



THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK

SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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May 2016 Newsletter

Pastor Ron Bockhaus 970-646-6657
Worship Service 9:00 am Sunday

May Worship Matters

Sunday, May 1, 9:00 am Peter Severson speaking
Sunday, May 8, 9:00 am The Invitation to "Come"
Saturday, May 14, 5:00 pm Second Saturday Worship
Sunday, May 15, 9:00 am The Day of Pentecost
Sunday, May 22, 9:00 am The Holy Trinity
Sunday, May 29, 9:00 am Memorial Day Weekend

Dry Gulch Road Closure Ongoing

The reconstruction of Dry Gulch Road that began in April continues with a full road closure. For the present time Dry Gulch is closed from US 34 to Wildfire Road. The only access to church is:

- From the intersection of Wonderview Ave. and MacGregor Ave., take MacGregor north.
- MacGregor Ave. curves at the entrance to MacGregor Ranch, becoming Devil's Gulch Rd.
- Continue east on Devil's Gulch Rd. in the direction of Glen Haven.
- At the intersection of Devil's Gulch Rd. and County Rd 61/H Bar G Rd. (unmarked), bear right onto County Rd 61.
- At the intersection of County Rd 61 and Dry Gulch Road, turn right or south and continue south on Dry Gulch Road until you get to Ptarmigan Trail.

This route will add a few minutes to your commute. Please plan ahead.

Kent Keller Memorial Service

The memorial service for Kent Keller will be Sunday, May 29th at 3:00 pm at the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies. Pastor Ron Bockhaus will be one of the officiants. A reception will be held immediately following the service in the church fellowship hall. My family and I welcome friends from Shepherd of the Mountains to attend.

—Very sincerely, Janet Keller

Wear Red on May 15th

Pentecost Sunday, May 15th is a red-letter day for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Please wear red when you come to the church service to help remind each other of its importance. Lynette Johnson will be asking readers of different languages to help recreate the miraculous message on the Day of Pentecost as described in the second chapter of Acts.

*"All things
seem possible
in May."*

Edwin Wayne Teale



Save the Date June 25th for Men in Mission Pancake Fundraiser

The Men in Mission are hosting an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, June 25th at 8:30 am at the church. The breakfast will provide an opportunity to enjoy fellowship, hear about a great program, have a wonderful meal and help a seminary student! A 'Free Will Donation' will go for a scholarship given to a seminary student at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Iowa. Elizabeth Fogarty, Executive Director of Visit Estes Park, will provide an informative program on the Estes Park Initiative. SMLC members and guests are all invited. —John Stencel

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All Things New

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new..." Revelation 21:5

Ten years ago this month I was part of a group that went to Slidell, Louisiana to help with recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina. Our base of operations during that week was Peace Lutheran in Slidell. Pastor Barbara Simmers serves Peace Lutheran and throughout the week her comments and stories about the people she and her church served were vivid reminders of why we are the Church and proof that God is still working to *make all things new*.

Pastor Simmers spoke about her church prior to the hurricane and its struggle to define a clear mission. Church membership was a little over 100 with 65 in worship on an average Sunday. Just as folks were asking how such a small church could make a difference in their community, Hurricane Katrina hit on August 29, 2005. Peace Lutheran became a Lutheran Disaster Relief Center distributing food and supplies in the days following the devastation. It then transitioned into a residence for people needing shelter and eventually a place for workers like me helping with recovery efforts. After my stay Peace built a new mission center that houses additional volunteers and programs for the greater community. The invitation to come and work is still open to any willing worker.

The ways that God is *making all things new* is not always so dramatic. Sometimes change is gradual and persistent but transformation nonetheless. Regardless of how change happens, it does because God is redeeming the world unto himself through Christ Jesus. As Shepherd of the Mountains works to define our God-given mission, I invite you to pray with me that we would anticipate *all things new* happening here. May we greet each new day with the question, "God, what are you up to today?" And whatever that may be, God grant us the grace to be co-creators in a world transformed.

In Christ,

Pastor Ron

Popular Quiche Recipe

Linda Schlitt has provided this crustless quiche recipe by popular request. Enjoy!

