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SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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September 2016 Newsletter

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Worship Service 9:00 am Sunday

September Worship Matters

Sunday, September 4, 9:00 am "For the Gospel"

Saturday, September 10, 5:00 pm *Second Saturday Worship resumes!*

Sunday, September 11, 9:00 am "Jesus Came in the World to Save Sinners"

Sunday, September 18, 9:00 am "One God, One Mediator"

Sunday, September 25, 9:00 am "Eager for What?"



September Highlights

- ♦ Table Talkers, Men in Mission Second Saturday Breakfast and Second Saturday Worship all reconvene this month.
- ♦ Comprehensive Ministry Review begins—see details inside.
- ♦ Third Quarter Offering for Community Corner Café on September 25th.
- ♦ Prospect Park Services on Sunday afternoon this month, beginning at 4:00 pm.

September 2016 *The Invitation is "Come"*

At the very end of the Bible, in the last book of Revelation, it says:

*The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes the water of life as a gift. (Rev. 22:17)*

For the past few months the church council and I have been discussing an important event in our congregation called the *Comprehensive Ministry Review*. This review is a helpful tool our Rocky Mountain Synod offers to churches who want to take an honest look at their ministry and begin to plan for their future. There is nothing harder than planning for the future. However, one thing is certain: if we don't make the effort to plan and don't envision what God can do through this congregation, we'll be asking the same questions in the future we are asking now. This Comprehensive Ministry Review provides an opportunity to join others in the ELCA and our Synod in discerning our calling to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and serve the neighbor.

The **Comprehensive Ministry Review** will take place September 9th, 10th and 11th. It will involve three main groups: the **Synod Ministry Review Team**, the **Congregational Team** and the **SMLC Congregation**. Here is a brief rundown of the schedule.

Friday, September 9th

The Synod Ministry Review Team arrives and tours the church building and community. They then meet with Pastor Ron and Phyllis Eggers before having dinner and working on detailed plans for the next two days.

Saturday, September 10th

The Synod Team meets with various leaders from Estes Park who work cooperatively with our congregation such as Crossroads Ministry, Good Samaritan Society and Café Corner. At around 10:00 am the Congregational Team begins its work. These are congregation members the church council asked specifically to participate in the discussions. The Synod Team will lead discussions and assignments for both teams until about 6:00 pm, at which time work ends for the Congregational Team but continues for the Synod Team until after supper.

Sunday, September 11th

Worship is at 9:00 am, followed by a congregational forum during coffee fellowship. Here is where **all congregational members** are involved. This is an open forum discussing the key issues of our congregation. Following the forum, the Synod and Congregational Teams meet once again to discuss both affirmations and recommendations generated by the all the prior discussions. A final meeting with Pastor Ron will then take place and plans for a follow-up meeting will be made.

Why do this? Because we've been given the greatest invitation the world knows: "*Come.*" (Rev. 22)

In his book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, author Brian McLaren writes: "*What was true for Revelation's original audience is true for us today. Whatever madman is in power, whatever chaos is breaking out, whatever danger threatens, the river of life is flowing now. The Tree of Life is bearing fruit now. True aliveness is available now. That's why Revelation ends with the sound of a single word echoing through the universe. That word is not Wait! Nor is it Not Yet! or Someday! It is a word of invitation and welcome... We echo it back. Together with the Spirit, we say it to everyone who is willing. Come!*" (p.257)

In Christ,

Pastor Ron

Table Talkers Food and Fellowship Groups

Table Talkers is a fun way to get to know new people in church and spend time with old friends. We meet once a month in an assigned group and rotate the host. The host of the month decides where to meet. Groups will start this month in September, then rotation of the assigned groups will change in January 2017. Table Talkers wraps up the season in April 2017 before resuming the following September. Also, as we kick off the new season, please remember how important it is to meet every month even if there are only two people out of the group who can come. It's a good idea to get in the habit of bringing your calendars to every Table Talkers get-together so you can plan the next meeting. Remember that when numbers are short for a given month, you can always call in substitutes or a neighbor if you wish. We all want this ministry to continue, so hope you can join us. Let me know as soon as possible if you can take part, and thanks!—Lin Smith, 970-577-1420



