



The Voice



The Newsletter of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
"INVITING, GROWING AND SERVING THROUGH CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS"

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.***SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00am***

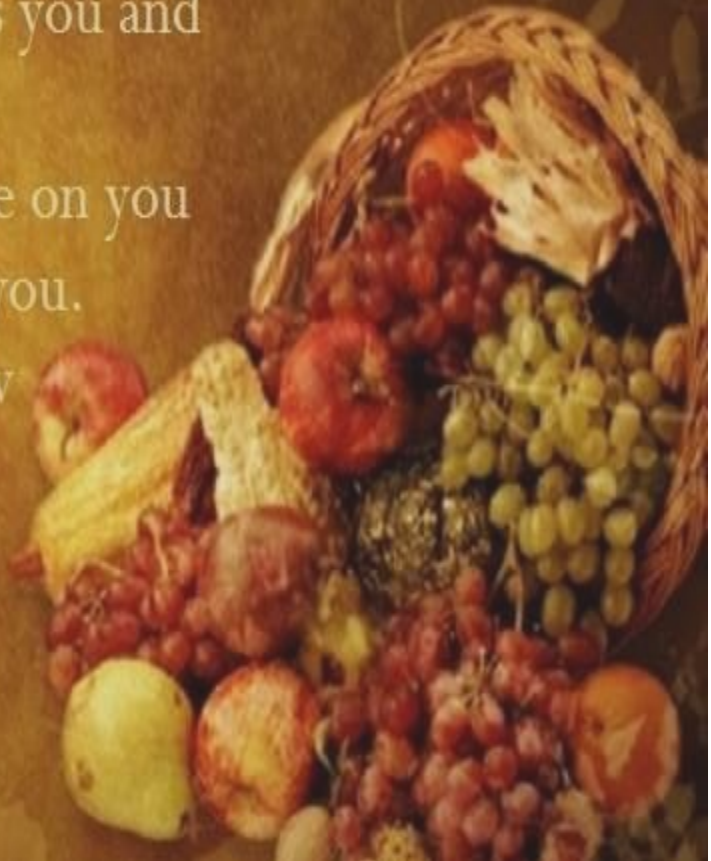
NOVEMBER BLESSINGS

May the LORD bless you and
protect you.

May the LORD smile on you
and be gracious to you.

May the LORD show
you His favor and
give you His peace.

NUMBERS 6:24-26





All Saints' Day, changing of the clocks, election day, Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Christ the King, and Advent, oh my! November is a busy month! Even as the year is getting older, new things are waiting in the wings. The past, present, and future almost collide in these last days of the year.

With All Saint's Day we are given the opportunity to take a moment and reflect on those whom we have loved (past) and how they have impacted our lives and our faith (present), we give thanks for them and that they have gone on to their reward (present *and* future). We are at the same time joyful and sorrowful. Then we will as a nation pause at Thanksgiving and remember with gratitude all the blessings that we have been showered with, even in the midst of trials. Christ the King is the last Sunday in the church year and it is a time to look forward to the day when Christ will again come and take his rightful place as Lord of heaven and earth. And then it's Advent already. We circle back to awaiting the birth of the King and his return.

Although we, and many other congregations, do not observe mid-week Advent activities, I hope that this will be a time of reflection, anticipation, and renewal in your life and in your life of faith. It is so hectic this time of year; darkness is not an unfamiliar image for us. The winter days are short, and the nights are long, the shopping is expensive, and the full calendar is exhausting! On top of all that, the world seems to have gone crazy and against all decency and against God. We also have our own personal darkness that seems to get even more intense as the winter and holiday season wears on. All this talk of joy to the world and peace on Earth seems to ring hollow for many of us who are not experiencing either of these. This makes the darkness even darker and the winter feel colder and more confining.

