



## THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK

### SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### June 2016 Newsletter

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

#### June Worship Matters

**Sunday, June 5, 9:00 am**

The meaning of "gospel" is not static, but living and dynamic!

**Sunday, June 12, 9:00 am**

A Service of Word and Song for Summer

**Sunday, June 19, 9:00 am**

Dr. Tim McLemore, Director of Crossroads Ministry

**Sunday, June 26, 9:00 am**

"For Freedom, Christ Has Set You Free"

#### Staff and Program Vacations

Pastor Ron Bockhaus will be on vacation from June 9th through June 19th, and Phyllis Eggers from May 29th through June 12th. In addition, the following SMLC programs will take a hiatus until fall:

- Community Corner Café
- Second Saturday Worship Service
- Men in Mission Monthly Breakfast  
(*excepting the special June Pancake Breakfast fundraiser; see info below*)

#### Dry Gulch Road Closure Continues through June

The reconstruction of Dry Gulch Road that began in April will continue through at least the end of June 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.

## Men in Mission Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The Men in Mission of Shepherd of the Mountains are hosting an "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, June 25th at 8:30 am at the church. The breakfast will provide an opportunity for you to enjoy fellowship, hear about a great program, have a wonderful meal and help a seminary student (see the thank you letter on page 3 from Nathan Wicks, recipient of the seminary scholarship from last year's Pancake Breakfast). 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.



**COME ONE AND ALL, MEMBERS AND GUESTS!** Enjoy a hardy breakfast cooked by the Men and a great program. Mark your calendars, June 25th, 8:30 am, to help a deserving seminary student!—*John Stencel, Chairman, Men in Mission*

## June 2016 *If Trees Can Do It, Why Not the Church?*

There is a small hillside in my yard that needs vegetation to anchor the soil. I recently transplanted some additional aspen trees to help out. Why aspen trees?

Aspen have an ingenious way of propagating. Once established, aspens have the ability to propagate out of a network of interconnected roots. They aren't individual trees as much as they are one big connected organism. Aspen are self-starting by decentralizing and dispersing its vitality throughout an entire system of life. If you cut down an individual aspen, more will often start growing as a result. This characteristic leads some people to consider aspen more of a weed than a tree. I like to think of it as being very good at adapting to new conditions.

If trees can do it, why not churches?

In their book, *Growing Spiritual Redwoods*, Bill Easum and Tom Bandy write the following. *Each individual, team, or group of the Body of Christ is a microcosm of freedom. They can consider any option, design any plan, and implement any activity immediately and without middle management. At the same time, each part of the organism is linked to the other parts of the organism by networks of learning and communication. (p. 146)*

Perhaps I chose the wrong tree to make my point. A redwood is a much more impressive tree than an aspen, but you get the point. Learning, growing and communicating are what organisms need to live. We've known for a long time that churches that have the ability to adapt to new circumstances are better able to meet people where they are in life. In our congregation's preparation for a Comprehensive Ministry Review in September, I hope we can together recognize the importance of vibrant faith in our church. It anchors us but at the same time adapts to changing circumstances. The more we can recognize the importance of these key characteristics, the more we see the abundant opportunities that surrounds us.

In Christ,

Pastor Ron

### **Camp Week Is June 26th through July 1st**

We are happy to have Isabelle and Isaac Paswaters attending camp at Sky Ranch the last week of June. This is a week known as "confirmation intensive," a week of interactive learning and play around the Bible's story of the Exodus. Thank you to everyone who helped support Isabelle and Isaac in their desire to attend camp. May they have a great experience!

# **Wartburg Seminary Student Nathan Wicks Says “Thank You”**

Below is a letter from Nathan Wicks, thanking the congregation for the financial support we gave him last year through the 2015 Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, sponsored by our men’s group. We plan to continue our support of Nathan with this year’s Pancake Breakfast on June 25th at church. Please plan on attending. If you are unable to attend, you can still Support Nathan by making a contribution to Men in Mission and giving it to John Stencel, Gary Brown or Pastor Ron.

