



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: Winston Herbert*

*We are called to be in healthy relationships  
with God, God's people and God's creation*

This is Holy Shepherd's vision statement and it's good to be reminded of how we have committed to being together, in healthy community. Today, I'd like to focus on being in healthy relationship with God's people.

When I do pre-marital work with a couple that is preparing to be married, much, if not all our time is focused on being in healthy relationship. And, one of the foundational pieces to a healthy relationship is healthy communication: both healthy sharing of our thoughts and feelings and healthy listening to the other's thoughts and feelings. These same aspects of healthy communication between individuals are crucial for a community, also.

Healthy sharing of thoughts and feelings is honest, respectful and for the sake of healthy relationship. When sharing we take accountability for our own thoughts and feelings and not someone else's thoughts and feelings. Sharing of other's thoughts and feelings is unhealthy for the relationship, manipulative, and often inaccurate. In the pre-marital conversations, we talk about using "I" statements. "I'm thinking... I'm feeling... I'm wondering... I'm hurting... I'm grateful... etc." Comments like, "Others are saying... Some people are feeling... Many people are..." are often used to formulate an argument where in the end there will be clear winners and losers...not, healthy community.

Healthy listening requires the listener to actively listen for the sake of understanding. Again, in the pre-marital sessions we practice this by utilizing phrases like, "I heard you say..." vs. "You said..."

When actively listening we take ownership for what we heard and not what the other said. What we hear may or may not be accurate and for the sake of healthy relationship, when actively listening we provide the other the opportunity to re-articulate what they were trying to share for the sake of being understood.

To be clear, healthy communication will not necessarily lead to a shared agreement. That's ok. Healthy relationships and healthy communities can have diverse points of view and diverse opinions that are understood and not agreed upon. In fact, the diversity can be a source of great strength and character in healthy communities when we are committed to healthy relationships. Jesus seemed to understand this when gathering a very diverse group of individuals and inviting them to follow him as he fed the hungry, healed the sick and re-assembled communities where some had been pushed aside for being different.

These original followers of Jesus did not always agree. But, Jesus made it clear that they were to be committed to healthy relationships and love one another as Jesus loved them.

Holy Shepherd, with God's help, may we stay committed to our vision statement and "Be in healthy relationship with God, God's creation and with each other, God's people."

*Peace, Michael*





# Regathering Team Updated Recommendations

*as of October 12th, 2021*

## **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 Jeffco Public Health Department, the CDC, the Colorado Department Of Health and Environment, and the Rocky Mountain Synod, Office of the Bishop. **The good news is that according to the CDC and other health agencies, wearing a mask 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.

## **Data Review:**

We continue to be data driven and the news is somewhat positive in regard to the local health department’s data. We are at “CLEAR” on the Jefferson County local dial (The dial essentially guides indoor numbers of people/space, which is not currently restricted). Hospitalizations ticked down in Jefferson County last week; however, the state as a whole remained at a “high plateau” with mixed hot spots. 11% ICU beds available statewide, COVID patients are occupying about 40% of those beds. We have been watching the numbers carefully while we await the manifestations of the Delta variant in hopes the trajectory also continues to tick down. Vaccines have proven to protect against the variant in reducing hospitalization. Good news is that Jeffco ages 12+ vaccination rate reached 80%. Boosters are now also in play for the Pfizer Vaccine, others makers of the vaccine are days/weeks from being approved. Recent Jeffco Public Health Orders for govt. facilities, PHO 21-004, continued mask mandates until the positive COVID rates locally become reduced. We monitor the data on a weekly basis.

## **Fellowship**

**Sunday morning fellowship with coffee and food is permitted in the fellowship hall beginning on November 1st.**

People will need to exercise their individual comfort level with this activity since eating or drinking will require face covering removal. Tables can be spread out to accommodate some group distancing.

## **Worship/Singing**

**Masks will continue to be worn during worship.** Social distancing is not required but recommended. We continue to be aware that singing has been identified as a risk factor in virus spread -- which is difficult because we all love to sing together. At this time, we have increased our singing as a congregation and musical groups. The number of singers in choirs is now unlimited in practice and worship, but face coverings will be required. Instrumentalists (brass) shall use a bell cover, following the same recommendations as is currently customary in the schools.