Petite Crustless Quiche

Serves 4

Ingredients

olive oil spray

1 Tbsp. olive oil

1/2 medium onion, diced

1/3 cup chopped bell pepper (*I like to use red or orange sweet peppers*)

2 garlic cloves, crushed (*I use dried garlic*)

1 medium tomato, diced

6 oz. turkey kielbasa, diced (*I use mild lean turkey sausage. I added poultry seasoning—you could also use Canadian bacon or ground turkey.*)

2 cups baby spinach, chopped

5 large whole eggs, beaten (*I like to include some whole eggs for the extra flavor and color, but use mostly egg whites*)

4 large egg whites

1/3 cup fat-free milk

1/2 tsp. salt

1/8 tsp. black pepper

3 oz. low-fat cheddar cheese (*I use reduced-fat Mexican cheese mix*)

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a nonstick muffin pan with olive oil spray. (I find you may need more than one muffin pan.)

Heat the oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Sauté onions and salt for five minutes until soft. Add sweet peppers, garlic, tomato, and kielbasa (or turkey sausage) and sauté for another five to seven minutes. Add spinach and cook until wilted, about one minute. Set aside.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl whisk the eggs, egg whites, milk, salt and pepper until smooth. Add the cheese and cooked mixture to the bowl and mix well.

Pour into the prepared muffin pan or pans and bake for 28 to 30 minutes or until firm. (Don't overfill or you will have spills in your oven.) I make a double batch and freeze in serving-size amounts.



Getting to Know...Carolyn Tuttle

In case anyone was wondering, the “Welcome to Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church” sign, recently placed out on Dry Gulch Road, has proven effective. When Carolyn Tuttle was driving by, she saw the sign and church and decided to attend a worship service here. She says, “I came one Sunday and sat next to a wonderful couple, Jeanne and Peter, and others who were welcoming to me. I immediately felt the warmth and support and caring nature of the church.” Fortunately for the rest of us, she joined the church last Reformation Sunday. Then, however, the other members of SMLC had to postpone getting acquainted with her because she and Terry left to spend the winter at their other home in Casa Grande, AZ. Now she is back!

Never idle, Carolyn volunteers at a local grade school while living in Casa Grande. She also participates daily in water aerobics, enjoys biking, gathering with girlfriends and glass work. On the other hand, while staying at her other home in Glen Haven’s Dunraven Glade, she spends her leisure time “mainly hiking up our trails behind the house and the Dunraven Trail down to the river.” She and Terry also take RV trips with their two English setter dogs, often visiting their families.

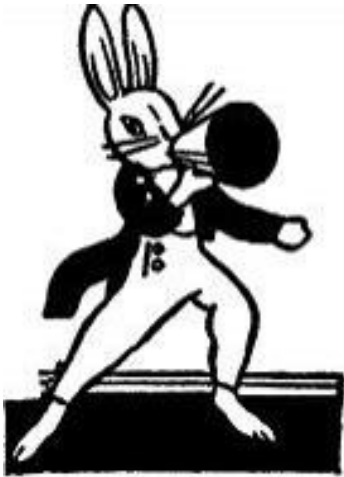
Visiting their families could become a fulltime occupation all by itself. After thirty-one years of marriage, Carolyn and Terry’s combined families begin with their children Christine, Teresa, Tamra, Todd and Russell. These five children have blessed them with eighteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Maybe she would be willing to share some tricks for keeping track of all those birthdays!

Carolyn is not a native Coloradoan but she has lived here long enough to know it well. She was born and raised in Southern California, where she worked for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. When she moved to Colorado in 1980, she worked for Hewlett-Packard in Northern Colorado Human Services. Her retirement home in Dunraven Glade is much closer to the church, even with the recent detour on Highway 34.

The other members of SMLC welcome Carolyn and hope that she and Terry will spend as many of their retirement years as possible right here in this family of warm, caring and supportive Christians. May we always live up to her first impressions.—*Lynette Johnson*



Announcements!