All of this is true AND...the Light is still shining in all the darkness in our world and in our own lives. Sometimes it appears very faint and very far away, but it is still there. Our present reality can be such that it is hard to make it out, but our eyes (and our hearts) are very good at seeking out light. The darkness cannot and has not and will never overcome the Light (see John 1:5). Thanks be to God!! The darkness will persist, and John the Evangelist knows this as well, *and* still there is Light. We can pass through a lot when we have a bright Light to lead us on the way. Light chases away the darkness; even the flicker of a single candle sheds light on a whole room. The past and present are what they are, and the future is still out there waiting to be explored. The light of Christ is always with us—past, present, and future—to help us to find joy and peace as we go.

Blessings! Pastor Chris



NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION



We lift up the family of member Rosalie LaGree, with love and sympathy. Rosalie was born in Creighton, Nebraska. There she met and married Douglas LaGree in 1950 and they had four sons. Together they owned and operated Canon Market in Canon City. Rosalie was a volunteer at St. Thomas More Hospital, she sang in the church choir and also played piano. She brought beauty with her award-winning paintings. Her service was held at the Wilson Funeral Home, on October 9, 2020. Rosalie was buried at the Lakeside Cemetery in Canon City.

Nov. 3	Shirley Nelson
Nov. 4	Philip Reder
Nov. 4	Dona Basham
Nov. 6	Phil Jencks
Nov. 6	Lyle Woltemath
Nov. 6	Glenn McCarter
Nov. 7	Jerry Putzer
Nov. 8	Karen Barslou
Nov. 8	Wilma Kattnig
Nov. 9	Sheila Halter
Nov. 11	Anna La Torre
Nov. 13	Al Augustine
Nov. 14	Pam Marietta
Nov. 16	Jim West
Nov. 16	Kevin Schenk
Nov. 22	Michelle Baker
Nov. 22	Judy Stitt
Nov. 24	Emily Reppert
Nov. 26	Tony Salyer
Nov. 28	Cris Sutton
Nov. 28	Dayton Cooper

Please, if your name is not listed, and you would like to have it listed, please let the office know. Also, please let us know of any corrections...spelling or date.....Thanks Shirley



We lift up the family of member Faye Dowel, in love and sympathy. Faye was born in Kearney NE., and grew up with 4 brothers. She and her high-school sweetheart married in 1958, and had one daughter. Faye worked in a variety of roles but her favorite was working at "Sangre de Cristo Community Care" as the Volunteer coordinator for Hospice West. She loved decorating her home for the change in seasons and loved filling her house with family and friends. Faye loved her grandchildren and said they could do no wrong! Her service was held at SOTH on October 15th.



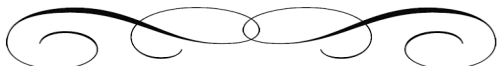
We lift up the family of member Dr. Jan Smith, in love and sympathy. Jan passed away on Sept. 16, 2020, in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Jan graduated with a DMV degree in 1964 from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, having the highest grade-point average of any female vet student in the US and Canada. She was the owner of Circle Cross Ranch in McGregor, Texas for several years before moving to Canon City in 2003.

Jan loved the outdoors and animals, and loved to laugh, joke, and pull pranks. She was a champion of equal rights for everyone. Jan was a staunch believer in the sovereignty of God, readily acknowledging that He had delivered her, countless times during her lifetime. A memorial service will be planned for some future time.



For those of you that may remember members of our church family, **Darlene and Wally Remstad**, their daughter, **Julie Remstad Sanitz** passed away in Fennville, Michigan, on October 7.

She is missed by her **Aunts June and Marlyn and Uncle Clarence VerSluys.**





MISSION NEWS

"We make a living by what we get;
We make a life by what we give."
Winston Churchill

Let Your Thankfulness Show - *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances!* - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Sages, mystics and prophets through the ages have taught us that cultivating an attitude of thankfulness will not only help us grow as disciples, but thankfulness will also deepen our connection with our neighbors and give us happier, more fulfilling lives.

And how do you cultivate thankfulness? First and always, through prayer. Consider how many of the Psalms offer thanks, or how often the Apostle Paul gives thanks for the people and blessings of his ministry. Pray always – and always with thanksgiving. Keep a "blessings list" and pray through it daily.