Thank you all!—*Roger Fjeld*

May 20, 2016

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

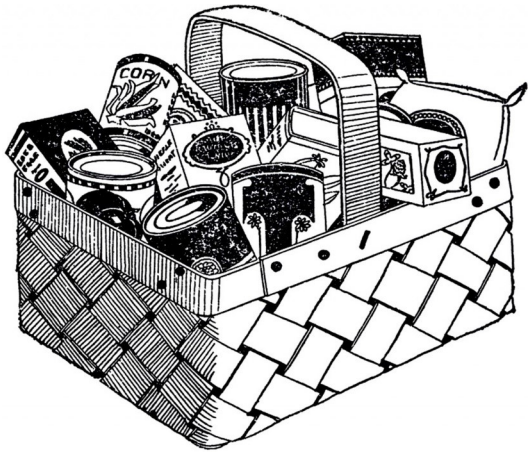
On behalf of my family, Sarah and Karl, I want to offer my deepest gratitude for the financial and prayerful gifts you have given us. This makes our journey possible at Wartburg. I am deeply grateful for all the growth and formation that happens in this place, and am continually amazed at all the connections centered here and in all places of worship, which are then sent out and scattered as the larger Body of Christ for the sake of the world. Your support makes this a reality and makes this larger body more whole in nurturing this connection. Thank you! I am looking forward to the next step in the journey which is CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education). I will be accompanying those in the midst of sickness and injury at Advocate BroMenn Hospital in Normal, IL, as I learn a deepening sense of my pastoral identity in this setting. I am certainly a little intimidated by this responsibility, but hope to recognize the privilege of accompanying people in the midst of these vulnerable moments in their lives, and come to a more embodied understanding of the Gospel message for those in the midst of suffering. Thank you again for your support, and I will continue to keep you all in my prayers.



Peace,

Nathan Wicks

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathan Wicks".



## ***Cans Bring Joy of All Kinds***

Thank you so much to everyone who donated cans of food and checks for my school's Can Food Drive benefiting the Our Center in Longmont.

My class alone, the eighth-grade class, collected 5,000 cans of food, or nearly half the total 10,261 cans of food collected by the entire school.

Because we collected so much, my class was given a day off from school. The class met at the Longmont Recreation Center and had a fun day off.

Thank you for helping my school help the Our Center in Longmont. And thank you for helping our class meet our goal, giving us a fun day off from school.—*Isabelle Paswaters*

## ***Successful Cleanup Saturday***

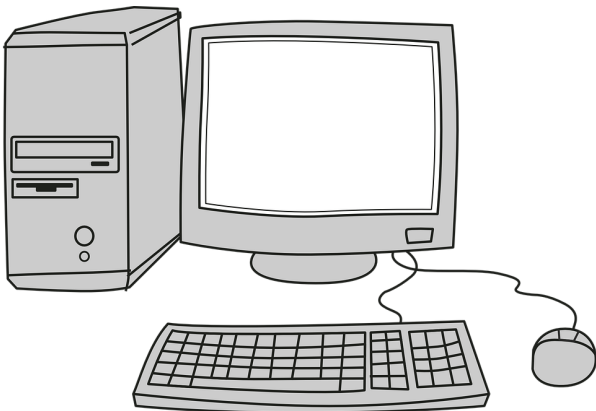
Following a great breakfast prepared by John Nydegger, John Tessler and John Stencel for the Men in Mission Group, the following members participated in our annual cleanup activity on Saturday, May 14th: Gary Wallace, Allan Garner, Leif Johnson, Peter Nelson, John Tessler, John Nydegger, Don Smith, John Stencel, Mike Van Brunt, Gary Trunnell and three Eagle Rock School volunteer students from Nevada and Colorado.

The volunteers addressed both inside and outside projects in short time. It was a good effort and made a huge difference for Shepherd of the Mountains. Good Samaritan also held their cleanup weekend with volunteers from Eagle Rock School. Notice how our combined campuses appear now. We are one of the most attractive spots in the Estes Park community.

We appreciate all the SMLC volunteers who work year around to help make the church a special place for everyone. We can't do it without your help. Thank you!—*Gary Trunnell, Property Chairperson*



## ***New SMLC Website Up and Running***



*Woo-hoo!* The new and improved SMLC website is up and running. This is where you'll find the most up-to-date church calendar, look for upcoming events and view both current and back issues of the newsletter. Even those who don't consider themselves 'web savvy' will find the site welcoming and easy to use.