September Trivia

- ◆ Labor Day weekend marks the traditional close of the summer season and, once upon a time, was the last weekend in which the color white or seersucker fabric could be worn.
- ◆ For gridiron fans, September is the beginning of football season.
- ◆ The Anglo-Saxons called September *Gerstmonath* (barley month) or *Haefestmonath* (harvest month) since it was their time to harvest barley.
- ◆ The Old Farmer's Almanac predicts a cold and early winter for our region. Certainly the signs in Estes right now point to an early

winter. But the National Weather Service is predicting exactly the opposite, with a *warmer* than average winter. (It's worth noting that last year at this time, the National Weather Service prediction was for a "monster" El Nino, which never materialized. So take your pick...maybe flip a coin?)

- ◆ In the New World, the September full moon corresponded with corn harvest. Accordingly, Native Americans referred to it as the Corn Moon. It's also called the Harvest Moon, which this year is on September 16th. Whichever full moon is closest to the Autumnal Equinox is called the Harvest Moon, so-named because it gave farmers extra light during the time of harvest so they could bring in their crops. The term harvest moon goes all the way back to at least the time of Charlemagne in eighth-century Europe.
- ◆ Traditionally, hummingbird feeders were put up on Mother's Day and taken down on Labor Day. But did you know that you can keep your feeders up through the end of September? The new rule of thumb is to wait until a week after you've seen the last hummingbird to bring in your feeders for the season. This can be anywhere from the middle of September to the first week in October. Just make sure those feeders aren't accessible to bears!

SEPTEMBER BIBLE READINGS



September 4

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 11

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
I Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 18

Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
I Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 25

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
I Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

Getting to Know...Don and Gloria Lickfett

This very active couple joined SMLC nearly twenty years ago and immediately began serving in many capacities. Both Don and Gloria have served on the SMLC council. Gloria acts as SMLC's weddings chairman, sings in the choir, often serves as teller, helps with WELCA hospitality projects and frequently provides snacks after church. Don was the usher coordinator for nine years. He has also served continuously on the property committee, helps with decorating the church for Christmas and constantly makes improvements so church facilities will be even more efficient and hospitable. Generous hospitality is the Lickfett's specialty.

Before retiring, the two had many years of experience in the hospitality business operating motels, first in Loveland and later in Frisco. Back in 1973, Don had up until that point worked with his father in the grain business and had also been a banker. Gloria was an elementary school teacher, and they were still busy raising their five daughters: Sue, Sally, Sarah, and the twins, Julie and Janet. But that year, in 1973, they bravely launched themselves into a completely new adventure by buying a small motel in Loveland. Of course their young daughters helped with the work. Ten years later the Lickfetts bought another small motel in Frisco and retired from there. Now they continue spreading their hospitality through their church and home.



Fortunately for our church members, the Lickfetts had always wanted to live in Estes Park. When asked how they first heard about SMLC, Gloria explained, "It was not hard. At that time (1997) SMLC (when it was meeting in the Seventh Day Adventist Church) was right across the street from where we were building." They still live in that same wonderfully hospitable home at 410 Fall River Lane, where many of us have gathered for good food and fellowship.

Not only have Don and Gloria opened their home and hearts to the members of SMLC, but also to the Estes community. Don has served on several charitable boards, delivered Meals on Wheels, and volunteered many hours at Crossroads. Gloria is a very active volunteer for Hospice and the McGregor Ranch Museum. In addition, both of them have been volunteering for the past sixteen years at Rocky Mountain National Park.

Still working in many of these volunteer capacities, whether separately or together, the whole 57-year marriage has definitely been greater than the sum of its parts. Their relationship began as just friends when they were very young, way back in high school. But their romance developed during college when Don was attending St. Olaf College in Minnesota and Gloria was going to Mankato State Teachers College. That romance is still going strong, giving them the strength and motivation to share their love and the love of Christ with all of SMLC and those living in the entire area.—*Lynette Johnson*

Second Saturday Service Resumes in September
This month's service will be September 11th at 5:00 pm.