Giving thanks to God can nourish thankfulness in your own heart, and you can also help encourage thankfulness in your community by developing a habit of thanking others – verbally, by text or email, or with cards and notes.

Since our national holiday of Thanksgiving takes place in November, this month offers the perfect opportunity to start. Throughout November, look for every opportunity to thank someone for any reason, big or small. It could be a stranger who holds a door open for you, a clerk who rings up your sale or a neighbor who does you a favor. Keep track of the number of times you can say "thank you." You may be surprised. For fun, compete with others to see who can say "thank you" the most times in November.

In the process of saying "thank you" you will not only develop a habit that will deepen your soul, you will also change your relationship with neighbors, your community and our world. And that will be a real cause for thanksgiving.

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The Mission Team Bake/Food Sale that has been held the second Sunday in November for many, many years is being postponed until spring of 2021. The Team is hopeful that "things" will be a lot closer to "normal" by then so that lots of people are able to participate by buying, baking or just making a donation. As usual, any funds raised will go to the SOTH "Community Educational Fund" and will be donated to a local school or education related entity.

"Giving Tree" - Linda Freed has advised that The "Giving Tree" project will not be able to take place this year, mainly due to the issues with COVID-19. It is unfortunate, but in its stead, the Mission Team encourages you to make a donation to a non-profit of your choice, local if possible. Or perhaps consider giving an extra offering to our Church.

ELCA "Good Gifts" – If you're not excited about going Christmas shopping this year, consider choosing an alternative gift from the ELCA "Good Gifts" catalog. A great way to honor someone who already has everything they need. Go to: goodgifts.elca.org and check out all the popular gifts to choose from. You can mail, print or email a card to share the news of your gift with friends and loved ones. Your gifts support the ministries of the ELCA in the US and nearly 80 countries around the world.

Thank You to everyone who contributed food during our "Hunger Action" campaign during September and October. Although donations started out slow, members once again came through so that we were able to donate a lot of food to Loaves and Fishes Ministries. Your continued support of SOTH outreaches is greatly appreciated!



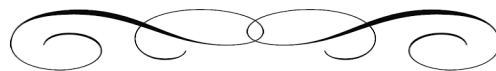
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Ruth Circle meets on **Thursday, November 12th at 10:00 a.m.** The lesson that day is the last in a series about "**Holy Time**". The lesson is titled "**Reimagining the Future**".

The themes/questions are: How do we faithfully look to the future? What does it mean to reimagine the future in light of the promises of God's reign? How do we live now in hope and active expectation and how does this open us (individuals, churches, communities) to transformation? Join us as we come together for learning, discussion and fellowship. All women of SOTH and friends are invited.

If you need a copy of the lesson, contact Marty Waite ([275-5950](tel:275-5950) or cabnlife@yahoo.com). **Please bring a 12 oz. or larger box of cereal for Mercy Today Ministries if you are able.**



"NAVIGATING THE COVID WATERS Structuring a New Path Forward!"



Council news—Music for Worship

In early October our organist, **Angela Bellantoni**, informed the church she was taking a leave of absence until the end of October, but later indicated the leave would be extended until the end of the year and possibly beyond. Council was apprised of her decision and after lengthy contemplation, Council unanimously concluded that the uncertainty of the time frame and the significance of music as an integral component of worship merited action that was in the best interest of the congregation which was felt to proceed with actively searching for a replacement organist as well as filling our current vacancy of choir director. A letter was sent to Angela thanking her for her loyalty and years of service to SOTH.

Council on behalf of the congregation wishes to thank **Cheri Chiaro**, **Jennifer Corkill**, and **Willie Scott** for their assistance with music and **Bob Erickson** and **Betty Fleming** who at this writing have offered special music.

Peace, Charlene Coulson, Council Pres.

WEB OF GRACE 2020

Web of Grace: Connected by our Faith, the Gospel, and our Response

With this as our **theme for Stewardship**, we will look at ways we can live out our response locally, in our country, and in our world through our giving in 2021.