*Visit the new church website at:*  
[estesparklutheranelca.org](http://estesparklutheranelca.org)

# Getting to Know...George and Carolyn Jarmin

George and Carolyn have been happily married for twenty-nine years, but they've followed very different careers. George, a native Coloradoan born in Waverly, shares his two children, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren with Carolyn. A retired auto mechanic and welder, he put his handyman skills to work when the two of them, with the help of friends and neighbors, built their own home on the property they bought in 1991 near Bunce School Road, just beyond Allenspark.

At one point, using a completely different skill set, George was employed by the Colorado Department of Wildlife as a member of the team that reintroduced moose to the Walden area. Even though he's retired now, George can still tell you "everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask" about moose.



Carolyn, on the other hand, grew up in Erie, Pennsylvania, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, and did graduate work in education at the University of Alaska. In 1974 she moved to Denver, where she served as a substitute teacher at George Washington High School and Hamilton Middle School. She began working for the Hearing Division at the Colorado Department of Revenue in 1976, then became a hearing officer, traveling throughout the state in 1978 before retiring in 2011. So now Carolyn can tell "everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask" about the Colorado Department of Revenue!

Fortunately, even after her 32 years with the Department of Revenue, Carolyn still has the energy, skills and patience to serve on the SMLC Council—first as Secretary, then for two years as President. Now she's involved with the Wednesday Centering Prayer group, WELCA and the Hunger Task Force (as its chair).

The Jarmin's love of the mountains is evident, not only by the fact they built their own home here, but also by their trips all over Rocky Mountain National Park enjoying the beautiful wildflowers and wildlife. The couple has a few animals at home, too, including Holly, a Chihuahua mix; Bob, a Norwegian elkhound; and Blaze, a sixteen-year-old Percheron draft horse they raised from birth.

SMLC owes Paul and Laura Richard a big thank you for introducing the Jarmins to SMLC, where Carolyn says they "found the congregation to be warm and welcoming, and stayed." May this always be what newcomers find here.—*Lynette Johnson*

# Why Fair Trade Products?

Your Fair Trade chocolate and coffee purchases make a big difference in the world as we partner with Lutheran World Relief (LWR) in the Coffee and Cocoa Initiative.

—Linda Schlitt, SMLC Fair Trade Coordinator



## Why Coffee and Cocoa?

Despite strong global demand for coffee and cocoa, producers of these crops often struggle to provide for their families, capturing just a fraction of their crops' full market value. LWR believes that satisfying global demand for coffee and cocoa, as well as improving the incomes and food security of the producers who grow them, can

and should go hand in hand.

LWR works with smallholder coffee and cocoa producers in Latin America, Asia and Africa to:

- Create linkages along value chains that benefit producers
- Contribute to environmental sustainability, and
- Create profits for socially responsible businesses

It's a triple bottom line: People, Planet and Profit—to help improve producers' lives from the ground up.

## What We Do

With expertise developed over decades, LWR brings a unique perspective and skill set to support sustainable coffee and cocoa production. To address producers' needs, LWR works with cooperatives and producer organizations to:

- Provide training and access to inputs
- Support improved post-harvest processing and facilitate organic, Fair Trade and other certifications for improved market access
- Convene actors from across the value chain, creating opportunities for dialogue and mutual learning

LWR's expertise extends to the consumer side of the equation as well. In the United States, LWR:

- Markets Fair Trade coffee and chocolate to LWR's U.S. supporters, empowering them to make conscious consumer choices
- Holds an equity stake in Divine Chocolate USA, the world's first producer-owned chocolate brand
- Collaborates with strategic partners who recognize the excellence of LWR's work

## LWR's Approach

LWR improves producer livelihoods by optimizing opportunities presented in the coffee and cocoa markets. LWR also supports producers to increase coffee and cocoa production, improve quality, and gain greater market access and bargaining power with buyers, ultimately increasing their profits. LWR works with cooperatives and producers' groups to expand their scale and improve their financial and management capacity, and collective investment in infrastructure, such as post-harvest processing technology. LWR promotes engagement with international markets by supporting smallholder farmers to secure third party certifications from Fair Trade USA, Rainforest Alliance, UTZ Certified, Fairtrade International (FLO) and others. Strategic alliances with key industry players also provide technical expertise and assistance in production and processing, sample analysis and interactive feedback, which benefit producers' sales.

