



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



A Fall Yard Sale

As we move deeper into the darkening days of fall, the rhythm of church life brings us to observe Reformation and All Saints Day. In the secular world, add Election Day and some crossovers, like Halloween and Thanksgiving. That is, we have all kinds of opportunities to reflect on life, death, politics, family, blessings, church and history. It can be really profound and also, really complicated. If we are honest, we probably wonder what to think and believe about any number of these things.

A favorite preacher, Barbara Brown Taylor, talks about beliefs in our milieu as something that looks like a yard sale: It's all spread out on the lawn and up for grabs. This sense of chaos tends to put people on edge. To ease that anxiety, there's a lot of hunkering down. Beliefs, she says, can become just like rearranging the furniture. That is, we don't let much in, much less learn and grow. We just change *how* we organize our noble certitudes.

The thing about "belief," she goes on to explain, is that its meaning lies in how the word was originally used: As in "what your heart is set upon." Belief is not just what we *think* is true or even what we can prove by scientific means. Belief is what moves us, draws us in, causes us to act. It gives us focus and resolve. When belief is setting our hearts on God, who is so much more than us, we can be transformed in ways we never thought possible.

Martin Luther caused a lot of problems and opportunities by having his own yard sale some 500 years ago. He embraced faith- or belief- as a gift freely given by God, and not as something controlled by the powers-that-be. People hungrily ate up what smacked of freedom in the midst of a broken system. But notice this: Luther's belief in God led him *not* to cut off, but to stay in conversation with his adversaries: The Roman Catholic church and then the other Reformers. He used every ounce of his salty persuasion to try to bring them around to the kind of grace abundant in faith that he had found so life-giving

It is said today*, that if- despite the sense of chaos- we could just stay in conversation with one another, the life-giving changes that 90% of us want in society could actually have a chance! In fact, if we write off those we perceive to be opposing us, we could very well lose our freedom, as is happening in formerly democratic countries around the world. There is much to lose and much to gain.

In late November, the church calendar begins again with the traditionally *penitential* season of Advent. It is a time for self-examination and for hearing the stories of the community from scripture and from one another. We will focus on Hunger during Advent. What do we hunger for and how does that hunger connect us with all who hunger? What do you believe and who do you believe in? That is, what is your heart set upon and how does that guide your conversations, decisions and actions? Stay tuned!

Pastor Julie

*The Persuaders by Anand Giridharadas

Sunday Mornings



9:00am Adult Education

All Are Welcome

November 6 - "Saints" of the Church – Leader: Pastor Julie

November 13 - The Reformation - Pt 2 – Leader: Pastor Julie

November 20 - The Reformation - Pt 3 – Leader: Pastor Julie

November 27 - Seasons of the Church Year – Leader: Altar Guild

10:00am

Worship Holy Communion

1 service Only

Holy Shepherd LIVE!

Live Streaming

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

Fellowship Time – Following Worship

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

Fellowship Hosts for November

11-6: Shirley & Larry Bradsby

11-20: Pie Social (Del Felton & Susan Boehm – Info Below)

11-13: Bonnie & Mel Yockstick

11-27: Marcy Lloyd & Marilyn Hanson

Sunday, November 20th Pie Fellowship

The Fellowship Team will be hosting the traditional pie fellowship following the **Sunday, November 20th, 10:00am worship**. Pies are donated by YOU, so if you are interested in sharing a pie with others, please bring your pie to the Fellowship Hall kitchen prior to worship.

A day to give thanks!!

Upcoming Worship Encounters at Holy Shepherd!!

All Saints Day & Remembrance

Sunday, November 6th at 10:00am

All Saints Day is a day to honor all the saints – those who have died and those living! 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.



November & December

Beginning in November and continuing throughout the Advent Season worship will be focusing on a wide variety of Hunger issues – in our community and the world! You will learn about a variety of ministries that Holy Shepherd supports and also create a space to learn about the service opportunities that **YOU**, as individuals and families, are supporting and serving at. Worship will be working together along side other ministries such as The Gathering, Missions and Faith Formation to worship, grow and serve one another.

On the following page is a calendar of upcoming worship & service events.

Beginning details are listed throughout this edition of the Shepherd's Staff and more information will be sent out periodically during these 2 months to keep you updated.