Our local ministry initiative is **Mercy today Ministries**. Currently they provide 10,000 meals a year and 150-200 food boxes a month in the Fremont County area in addition to clothing and household articles. They have a bicycle ministry repairing and donating to individuals without transportation. SOTH initiative will support: 1)the bicycle ministry ; 2)purchase of materials and painting their building so it is more easily identifiable to clients.

Our Web of Grace expands nationally to **St. Paul Lutheran Church** in Lake Charles, Louisiana whose sanctuary was destroyed by hurricanes Laura and Delta. Since 2007, Pastor Tim Norris has served the parish. The Sanctuary was destroyed but the fellowship hall is repairable and being use to distribute food and supplies. The parsonage was also damaged, but does have a new roof. Pastor Tim wishes to eliminate the \$8,000. owed Thrivent for the remaining mortgage in order to facilitate the building insurance claims. The insurance deductible is \$60,000. The current structure is being razed and the plan is to rebuild.

The Web of Grace is expanding to reconnect us with the church--**Jesus de Los Milagros** (Israel, Ixcán, Guatemala), celebrating 20 years in 2019. A delegation from SOTH visited them in 2002 and 2007. Contact has been reestablished with Igelsia Lutherana Augustina de Guatemala (ILAG) and Pastor Karen Castillo. Pastor Castillo thanks us for past support and informs us the church is growing in membership and has finally acquired title to the land for the church. They are now looking forward to building a “formal building”. Pastor Ricardo remains as pastor at Israel She wonders if SOTH would be interested in participating in the building project!!!

The goal of our Web of Grace Appeal is to increase gifts and offerings by \$26,000. Pray for a generous response and please prayerfully consider increasing your gift for the coming year.

Consider **2 Corinthians 9:11-12**. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

Commitment Sunday will be November 8, 2020. You are requested to mail in your Commitment card in the postage paid envelope or bring it to church on that day. Stewardship Team goal is for a 100% response.

Team members are **Diana Biggs, Bob Erickson, Carol Reppert, Elaine Putzer, Dave Jarvis, Pastor Chris, and Charlene Coulson**

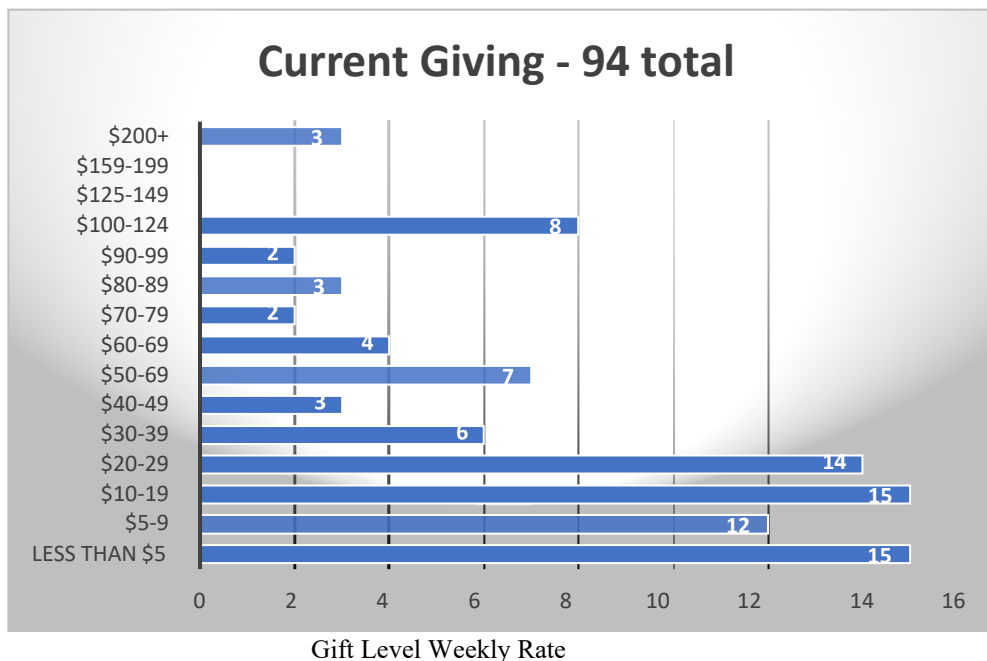
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Our gifts and offering, joined together, accomplish ministry which is blessed by the Lord. Here is a chart which gives a picture of our current giving. As you read this gift chart and find the level of your current offerings, ask yourself these questions:

