



# The Voice

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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\*\*\*



There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8



By the time you read this, it will be just two months until the 2020 elections. By then candidates will be covered with mud their opponents have thrown at them (actually, it has already begun!). It will not be an uplifting time. Fear will be the main theme: “If my opponent is elected, the nation will fall, your lives will be in ruin, you will have no future. My opponent is the devil incarnate. I am your savior. Vote for me!”

We know that none of this is true, yet we get sucked in. We give in to the fear and worry what will life be like no matter who wins the elections. What *is* true is that we do have many concerns about the world, our nation, our families and friends, own individual lives. We are starkly seeing the fragility of life and how very interconnected with and interdependent on each other we are. We are not in as much control as we have imagined. There are no absolute black and white answers, and the world is a lot more gray than we might wish for it to be. Surprised?

What an incredible opportunity we have to grow and to change! We are in the midst of “the long green season” of Pentecost. The biggest chunk of the church year is dedicated to the season of growth. Growing in faith is the main focus of the church year. We get excited about the festivals and celebrations that are sprinkled in, but our main task is to grow in faith; to leave fear and division behind and move forward as a community, growing in our dependence upon one another, and most especially, our dependence on God. Faith, not fear is our guide. There is much we have to teach “the world!”

This month we begin another year of Christian Education to help us in that growth. Rally Day and Youth Sunday are September 13 and Sunday School begins September 20. Keep an eye out for an Adult Bible Study coming soon as well. There will be other opportunities for growth ahead.

We do have a Savior, and he doesn’t have an “R”, or a “D”, or any other letter beside his name and his name will not be on any ballots. We can focus our attention on Jesus and on growing in deeper relationship with him, which will grow our relationships with one another. Win-win-win!

I will leave you with this prayer of the day for September 27: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Blessings! Pastor Chris*



# NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION



We lift up Nellie Jarvis and her family in prayer and support at the death of her father Ed. Ed passed away in August. His service was in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on August 29th.

Sept. 2	Shirley Kramer
Sept. 2	Jon Runa
Sept. 3	Melanie Herron
Sept. 3	Craig Scheer
Sept. 3	Joan Quick
Sept. 5	Lynn Wetters
Sept. 7	Jenel Lundquist
Sept. 8	Robert Worley
Sept. 9	Sharon Salyer
Sept. 9	Bobbie Anderson
Sept. 9	Marilyn Lange
Sept. 13	Wendy Schiferl
Sept. 13	Brycen Minton
Sept. 14	Gini Woltemath
Sept. 22	Karen Varner
Sept. 23	Charles Olin
Sept. 23	Barb Runa
Sept. 23	Jordyn Sutton
Sept. 25	Bela Veres
Sept. 25	Shirley Stephens



Our Choir Director **Gerry Willis** has resigned. We are grateful for his musical (and comical) talents he shared with us, but will greatly miss both **Gerry and Leslie**. Well wishes go with them as they pursue other ways to live out their gifts and callings. Thank you for your time with us at Shepherd of the Hills.

*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*



**SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 20th, 9:00am**

Students will receive their **First Communion** using their handmade chalices. **Children who will be receiving their 1st communion are.....**

**Dylan Bendt, Etta and Sawyer Corkill, Audrey and Austin Kammerdiener, Paulo and Tiago LaTorre, and Casey Varner.**

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

## Church Council Meeting Minutes

Did you know that the church council minutes are posted on the large bulletin board over by the coffee pot? You can read all about what went on, and keep informed!



Just wanted to put a Thank You in here for our **PROPERTY COMMITTEE!!!** They are always looking out for us and our beautiful building!! **Jon Runa and Jerry Putzer** have been seen many times, taking care of whatever is needed around our church. **THANK YOU!!!**



## MISSION NEWS

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

**Thank you** to all who donated items during the Christmas in July project for the benefit of the Canon City Pregnancy Center. Through your generosity we were able to provide: 225 diapers in various sizes, 860 wipes, five burp cloths, three receiving blankets, three full size crib blankets, one large can Enfamil formula mix, one baby oil, one baby lotion, one baby shampoo, two brush & comb sets, two baby nail care sets, one size 5 set of boy's clothes and \$120 in monetary donations.

