



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



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At Holy Shepherd,

you have been invited to write and have conversations around naming the church's values as you see them. While we often want to jump to vision and mission- which imply action- this essential groundwork deeply identifies where we are and who we are; excavating and exploring what is driving behavior and decision-making. The process of identifying core values in churches can get trickier as time passes since we adopt patterns of behavior and make assumptions that can be largely unconscious. It is also ongoing. Consultants recommend that organizations narrow core values to 4 or 5. (1)

The Transition Teams has a growing list of those things that you have said are important to the identity of this church. In distilling your feedback, we are finding that there are common themes, and along with them, some slippery slopes: For example, when does community become so wonderful that it might feel exclusive to some? Values must be held in tension and balance with one another. We'll continue working to shape the statements of value in a way that is true to our overall identity as Jesus-people.

Brené Brown says that knowing our values actually gives us that measuring stick by which we can see the "slippery behaviors" that interfere with growth.(2) It is revealed when we are acting out of fear or even a false sense of certainty, and can

nudge us toward a course correction- or as the Bible calls it, *repentance*. It helps us see that disengagement happens when people sense value misalignment. It also gives us stead when we are in a hard place and need a sense of direction and purpose.

Of course values are already being operationalized in good ways at Holy Shepherd! But the process of naming the essentials helps us to have generative conversations; to wonder at what it might look like to live more fully into our values; and to feel empowered in the process of choosing. We might ask, what makes Holy Shepherd unique and what does it look like at its best?

I was thinking about Jesus being someone who embodied the core values of God: Those recurring Old Testament themes of right-ness, just systems, lovingkindness and mercy. Jesus' words and actions were consistent with his own values, stated in the Beatitudes and in summary as love for God, self and neighbor. He engaged in healing the sick and possessed, speaking transformative words that dis-armed prejudice, spending time in prayer, lifting up the lowly, giving his life for the healing of the world.

I thank you for your engagement in this process and may it inspire and energize you! For the sake of the gospel and the world that God so loves.

Pr. Julie Brooks

Sunday Mornings

9:00am Adult Education

May 22nd, 29th, June 5th and 12th “24/6, The Case for Sabbath “

Leader: Pastor Julie

Our need for rest, renewal and reverence is built in to our very existence and practiced by the God who created us. In our 24/7 world, however, we find it difficult to remember and experience who we really are and who God really is- and yet our wellness and wholeness depends upon it. You may order the book 24/6 by Matthew Sleeth to accompany your learning, although it is not necessary.



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 June

- 6/5: Michael & Susan Boehm
- 6/12: Habitat for Humanity Brunch
- 6/19: Barbara & Kent Stannard
- 6/26: Mark & Sue Scott

Holy Shepherd LIVE!

Live Streaming

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

Sunday, June 5th
Worship 10:00am

The Day of Pentecost
commemorates the descent
of the Holy Spirit upon
the Apostle's and other
followers of Jesus.

Come and celebrate!

You are invited to wear red!



First Communion

If your child or a child in your family is ready to learn about this sacrament and celebrate “First Communion” at Holy Shepherd, please let one of the pastors know. There is no age limit and we will gather based on your schedules. If a child has already been communing and has not taken classes, they are welcome to come as well!

Thank you! From Pastor Teri

What a great welcome I had with you that first Sunday, May 1st! (And I was overwhelmed with my name on the sign marquee on Kipling!) My first impression, despite being in-between called pastors, is you are returning from Covid to in-person events at the church quite well. I sense the Holy Spirit moving in this place! I hope to meet more of you on phone calls, Zooms, or home visits. I also thank you for putting up with my disappearing after that great welcome while I took a pre-planned 2 week vacation before I knew of this call, and before the Synod Assembly changed their dates.

I am also hoping to visit as many small groups as I can, at least once – then only those that fit into my job description as part-time pastoral care and worship support. In that light . . . **I would like to start a Grief Support group(s) this summer.** There have been a lot of losses over the past two years that need to be addressed. **If you are in need of grief support, or want to attend a grief support group, please send an email to teri.hermsmeyer@gmail.com** (I'm having a hard time getting on HSLC's network system with the church email, right now) **with your name and best contact information, who or what you are grieving, and if weekly or monthly works for you, and daytime or evening, Zoom or in person (best).** I will get back with you after I compile the input from interested individuals.

*And we're off! I praise the Lord for the opportunity to work, serve, love and care with/for you,
my brothers and sisters in Christ!*

See you around!

Pastor Teri

Small Groups Gathering

Please contact the church office for zoom links

On Summer Hiatus:

- **Women's Early Afternoon Bible Study**
- **Women's Morning Bible Study**
except for a July Luncheon
- **Friday Prayer Group**
- **Men's Breakfast & Bible Study**

Book Club News

Tuesday, June 14 at 3:30 P.M.
Holy Shepherd Columbarium

Tomboy Bride, by Harriet Fish Backus

Harriet Fish writes about her life as the wife of an assayer's wife in the early 19th Century.