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

Sunday, November 6: All Saints Worship 10:00am (In-person & Online)

A Remembrance of All the Saints

Coat Drive for the Action Center;

Busy Bees Quilt Raffle (benefitting the Urbans Servant Corps and another charity TBD)

Wednesday, November 9: The Gathering (Dinner & All Age Faith Formation) 5:00pm

Thanksgiving Meal & Presentation of Hunger Initiatives

Sunday, November 13: Worship 10:00am (In-person & Online)

Coat Drive for the Action Center

Busy Bees Quilt Raffle

World Hunger Offering

Sunday, November 20: Thanksgiving Worship 10:00am (In-person & Online)

A Service of Praise & Thanksgiving

(No Thanksgiving Eve Worship)

Coat Drive for the Action Center – Final Collection Day

Busy Bees Quilt Raffle - Drawing

World Hunger Offering

Pie Fellowship following Worship

Advent Booklets available to be taken home to be used throughout the Season of Advent



**Sunday's, November 27, December 4, 11, 18
Worship Season of Advent 10:00am**

Themes: Hungering for . . .

Attentiveness, . . . Action . . . Accompaniment . . . God's Appearance.

A variety of ministries that serve those in need will be highlighted as part of worship and more ministries will be displayed in the narthex for you learn about and possibly be called to participate in.

Wednesday's, November 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21

Mid-Week Advent Worship

12:00pm & 5:00pm

Holden Evening Vespers

Come worship together mid-week as we continue our self-examination and preparation for the birth of Christ.

Fellowship will be offered after each service. You are welcome to bring your own lunch/dinner, if you would like.

Dessert, light snacks and drinks will be offered.



Busy Bees Quilt Raffle

Three special quilts will be on display in the fellowship hall on October 30th

Tickets will be on sale

Sunday, November 6th,

Wednesday, November 9th and Sunday November 13th

1\$ per ticket \$5 for 6 tickets

Drawing November 20th

Proceeds will benefit the Urban Servant Corps and another charity TBD.



Serving & Reaching Out To All



FOR THE ACTION CENTER

Please bring your new and gently used coats to Holy Shepherd starting Nov. 6. We will deliver all the donations on Nov. 21, just in time for Thanksgiving.

When we asked if the Action Center needed coats this year, here is what Jennifer S. replied,

“a coat drive would be amazing! We never seem to have enough during the cold season so we would certainly welcome any support we can get.”

Your Missions Team

Thanksgiving Groceries

Each year The Action Center provides almost 1,400 households with 5,200 individual Thanksgiving meals. This event serves Jefferson County residents and those experiencing homelessness and utilizes over 400 volunteers to make this one-day event happen. This unique distribution allows participants to drive through one of eight lanes and remain warm in their vehicle while volunteers load the meal kits – filled with Thanksgiving fixins’ – into the participant’s vehicles.

The Missions Team is sponsoring a food 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 6, 13, and 20**. There will be boxes set up in the entrance hallway near the Missions Cabinet to deposit them.



Holiday Program

Since 1971 The Action Center has been providing gifts during the holidays to Jefferson County families and those experiencing homelessness ensuring that thousands of children have a magical holiday season. Thanks to generous donors, last year we made sure hundreds of children had a special holiday season.

Want to help make the holidays magical?

In an effort to be responsive to the needs of our community, we are making adjustments to the way we offer our holiday programming. We will be intentionally inviting current Action Center participants who visit us for services to access our holiday programs.

We’ve decided to ramp up our Adopt-a-Family program, which better meets the needs of the families we serve. While we will provide toys through that program, we will not be offering the “shopping experience” like past Holiday Gift Shops.

Instead, we will focus on the specific needs of each child in the family. Through this transition, we hope to serve 280 families this holiday season. For those participating in Adopt – A – Family, you will receive an email with specific instructions for your drop date.

Information will be available in the narthex November 27th if you would like to help with this service. Details contact Shirley Bradsby.



God’s Work, Our Hands!

Blood is again very much in demand. Will you help?

Holy Shepherd Blood Drive Donors:

Please try to squeeze in a blood donation on or before Thursday, November 15 so you will be able to donate at Holy Shepherd’s first 2023 blood drive date of Thursday, January 12, 2023.

Vitalant blood donation centers:

5066 S. Wadsworth Blvd, Littleton, CO 80123

13952 Denver West Parkway, Suite 150, Golden, CO 80401

Thank you, Jim Freeman jpfreem@Q.com



Mark your calendar NOW to join us for these fun events we do with the Eiber volunteers and staff for the Eiber students and their families. Please contact Shirley Bradsby (LSBradsby@gmail.com) and let her know which ones in which you would like to participate!