They're BACK! Men in Mission Resume Saturday Morning Breakfasts



The Men in Mission at Shepherd of the Mountains will resume their second Saturday of the month's breakfasts on September 10th at 8:30 am at the church. All men are welcome to share in a hearty breakfast and be a part of our devotions and meeting. Pastor Ron will provide a devotional program and we will discuss programs and activities for the coming meetings this autumn, winter and spring. I hope to see all of you on Saturday morning, September 10th at 8:30 am!—*John Stencel*



Looking ahead—way ahead—to Christmas

The Hunger Task Force will again have Lutheran World Relief Good Gifts available for Christmas giving. As of this writing all the new ornaments will be available. We hope to begin by the first Sunday in Advent. Stay tuned for further details.

Visit Our Electronic Church

See the new church website at: estesparklutheranelca.org



Lutheran Trivia Bowl

Q. Martin Luther actually wanted a different name for the denomination other than Lutheran. What was the name he wanted?

A. Evangelical Catholic. Fun fact: The term "Lutheran" was originally used as a pejorative during the Reformation, but eventually Lutherans stopped fighting it, gave up and accepted the name. It was the first known instance of Lutherans turning lemons into lemonade.

Q. When and where was the first Lutheran service in North America?

A. In 1619, King Christian IV of Denmark dispatched an expedition to explore North America. Lutheran Pastor Rasmus Jensen gave a sermon on January 23, 1620, near present-day Manitoba. Tragically, only the ship's captain and two others (unfortunately, not Jensen) survived the perilous journey and returned to Denmark.

(From www.funtrivia.com "Lutheran Stuff")

Crossroads Benefit

Matthew 25:35-36

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Jesus states in numerous places in the Bible that as his followers, we are to support, feed, and care for our neighbors who need our help. At SMLC we do this by our support and sponsorship of organizations like Crossroads Ministry, Community Corner Café and La Puente. Vintage 2016 is a



major Crossroads fund raising event sponsored by The Dunraven Inn. It will be held on Sunday, October 23rd from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Dunraven. 250 tickets will be sold for this event. In addition to the opportunity to enjoy some wonderful wines and outstanding hour d' oeuvres prepared by the Dunraven chefs, you will be entered in a raffle drawing for a \$6,500 travel voucher. There will also be an auction of various items. This event is a LOT of fun, and all proceeds benefit Crossroads Ministry.

Tickets for the event are \$100 each and can be purchased at Crossroads, or more conveniently (because I will bring them to you), by contacting Jim Paddock at 708-288-5850, or at jimpaddock4@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of Crossroads!—*Jim Paddock, SMLC Crossroads Representative*

School Bags for Lutheran World Relief

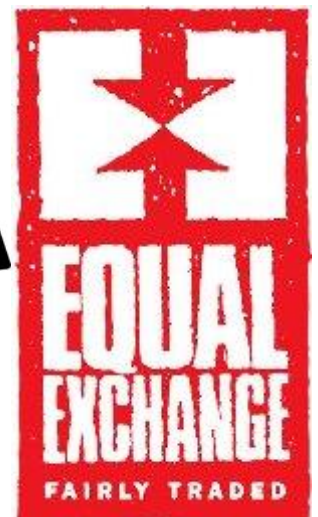


At the same time that school started here in Estes Park, 30 filled school bags were blessed at SMLC. These much-needed bags will eventually be distributed to children around the world through Lutheran World Relief (LWR). That's a lot from our little congregation! A big thank you to our local WELCA (Women of the ELCA) group who generously provided the funds to purchase supplies to fill the bags; to Letha Ginther and Mike Novak who secured the donations of the great fabric used for the bags; to Glenda Collins and Linda Schlitt for sewing the bags; and to Rich and Sandy Stolte who are kindly taking the boxes of bags down to the Denver LWR

regional collection center. Because of your efforts, seeds of hope continue to be sown in our world wherever there is the greatest need! Your little acts of love, kindness and encouragement make such a difference in our world. Thank you!—*Linda Schlitt*



Don't forget that your choices from our little **Fair Trade/Equal Exchange cart** make a big difference for small farmers and their families in Africa, Central and South America, the Philippines and the Far East. Thank you!



