

The SHEPHERD'S STAFF

Pastor's Message

Newsletter of Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
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"CATCHING THE VISION"

Dear Friends in Christ,

The question "Where is God calling us?" has been a central one on the minds and in the conversation of Holy Shepherd's church council and staff since the council retreat of February 2009. And one of the outcomes of this conversation is the recently-adopted and presented vision statement for Holy Shepherd. I hope you had an opportunity to be part of one of our recent conversations around this new statement. If not, please know that your leaders are eager and available to be in conversation with you around this vision, and that you will have future opportunities as well.

I was privileged to be a part of the council-appointed visioning team which developed this statement after a number of faithful, lively, and even inspiring conversations, where we listened to God speaking through each other's voices. *And I'm excited!*

Why am I excited? Because I believe the proverb to be true that "without a vision, the people perish". If the community of faith is not convinced that God is calling us, and striving to discern *where* God is calling us, then we will flounder. And we don't want that, do we! I'm excited because I believe that, in this document and the conversations that have taken place around it, God is speaking to us and guiding us.

As you review the vision statement, you will discover that it's permeated with the conviction that God *does* have a *life-giving* vision in mind for us, that we're being called to *stretch*, and that this vision is lived out *in relationships*. It's through our individual and communal relationships with God and with each other that our faith is nourished, our resolve to follow Christ is deepened, and our vision of where God is leading is clarified. Thanks be to God for those relationships—and for the countless opportunities to deepen them!

This vision statement is not intended to be simply a document that we can read and say "That's nice—sounds good," put aside, and then carry on as usual. It is meant to shape us individually as disciples and, together, as a congregation. How might that happen?

- You might pray about and/or be in conversation with others about how God is calling *you* to live out this vision
- The church council will use this vision as it continues to seek answers to the question, "What organizational structure will best serve Holy Shepherd for the coming years, in support of the God-given vision?"
- Current and proposed ministries and programs can be evaluated around the question, "Does this ministry serve the vision God has given us?"
- The vision could serve as a reminder and corrective against our allowing a personal vision to take priority over the community's vision

Yes, I'm excited. I believe Holy Shepherd is catching a clearer vision of where God is calling and leading us. I hope you can embrace this vision as well. I hope we can talk about it together. And I hope we'll *all* be praying for clarity of vision, lively faith, and deep courage as we continue together in ministry!

Gratefully Yours,



Pastor Rick Thompson

P.S. For your reference and reflection, there is a copy of Holy Shepherd's new vision statement inserted in this issue of the Shepherd's Staff. Keep it, and reflect on it! You can also find it posted on our website, at www.holyshepherd.com.

Education, Youth & Family

Adult Education

SUNDAY Mornings

9:30am Narthex and Various Rooms

CONNECT & Adult Education are presenting a complementary summer series, **July 11 – August 8**, beginning with opening in the narthex @ **9:30 AM**. Children and adults will explore identical themes—children in the education area, adults in faith conversations in the narthex and a designated section of the fellowship hall. What kind of deepening of relationships might happen in these conversations, with God and others, and as they're taken beyond the walls of Holy Shepherd?



Summer CONNECT
Age 3 – 6th Grade
July 11 – August 8
9:30am

EGYPT:

Joseph's Journey from prison to palace

Connecting One Another Everyday in Christ

Wednesday

Holy Shepherd Book Club

September 21st. 7:00pm Fellowship Hall

SAME KIND OF DIFFERENCE AS ME
- Ron Hall, Denver Moore

A true story of a homeless black man and a white affluent family whose paths cross at a shelter and how they are influenced by faith.

Leader: Donna Madsen

October 19th 7:00pm Fellowship Hall

Our own author, **Barb Cramer**, will join us for a reading and discussion of her novel,
A PINCH OF DRY MUSTARD

Takes place over three days in a fishing village in Maine. It is filled with mystery and a family's ultimate testament to faith.

Ask any book club member for a copy of the book, if you don't have one yet and join us for a fun evening with Barb. Refreshments will be served - without dry mustard!

