



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

Goals of Transition

Goal 1

- Discover new identity and deepened purpose

Goal 2

- A healthy relationship with the new rostered minister

Where are we with Transition at Holy Shepherd?

While some of the tasks will overlap, the Transition Team is currently building community, learning about transition, praying, processing what we already know and providing opportunities for the congregation to self-reflect. The goal right now is to make sure that we are ready, with your input, to describe the situation accurately. This is mostly a passive, *observing* stance, but will eventually move toward the *interpretation* of what this means for being Christ's presence in the world, right here and right now. This focus, in turn, will shape *actions* that are faithful to your gifts and context; including the call of new leadership. Watch for upcoming opportunities for input on these next steps.

Keep up the prayers!

Pr. Julie Brooks

Five Development Tasks

1. Coming to terms with history
 - a. Who have we been?
2. Discovering a new identity
 - a. Who are we now?
3. Imagining a new future
 - a. What is God calling us to be?
4. Rethinking denominational connections – Church Together
5. Commitment to leadership

Reflecting on the Past

- Recognizing old patterns in the past so that you can move beyond them.
- The narratives of the past, richly sacred, can enliven the present and future.
- Nostalgia is a dangerous form of comparison.

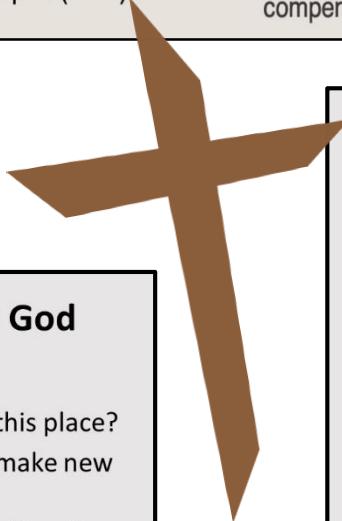
Three Teams of Transition

Two Leaders: Intentional Interim, Transitional Coach

- Transition Team
 - Community building
 - Self-study
 - Articulate new vision
 - Assess, organize the structures of congregation
 - Write Transition Report (RMS)

- Council
 - Be mirrors for other teams
 - Continue the governance of the church
 - Keep teams on track
 - Encourage, support, pray
 - Negotiates compensation package

- Call Committee
 - Complete MSP, using Self-Study and Transition Report (RMS)
 - Research, explore candidates
 - Interview potential candidates
 - Recommend best candidate for your site to Council



Discern the Future: Listening To God

- Who is God calling us to be?
- How do we participate in God's Kingdom in this place?
- How do we use our assets, gifts, abilities to make new possibilities?
- The future starts to shape one's being and actions in the present.

Recognizing the Present

- Truly pay attention
- Who are we really?
- Who is our faith community, individually and collectively?
- What does our neighborhood look like?
- What are our current assets, gifts and abilities?
- What are our blind-spots?

Sunday Mornings



9:00am Adult Education

April 3

"The Week that Changed the World" (DVD)

The last week of Jesus' life. Leader: John Reed

April 10

Palm Sunday Drama

Everyone is invited to a Palm Sunday Drama which will be presented April 10 at 9:00 during the education time. You will be guided through the last week of Jesus's life utilizing drama and art. It will be geared to all ages, please plan to join us!



10:00am

Worship with Holy Communion

1 service Only – In-Person

Fellowship Time – Following Worship

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

Fellowship Hosts for April

4/3: Susan Linner, Karla Mason

4/17: Easter

4/10: Shirley & Larry Bradsby

4/24: Allison Moody & Susan Parks

Holy Shepherd LIVE!

Live Streaming

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



Holy Week Worship

All services will be Live Streamed



Prayer Labyrinth will be available during Holy Week in the Fellowship Hall

Hours: M, T, W: 1:00pm- 6:30pm Th. Fri: 9:00am – 8:00pm

Palm Sunday

April 10 10:00am

We will be collecting blankets for The Action Center. If you are unable to attend services on Palm Sunday bring your blankets prior to April 10 and place them at the Missions cabinet located at the entrance to the church.