Mark Your Calendars for May 1st

Sunday, May 1st, Peter Severson, Director of the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-Colorado for the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod, will speak during the church service and also be available during the Adult Forum to address advocacy issues presented in Colorado's state legislature. Please plan to be present for this unique learning opportunity.

Spring Fling Luncheon

On Monday, May 2nd at 11:30 am we'll have a sandwich-and-salad "Spring Fling" luncheon for congregation members and Good Samaritan Village residents. "Major Thirteen" from Estes Park High School under the direction of Dr. Alan Denney will provide entertainment. Please bring either sandwiches or a salad to share. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.—*Rich Stolte*

Council Member Biographies Due May 6th

Be sure to get your bios in for posting on the website by Friday, May 6th, or else we'll be forced to make up something really terrible about you. Send to smlceditor@gmail.com Thanks!—*Lisa Hutchins, Newsletter Editor*

Council Meeting Change of Date to May 9th

A reminder to committee chairs that you need to get your summary of what has been done this past year in to your council member liaison by the church council meeting on **May 9th (moved from May 12th)**. Although our [semi-] annual meeting takes place in June, we need this info ahead of time so council can take a look at the progress, and also so we have time to format the reports for the meeting.—*Jean Siddle, Council President*

Upcoming Donation to LaPuente on May 15th

Sunday, May 15th, will be our second quarterly offering benefiting LaPuente. Watch for more information and an upcoming presentation by Gary Brown.



Men's Breakfast on May 14th

Men of the of the church are invited to our Men in Mission Breakfast, May 14th at 8:30 am at the church. Our cooks will prepare a wonderful breakfast. Afterwards we'll engage in spring cleanup inside and outside the church. Gary Trunnell, Property Chair, will have a list of things that need to get done. Bring your appetite, your gloves and tools. Spend an extra hour, or two, or three, in getting the building and grounds in shape for the summer. Thank you!

—*John Stencil, Chairman, SMLC Men in Mission*

Calling All Cooks for May 16th!

On Tuesday, May 16th WELCA will be serving the Retired Pastors Luncheon and is preparing for approximately 48 guests. Coffee and snacks will be served at 9:30 am; luncheon will be at 12:00 pm. As in the past, we'd appreciate congregational assistance with desserts, either regular or sugar-free. A sign-up sheet will be available on the counter outside the office on May 1st. The desserts may be brought to church on Sunday, May 15th for the convenience of those not wanting to drive the detour to the church on the 16th. We're grateful to all who support WELCA in the fundraising activities throughout the year.—*Marilyn Kienker*



On April 12th the Women of the Evangelical Church of America met at SMLC. The meeting centered around the Bible study presented by Dorothy Refsell. The focus was a discussion of Paul's beloved passages from his letter to the Philippians and how these passages affect our daily living. This helps us to "keep on keeping on" and apply Christ's teachings to our lives.

The business meeting followed with preparation for serving the Retired Pastors Luncheon on Monday, May 16th. The menu was presented and women volunteered for preparing and serving the food. Members of the congregation are being encouraged to help with providing some of the desserts for the luncheon.

Linda Schlitt, Fair Trade Coordinator, reported on the new kinds of Fair Trade chocolate products. Once again these items have been priced and displayed on the cart for purchase by church attendees.

Marian Stencel furnished yummy treats at the close of the meeting during fellowship time.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10th at SMLC at 1:00 pm. The Bible study will be led by Bobbie Christenson, and Linda Schlitt will provide refreshments.

—Marilyn Kienker

Buy Safeway Gift Cards

Safeway gift cards are an easy way to donate to SMLC, and it doesn't cost you an extra cent!



