATE!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021.

GREEN CORNER

If you haven't enjoyed our 50+ days of ozone-polluted weather, you might consider trying these ideas for reducing your carbon footprint:

- Switch to renewable energy options available with Xcel Energy.
- Minimize driving. Commit to walking or biking a safe distance for you, to do errands. 1 mile, 2 miles, 5 miles, more?
- Eat a vegetarian diet. Ease in with Meatless Mondays, a fun way to start. Here's why: (CO₂ equivalents (greenhouse gas emissions) are calculated based on growing, transportation and packaging.)



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| Beef | 27# (of emissions per pound of meat, etc.) | | |
| Poultry | 9# | Rice | 2.7# |
| Nuts | 2.3# | Fruits | 1.1# |

More ideas for better air are online at globalstewards.org.

To our HSLC Family

Well, the dust has cleared and Verona and I have completed a successful move to Loveland, Colorado. It was a move that was appropriate so that we would be closer to our daughter and granddaughter.

We want to express our thanks to each of you for the nice send-off and for the gift which now hangs proudly in our new home. To our friends in the Prime Time Choir, we apologize that we were not able to attend the get-together a couple of weeks ago. Sometimes the best made plans just don't work out.

We cherish our years at HSLC and the many friends that we have made. Our love and appreciation to all of you.

God's Blessings, Ron and Verona Skabo

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, phone calls, cards, notes and messages after I broke my arm. Still in need of prayer for healing and new bone growth so I won't be in need of surgery.

With Gratitude, Marcy Lloyd

Congregational Picnic **THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

. . . to everyone who came out and enjoyed a wonderful day to play, eat and re-connect with one another at the All-Age congregational Picnic held on August 1st at O'Kane Park. Many thanks to so many people who helped – those who planned the picnic (very creative!), set-up/tear down and the many game leaders – to make this a special day.

Thanks to:

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| Gaylene Szaltzer | Pat & John Szkrumelak |
| Bonnie & Mel Yockstick | Emilee Johnson |
| Lindsey & Nick Bosak-Simmons | |
| Pat & Bob Mohrbacher | Linda TeKrony |
| Rachel Sais | Cutter Nunley |
| Lisa Grimm | Barb Jacobson |
| Susan Julian | Allison Moody |
| Susan Parks | Chase Evenson |
| Judy Ekberg | Diane Klinkerfues |
| Donna Madsen | |

. . . and countless others who jumped in where it was needed!

Thanks, also to Thrivent who helped cover the costs of our meals from **Jimmy Johns** and the Faith Formation Ministry for donating to the **KONA Ice Truck**.

A BIG Shout Out to the Faith Formation Team and Karen Novess for putting on a fantastic picnic lunch. The Olympic games were a Blast!

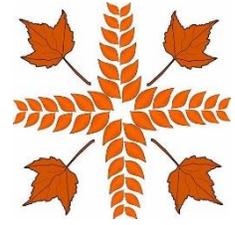
*Thank you
from Holy Shepherd Olympic Champions`*





Church Office and Staff Hours

Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 8:00am to 12:00pm



Staff Office Hours will be:

Pastor Michael & Karen Novess Tuesday and Wednesday

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.

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



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Music Ministry Director, Diane Klinkerfues

Chancel Choir & Praise Team

Handbell Director, Karen Novess

Nursery Coordinator, Pat Braden



Lay Leadership Church Council

Diane Klinkerfues, President

Melinda Powelson, Vice President

Judy Ekberg, Secretary

Personnel: Vacant

Scott Ikenberry, Finance

At-Large: Chase Evenson, Dave Irwin

October Newsletter Article Deadline

September 24th

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

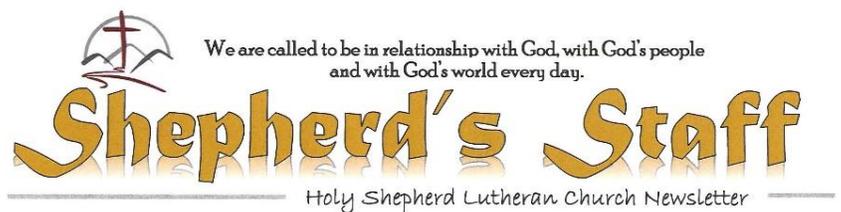
Visit our Web-site: www.holyshepherd.com and select the 'Giving Tab'. Then click on the 'Donate' button to make a contribution via PayPal or Credit/Debit Card. These contributions are automatically credited to our bank account.

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.

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Worshiping and Growing Together in Christ,
Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All!



September 1, 2021