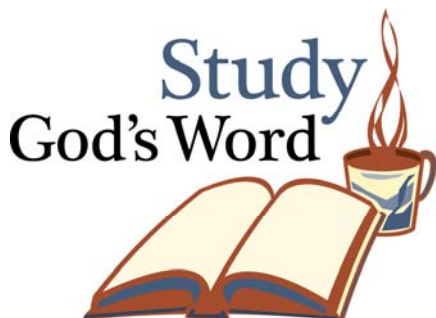
THURSDAY Morning

Lectionary Bible Study

8:30 – 10:00am

Multi-purpose Room

Leaders: Pastors Rick & Michael



Connection One Another Everyday in Christ

Fall CONNECT

Begins **September 19, 2010**
for Pre-School through Sixth Grade

- Bible Stories that will stimulate growth in faith
- Rotational activities that will reinforce the Bible Stories : **Movies, Food, Drama, Art, Science, Games**

- **Teachers are needed!**

Commitment: 3- 4 weeks (yes, that's all) teaching the same lesson/rotation each week. Only need to prepare 1 lesson for all 3 weeks!

We can find a place for you!

*Please call Karen Novess 303.233.2740
if you are interested*



Holy Shepherd Educational Fund

Given by Marilyn Martin

A \$1000 scholarship, supported by Marilyn Martin, is awarded each year to a student who is entering or attending a college or trade school. A person is eligible to receive this scholarship money one time only. Last year there were no applications for this scholarship so the amount was carried over to this year. One applicant applied this year. \$2000 was given to this year's recipient,

Nicholas TeKrony

Nick will be a freshman at Colorado State University, Ft. Collins.



Spiritual Gifts Ministry—helping you understand the concept of spiritual gifts so you can see how to use those gifts (along with your skills, interests, and passions) as God intends.

DISCOVER—What are your gifts, skills and passions?

How to discover: Workshop, conversation, intentional personal thought and prayer

DEVELOP—Where are your skills needed, and best yet, what activity will feed me rather than using me up?

How to develop: through study of opportunities, focused conversation with others and prayer

DEPLOY—Who to contact, how to begin a new activity

How to deploy: contact group leader, Spiritual Gifts team member, pastors, or office

We are excited about creating a church filled with people who recognize that the reason you should become involved in an activity is based on what God has prepared you to do, so you can grow his Kingdom while growing in faith yourself.

Contact a Spiritual Gifts Ministry team member today. Watch for information about an upcoming workshop and other opportunities to learn more about Spiritual Gifts.

*Spiritual Gifts Ministry Team:
Sue Keirnes, Emilee Johnson, Ed & Dianne Schulte, Pastor Michael TeKrony*



Next Host Week - August 1 - August 8, 2010

Final 2010 Host Date

November 28 – December 5

(Please Note: Previously listed December date was printed in error - there will be NO Host Date in December!)

Hello All, Great feedback (below) from IHN regarding our last rotation. Many thanks to all of you and a special thanks to Kevin (you rock).

Cheryl

Hi Cheryl. Some comments from the last rotation:

On the church and volunteers—"Great", "Good", "They were very polite and generous"

On food—"They really worked on helping me with my illness", "It was all delicious", "I liked the different variety"

What they liked most—"Rooms and showers", "My room", "Laundry and showers"

On transportation—"The van driver Kevin was awesome"

What will stick out in their minds—"The play area they had for kids", "Some of the volunteers I met", "The washers!"

Thanks so much! -Kathryn (Kathryn Chaney, Executive Director, IHN)

The Team!

Primary Coordinator – Cheryl Holz

Set-Up & Move Out Coordinators – Jeff & Pat Braden

Food & Dinner Coordinators – Joan Young, Pat Mohrbacher

Evening Host Coordinator – Gaylene Szaltzer

Overnight & Van Driver Coordinators – Jim & Paul Freeman

Supply & Laundry Coordinators – Marcy Lloyd, Gloria Lloyd



- **Bonfils Blood Drive** – Sunday August 1st



- **We need your help!** Jeffco Action Center distributes school supplies to thousands of low-income students in Jefferson County every year. We will start distribution on August 9th. It will be all that week including Saturday, August 14 and then the next Monday, August 16. If you can help with distribution, please call Tamra @ 303-237-7704 ext. 229 or email: tamrap@jeffcoac.org. **Thank you! The Mission's Committee**

Clothing suitable for Back-to-School
Calculators #2 pencils
Scissors
Dividers

Spiral Notebooks
Colored Markers
Graph Paper
Composition Books

Pocket Folders
Glue Sticks
Highlighters
Scientific Calculators

- **Warming Ways for Winter Auction, Baskets Needed** – *Warming Ways for Winter* dinner and silent auction will be held October 21, 2010 at Temple Emanuel. As tradition, we would like to have several baskets available in the auction. Possible basket ideas are; Chocolate Lovers, Tea, Coffee, Gardening, Golf, Camping, Kids Crafts, etc. Contact any Mission's Committee member for more information.