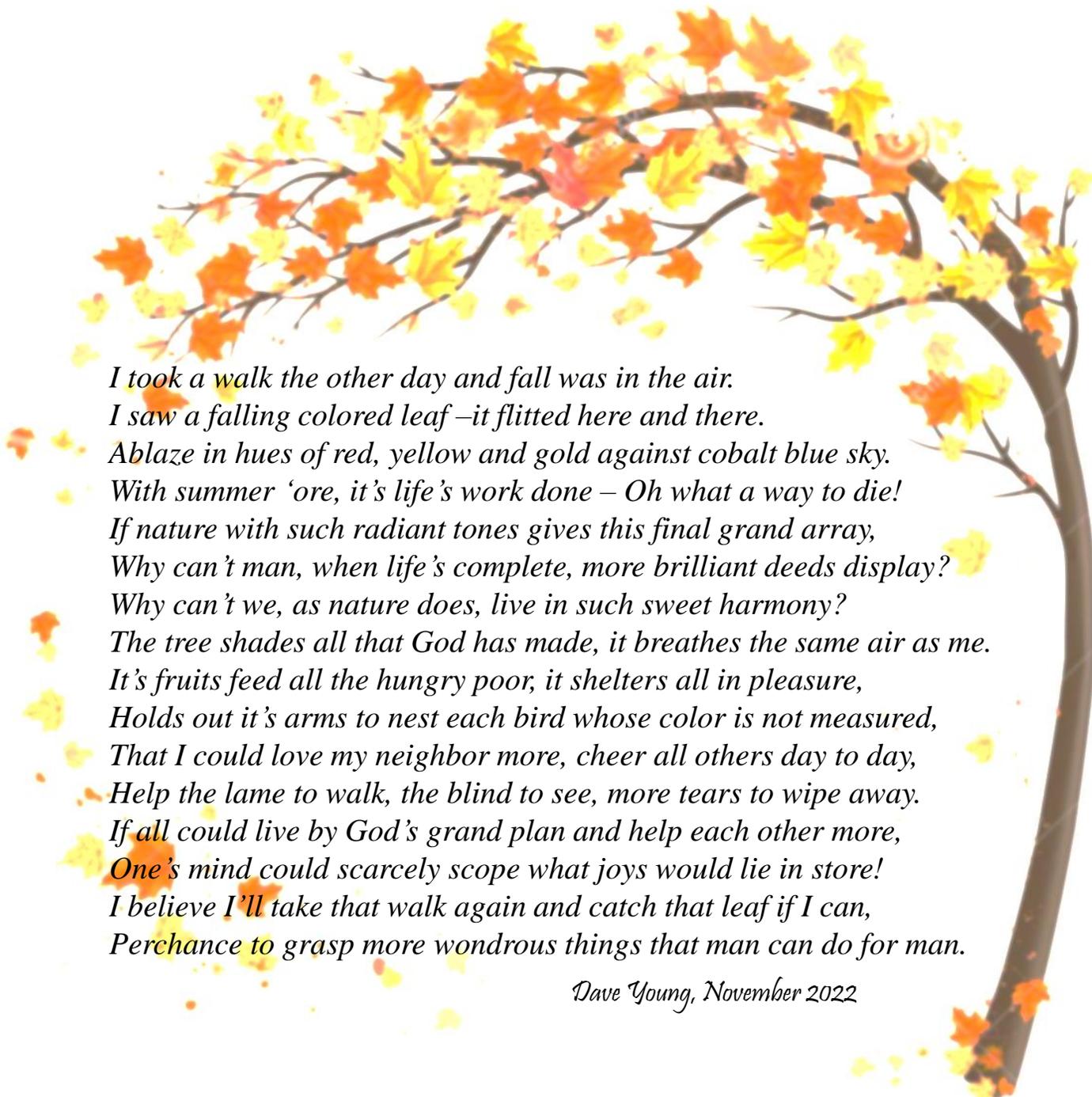
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16...HOLIDAY FUN NIGHT 5:00-6:30

FRIDAY, APRIL 28...SPRING CARNIVAL 5:00-6:30

It sure feels good to be able to help our neighborhood school again!!!