## **Small and Large Group Indoor Activities (Excluding Sunday Morning Fellowship – see above)**

**Small groups 25 and under may have food and beverage and decide whether they will require face coverings.**

Individuals can at all times choose to wear their face coverings regardless of group agreements. No formal large group congregational dinners or WNL dinner at this time. **All groups 26 people and over using the Fellowship Hall and Multipurpose Room will be asked to wear masks at all times with no food allowed.**

## **Funerals & Weddings**

Singers (solos and duets) do not need to be masked. (*Singers will be spaced appropriately*). Receptions are allowed in the fellowship hall. (Decisions regarding the amount of people and food/drink will be vetted between the family and pastor.)

If you have any questions, as always, please feel free to reach out. We want to hear from you and will do everything we can to support our church community. If the Jeffco Public Health Department and those of CDC changes its recommendations, we will do everything we can to adapt quickly. We also welcome your personal feedback.

Sincerely,

*The Regathering Team:* Kevin Klinkerfues, Chair, Pastor Michael Tekrony, Amy Evancheck, Melinda Powelson, Diane Klinkerfues, David Irwin, Margaret Mohrbacher, and Karen Novess.

# Sunday Mornings



## 9:00am Adult Education

October 24 – November 21 Fellowship Hall

“The Walk” by Adam Hamilton

We have started (again) a five week book study on Adam Hamilton’s book, “The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life”. As we move through these next weeks, we will explore spiritual practices that Jesus models for us to follow.

We had just begun this book study when the initial affects of COVID began. So, we’re starting it up again. Find your books and/or order yours and join the class at 9am on Sunday mornings.

## 10:00am Worship with Holy Communion

1 service Only – In-Person

Holy Shepherd LIVE!

Live Streaming

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

Service is recorded so you can access it at any time after it has been broadcast live.



## Fellowship Time – Following Worship

Gather for fellowship in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall & Library to reconnect with others.

## Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship Leader

As per re-gathering recommendations, the Sunday morning coffee fellowship time has been re-instated. Food & coffee (beverages) along with our continued fellowship will begin in the Fellowship Hall on November 1<sup>st</sup>. **At this time we do not have a coordinator to organize this ministry.** Below is the job description for this position. At this time, people can bring food items for fellowship but it will be hit and miss if someone else is also bringing something.

**The office will not be organizing or setting up this schedule.** If you are interested in this position, please contact Karen Novess at [knovess@hoyshepherd.com](mailto:knovess@hoyshepherd.com) or 303.233.2740 ex. 101. Thank you -

### Job Description

#### • Purpose :

- To create & support a food & fellowship community time on Sunday morning.
  - Current status: Following the 10:00am worship service (1 service only)
  - Future status: TBD (if 2 services are offered, coffee fellowship will be served after each service)



#### 1 Year commitment.

To be evaluated, after 1 year, if you want to continue in this position. Staff Rep: Ministry Partner, Karen Novess

#### Expectations:

1. Prepare a weekly schedule of serving teams.
  1. Schedule given to church office staff.
2. Oversee the purchase of supplies.
  1. Food items, beverages, condiments, paper products.
3. Develop and oversee an annual budget for the team.
  1. Requested budget given to Ministry Partner November of each year

#### Pandemic adjustments: (until further notice)

1. Coffee Fellowship offered only after the 10:00am service
2. Indoors is acceptable at this time
3. Only paper goods will be used
  - a. Coffee cups, plates etc.
4. If any dishes/appliances are used, they are to be washed by hand.
  - a. Dishwasher is not to be used at this time.

## Worship Volunteers – Could this be your calling??

As we begin to cautiously gather together for worship, we would like to invite you to participate in a variety of ways that support our worship experience. If you are interested in being a part of the ministries listed below, please call the contact person. Training will be provided where needed.