They operate just like cash when

you buy groceries, work like cash when redeeming fuel credits, and the best part is, five percent of the proceeds automatically go back to the church. To purchase see Kelly Brown, either after church or by calling Kelly at 970-586-2021 during the week.—Kelly Brown

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Marsha Yelick 5/1
 Ryan Schwartz 5/3
 Allen Settje 5/12
 Marge Gallagher 5/14
 Bill Leppert 5/14
 Gary Trunnell 5/14
 Kris Adams 5/15
 Linda Wold 5/21
 Mike Novak 5/23
 Charlotte Lloyd 5/26



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Jim and Annette Gaskill 5/1
 Tom and Kris O'Neil 5/2
 Michael and Christine Kellam 5/4
 Gary and Kelly Brown 5/31



APRIL PRAYERS

- Dorothy Refsell—auto accident
- Family in Glen Haven—fire
- Judy Houston and family upon the death of Sam
- Vanessa Paswaters—successful surgery



Stewardship 365: Nourishment & Nurture

Reflecting stewardship in our daily lives, every day of the year.

In the Holy Land are two ancient bodies of water. Both are fed by the Jordan River. In one, fish play and roots find sustenance. In the other, there is no splash of fish, no sound of bird, no leaf around. The difference is not in the Jordan, for it empties into both, but in the Sea of Galilee: for every drop taken in, one goes out. It gives and lives. The other gives nothing. And it is called the Dead Sea.

Courtesy William Sloane Coffin, former pastor at Riverside Church, New York City

What a powerful concept. Life and sustenance, receiving and giving, nourishment and nurture. Our Lord avails himself to all, sharing every good thing. As we experience spring showers, and watch our local rivers rise with snow melt, now is a wonderful time to renew your relationship to your personal stewardship.

This spring, allow your time, talent and treasure to cascade as a river from the Sea of You, tumbling into our environment, our church home and family, and into our world, sustaining life and giving new possibility.

This spring, allow yourself to be drenched in the Lord's blessings. Then, as blessings flow out from you, experience the deep spiritual refreshment, renewal and sustenance for which each of us so deeply thirst.

What a gift! Thanks be to God, our source of Living Water. —Heidi Johnson

MAY BIBLE READINGS



May 1

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelations 21:10,
22-22:5
John 14:23-29 or
John 5:1-9

May 8

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelations 22:12-14,
16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

May 15

Acts 2:1-21 or
Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17 or
Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17 [25-27]

May 22

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

May 29

1 Kings 8:22-23,
41-43
Psalm 96:1-9
Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10



Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek *Pentēkostē*, meaning fifty. The ancient Christian term is *pentecoste hemera*, or fiftieth day.

Pentecost already existed in the Jewish faith prior to the time of Jesus. It was known as the Festival of Weeks, coming from a dictate in Leviticus 23:16 that instructed Jews to count fifty days or seven weeks from the end of Passover to the beginning of the next holiday. Christ's followers happened to be assembled for the Jewish Pentecost when, as related in Acts, they were suddenly filled with the Holy Spirit. Because Pentecost is symbolized by both fire and joy, the official color of the day is red.

Pentecost is always dated fifty days from Easter. Like Easter, it's a "moveable feast" that has no fixed date and varies on the calendar from year to year.

Church Council Meeting Summary 14 April 2016

- Key dates: New Members joining 4/24. Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly in Loveland 4/28-30. Spring Fling 5/2. Men in Mission church grounds cleanup 5/14. Quarterly special offering for La Puente 5/15. La Puente Mission Trip 6/2-5. Mid-Year Congregational Meeting 6/12. Pastor Ron preaching at Scandinavian Festival Worship service 6/26.
- Special Purpose Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, April 17th. Congregation approved plan to proceed with Phase III Kitchen Project. No construction to begin until funds are in hand. All funding to be raised by CCC. Construction time frame: August 1st–September 15th.
- Financial Audit in progress with completion targeted for early May.
- Staff personnel evaluations in progress.
- Approved vacation for Pastor Ron for June 9th-19th.
- New computer purchased for the church office. Asphalt repair of parking lot completed.
- Investigate obtaining a locking fire-resistant file cabinet for secure record-keeping.
- Mid-year Congregational Meeting to be held Sunday, June 12th to review annual committee reports and vote in new council members. Gather reports by May 9th to assemble June meeting packets. Incoming and outgoing council members and spouses gathering 5:00 pm on June 25th at Jean Siddle's home.
- SMLC Comprehensive Ministry Review tentatively scheduled for September 9th-11th. Further planning at May council meeting.



Next council meeting will be held Monday, May 9th, at 6:00 pm at the public library/town hall.

