



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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Following the Spirit

It was at my grandfather's funeral, as I was listening to the loving legacy he had left for me, that I first realized God was calling me to be a pastor. I was simultaneously filled with a healthy dose of anxiety and profound gratitude. Since then, I have had numerous opportunities to question God, "Are you sure about this?" And consistently God has faithfully shared, "Trust me, Michael."

Just over 18 and a half years ago, I was with one of our children on a class trip in Washington DC. While we were on the bus, I received a phone call from Dick Dolan with the wonderful news that Holy Shepherd had voted to extend to me a call to be one of your pastors. A familiar package of feelings rose within me: profound gratitude, healthy anxiety and the assuring invitation from God, "Trust me."

About four years ago, Pastor Rick shared with me that he was planning on retiring. As I pondered what God might be calling me into at the time, one thing was very clear. God was calling me into something new. I interviewed with another congregation at the time and it was clear. God was calling me into the new that God was planning, here with you, at Holy Shepherd. My faithful friends, "profound gratitude", "healthy anxiety" and the divine invitation, "Trust me, Michael" all showed up again.

After Pastor Courtney's departure, I again pondered what God might be calling me into. Again the sense of the "new" was very clear to me. The week between Christmas and New Years, Linda and I spent the week in Estes Park and when I could, I was in Rocky National Park, listening and wondering. I wasn't fully aware of it until the week

later, but the Spirit was working on me. The following week, I had a discerning conversation with Bishop Gonia. After listening to me, Bishop Gonia asked, "Michael, do I hear you saying, you're feeling called to a new place?" And I found myself, peacefully saying, "Yes." Guess who showed up?: "Profound gratitude", "Healthy anxiety", and God's faithful invitation, "Trust me, Michael."

The sense of the "new" was still very strong in my discernment when Bishop Gonia asked, "Have you pondered interim Ministry?" You'll never guess who was still with me? Yup, "Profound gratitude", "Healthy anxiety" and yup, God's faithful invitation, "Trust me, Michael." And these three friends are with me today, along with profound peace.

As I reflect on the journey, the "Worshipping and Growing together in Christ" we have shared along with the "Serving and Reaching out Joyfully to all", along with the countless holy moments we have shared I am left overwhelmed with gratitude and humbleness. AND I hear God, loving share, "This is what I had hoped for you when I invited you to trust me."

Holy Shepherd, God is inviting us into a "new" and now, on separate paths. I pray that our good friends "Profound gratitude", "Healthy anxiety", and God's faithful invitation, "Trust me", will bless you in your "new", as they have blessed me along the way.

I love you, Holy Shepherd.

Pastor Michael



Sunday Mornings



9:00am Adult Education

- **March 6 – St. Thomas Orthodox Church** (Our 9th Ave Neighbors)
Guest Speaker: Shanu Chandy
- **March 13 , 20, 27 - Leader Pastor Julie Brooks**
13: Centering Prayer 20 & 27: John's Gospel

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.*

Fellowship Hosts for February

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| 3/6: | Lisa & Ed Grimm | 3/20: | Marilyn Hanson & Myrna Hodson |
| 3/13: | Paul & Janet Gustafson | 3/27: | Del & Cheryl Holz |

Lent is a time of reflection and repentance, of sacrifice and self-examination. But Lent is also a season of hope –hope in the work God is doing in the world, even in the most challenging times.



Ash Wednesday March 2nd In - Person 10:00am & 6:30pm

+ Holy Communion + Imposition of Ashes

The imposition of ashes – when you receive ashes in the sign of the cross on your forehead – **sets the tone for Lent.** Each moment you encounter your reflection, your ashes are a striking reminder that “you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19b). But the cross, a symbol of Jesus’ crucifixion, offers hope.

The Gospel of John in a Time of Change:

Sermon Series for Lent

The gospel of John poses thought-provoking questions and wonderings that invite us to a deep-dive when things are shifting around us.