# Women of the ELCA

Our May 10th WELCA gathering centered on the sister relationship of Mary and Elizabeth across the generations. We shared how women we've known in a sister relationship have influenced our lives.

On Monday, May 16th at SMLC, WELCA served about 45 guests at the Retired Pastors Luncheon. This is one of three fund raising projects carried out during the year. A big thank you to the women for preparing and serving the food and being willing to do the cleanup work. Hats off to Sandy Stolte, Sally Tessler and Paula Stensvaag for preparing and bringing the needed additional desserts. What a wonderful pie assortment for the pastors and how they enjoyed them. WELCA received over \$400, which will be used for those in need locally and around the globe.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14th, centering on the Bible study entitled "Treasury in Clay Jars" from 2 Corinthians, Chapter 4. It deals with conflict, forgiveness and reconciliation. We will also look at scripture in John and Romans in dealing with conflict. This is a challenge for all of us at home, in the workplace and even at church.  
—*Marilyn Kienker*

## MAY PRAYERS

- Margaret Riedesel, having surgery June 1st.
- Jill Johnson's niece, Rachel, who suffered an injury; and friend Charlie diagnosed with cancer.
- Nancy and Earl Matson's friend, Cindy, who suffered a seizure.
- The Paswaters family. Darrell with a bothersome foot; father Richard and wife Shyrlee, health concerns.
- Roxy Hause, whose friend, Ginger, was diagnosed with cancer.
- Son of Earl Matson, Stephen, who had surgery May 4<sup>th</sup>; friend of Matsons and Lickfets, Bob, who was admitted to ICU.



## 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*

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- Mark Lorenz 6/2
- Bethany Lorenz 6/10
- Margaret Riedesel 6/14
- June Wesel 6/15
- Mary Banken 6/18
- Loren Johnson 6/20
- Marion Dougherty 6/21
- Kris O'Neil 6/21
- Candy Sulzbach 6/26
- Gene Klovdahl 6/27
- Rick Brisbin 6/30



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- Mary Banken and Terry Rizzuti 6/3
- Gary and Jan Trunnell 6/6
- Darrell and Vanessa Paswaters 6/11
- Del and Marilyn Kienker 6/12
- Keith and Margaret Riedesel 6/14
- Bob and Marge Gallagher 6/19
- Allen and Jeanie Garner 6/20
- Peter and Jeanne Nelson 6/23
- Bob and Jane Rising 6/25

# Stewardship 365: Nourishment & Nurture

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

As you gather with friends and family in the months ahead for cookouts, hikes, sightseeing and more, consider making this summer one brimming with simple living and generosity. How might that look?



Shane Claiborne shares this perspective: “For me living simply happens best in community. For much of the world, community is more than a choice: it means survival. Yet there are profound stories from which we can learn in these communities. When I worked with Mother Teresa, we would hold parties for homeless street children. We bought an ice cream cone for one of the children on his birthday. He immediately called all the other children to have a bite of his ice cream cone.”

Shane concludes: “**The best thing to do with the best things in life is give them away**—share the gifts of God—make sure everyone gets a lick of the ice cream cone.”



By the grace of God, we aren't homeless children in India with concerns for daily survival and sustenance. Nonetheless, Shane's message is all the more important for us in our abundance to hear: a call to nurture and share our spirituality in community.