Maundy Thursday

April 14 10:00am & 6:30 pm

Absolution, + Holy Communion + Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

April 15 10:00am & 6:30pm

Readings, Prayers

Spring Plants for Easter – Fund Raiser for ELCA Disaster Response

The Sanctuary will be decorated with spring plants for our festive church services.

If you would like to make a contribution for the flowers, the funds collected will be sent to the *ELCA Disaster Response for Eastern Europe Crisis Response*.

The cost of an azalea plant is \$15 and there are 40 plants available. With your donation, plants could be taken home after the last Easter service on a first come – first serve basis.



Easter Sunday

April 17 **2 SERVICES 8:30 & 10:30am**

Festival + Holy Communion +

Easter Fellowship

9:30 – 10:30am Fellowship Hall

Hot Cross Buns, Fruit & Drinks

Served by the Fellowship Team & Friends

Make checks payable to
Holy Shepherd and note

ELCA Disaster Response on the memo line.

You can place your check in the offering bowl or mail to the church office.

Small Groups Gathering

Please contact the church office for zoom links

Women's Early Afternoon Bible Study

Two Mondays of each month, 1:00 PM

Our next study dates: April 11, 25

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."

Contact Pat Mohrbacher for a study guide.
303-238-5179 or pbmohrbacher@outlook.com

Men's Fast & Bible Study

Saturday Mornings, 8:00am Fellowship Hall

Bible Discussion & Fellowship.

Everyone is Welcome!!



*Presentation by
Anna Brooks
at a recent
Men's Bible Study*



Prayer Group for Men and Women

Two Fridays Mornings a month at 10:00am

Next Meetings – April 8, 22

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 is "Traveling Light," which contains meditations on the 23rd Psalm by Max Lucado.

For a guidebook or questions contact
Pat Mohrbacher 303-238-5179

Writer's Group

11:00am – 1:00pm **ZOOM**

Thursday, April 7

All you need are a pen and paper to write about your life and thoughts, a subject you already know quite well.

To access the ZOOM link please contact
Carol Rossini at carrossini@comcast.net
or 303-989-9660.

Adult Lectionary Bible Study

ZOOM Thursday Mornings, 8:30am

Discuss & study upcoming Sunday lectionary readings.

Leader: Pastor Julie

Women's Morning Bible Study

Our next study will be April 19th at 10:00am

Vera Crabb will be the study leader
and Jan Eckersley will bring refreshments

Women's Morning Bible Study meets once a month on the third Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for brunch and a Bible lesson. We use the studies in the monthly ELCA Women's magazine "Gather" as our guide.

Contact people for April are Pat Mohrbacher and Vera Crabb

Book Club News

Holy Shepherd Book Club will not meet in April, but gather again on the second Tuesday in **May on the 12th at 3:30 P.M.** At that meeting they will discuss

The Great Alone, by Kristin Hannah, the well known author of The Nightingale and 20 other novels. It is an interesting read about a Vietnam POW taking his family to an unknown area of Alaska to make a better life for them, with the hopes and possibility of "starting over with a brighter future for them all.

*Everyone interested in joining the discussions
are always welcome.*

Prayer Time

ZOOM Tuesdays 12:45pm

APRIL Newsletter Article Deadline

April 22, 2022

Please submit your articles to
kновесс@holyshepherd.com

Serving & Reaching Out To All



Mission Minded

The Missions Team will be collecting blankets for The Action Center on April 10

The Mission Team invites you to a **Holy Shepherd Celebration Dinner May 7 at 6 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. A free will donation will be taken to benefit ELCA World Hunger. *Come enjoy some good food, fellowship and entertainment!*



Holy Shepherd Blood Drive God's Work, Our Hands:

A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated and to Susan Linner, who worked to make the drive run smoothly. The results: 28 donations, down from last time perhaps affected by spring break for Jeffco schools. Interesting and heartening fact: **Each blood donation has the potential to save 3 lives!** Blood is Life!