Fair Trade News

Fair Trade Is Getting More Colorful!



We have some new colors at our little Fair Trade cart. Blue is for Milk Chocolate Caramel Crunch bars; yellow is for Dark Chocolate Almond bars; orange is for Dark Chocolate with Orange bars; and purple with brown is for my favorite Dark Chocolate Caramel Crunch.

You may notice that the bar weight has been changed from 3.5 oz. to 2.8 oz. That's because the price of chocolate is rising. However, the good news is that on this first shipment of bars I was able to take advantage of a great discount that Equal Exchange offered to everyone who bought Eco Palms. Therefore, our introductory cost and your price is actually lower (\$2.00 a bar) on the first shipment of these slightly smaller bars.

As always, Fair Trade chocolate is grown sustainably by small farmers using best practices, without lots of middlemen. The fairer price helps farmers' families and their communities. No forced labor is ever used. Give these new flavors a try—maybe you'll find a new favorite to enjoy and share with friends and family. Remember, your choices always make a difference in our world! P.S. We still have your favorite coffees and teas as well.

—Linda Schlitt, Fair Trade Coordinator



May 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 <i>Sunday Worship 9:00 am</i> <i>Peter Severson Speaking on Advocacy Issues</i> <i>Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 am</i> <i>Adult Forum 10:30 am</i> <i>Memorial Service 1:00-5:00 pm</i> | 2 <i>Spring Fling Luncheon for Good Samaritan</i> <i>11:30 am</i> | 3 <i>PEO 8:45 am</i> | 4 <i>Sacred Space 7:00 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 11:30 am</i> <i>Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm</i> | 5 <i>Learning Committee</i> <i>4:00 pm</i> | 6 <i>5:00-5:30 pm</i> <i>Canned goods & paper shredding drop-off to Kris and Bruce</i> Council Bios Deadline | 7 <i>Organ Rehearsal</i> <i>10:30 am</i> |
| 8 <i>Mother's Day Sunday Worship 9:00 am</i> <i>Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 am</i> <i>Adult Forum 10:30 am</i> | 9 <i>Council Meeting</i> <i>6:00 pm at public library/town hall</i> | 10 <i>WELCA</i> <i>1:00 pm</i> | 11 <i>Sacred Space 7:00 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 11:30 am</i> <i>Quilt Guild Setup 4:00 pm</i> <i>Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm</i> | 12 <i>Estes Valley Quilt Guild</i> <i>8:30 am-4:00 pm</i> | 13 <i>14 Men's Breakfast</i> <i>8:30 am</i> <i>Organ Rehearsal</i> <i>10:30 am</i> <i>Second Sat. Worship</i> <i>5:00 pm</i> | |
| 15 Pentecost Sunday <i>Sunday Worship 9:00 am</i> <i>Second Quarterly Offering for LaPuente</i> <i>Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 am</i> <i>Adult Forum 10:30 am</i> | 16 <i>WELCA Retired Pastors Luncheon</i> <i>Coffee & Snacks 9:30 am</i> <i>Luncheon 12:00 pm</i> | 17 <i>PEO 8:45 am</i> | 18 <i>Sacred Space 7:00 a.m.</i> <i>Prayer Group 11:30 a.m.</i> <i>Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm</i> | 19 | 20 June Newsletter Submission Deadline | 21 <i>Organ Rehearsal</i> <i>10:30 am</i> |
| 22 <i>Sunday Worship 9:00 am</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am</i> <i>Adult Forum 10:30 am</i> | 23 | 24 | 25 <i>Sacred Space 7:00 a.m.</i> <i>Prayer Group 11:30 a.m.</i> <i>Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm</i> | 26 <i>Quilters 9:15-11:30 am</i> | 27 June Newsletter Emailed to Members <i>Sky Ranch Cleanup</i> | 28 <i>Organ Rehearsal</i> <i>10:30 am</i> <i>Sky Ranch Cleanup</i> |
| 29 <i>Sunday Worship 9:00 am</i> <i>Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am</i> | 30 <i>Memorial Day</i> | 31 | | | | |

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