Men's Adventure Camp at Rainbow Trail — September 16-19, 2010

This action packed weekend is filled with rock climbing, hiking, mountain biking, fishing, archery, beer brewing, and high ropes.

Morning and evening worship bookend our days and provide a lively and engaging opportunity for great conversation and growing in faith. Hearty meals and time to hang out with the guys round out this incredible weekend.

Individuals and men's groups welcome. Download a registration form or register online today at:

www.rainbowtrail.org/mens_retreats.html

For more information contact Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp Assistant Director Ben Larson @ 719-942-4220, www.rainbowtrail.org.



Fresh Colorado Peaches

From Palisade, Colorado
Fresh Picked – Less Than a
Day off the Trees

24 Lb Case \$38.00

1/2 Case \$20.00

Peaches being sold by the
Downtown Lakewood Optimist Club

**Available for pickup August 14th
Between 9am – 12 Noon**

at Westland Shopping Center in front of
Bank of the West. Orders not picked up by 12
Noon will be sold on site.

*Please place your order at the table located
in the fellowship hall.*

Orders will be taken through Aug. 8th

**Youth Fundraiser –
Thank you for your support!**



Notes from the Council

Holy Shepherd needs to fill the Worship and Music Ministry chair...is God calling you to volunteer? Is this something you are passionate about? Please prayerfully consider volunteering. The Worship and Music chair can be shared with more than one person.

Here is some information on the position:

Worship & Music Ministry Chair:

Arranges, in conjunction with the pastoral staff, for the ministry of worship and music. Provides oversight for acolyte training, ushering staff, altar guild; assisting ministers, readers, and communion assistants. Arranges for special music and provides support for organized music groups.

Time required is approximately 6 hours monthly. The six hours includes committee meetings on the second Tuesday of the month and the Council meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Extra time may be required to coordinate special programs.

The gifts of Music (instrumental or vocal), Faith, Leadership, and Administration may be useful in this ministry. Great opportunity to provide a meaningful worship service and music program.

This position needs to be filled to continue our music and worship ministry. We are eager to fill this position with member(s) that have a passion in this area of our ministry.

If you are interested in fulfilling our volunteer opportunity, have questions or need additional information, please contact Lynne Price.

Thank you, Ron Skabo!
Ron has agreed to serve as the new
Prime Time Choir Director.



PRIME TIME NEWS 55+

We're going to have an

OLD FASHIONED PICNIC

(like those we remember so well)

on Friday, August 6th – 5:30 PM

Where? 9415 West 10th Ave – Walt & Ruth
Huebner's spacious back yard

All are invited! A special invitation goes out to all new members of Holy Shepherd and friends 55 years and older. Please come and join us for a time of fellowship and getting better acquainted.

**We will furnish barbequed meat with rolls -
Drinks (lemonade, iced tea, etc.) -
Watermelon / cantaloupe for dessert**

We will also furnish all the needed plates, eating utensils, etc.

Would you please bring a SALAD to share with the group?

There will be various games - it will be your choice to play horseshoes, croquet, washer toss, or maybe a card game. Maybe just sit and visit?

We will also have a special "reminiscing" time as we look at photos of picnics and special events which Prime Timers have held since 1992!

We do need to know you are coming, so we'll take reservations after the 5:30 PM Saturday service and 8:00 AM service the weekend of July 31 and August 1. You may also call Mera Lou with your reservation, if you have questions or if you would like to help the Steering Committee with this special event. We do hope you will come! How about offering a ride to someone?

ON LIVING LIFE....

Doctors tell us that cheerful people resist disease better than grumpy ones.

If you really want to do something, you will find a way; or if you don't, you will find an excuse.



Protect Your Pet From Hot Weather

To protect your pet from hot weather hazards, please follow these tips:

- ◆ Never leave your pet in a parked car. Even cracked windows won't protect your pet from overheating or suffering from heat stroke during hot summer days.

- ◆ Exercise your dog in the early morning or evening hours, instead of during the middle of the day when it's hottest.

- ◆ If your dog or cat is out during the day, remember that asphalt and concrete can get very hot and burn the pads of their feet. Your pet must always have shelter available to protect it from extreme temperatures and inclement weather.

- ◆ Be aware that older and overweight pets, as well as flat-faced breeds such as Persian cats, pugs and bulldogs, are more likely to overheat in hot weather.