Ash Wednesday . March 2

The Good Shepherd *Who do we trust?*

March 6 Lazarus *Where is God?*

March 13 Footwashing *Who are we?*

March 20 Peter’s Denial *What do we fear?*

March 27 Jesus and Pilate *What is true?*

April 3 Jesus condemned *What is power?*



A Prayer Room around each of these questions will be set up in the library. You are encouraged to spend some time in prayer here on behalf of Holy Shepherd in this time of transition!

Lenten Midweek Services Wednesdays, March 9 – April 6 (YouTube Videos)

Lenten midweek messages come from our friends at the Urban Servant Corps in Denver. They will be sharing about Seasons of Grace through the lens of their USC experience.

March 9 Krista Kilgus (USC staff)

March 16 Lili Schillinger (USC volunteer)

March 23 Tyler Derrick (USC volunteer)

March 30 Kristin Slaybaugh (USC volunteer)

April 6 Carolyn Sautter (USC staff)

Small Groups Gathering

Please contact the church office for zoom links

Re-Gathering Update

Face coverings are optional for small groups. Those groups are to decide on their own for comfort level of participants whether to wear them.

Women's Early Afternoon Bible Study

Two Mondays of each month, 1:00 PM
Our next study dates: March 14, 28

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

Men's Fast & Bible Study

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

Everyone is Welcome!!

Prayer Time

ZOOM Tuesdays 12:45pm
Leader: Pastor Michael

Prayer Group for Men and Women

Two Friday Mornings a month at 10:00am
Next Meetings – March 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. Our guidebook this winter is "Traveling Light," which contains meditations on the 23rd Psalm by Max Lucado.

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

APRIL Newsletter Article Deadline

March 18, 2022

Please submit your articles to
knovess@holyshepherd.com

Writer's Group

11:00am – 1:00pm **ZOOM**
Thursday, March 3

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 carossini@comcast.net or 303-989-9660.

Adult Lectionary Bible Study

ZOOM Thursday Mornings, 8:30am

Discuss & study upcoming Sunday lectionary readings.
Leaders: Pastors

Women's Morning Bible Study

Our next study will be March 15th at 10:00am

Jan Eckersley will be the study leader
and Darla Trahnstrom 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 February are Pat Mohrbacher and Jan Eckersley

Book Club News

March 8th at 5:00 pm Library
Book Selection: "Tall Grass"
Author: Sandra Dallas

Leader: Corene Morcom

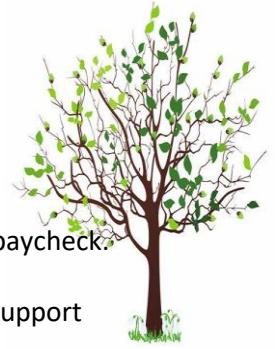


Palm Sunday Drama

April 10, 9:00am Fellowship Hall

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!

Council Summary 2-15-22 (Zoom Meeting)



1. Council approved Property committee moving forward with a special fundraiser to replace carpet requiring 2 bids be solicited from different vendors/contractors.
2. Council approved accrued vacation hours be paid to Pastor Michael (77.83 hours) with his final paycheck.
3. Council retreat scheduled for March 5, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Office of the Bishop.
4. Council is exploring options with Pastor Julie and Office of the Bishop to hire a bridge pastor to support workload and needs of the congregation as we move through the transition process.

Quick summary of the Income Statements:

1. January giving was (\$23,400) under our new (higher) 2022 budget and (\$8,600) under our giving in January 2021.
2. January expenses were (\$4,600) under our new (higher) 2022 budget and (\$6,700) under January 2021 expenses. Our January 2022 expenses were also understated due to no Mission expense for the month. Mission expense, therefore, will be doubled up next month for the catchup.
3. Bottom Line: Our January 2022 loss of approx. (\$19,000) was \$2,000 higher than our January 2021 loss of approx. (\$17,000).

Quick comments on the Balance Sheet:

1. Contributions to the Building Fund were approx. \$2,300 in January.
2. The Solar Loan balance at 1/31/22 was \$77,100. We have received \$2,300 in designated contributions to apply toward the Solar Loan payoff. Solar Loan has been paid off as of 2/16/22.