Her challenging experiences take her from the San Juan Mountains to British Columbia to Idaho and Leadville, Colorado. A great way to learn more about the mining industry from people who lived it!

Everyone interested in joining the discussions are always welcome.

Prayer Time

ZOOM Tuesdays 12:45pm

All are welcome to come join others, via zoom, in prayer for those in need, yourself, and for the world. Prayer time usually lasts about 15 minutes. Sharing your prayers and praying for others helps build a deeper relationship with God and with God's family.

Please contact the church office for the zoom link.

SERVICE DAY A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Service Day on May 15th. Over 75 people did a variety of Service Activities. More than 100 Hygiene kits were packed for the Action Center for homeless and near-homeless people; a variety of blankets were made to be passed out to those in need in our community; stuffed animals were made to be included in kits for mothers with newborn babies through Warm Hearts, Warm Babies; Prayer Shawls were worked on; over 50 cards were written to our Holy Shepherd homebound; letters were written to our Congressmen concerning Bread for the World; more than a truck load of trash was picked up in our neighborhood; the parking lot was cleaned; the pews were cleaned as well as the plants. Whew!!! Your hard work is so appreciated!

The Mission Committee

Writer's Group

11:00am – 1:00pm

Thursday, June 2

Addenbrook Park or HS Library

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

Leader: Carol Rossini at carossini@comcast.net
or 303-989-9660.

Adult Lectionary Bible Study

ZOOM Thursday Mornings, 8:30am

Discuss & study upcoming Sunday lectionary readings.

Leader: Pastors



Busy Bees

Meets every 2nd & 4th Tuesday
9:00am – noon

Meet in the rooms west of the Library

Busy Bees is a ministry that creates quilts to be given to the ELCA World Relief. Volunteers are always welcome to assist in a variety of ways with their quilting projects.

Group meets year round.

Contact: Diane Jowell 720-234-4323

Safety & Security Team Notes

(May, 2022):

- (1) Please be aware that the door fobs we use to access the church may be replaced in the near future. Stay tuned.
- (2) First Aid Kits, some of which have gone missing, are being replaced and/or upgraded.
- (3) We have obtained several Narcan kits. They will be available to counteract possible drug overdoses.
- (4) Small seminars and/or adult ed sessions are being planned to inform the congregation about a number of first aid topics.

Questions/comments are invited.

Jim Freeman, chair

Serving & Reaching Out To All

2022 Synod Assembly May 9-11, 2022

Attendees: Pastor Julie Brooks, Amy Evancheck & Karen Novess

The Rhythm of the Saints, gathered together!

We gathered together and reveled in the joy of being together for the first time in three years for a live synod assembly! With beating drums and lively marimbas. With poignant stories and passionate sermons. With food and fellowship and fun. We were reminded that we are truly *better together* as the Rocky Mountain Synod!

Highlights:

- Experienced presentations on five RMS key ministries/strategies.

"to listen & learn together, elements of a rhythm inviting us into healing and wholeness & new life as Christ's church"

- Church Becoming
- Racial Justice
- Excellence in Leadership
- Vital Right-Shaped Ministry
- Generosity and Mindset of Abundance



- Adopted the budget.
- Adopted the resolution to encourage support for the ELCA World Hunger Fund.
- Elected people to boards and committees.
- Heard stories from those affected by the Boulder County fire and the ministry that continues.
- Heard from those who are often without a voice in the church or in the world.
- Received offerings totaling \$3731 (Betela \$1467.50, RMS Disaster Relief Fund \$1742.50, Concordia Bell Choir \$521)
- Raised \$7000 through the pew flip auction and extravaganza in support of 14 ministries and programs!
- Enjoyed a lively performance of the Kutandara Marimba Band from Boulder.

More information and stories will be shared throughout the upcoming months!



BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

If you donated at Holy Shepherd's last blood drive on March 23, you are now again eligible to donate. Please consider donating as the need is great!"

Because of staff shortages at Vitalant, they are having fewer blood drives in 2022 and those reduced number of blood drive slots are already filled. In light of this situation, we have already submitted Holy Shepherd/LCM's preferred dates for 2023 blood drives.

We await Vitalant's 2023 Vitalant blood drive schedule. We would urge you to donate at any of Vitalant's nearby sites (see below) as soon as you become eligible.

5066 S. Wadsworth Blvd, Littleton, CO 80123
13952 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO

If questions, call Jim Freeman, 303-986-3968.
Please leave a message.

KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT

Please call the church office to let us know:

If you have new contact information
(Phone #, 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)

Thank You



During the May 15th Sunday service, Barb Burmeister was recognized for her years of service at Holy Shepherd. For the last 10 years, Barb has volunteered one day a week in the church office as the treasurer. Her duties included processing the bi-monthly payroll, paying the quarterly Federal and State taxes, paying monthly bills, balancing bank statements, entering members contributions into the data base along with completing annual synod reports.

The Church Council has approved a contribution of \$2,500.00 in Barb's honor towards the ELCA Disaster Recovery. We wish Barb all the best and will miss our great volunteer in the office!



Pew Angels

Thank you to Shirley Downey & Sandy Bennett for volunteering to be Pew Angels – a ministry that serves to keep the sanctuary picked up and organized so that it can be “a sanctuary” for all to worship in.

Funeral Reception Coordinator

Many thanks to Dianne Watts who has volunteered to oversee and coordinate funeral receptions

She will be working with the families and organizing volunteers to help set tables and serve food for the funeral receptions. If you are interested in being a volunteer in this ministry please contact Dianne.

The Missions Team would like to thank all of the cooks, servers, clean up crew, and entertainment (Ed Gillcrist) that made the *Celebration Dinner* a fun and memorable evening. We raised around \$3,000 for ELCA World Hunger, so thanks for everyone for giving generously!

Church Council – Meeting Summary May 3rd

Decisions Made:

- Melinda Powelson was voted by council as Personnel Chairperson, vacating the vice president position.
- Holy Shepherd will honor Barb Burmeister's years of volunteer bookkeeping by making a \$2500 contribution in her name to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Action Items:

1. Review job descriptions by the Personnel Team
2. Announce the council vacancy of vice president and finance chair in the weekly Happenings (Judy will do this)
3. Discuss creating a Memorial committee to manage money given in memory of a deceased person
4. Bring a suggestion for a council SMART goal to the next meeting June 1
5. Ask the constitution review team to resume its review and revision of the church constitution (Judy will do this)

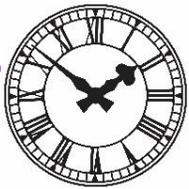


Updated News from your Church Council!

- We are excited to announce that Diane Jowell has agreed to serve on Council as the **Vice President**. Thank you, Diane, for your willingness to serve in this role! Melinda Powelson has become our **Personnel Chairperson** by council vote. Melinda will be awesome in this role! Thank you Melinda. Melinda's move to Personnel opened a position on council for Vice President.
- Please know that the council position of **Finance Chairperson** is still open following Scott Ikenberry's completion of two terms. Please listen for the Spirit nudging you to fill this role. Training will be provided. Please submit your name to Lisa Grimm, Council President, 303.972.6921

Holy Shepherd needs you!

- Members of the council are: Lisa Grimm, President; Diane Jowell, Vice President; Judy Ekberg, Secretary; Melinda Powelson, Personnel; At-Large: Chase Evenson and Dave Irwin



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: Tues – Fri
Pastor Teri Hermsmeyer: Tues/Thurs
Karen Novess: Tues - Fri**

If you need to visit with a staff member please continue to schedule an appointment with them as these work days continue to include working from home. Thank you!

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Handbell Director, Karen Novess



Lay Leadership Church Council

Lisa Grimm, President

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Finance: Vacant

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A Food Bank for You!

There is a food bank in **GOLDEN** 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 (there is no light where you turn). 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

AUGUSTANARTS

Augustana Arts is thrilled to invite you for an evening experience that you will never forget.

On Friday, June 10, 7pm

at Bethany Lutheran Church (4500 E. Hampden Ave.),

take your senses on a journey across the Atlantic Ocean as we share an evening filled with Spanish music, wine, and cheese. Experience the bold, energetic, percussive sounds of Flamenco music with one of the world’s foremost solo Flamenco guitarists - René Heredia. During the performance, distinguished wine expert Claude Robbins will pair Spanish wines and cheeses for a spectacular fusion of *toque* and *tannins* that will introduce you to Spanish culture!

July Newsletter Article Deadline

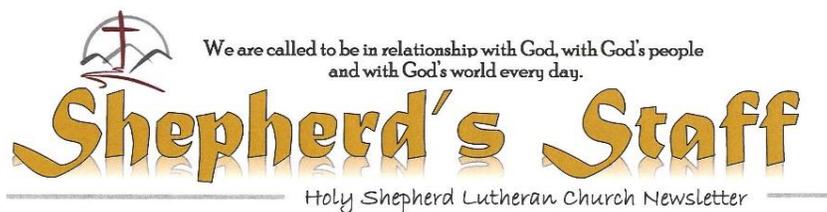
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Please submit your articles to
knovess@holyshepherd.com



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