- ◆ Keep your pet away from unfamiliar yards and grassy areas as many people treat their lawns with pesticides and fertilizers, which can cause severe intestinal upset in dogs and cats when ingested. Some types of mulch can also be hazardous.

- ◆ Provide your pet with fresh, cool water every day in a tip-proof bowl.

- ◆ Keep your pet well groomed, but resist the temptation to shave off all of his hair in an effort to keep him cool. Your pet's coat will protect him from getting sunburned. A matted coat traps in the heat, attracts parasites and can cause skin sores.

- ◆ Keep your pet away from spots or puddles of auto coolant in the garage, driveways or parking lots. The sweet taste of this poisonous liquid is tempting to animals, but can be fatal. You might consider using a more pet-friendly variety of coolant that is less toxic.

- ◆ Don't let your dog ride in the back of an open vehicle, such as a pick-up truck. Unless he's riding in the cab with you, he could slide around, bounce or jump out of the moving vehicle. Also, the floor of the truck bed can get extremely hot and may burn the pads of your dog's feet. If your dog must travel in the back of an open vehicle, make sure he's in a kennel, safely tethered to the floor of the truck bed.

Be a Responsible and Informed Pet Owner!



~Barb Suder, Parish Nurse~



VNA Senior Wellness Clinic
Upcoming 2010 Dates: 4th Wednesdays

**July 28, August 25,
September 22, October 27, November 24, and December 22**

9 am – 12 noon, Library
Open to members, friends, neighbors

An RN will be available to trim toenails, check blood pressure and pulse, review medications and answer questions. Charge for nailcare: \$23.00. Appointments: 303-698-6496. Kaiser clients needing nailcare call for pre-approval.



Attendance, June 2010

	5:30pm	8:00am	10:45am	Total
6-06-10	57	98	107	262
6-13-10	61	99	112	272
6-20-10	57	104	103	264
6-27-10	48	104	95	247

Financial Report, June 2010

	June	Year-to-Date	Monthly Budget
Income	\$43,449	\$260,585	\$46,203
Expenses	<u>41,276</u>	<u>266,923</u>	\$46,203
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 2,173	\$ (6,338)	



Building Fund Giving for June, 2010: \$7047. Monthly payment is \$8727



Many thanks to all of you, this amazing community in Christ, who have supported and held me in your arms as I deal with this challenging health issue, cancer. Your words of love, hope, laughter & encouragement through your prayers, cards, e-mails, phone calls, visits and food have sustained me, and my family, through this difficult time. I am grateful that God has surrounded me with you, the body of Christ, to walk together on this journey. I could not do it alone.

Much love, Karen Novess & family

To Our Holy Shepherd Family, A deep-felt thank you to all for the cards, prayers, and support during the loss of our foster son & brother, Jack. Thanks to all who participated in and contributed to the memorial service and celebration of life for him. So many people opened their homes and hearts during this time. A special thanks to both Pastor Rick and Pastor Michael and the office staff for their work in preparing the beautiful service.

Much love, Joanne and Marie Scott

Everyone at Church – Thank you for everything you have done for me :-)) I don't know where I would be without you all! I love you and God Bless!

Love, Pari Holmes

Egypt ~ Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

What a great week we enjoyed in Egypt. Our 2010 VBS taught 50 children about some of the wonderful gifts God has given us—Hope, Special Abilities, Wisdom, Forgiveness, and Family. Role playing the Bible stories, enjoying crafts, games, and snacks would not have been possible without the smiling assistance of the much appreciated people listed below. And **Joy Folkvord** and **Bonnie Yockstick** helped the children sing and pass on what they had learned to their family and friends at the program on Thursday evening. Many thanks to all who made sure their children and grandchildren and friends were a part of the fun.

Preschool: Lisa Grimm, Judy Ekberg, Bobbi Burmeister, Megan Garcia, Sydney Schaap, Maddie Schneider, and Priscilla Carvin-Wright

Guides: Sydney Graige, Clarissa Anderson, Robert Stise, Jacob Rivera, Michael TeKrony, and Jackie TeKrony

Story: Anna Johnson, Bonnie Yockstick, and Mary Zafft

Music: Joy Folkvord

Snacks: Barbara Wolter, Kayla Kim, and Christina Kim

Recreation: Jane Carter and Leah TeKrony

Youth Helpers: Skyler Anderson, Trevor Weddell, and Zach Schull

Preparation: Karen Novess, Marie Szaltzer, Susie DiPaolo, and Lindsey Bohm





We're Taking *Donations*

Lutheran Family Services is our mission partner spotlight for July!