Community, generosity, simple living ... this summer, who will receive the best things in life **from you?**

*Quotes excerpted from “Generosity in Community, An interview with Shane Claiborne” from Giving, an annual publication of the Ecumenical Stewardship Center*

*—Heidi Johnson, 2015-2016 Stewardship Committee*

## JUNE BIBLE READINGS



### June 5

1 Kings 17:17-24  
Psalm 30  
Galatians 1:11-24  
Luke 7:11-17

### June 12

2 Sam 11:26-12:10,13-15  
Psalm 32  
Galatians 2:15-21  
Luke 7:36-8:3

### June 19

Isaiah 65:1-9  
Psalm 22:19-28  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39

### June 26

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21  
Psalm 16  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62



## **Church Council Meeting Summary May 9, 2016**

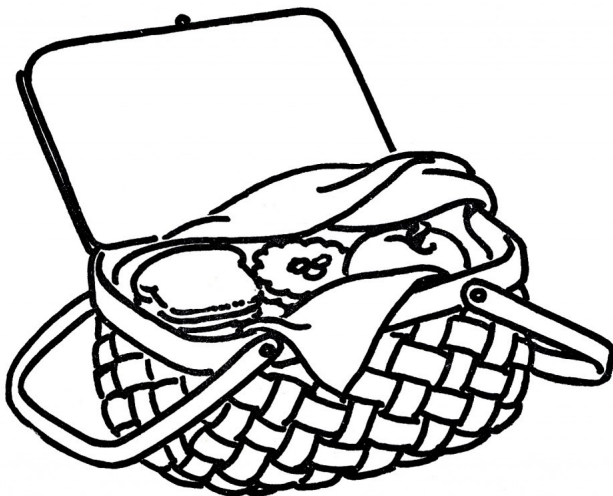
- Key dates: La Puente Mission Trip June 2nd-5th. Pastor Ron preaching at Scandinavian Festival Worship service June 26th. Confirmation camp June 26th-July 1st. Church picnic July 24th.
- Financial Audit to be presented to council at June meeting.
- Staff personnel evaluations completed.
- Pastor Ron on vacation June 9th-19th.
- Existing fire-resistant file cabinet in the church office will now be used for financial and legal record storage.
- Discussed options to help summer visitors find SMLC during Dry Gulch road closure.
- Mid-year Congregational Meeting to be held Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> to review annual committee reports and vote in new council members. Incoming and outgoing council members and spouses gathering at 5:00 pm on June 25th at Jean Siddle's home.
- SMLC Comprehensive Ministry Review set for September 9th-11th. In May, Pastor and council will invite community leaders and members of the congregation to participate.



*Next council meeting will be held Thursday, June 9th, at 6:00 pm at the Estes Park Town Hall, Rooms 202-203.*

## **Save the Date on July 24th for the Annual Neighborhood Church Picnic!**

The SMLC Annual Picnic will be held Sunday, July 24th, immediately following the service. This important event is when Shepherd of the Mountains builds friendship and connections with those in our own neighborhood. Look for sign-up sheets to appear in the coming weeks, and more information on the picnic in the July newsletter.



# June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Sacred Space 7:00 am Prayer Group 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm	2 Worship Committee 9:00 am LaPuente Project Work	3 LaPuente Project Work	4 LaPuente Project Work
5 Sunday Worship 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 am Adult Forum 10:30 am LaPuente Project Work	6 Witness Committee 1:00 pm	7 Witness Committee 1:00 pm	8 Sacred Space 7:00 am Prayer Group 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm Church Council 6:00 pm	9 Quilters 9:15-11:30 am Pastor Ron Vacation June 9th-19th	10	11
12 Sunday Worship 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Mid-Year Congregational Meeting	13	14 WELCA 1:00-4:00 pm	15 Sacred Space 7:00 a.m. Prayer Group 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm	16	17	18 10:30 am Organ Rehearsal Zion Lutheran Youth Overnight June 18-23rd
19 Father's Day Sunday Worship 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Youth Overnight	20 July Newsletter Submission Deadline Youth Overnight	21 PEO 8:45 am Youth Overnight	22 Sacred Space 7:00 a.m. Prayer Group 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm Youth Overnight	23 Quilters 9:15-11:30 am Youth Overnight	24	25 Men's Pancake Fundraiser Breakfast 8:30 am Organ Rehearsal 10:30 am Pilgrim Lutheran Overnight
26 Sunday Worship 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Sky Ranch Camp through July 1st	27 Sky Ranch Camp	28 July Newsletter Emailed Sky Ranch Camp	29 Sacred Space 7:00 a.m. Prayer Group 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm Sky Ranch Camp	30 Sky Ranch Camp	July 1 Sky Ranch Camp	

## **SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**President:** Jean Siddle

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