**Ruth Circle** will meet on **Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** when we will commence a three-session Bible study entitled “Holy Time” by the Rev. Meghan Johnson Aelabouni. We will be invited to remember the past, recognize the present and reimagine the future. In Session 1, Remembering the Past, we will study Scriptures from Deuteronomy, Luke and 1 Corinthians. Some questions we'll discuss are: What is faithful memory? How do we remember the past—good and bad? How do we embody memory in our worship through Word and Sacrament, and why is this important? How does faithful memory put us back together (re-member us) as faithful people?

Please join us September 10<sup>th</sup> as we come together to learn, discuss and enjoy fellowship. All women of SOTH and friends are invited. We look forward to seeing new faces and some we just haven't seen in a while. Need a copy of the lesson? Contact Marty Waite ([275-5950](tel:275-5950) or [cabnlife@yahoo.com](mailto:cabnlife@yahoo.com)). The Circle **continues to collect 12 oz. or larger boxes of cereal for Mercy Today Ministries.** We will be wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

**September is “Hunger Action Month”** - Hunger is a problem that exists throughout the world from third world countries to the shining pinnacle of modernity in places like the US, Germany and Poland. No one should have to go hungry, and Hunger Action Month reminds us that there are those out there who need the help of a kind soul with an open hand, and that there are more than enough resources in the world for us all to eat well. Our congregation continues to do things for the hungry in our community and our world.

Hunger Action Month was established by Feeding America (Care & Share) back in 2008, when it decided it was time for a nationwide push to get involved with the hunger crisis across the country. During September people everywhere help to feed the needy in their neighborhood and country, working to ensure that the 48 million people who live with hunger every day can get some relief. Food deprivation is a problem for more than just adults as well, children all over the country go to school without a proper breakfast, leading to difficulty focusing on their education, alertness, and generally performing well.

How to celebrate Hunger Action Month – Simply start by taking action against hunger. All you need to do is to help raise awareness of hunger as a problem, and there are a lot of ways of doing that even if you're short on time and money. You can host an in-person food drive, start a virtual food drive or raise awareness about the cause on social media. Food drives, volunteer efforts and donations are always welcome and help to battle this epidemic in our country and around the world. **SOTH will be collecting donations of nonperishable foods for Loaves & Fishes during September. There will be a display and boxes for your donations near the Sanctuary entrance.**

# “NAVIGATING THE COVID WATERS Structuring a New Path Forward!”

## **Stewarding the Common Good**

Jesus taught, “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*” –**Matthew 22:38**

In Genesis 4, God asks Cain the whereabouts of Abel, his little brother whom Cain has just murdered in a jealous fit. Answering God’s question, Cain snarkily retorts, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” The correct answer for Cain is, “Yes, you are your brother’s keeper.” And the principle applies to us, too.

Woven through Scripture is God’s clear priority that we love and care for one another. The imperative finds clearest expression in the life and words of Jesus, who repeatedly teaches us to love everyone – friend, family, neighbor – even enemy. *No exceptions.* Love for neighbor is a stewardship issue because we are responsible to care for all that God has entrusted to us, including community, relationships and the welfare of others. Stewarding the common good is an essential component.

As North Americans, we haven’t done a very good job of stewarding the common good because our culture teaches us to “look out for number one,” as opposed to looking out for everyone. Consider how much of our political division and brokenness in criminal justice, education, healthcare, economics and government results from our thinking “what’s good for me,” rather than “what’s good for everybody.”

Stewarding the common good often involves giving up some measure of what would be good just for us. We sacrifice out of love to provide what is good for our neighbor. Is anything more Christian?

This year, especially as politics and division have embroiled and divided our country, study how the theme of loving our neighbor and stewarding the common good is woven through Scripture. What does it mean for you and the church? Think. Pray. Act.

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### STEWARDSHIP SNIPPETS.....

**“It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.”**

**Matthew 15:11**

As we steward the church into a new future, let us remember Jesus’ words to the disciples. It’s not so much about razor-edge adherence to law and strictures, but rather how one lives the life of faith. An authentic and faithful witness is needed for these difficult and shifting times.

# So.....What Do You Know?

**-about Catechism Classes-** How delightful to have so many families attend our kick off meeting on 8/9. We **start** classes on **August 23, (10:15-11:45)** meeting in person with students in 6th through 8th grades as well as our adult leaders. Besides Pastor Chris, adult leaders include parents, Dena Richter, Becky Romano and Lois Goodman. We will continue the same time and day (Sunday) except when holi/Holy days preempt these.