In addition to providing information about the services LFS provides, we are having a goods drive to set up an apartment for a refugee family. Below are items that are needed to set up the apartment. We will be conducting the drive all of July. Please sign up in the Narthex so we know what is being donated.

Below is a minimum list of what is needed.

We do not know the size of the family until days before they arrive. Therefore let's assume there will be at least four people in the family we will be assisting, in a two bedroom apartment.

- 2 sets of drawers, shelves,
or other storage unit appropriate for clothing
- Kitchen table & chairs
- Couch, Lamps, Coffee table
- Set of tableware, Set of dishes (plates, bowls, cups)
- Pots and pans, Mixing/serving bowls
- Kitchen serving supplies – spatula, serving spoons, knives
- Can opener, Measuring cups
- Towels, Sheets, Blankets
- Alarm clocks, Fans
- Paper, Pens/pencils
- Light bulbs, Shower curtain
- Cleaning supplies – soap, multi purpose cleaner, rags, laundry soap, waste baskets,
mops, trash bags
- Toiletries, Telephone
- Other items that will make them feel welcomed and at home

**BE SURE TO CHECK THE SIGNUP SHEETS IN THE CHURCH TO SEE WHAT ITEMS ARE
STILL NEEDED.**

If you have any questions please contact any Mission's Committee member.

**WORSHIPPING AND GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST
SERVING AND REACHING OUT JOYFULLY TO ALL**

VISION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus, Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church believes we are called to be in relationship with God, with God's people and with God's world every day.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength and your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22: 37, 39

"I came that you may have life and have it abundantly"

John 10:10

We will be intentional:

- to create an environment where ALL are welcome
- to share our rich Lutheran heritage of being Christ centered, Word and Sacrament driven, grace filled
- to provide opportunities to experience God in a variety of worship styles where music plays a vital role
- to celebrate communion where ALL are welcome at God's table
- to continue learning and growing as we are nourished and challenged by God's word; the first language of faith
- to encourage discovery of faith stories and articulate how God is working in lives
- to nurture children and youth as they discover God and their faith in settings which build community
- to encourage households to nurture faith at all times and in all places
- to provide a variety of small groups where community is experienced
- to encourage discovery of God given gifts and seek opportunities to share
- to connect with God's people thru mission partnerships locally, nationally and globally
- to allow ourselves to be open and stretched by listening to the Holy Spirit
- to invite others to experience God



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FUN FOOD AND FAITH FAIR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
NOON-3 P.M.
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CRAFT SALES

ENTERTAINMENT

GREAT LUNCH

BOUNCE HOUSE

COLORADO SERVICE DOGS

HOLY SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

GAMES GALORE

Denver Zoo Exhibit

MONSTER TRIKES

COTTON CANDY

Senior Resource Center

VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION -PNEUMONIA SHOTS

CAKE WALKS

And we're working on more. But we need you!!

- Display and sell your crafts
- Put together a skit or sing some songs
- Run a booth or game for a one-hour shift
(sign up for this begins in August)
- Bring your canopy or sand and buckets
- Get the word out to your friends and neighbors.

Look for sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall or contact
Shanda DeAngelis or Sue Keirnes

BIRTHDAYS



~ August 2010

Contact the office for the Birthday List. Names have been omitted here due to issues of Internet security vulnerabilities.



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- Joy Folkvord, Director, Kids of the Kingdom and  
Kids for Christ Choirs
- Diane Klinkerfues, Director, Praise Team
- Fellowship Hall/Kitchen..... ext. 201
- Basement/Kitchen..... ext. 202
- Nursery..... ext. 203

### Holy Communion



|                 |            |                      |
|-----------------|------------|----------------------|
| <u>Saturday</u> | 5:30pm     | Traditional Service  |
| <u>Sunday</u>   | 8:00am     | Traditional Service  |
|                 | & 10:45 am | Contemporary Service |



#### **The Prayer Chain**

is here to support you in prayer.  
Please phone or email your prayer requests to:

Dorothy Haldeman @ work: 303-384-6951, or

Harriet Truman, @ 303-237-2309 or @

[ahtruman@mailstation.com](mailto:ahtruman@mailstation.com)

### **NEW -- NEWSLETTER DEADLINES --**

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#### Submission Dates of Articles and Calendar Items

August 11, September 8, October 13  
November 10, December 8, 2010

#### Mailing Dates

August 18, September 15, October 20  
November 17, December 15

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*Time Value -- Mailed July 21, 2010*

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