*“How does my giving level compare with other ways
I use my money?”*

*“How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God
for all the blessings I have received?”*

Shepherd of the Hills 2020 Stewardship Appeal Range of Gifts



Web of Grace 2020 Stewardship Appeal

**Goal: \$26,000 increase
in offerings**

\$ 6,000	Mercy Today Ministries, Canon City, CO
\$10,000	Hurricane Relief - St. Paul Luth, Lake Charles, LA
\$10,000	Guatemala Support

So.....What Do You Know?

-about OCTOBER 25th- Three High School students reaffirmed their baptisms on Reformation Sunday. **Atalia Fisher, Blaine Putzer, and Ryan Williams** studied in Catechism classes over 2-3 years time, attended RTLK faith building camps and retreats, and now have chosen a verse and wrote their **Faith Statements**. Thank you, Mentors Ray Quick, Rick Wolken, and Becky Romano for guiding these young adults in their faith journeys.

-about NOVEMBER Sunday School Classes- With 17 students ages 4 years old through 5th grade, we have returned to "in-person" classes on The Whirl Kids share their experiences at their church as we look at what the Bible says about that Sunday's Scripture readings. All Saints Sunday we will observe Lectionary 31 which is found in Matthew 23:1-12. November 8 is the story about the 10 Bridesmaids. God, help us to learn and be wise! The Parable of the Talents will be the lesson on November 15th. Christ the King Sunday is on November 22nd, when Goats and Sheep get separated.

-about Catechism Classes which start at 10:15 and end around 11:45/12 noon most Sundays!! FAITH Incubator year 2 provides a rich curriculum for Pastor Chris and the leaders (Becky Romano, Ali Kelley, Lois Goodman and Dena Richter) to teach Jesus to our students. We have Bible Time, Vocabulary, Skits, quotes and questions. We share our Highs and Lows together and then pray about them. **Parents**, thank you for making this Catechism time a priority for your son/daughter and for bringing snacks on the day you've offered. **NO Catechism class on November 23rd and Family Class on November 29!**

-about Confirmation Camp- October 16 - 18 7 students, William, Evelyn Basham, Jordyn Sutton, Taiya Fisher, Etta Corkill, Tucker Anderson, and Kellie Williams went to RTLK for Confirmation Retreat to develop their faith with other Rocky Mountain Synod kids. The adult leaders that our church sent were Erik Hjelmstad and Ali Kelley. We did have a few students who could not attend this year.

-about ADVENT - November 29 light the first Candle in the WREATH in worship as we Prepare our Hearts for Jesus' coming.

-about Senior High Retreat at RTLK-is scheduled for the weekend of November 20, 21, and 22. Please check out the RTLK website and then communicate with Pastor Chris or Bobbie if you are interested in going.

-about NOVEMBER meetings-Christian Ed is scheduled to meet the 4th Thursdays of each month, except when a holiday interferes. The next meeting is November 22nd at 6:00.

NEWS! NEWS!! NEWS!!

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

We celebrate "All Saints' Sunday" on November 1st this year. "to all who received Him....the Word gave power to become Children of God." John 1:12 This is the Sunday when we honor our Children of God, who have died this past year,



We will celebrate **VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 2020....**
Celebrate your veteran. We have enjoyed our freedom because of the men and women who serve .
Celebrate them!!

RAINBOW TRAIL LUTHERAN CAMP



NOVEMBER 1st, 2021 SUMMER REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!!

**DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!
SEE THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX FOR ALL THE INFORMATION!!**



Congratulations to **Jessica Schenk** and **Ryan Welker** on their wedding on October 9, 2020, in St. Louis, Missouri. Jessica, who was baptized and confirmed here at SOTH, moved to St. Louis in 2013 to earn her graduate degree at Washington University. After graduation she stayed in the city and is employed by the Gateway Region YMCA as the Association Director of Grants and Foundations. She has also worked for the last three years as a therapist for a counseling group in St. Louis, "Care Counseling," and has completed the hours and coursework required to take her LCSW test in December.

Ryan is a St. Louis native and works for Ameren, which is the Missouri electric utility company, as a traveling substation operator. They will be living in St. Louis with their beloved dogs, Percy and Pretzel, at 2516 Brenna Ct, St. Louis, MO 63129.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS ON
NOVEMBER 1st, 2020.
TURN YOUR
CLOCKS BACK....BACK...
BACK!!!**

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OUR SOCIAL MINISTRIES:

LOAVES AND FISHES need help with the following: **HOUSEHOLD USED FURNITURE!** Any and all Baby Items, **CLOTHING** of all kinds, They can always use **DISH SOAP AND CANNED TUNA (or in pouches)** **CANNED TOMATOES, CANNED BEANS, CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED FRUIT, CANNED SOUP, CANNED PASTA WITH MEAT, PEANUT BUTTER, TOILET PAPER, MAC & CHEESE, CEREAL.** Please bring any frozen foods directly to Loaves & Fishes. They can always use any non-perishable food, monetary donations, or household items. Paper goods are always appreciated, paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, etc. The first Sunday of the month is designated as "Loaves & Fishes Sunday," however you may donate your items at any time in the box provided in the coat room.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!!!!

Pull Tabs from Aluminum Cans : Goes to benefit Ronald McDonald House in Colorado Springs.

Also: Paper/Cardboard: Please remove or shred personal information and put papers in a box or plastic bag before putting in the blue recycling bin, located at the end of our driveway entrance.

Aluminum Cans: Please consider donating your aluminum cans to the Humane Society.

Plastic Bags: Manna House could use those plastic shopping bags with handles. (Loaves n' Fishes also uses them, but their need varies. Please call them first.)

Cancelled Stamps: There is a basket on the table in the coat room for your cancelled stamps. Benefits TUBFRIM in Norway.

Box Tops: Please save your box tops which are given to the Mountain View Core Knowledge School, for their greatest needs. There is a container on the table in the coat room for your box tops.

YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

President—Charlene Coulson
Vice President— Linda Freed
Secretary— Jerry Putzer

Lynn Wetters	Lori Varner
Brad Putzer	Cindy Giles-Thomas
Jon Runa	Ron Sutton
Dianne Bush	


Also...Lois Petersen-Kelley
Church Treasurer



November

2020

N O V E M B E R 2 0 2 0

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends Noisy Offering ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	2 9 AM Peace in Motion 6 PM Sisters of Hope	3 2 PM Gospel Group CAST YOUR VOTE!!	4	5 10:00	6 9 AM Peace in Motion	7
8	9 9 AM Peace in Motion	10 2 PM Gospel Group 7 PM Council Meet- ing	11 VETERANS DAY PM Crafting for Christ 2 PM Book Club (Barb K)	12 10:00 am RUTH CIRCLE 1 PM Book Club (Barb K) 2 PM Starpoint Adult Activity	13	14
15	16 9 AM Peace in Motion	17 2 PM Gospel Group	18	19 2 PM Starpoint Adult Activity 6:30 PM Commu- nity Concert Assn.	20 9 AM Peace in Motion	21
Newsletter Deadline						
22 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 2 PM Historical Society Pastor Vacation thru Nov. 28	23 9 AM Peace in Motion	24 2 PM Gospel Group	25 1 PM Crafting for Christ	26 Thanksgiving 	27 9 AM Peace in Motion	28
29 THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	30 9 AM Peace in Motion					

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