Our first meetings will address the **Youth Worship Service** scheduled for **September 13**. Snacks on 8/23 provided by Andersons; 8/30 Varner's; and 9/6 Basham's bring prepackaged snacks to share.

**-about Confirmation Camp- October 16 - 18** kids in grades 6th-8th will climb the mountain to RTLC together for the weekend. Church provides 2 chaperones (male/female) and we hope all of our students are able to attend. With 9 students enrolled in Catechism class, we rejoice with this increase and urge you all to let the church office (Bobbie, Pastor or Dena) know that you will be going since there are forms that we will need. Families pay a \$25 deposit and the Church Learning Budget pays the balance.

**-about First Communion- September 20th**, we will celebrate the first Communion of 8 students in our church family. Welcome to the Table of God, **Dylan, Sawyer, Etta, Audrey, Austin, Paulo, Tiago, and Casey**.

**September 13th!** "We are the Church Together", **Rally Day's** theme, at 9 am we will worship and play, experiencing the fact that the Church of the Triune God is all of us members- not a building or place, not God in the heavens, but God's people wherever we are. Together in prayer, mind body or spirit, we are even stronger as the Church.

**Bring blankets, chairs and food!** After the youth led worship, we will go outside to play ball - Bocce, Volley, and any kind of ball that is there. Although serving open food is not ok yet, we will have prepackaged snacks, root beer cans and vanilla ice cream for our Signature **Black Cows for Camp**. Plan to join in on this event that Thrivent helps to fund prizes and snacks.

**-about Noisy Offering-** Will come back on **September 13th** in a new and Physical Distancing Accepted manner. Bring your loose change!

**-about RTLC-** Shepherd of the Hills sent 8 children to onsite SUMMER camp and more attended virtually. Senior High RETREAT (students in grades 9th-12th) will be **November 20 - 22** this year. We would love for our high school students to go.

**-about Tri Annual Youth Gathering-** The ELCA has postponed this event to **July 24-28, 2021**. This event is too big to wait another 3 years to experience!

**-About meetings-** Christian Ed is scheduled to meet **September 10, 2020**, at 6:30 p.m. Catechism classes Sundays at 10:15. Sunday school starts in September. **Confirmation Sunday is October 25th for Atalia, Blaine and Ryan.**

# The Many Roads Of Life And A Few Words Of Wisdom

## **GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:**

1. No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
2. When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
3. If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
4. You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
5. Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
6. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
7. The best place to be when you're sad is in Grandma's lap.

## **GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:**

1. Raising a teenager is like nailing Jello to a tree.
2. Wrinkles don't hurt.
3. Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
4. Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
5. Laughing is good exercise, it's like jogging on the inside.
6. Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

## **GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD**

1. Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional.
2. Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
3. When you fall down, you wonder

what else you can do while you're down there.

4. It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody asks you the questions.
5. Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
6. Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

## **THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:**

1. You believe in Santa Claus.
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus
3. You Are Santa Claus
4. You look like Santa Claus.

## **SUCCESS:**

At age 4 success is.... not piddling in your pants.

At age 12 success is....Having friends.

At age 17 success is....Having a drivers license.

At age 35 success is....Having money.

At age 50 success is....Having money.

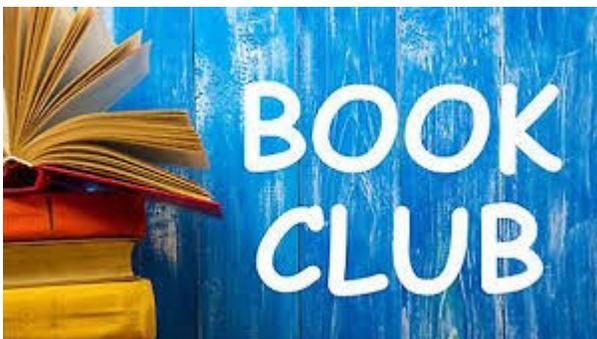
At age 70 success is....Having a driver's license.

At age 75 success is....Having friends.

At age 80 success is....Not piddling in your pants.

*Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way, BUT NEVER forget the blessings that come each day.*

# BOOK CLUB – PLUS



**The Book Club** is temporarily on hold until it is safe to meet again.

We'll start up at a later date with *A Man Called Ove*, that was going to be our August book. Stay tuned for updates.