Next council meeting tentatively scheduled for March 29, 2022 @ 5:30 via Zoom

Serving & Reaching Out To All



Great News! Family Promise of Denver has set up it's West metro evening shelter downstairs at Holy Shepherd. On February 13th we welcomed our first families. Opportunities to volunteer may crop up in coming months.

One thing we find we could use is an additional refrigerator/freezer downstairs for our guest's food. So, if you have a gently used one in excellent condition and desire to donate it to Holy Shepherd, we can make arrangements to pick it up from your home or business. Please contact Kevin Klinkerfues.



Thank you to the volunteers who have made our church a successful and welcoming site for homeless families! Marcy and Gloria, they know it all! Kevin and Larry, for their construction and handyman skills! We have begun to welcome our families. We started with one family on Feb 13th and will be adding 3 more in the next few weeks. Right now we are good on supplies and groceries for our families and our evening/nighttime hosts will be employees of Family Promise and volunteers from Arvada UMS through the month of March. Look for volunteer opportunities coming up in April!

Mission Minded

The Mission Team is hard at work planning this year's events. As always, we want to hear your suggestions, project ideas, questions, and feedback. Please contact Susan Linner for information or leave a note in the Missions mailbox between the Bell and Choir room. Watch for more mission related information in the months to come. A preliminary calendar of events is as follows:

March- Blood Drive March 23. Contact Jim Freeman

April- Blanket Drive April 10, Hunger Dinner possibly April 30

May- Service Day, Volunteer Recognition

July- Blood Drive, School Supply Drive

September- God's Work Our Hands

October- Eiber Elementary Trunk or Treat, Food & Coat Drive

November- ELCA World Hunger, Blood Drive

December- Eiber Family fun night, Hat and Mitten tree



Holy Shepherd Blood Drive

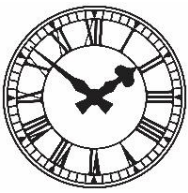
Wednesday, March 23, 2022 10am-2:30pm

The need for blood is great!

Please consider donating

Please go on line at Vitalant.org to sign up.
If you need help or for details: Please contact –

Jim Freeman 303-986-3968 jpfreem@Q.com
Michael Boehm 303-279-7463 maboehmj@yahoo.com



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

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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

Lisa Grimm, President

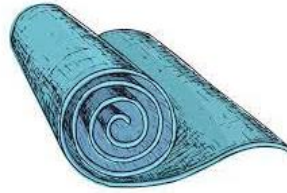
Melinda Powelson, Vice President

Judy Ekberg, Secretary

Personnel: Vacant

Finance, Vacant

At-Large: Chase Evenson, Dave Irwin



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.

RE-GATHERING UPDATE

- Masks optional at church beginning March 6th (including musical groups)
- Recommend paper plates be used for food service
- No limit on group 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.

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)

Medical Equipment & Supplies



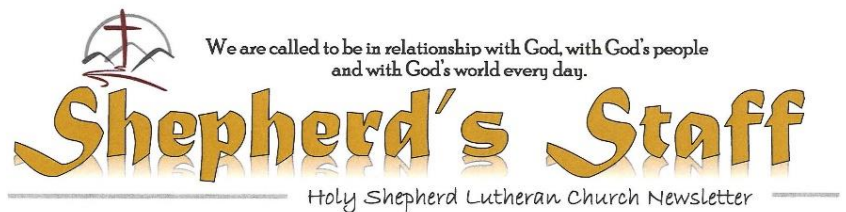
As you may be aware, we have a variety of medical equipment (walkers, canes, shower chairs, etc.) and supplies (pill boxes, plastic gloves) that are available for anyone to use.

These items are conveniently located on the south end of the Fellowship Hall storage area.

We are using the Honor System, so please take the equipment as you need and then return when no longer needed so someone else can re-use.

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March 1, 2022