Jim Freeman

"Buy to Donate"

Spring event for the Action Center:
Sunday, May 1. All items are new and most are \$1.



Bringing Online Access to More Members of Holy Shepherd through Your Help

Caring contacts and calls have continued within the community of Holy Shepherd during the past two years. It has become apparent, however, that some members still cannot connect by watching worship online or by participating through Zoom.

You can help by sharing the following information:

- Who might **need/want a computer**- donated or just help purchasing- in order to be able to link into Holy Shepherd? Does this person need help learning to use it?
- Who might have devices that they **would donate**?
- Who would be willing to **train and troubleshoot** with people to utilize technology for participation in the church community?
- Finally, and most importantly, who would be willing to **coordinate this program**?

Through your input, we can put this program into a working process and seek appropriate funding to help our folks become linked.

Please contact Ann Austin at ann.austin@comcast.net.
(Or as backup, call her in the early afternoons at 303-232-9296.)

A Food Bank for You!

There is a food bank in Lakewood that is for everyone!

There are people at

Christ The Answer (Church of Christ) who have a ministry of collecting throw-away food from local grocery stores every day, and passing it on to anyone who wants it every Monday afternoon from 1:30 - 3:00. The food is dated and a bit "over-the-hill" but most of it is still very wholesome and nourishing and comes from Whole Foods, Sprouts, and other stores. It's food that "falls through the cracks" in our system because it's not quite fresh enough for most food banks.



There is always lots of food left over on Monday afternoons, so the people of Christ The Answer would like to get the word out to anyone who might like to take advantage of this amazing food source.

Christ the Answer is located on Ulysses Street. Turn right off of 6th Avenue just before you get to the "Taj Mahal" County Courthouse building complex. Christ The Answer is located on the west side of Ulysses just a half block from 6th Avenue. The address is 1100 Ulysses St., Golden, 80401.

Questions? Call Pat Mohrbacher



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Did you know that every year right after the holiday season, the Action Center sees a huge drop in food donations? And yet we continue to distribute over 10,000 pounds of food daily!

With a shortage in food donations and as the high demand for services holds steady, we could use some help keeping our shelves stocked until our next big drive boost in May with the National Letter carrier's Stamp Out Hunger Drive.

We will gladly accept shelf stable items but are especially in need of a variety pantry staples such as cereal, rice, beans, hearty soups and canned meals (like Chef Boyardee). We do ask that donated goods are within 6 months of their expiration date.

Augustana Arts

Free Concert

April 2, 2022 7pm Augustana Lutheran Church

Join us for a FREE community concert "Amber Waves with Winds" featuring the United States Air Force Academy Winds and Rockies Clarinet Quartet on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 7pm - Augustana Lutheran Church (5000 E. Alameda Ave.). This exceptional musical performance will not only entertain audiences of all ages, but will also deliver a patriotic message that will linger in our hearts and minds forever. With all that is happening in our world, let us join in harmony with music that lifts our spirits and brings a message of hope for world peace. There is no cost to attend, but we request reservations.

Visit www.AugustanaArts.org

Thank You

.... to everyone who sent words of comfort through cards, texts and phone calls following the death of our mother, Ruth. We appreciated the many stories and tears that were shared with us of your own personal journeys of losing a mom, which meant a lot to us both. As we move forward with heavy hearts it is wonderful knowing we are surrounded by a community that cares for one another through life's joys and challenges.

God's Peace, Karen Novess & Kathy Good



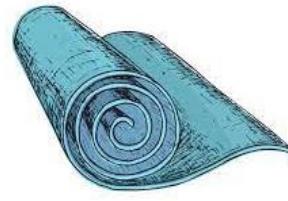
Palm Sunday Prayer Walk & Open House

Sunday, April 10 from 1-3pm
1660 Ogden St., Denver, CO 80218

To begin the journey of Holy Week, we invite you to the neighborhood where Urban Servant Corps volunteers have been present for 35 years. You will have the opportunity to engage with this year's Urban Servant Corps volunteers, learn about partner organizations, and take a deeper dive into understanding the needs of our neighbors and neighborhood.