Church Council Meeting – October Summary

1. The Gathering, formerly known as Wednesday Night Life, restarted on September 14, met on October 12 and will meet monthly.
2. Property Manager Kevin Klinkerfues reported on building maintenance and needs. Building and property costs continue whether replacing one of the 1,000 light bulbs, inspecting smoke detectors or removing broken branches. New carpet is needed in the sanctuary, narthex and choir room and will require a fundraiser.
3. Stewardship letters with a commitment card were mailed in October.
4. The Transition Team has completed their report and recommendations. The Call Committee, consulting with the Rocky Mountain Synod coach Pastor Will Johnson, has begun their work of completing the Ministry Site Profile which is the next step in calling a new pastor.
5. Finance Report: Our giving January through August, 2022 was \$116,000 under our 2022 budget. Our actual loss January-August, 2022 was \$53,000. If this trend continues, we will need to eliminate some budget items.
6. A new scholarship fund for high school graduates has been made available by a generous donor.



*I took a walk the other day and fall was in the air.
I saw a falling colored leaf –it flitted here and there.
Ablaze in hues of red, yellow and gold against cobalt blue sky.
With summer 'ore, it's life's work done – Oh what a way to die!
If nature with such radiant tones gives this final grand array,
Why can't man, when life's complete, more brilliant deeds display?
Why can't we, as nature does, live in such sweet harmony?
The tree shades all that God has made, it breathes the same air as me.
It's fruits feed all the hungry poor, it shelters all in pleasure,
Holds out it's arms to nest each bird whose color is not measured,
That I could love my neighbor more, cheer all others day to day,
Help the lame to walk, the blind to see, more tears to wipe away.
If all could live by God's grand plan and help each other more,
One's mind could scarcely scope what joys would lie in store!
I believe I'll take that walk again and catch that leaf if I can,
Perchance to grasp more wondrous things that man can do for man.*

Dave Young, November 2022



A new ministry of gathering together for dinner, education, choir rehearsals and building relationships with one another has begun!! The Gathering, will meet once a month instead of every week.

Next Gathering: Wednesday, November 9th

- **5:00 -6:30** Dinner
 - *A Special Thanksgiving meal made by our wonderful chefs!*
 - *You can come at anytime during this hour and a half to receive a meal*
- **5:30 – 6:15** Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- **6:15 – 6:45** All Age Community Time
 - *Learning about a variety of Hunger Initiatives*
- **6:45– 8:00** Chancel Choir Rehearsal



An Update On The Caring Connection

From Ann Austin

During the summer of 2020, the church leaders of Holy Shepherd became increasingly concerned about the number of members of the church who had become isolated due to either the restrictions of Covid 19, the age and/or the health of members.

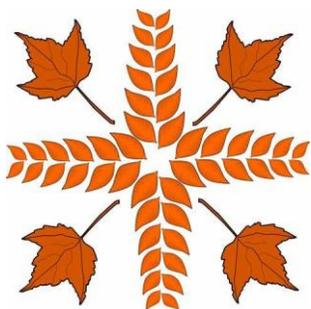
Pastor Michael called a group of people together. Meredith Lusby, Pat Mohrbacher, Betty Morris, Marian Werning and Ann Austin met with Pastor Michael and during the next few weeks the Caring Connection was formed for the purpose of helping those who seemed to be more isolated to have a connection with a caring member of the church. Those who were chosen to be callers were caring individuals who agreed to be a part of this project.

Over time, many telephone calls, some e-mail and letter contacts and lots of greeting cards were made and people did share connections with one another. As time went by, some individuals who were callers and others who received calls discontinued the connections for many different reasons.

This summer, we have learned of others who now need to have a Caring Connection made and are hopeful of finding volunteers who could again become the ones to initiate the connections.

Thank you so much for the connections you are presently making and your willingness to add some new folks to your lists.

My phone number is 303-232-9296 and my e-mail address is ann.austin@comcast.net. I may be easiest to reach by e-mail or in the early afternoons by phone.



FALL PRAYER PRACTICE

Wednesday, Nov. 2

4:30-5:05 p.m. in the Library.

Learn and practice a variety of prayer styles and content.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

invites you to join us as we move our meeting to a different day and time.



EFFECTIVE November 9th

we will be meeting the 2nd WEDNESDAY of the month at 3:30PM

This change will give our members and others who may want to join us, an opportunity to meet during day light hours and not have to drive in the dark. It is also an opportunity to stay for The Gathering meal and fellowship. There will also be others in the building at the same time which will offer a level of security.