### Assisting Ministers:

Help lead the worship service alongside the pastor;  
Lead parts of the liturgy and prepare the prayers of the people. (No singing required!)  
Contact person: Karen Novess

### Choir Participants:

Help lead worship as part of a choral or instrumental group/solo. Chancel Choir, Prime Time Choir, Handbells, Praise Team or as a vocal or instrumental soloist.  
Contact person: Diane Klinkerfues

### Screen Operators:

Run the front screens from the sound booth for the worship service. No experience needed, you will be trained.  
Contact person: Karen Novess

### Live Stream Operators:

Run the Live Stream from the sound booth as a sub or placed on a regular schedule. No experience required. Training will be required.  
Contact person: Karen Novess



## Upcoming Worship Services

### All Saints Day & Remembrance

Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

**All Saints Day** is a Christian festival celebrated the first weekend of November in honor of all the saints. For Lutherans, All Saints resonates with the conviction that in Christ every saint is a sinner and every sinner is a saint. Lutherans celebrate on this feast day the grace of God, apart from our works, that makes us saints. So we celebrate saints alive, like us!, who rest in the mercy of God.



All Saints Day is also a day to celebrate saints who have died. This year Holy Shepherd will create a sacred space in the narthex or gathering area of the church, on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, where you can share a remembrance of your loved ones. The remembrance is to be created on a sheet of paper, no bigger than 8 ½" x 11".

Your remembrance could possibly include:

- Name of loved one
- Photos
  - Either 1 photo of your loved or a collage of photos etc.
- Information about their lives
  - What they were passionate about, history of their life either written or a collage of pictures (magazine picture of their favorite food, where they liked to travel to, books etc.)
- A poem or quote
- ?????

You can drop off your remembrance on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> to Karen Novess, drop it off to the office during office hours (T-Th 8am – 12pm) or you can bring it prior to worship on November 7<sup>th</sup> and it will be added to the display.

**If you are unable to create** this remembrance piece, Karen Novess would be glad to help prepare one for you. Please **EMAIL** Karen at [knovess@holyshepherd.com](mailto:knovess@holyshepherd.com) with the name of your saint, photos and any other information you would like to share and she will create the remembrance. Information would need to be sent to her by Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.



### Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion

Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Holy Shepherd

*In-person and Live streamed*

**NO Pie Fellowship following**

### Sunday Advent Worship Holy Communion

Sundays, 10:00am

November 28, December 5, 12, 19

Holy Shepherd

*In-person and Live streamed*



## Altar Flowers

For the past several years, the subject of the Altar Flowers has been a major challenge for the Altar Guild Team.

The concerns have been on many levels:

- Finding a florist company to make weekly deliveries
- The cost of bouquets
- The size of the bouquet arrangements
- The fact that fewer and fewer members are signing up to pay for weekly flowers. This has resulted in the church continually needing to cover the additional monthly expenses.



If the real purpose of the altar flowers are to show Glory to God, this is often being overshadowed by the concerns about the size and design of the bouquets.

With the start of the pandemic, the use of altar flowers was naturally halted. After many conversations with planners, the Pastor, and research, the Altar Guild team has decided to not resume providing weekly flowers. With this change, you are welcome to provide your own flowers in the Fellowship Hall for special events you wish to celebrate.

## Trust Committee

*What is your passion?  
What would you like to see done...in our church,  
in our community, in our world?*

Holy Shepherd has been blessed with funds that have come to our church in the form of gifts and memorials. Our Perpetual funds are invested in the ELCA Endowment Fund A. This has done very well while investing in socially appropriate projects. So far, we have invested \$800,000 from the Susan Gourley gift. We will be able to take the distributions on a yearly basis which run about 5.5%. The Rocky Mountain Synod encourages using the distributions for appropriate projects rather than routinely leaving the distributions in the Fund.

Our Trust committee would like your input on how the funds should be used. Please talk to any of us on the committee and/or fill out a simple application which is at the Welcome desk in the Narthex.

**Members of the committee:** *Del Holz, Carol Rossinni, Gail Skaggs, Gerald Scholten, Pastor TeKrone and Shirley Bradsby.*

*Thank you and we hope to hear from you!!!*

## Growing With Jesus Youth & Families Service Project

**Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**

We will be making blankets for **My Very Own Blanket (MVOB)** a volunteer ministry that connects community groups to make blankets to be given to children in foster care.