For further information, contact Diana Biggs At 275-4647 or [bearblanca@aol.com](mailto:bearblanca@aol.com).

## A SHREDDING EVENT !!!!

Monday, Sept. 14th, 2-4pm and

Tuesday, Sept. 15th, 10am-12:30pm

Where: 128 Main Street, Canon City

(items will be collected in the downstairs foyer)

Items Accepted: paper, media (vhs, floppy disks, Cassette tapes, etc.)

Cost: \$.50 per pound. Cash Only

Items will be collected and then shredded on Sept. 28, 2020.



**PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOXES WHEN YOU CAN.**

**Due to the increasing costs of mailing, you are encouraged to communicate through your church mailbox!! The office and other committees will also be communicating with you via your church mailbox. Check Often!**

**AS YOU PRAY, PLEASE REMEMBER.....**

**All of our Military, especially our  
SOTH members and relatives...**

TSgt. Jake Dalzell, USAF, stationed at McConnell AFB, Wichita, KS; 1st Sgt. Austin Roberts, US Army, Stationed at Ft. Carson; SMSgt. Joshua Hinsey, USAF, stationed in Germany; Spec. Michael Kelley, U.S. Army, 2nd Deployment to Iraq; Capt. Warren Riner, USAF, deployed overseas; Captain. Nick Romano, U.S. Army, Stationed at Ft. Polk, LA; Maj. Edward Runyan, U.S. Army, stationed at Ft. Carson; SFC. Tony Salyer, U.S. Army, stationed at Ft. Carson; ; Zachary Jayson, Military-deployed to Afghanistan.

*Note: Please let us know the names of the military personnel you wish to have on the list. If you know of others who are in the military, please call the church office and we will include their names. Please give us the rank and where they are stationed.*

**Please remember to notify the office of any changes or deletions**

# NEWS! NEWS!! NEWS!!



**Crafting For Christ –**

Crafting for Christ will begin meeting again on the second and fourth Wednesdays, at 1 p.m. As mentioned above, social distance requirements are in place.

Please wear masks, do not bring any food or drink to be shared, and lastly, please wipe down any surfaces (i.e., chairs, tables) that are used before leaving.



**First Day of Autumn**

**SEPTEMBER 22 IS THE FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN!! LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!!!**



Our Sunday services are being recorded via **UTube**. The links to the services are provided in your emailed Weekly SOTH Announcements that you receive on Thursdays.

Right now the services are not “live” services, but there is hope that in the future we will be able to watch the services “LIVE.”

**WE ARE THE CHURCH**

**SUNDAY 9am**  
**SEPTEMBER 13th**  
In Person!!

**WE ARE THE CHURCH CELEBRATION!**

Our Youth will Be leading The 9am Service!!




**A VERY BIG THANK YOU** to Pastor Lois Goodman and everyone who assisted in the 9am service on August 2nd.

*Thank you!*

# S.O.T.H. GENERAL Information Page

## Shepherd of the Hills Staff

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## Officers of the Congregation

President: Charlene Coulson  
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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

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Church Treasurer





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
				2 PM Starpoint Adult Activity	9 AM Peace in Motion	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:am Service	<b>Labor Day</b> 9 AM Peace in Motion	7 PM Council Mtg	1 PM Crafting for Christ	2 PM Starpoint Adult Activity	9 AM Peace in Motion <b>PATRIOT DAY</b>	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>+Rally Day</b> <b>+Noisy Offering</b> <b>+9am "We Are The Church"— Youth leading the service</b>	9 AM Peace in Motion <b>Shredding</b> event See Page 8	Newsletter Deadine <b>Shredding</b> event See Page 8		2 PM Starpoint Adult Activity	9 AM Peace in Motion	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>+9am Service</b> <b>+Sunday School</b> <b>+1<sup>st</sup> Communion</b> <b>+2 PM Historical Society</b>	<b>International Day of Peace</b> 9 AM Peace in Motion- PC – Theo Conference	<b>First Day of Autumn</b>   PC – Theo Conference	1 PM Crafting for Christ  PC – Theo Conference	2 PM Starpoint Adult Activity  PC – Theo Conference	9 AM Peace in Motion	
27	28	29	30			
9am Service	9 AM Peace in Motion					



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