We invite anyone who loves to knit and/or crochet or who wants to learn. The shawls have given comfort in times of sadness and joy in times of celebration. Come, be a part of this important ministry.

Please join us on the 9th and stay for the Thanksgiving dinner being provided at The Gathering!!

Small Groups Gathering

Please contact the church office for zoom links

Women's Morning Bible Study

Our next study will be
Tuesday, November 15, at 10:00 AM

The study leader will be Vera Crabb and Jan Eckersley will bring refreshments for our November meeting. We will study the lesson in the November ELCA Women's magazine, "Gather." We invite all women to come and join us for fellowship and study.

Writer's Group

11:00am – 1:00pm
Thursday, November 3rd
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.

Women's Early Afternoon Bible Study

Next meetings are November 14, 28

WEABS Women's Bible study group meets
wice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons
at 1:00 P.M.

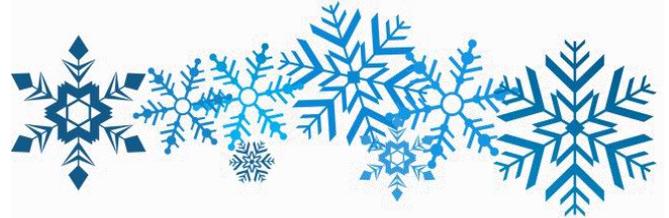
We are studying "The Son of David" based on the book of Matthew which was likely written by Jesus's disciple Matthew. He expected that his main audience would be his fellow Jews who were then the foundation of the new movement called "The Way." Matthew quotes copiously from the Old Testament and shows how Jesus fits all the descriptions of the promised Messiah. Come and explore with us this orderly book of teachings, miracles, parables, and apocalyptic scenarios!

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

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



Book Club News

Tuesday, November 8th at 3:30 P.M.
Come join us!

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Saturday Mornings, 8:00am Fellowship Hall
Bible Discussion & Fellowship.

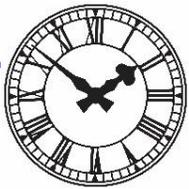
Everyone is Welcome!!

Prayer Group

The second and forth Fridays of each month at 10:00am
Next Meetings – November 11, 25

Come and join us Friday mornings to discuss faith issues, share concerns, and to pray for our church, our nation, and personal needs. For a guidebook or questions contact me.
Pat Mohrbacher 303-238-5179





Church Office & Staff Hours

**NEW In-Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday
8:00am to 3:00pm**

*Janelle Camacho, Office Manager,
will be available during this time.*

Pastor Julie Brooks: Tues – Fri
Pastor Teri Hermsmeyer: Tues, Thurs
Karen Novess: Tues, Wed, Fri
Diane Klinkerfues: Tues, Wed

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!

Congratulations



*...to Shirley Bradsby
who was awarded the
"Inspirational Leader"
award by the
City of Lakewood.
Mayor, Adam Paul,
presented a plaque to
Shirley at the Council
meeting on September 26*

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Property Manager, Kevin Klinkerfues

Custodian, Desiree Barela



Lay Leadership Church Council

Lisa Grimm, President

Diane Jowell, Vice President

Judy Ekberg, Secretary

Melinda Powelson, Personnel

Finance: Vacant

At-Large: Chase Evenson, Dave Irwin

Trust Committee

The Trust Committee will have two openings for members. They will be voted on at the Holy Shepherd Annual Meeting.

The following terms will be filled:

1. A two year term
2. A three year term.

The Trust Committee is responsible for the management of our Endowment Fund and the Memorial Funds. We meet on a quarterly basis to review the accounts and approve grant requests from our church and community.

If you would like to be on this committee, please contact Shirley Bradsby at LSBRADSBY@gmail.com

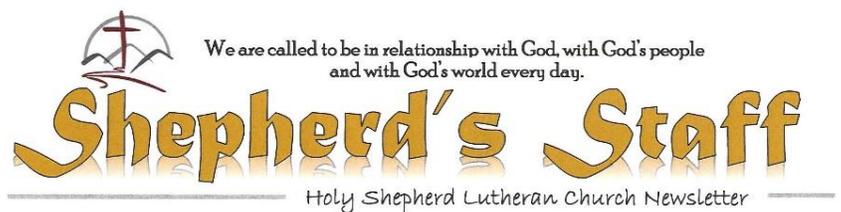


**December Newsletter Article Deadline
November 18, 2022**

Please submit your articles to
knovess@holyshepherd.com

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November 1, 2022