*We will also be making Hygiene Kits for The Action Center.*

**12:00pm** Lunch (Bring your own)  
**12:30pm** Service Projects

## KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT

**Please call the church office to let us know:**

If you have new contact information (Phone Number, Email Address, etc)

**Or any other changes like...**

- \* If you wish to stop receiving Offering Envelopes in the mail
- \* Begin Simply Giving contributions
- \* Change how you are receiving any information from the office

We want to keep in touch so give us a call at 303-233-2740

(Please leave a message if we miss your call)

## Volunteers Welcome – Busy Bees

The Busy Bees are looking for some new volunteers to assist with their quilting projects. During the pandemic they kept busy at home and now can use some assistance in getting their quilts ready for the ELCA World Relief.



**No experience is necessary** – some of the tasks include:

tying quilt tops, assembling quilts, sewing quilt tops and boxing completed quilts for delivery to ELCA.

*Come and visit - check out our group and see how you might serve in this ministry.*

***We've moved!!*** *We are now located upstairs in the back west rooms.*

**Busy Bees meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 9:00am to 12:00pm.**

## Small Groups Gathering

Please contact the church office for zoom links

### Small Groups (25 participants & Under)

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

### Large Groups (26 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)  
November 8 & 29, 2021

The book of Hebrews, near the end of the New Testament, presents a stirring defense of the Christian faith. The author shows how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament law and covenants and yet also replaces them.

He is a better prophet and priest, and also the perfect sacrifice for all sin. Hebrews also cheers us on to remain strong in our faith and to "run with perseverance the race set before us."

We hope you can join us! Contact me for a study guide.  
Pat Mohrbacher 303-238-5179 or  
[pbmohrbacher@outlook.com](mailto:pbmohrbacher@outlook.com)

## Men's Fast & Bible Study

Saturday Mornings, 8:00am Fellowship Hall  
Bible Discussion & Fellowship.



## Prayer Group for Men and Women

Friday Mornings at 10:00am (L)  
Next Meetings – Nov. 12, 2021

Come and join us Friday mornings to discuss faith issues, share concerns, and to pray for our church, our nation, and personal needs. Our guidebook this fall is "Traveling Light," which contains meditations on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm by Max Lucado. Both men and women, are welcome to join us. For a guidebook or questions contact me. Pat Mohrbacher 303-238-5179

## Prayer Time

ZOOM Tuesdays 12:45pm  
Leader: Pastor Michael

## Adult Lectionary Bible Study

ZOOM Thursday Mornings, 8:30am

Discuss & study upcoming Sunday lectionary readings.

Leader: Pastor

## Writer's Group

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

Thursday, November 4

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](mailto:carossini@comcast.net) or 303-989-9660 to be added to the mailing list.

## Women's Morning Bible Study

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday morning of the month at 10:30am

November 16, 2021

Women's Morning Bible Study meets once a month on the third Tuesday morning at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall or Library for 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 current issue of Gather, contact me or the study leader and we 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 of our church!

More info: Pat Mohrbacher 303-238-5179

## Book Club News

The HSLC Book Club will meet Tuesday, 11-9-2021

at 5:00 pm in the HSLC Library.

Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century  
by Jessica Bruder (2017).

Please join us - it's sure to be a lively discussion!

Nomadland was named one of the *New York Times Book Review's* 100 Notable Books of 2017. Bruder follows Linda as the central protagonist throughout the book and meets a number of other nomads, reporting their stories and how their experience as van dwellers has shifted over time. By studying the economic shifts and jobless recovery post-2008 recession, Bruder uncovers how the middle class life people like Linda once relied upon is disappearing as the nation's wealth gap grows.