This year's event is a "drop in"/Open House opportunity. Please feel free to come with your friends, family, church group any time between 1-3pm.

May this opportunity be an act of faithful support for the justice we seek in our community!



New Carpeting!

The Property Team has recommended to council that this be our next fundraiser and council has approved it. The scope of the work includes many areas of the church except the fellowship hall and basement area where there is relatively new carpeting. Donations to the cause are very welcome. More to come! Please contact property team chair, Kevin Klinkerfues, with any questions.

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)

New address for:

Bob & Grace Fink 8271 S Continental Divide Rd Unit # 304 Littleton, CO 80127-3891	Carol Johnson Willis 5842 S Taft St, Unit 105 Littleton, CO 80127-2105
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Church Office & Staff Hours

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

Donna Madsen, Secretary, will be available during this time.

**Pastor Julie Brooks
& Karen Novess office hours will vary between working in the office and at home.**

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.

Holy Shepherd Staff & Council

**Pastor's Emergency Phone
Available 24 Hours **720-666-6951**
Church Office: 303-233-2740**

Pastor Julie Brooksext. 106
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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



Lay Leadership Church Council

Lisa Grimm, President
 Melinda Powelson, Vice President
 Judy Ekberg, Secretary
 Personnel: Vacant
 Finance: Vacant
 At-Large: Chase Evenson, Dave Irwin

RE-GATHERING UPDATE

- Masks optional at church beginning March 6th (including musical groups)
- Recommend paper plates be used for food service
- No limit on groups sizes, food may be served
- Sharing of the peace will remain the same, will re-evaluate at next meeting (week of April 4th)
- Communion moving to two options (per worship team). Walking forward for communion or using the current approach with the individual cups.



Plant Maintenance Help

The church is in need of someone to water the indoor plants – year-round - and some outdoor plants during the summer months, on a weekly basis. Indoor plants are located in the sanctuary, library, fellowship hall and the main entrance. Outdoor plants would be at the front entrance.

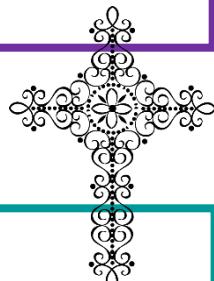
You would be given a key to water at your convenience to keep the minimal plants that we have alive and well! Water and watering cans supplied!

If you are someone who enjoys feeding and watching plants thrive, please contact Donna Madsen at
dmadsen@holyshepherd.com

Thank you!

Worship Volunteers

Where could you serve?

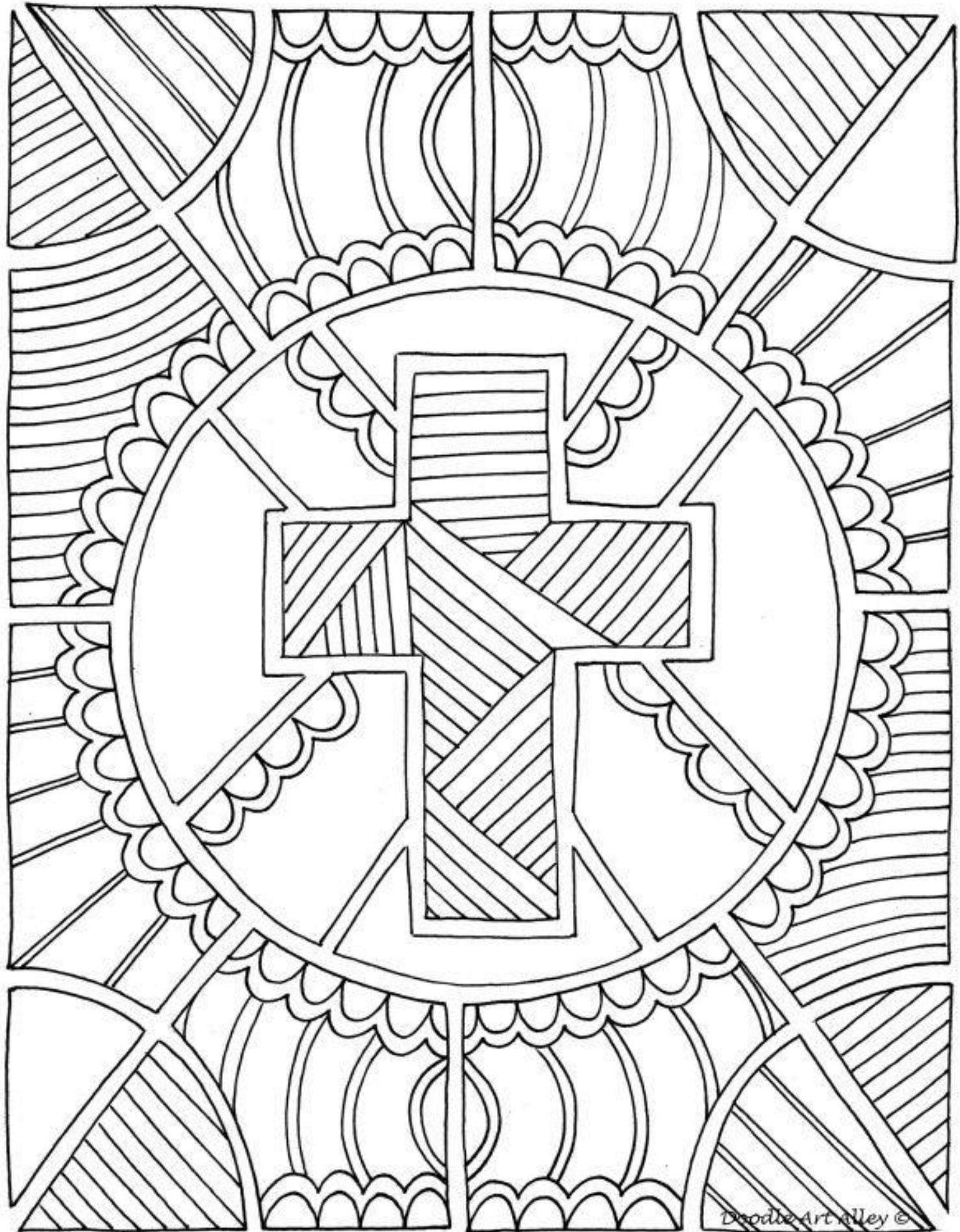


Many volunteers are needed to support our worship experience as we welcome people, share God's word and meal and build relationships through fellowship. It takes a village! – Below are areas where volunteers are needed:

Altar Guild	Communion Assistants
Assisting Minister	Ushers
Greeters	Readers
Fellowship Hosts	Choir (Chancel, Prime Time)
Handbell Choir	Screen Operators
Safety & Security Monitors	

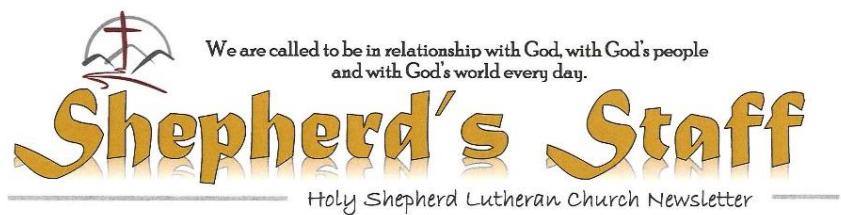
If you are able to serve in any of these areas please contact Karen Novess at knovess@holyshepherd.com. *Thank you!*

Coloring Page



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



April 1, 2022