## Serving & Reaching Out To All



### Fire & Police Departments Blankets for Kids

We could still use some donations to help with the blankets we will be making. You could send your donation to the church office and on the memo line mark "Blankets" or donate your Thrivent Card for this project. If you have any questions, please contact Martye Madison at 303-507-4694 or email [madison@ohlesport.com](mailto:madison@ohlesport.com)



### Holy Shepherd Blood Drive

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021

10:00am – 2:30pm

*This is a great way to save lives.*



Sign up now to schedule your appointment

For details: Please contact –

Jim Freeman 303-986-3968 [jpfreem@Q.com](mailto:jpfreem@Q.com)

Michael Boehm 303-279-7463 [maboehmj@yahoo.com](mailto:maboehmj@yahoo.com)

### Shoebox Pick-up

Stop by the table in the narthex on Sunday, November 21st, before or after the church service, to pick up your shoebox for the Samaritan's Purse Operation for a Christmas Child. There will be the boxes for you to take home and fill and we will provide some ideas to help you fill that box for a boy or girl. This is a great way to share some joy with a child.

If you are unable to pick up a box on November 21<sup>st</sup>, please contact Martye Madison at 303-507-4694 or email [madison@ohlesport.com](mailto:madison@ohlesport.com) to make other arrangements.



## Eiber Elementary News

We have been cleared to sponsor our usual Family Activities once again at Eiber!!!!!!

Please email Shirley Bradsby ([LSBRADSBY@gmail.com](mailto:LSBRADSBY@gmail.com)) if you can help ....

### Holiday Fun Night

December 17 5:00-7:30

Many of you have helped with this in the past. The children go from station to station making Holiday crafts. So fun to see so many smiles!



### Thanksgiving Food & Coat Collection

The Missions Team is sponsoring a food and coat collection for the Action Center.

Please bring your dried and canned food donations, including Thanksgiving items like stuffing, gravy, canned pumpkin and yams to church on November 7, 14, 21 and Thanksgiving Eve. There will be boxes set up in the entrance hallway near the Missions Cabinet to deposit them. Please also bring any new or clean used coats to donate on the same dates.



### ATTENTION: Knitters and Crocheters

It's that time of year again when thoughts turn to indoor activities. If your stash of yarn needs to be thinned or you just need something to do with your hands, think about creating hats, scarfs or mittens/gloves.

If you'd like to be involved in this activity but need yarn the Prayer Shawl Ministry would also love to thin its stash. Grab one of us on Sunday morning or contact the church office to be directed to our colorful bins of yarn.

Collection of your completed items will begin the first Sunday in Advent. Your creations will be distributed to those who need warming on those cold days to come.

*Marcy Lloyd and Gaylene Szaltzer*

## 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.

## Holy Shepherd Staff & Council

**Pastor's Emergency Phone**  
**Available 24 Hours**  
**720-666-6951**

**Church Office: 303-233-2740**

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**Property Manager, Kevin Klinkerfues**

**Custodian, Larry Lagerberg**

**Organist, Jordan Ortman**

**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

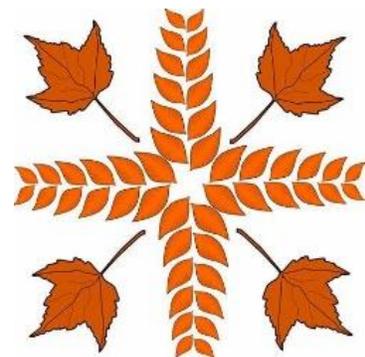
At-Large: Chase Evenson, Dave Irwin



*To the Prayer Shawl Ministry & HSLC Family:*

A big "Thank You" to the Prayer Shawl Ministry and Gloria & Bob Lloyd for driving so far to deliver such a beautiful and bright prayer shawl. It brought a lot of comfort to me on a not-so-good day as I am recovering from my knee replacement surgery. Also a big "Thanks!" to HSLC members who have sent me best wishes by cards, email, phone or kept me in their prayers. Your messages have touched my heart. I am so privileged to be a member of such a caring community of good friends who surround me with their love and caring. You all are in my heart.

*Barb Stannard*



**DECEMBER Newsletter Article Deadline**

**November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Please submit your articles to  
[knovess@holyshepherd.com](mailto:knovess@holyshepherd.com)