Brisk fall weather is perfect for hot beverages! Don't forget to stock up on **coffee, tea and cocoa. Cashew energy and chocolate bars** are perfect for pockets and packs as you hike through the golden aspen.

Women of the ELCA

Last month WELCA held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 9th. After joining together in the WELCA Purpose Statement, the members continued with the last Bible study of the three-session series, "Treasures in Clay Jars." Carolyn Jarmin led this session, entitled "Reconciliation as New Creations." There was a great deal of discussion and some excellent guidelines for living in the ministry of reconciliation.

In September we'll begin a new series of Bible studies, once again from the *Gather* magazine. This new series is "When God Forgives the Guilty." The first session for September is, "Jonah and the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day." We are pleased that these next three Bible studies have been written by Meghan Johnston Aelaboni of Trinity Lutheran in Ft. Collins. She is a full time PhD student and the mother of three.

At our business meeting Linn Smith shared information about Kairos, an interdenominational prison visitation ministry. She encouraged us to participate in this very worthwhile ministry.

On several occasions WELCA has assembled and shipped school kits and personal care kits to Lutheran World Relief. This summer Linda Schlitt has taken on the sewing and assembling of 30 school kits. She brought samples of the sewn kits and the school supplies to be packed in each kit. WELCA approved the funding of supplies for the 30 kits. How grateful children in impoverished areas of the world will be to receive these supplies.

There was also discussion regarding the Retired Pastors Luncheon which will be served on Monday, September 19th.

The meeting concluded with Marilyn Kienker serving refreshments during the fellowship time.
—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



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Gloria Lickfett 9/12
Peter Nelson, 9/12
Jim Gaskill, 9/14
Isaac Paswaters, 9/16
Isabelle Paswaters, 9/16
Lois Bailey, 9/19
Claire Mollé, 9/20
Bobbie Christenson, 9/21
Earl Matson, 9/27

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce and Kris Adams, 9/6
Rick and Penny Brisbin, 9/8
Daniel and Carolyn Mangler, 9/14
Terry and Carolyn Tuttle, 9/28
Loren and Lynette Johnson, 9/30



AUGUST PRAYERS

- Susan Anderson, for family of four and their special needs
- Vanessa Paswaters, for neighbor named Troy with cancer diagnosis
- Nancy Matson, for daughter Aimee having surgery
- Mike Kellam, upon the death of cousin Robert
- Carole Rouse, for sister-in-law having medical tests
- Peter Nelson, surgeries and recovery

August Council Highlights



At the August 11th meeting we welcomed new council members Mike Kellam, Debbie Paddock, and Gary Wallace. Committees are gearing up for fall activities.

The biggest activity coming in September is the Comprehensive Ministry Review. This will help our congregation to see what we do well, where we can improve, and how the community views our church. Every member should have received a letter explaining the review and asking for your participation at the Adult Forum September 11th.

The kitchen remodel is "on hold" while donations are being sought for the \$6,000 gap between funds already raised and the remodeling bid. Interested in contributing? Contact Bruce Adams, Kelly Brown or Gary Trunnell.

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 8th at 6:00 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jill Johnson (your new Council Secretary)*

Community Corner Café



Can you believe over the last six seasons of Community Corner Café (C-3) we have served 27,304 meals? With each meal comes a special guest with a unique story. These are all people created by God to find their way in this world. Some have found that journey a bit more challenging than others. The goal of C-3 is to help all segments in our community to not be a "segment" but simply a part of the whole, a community of caring.

Our partnerships with the Salvation Army and Crossroads continue to be a blessing. Without their support, continuing this program would be very challenging. SMLC can be very grateful for supporting this outreach ministry.

We were please to see several of the Friday night regulars at the church community picnic this summer.

As of this writing we are still optimistic for the kitchen remodel which will benefit not only this service to the community but to SMLC as well. The weekly numbers just keep moving up every season and the remodel should assist the flow for all meals served from the kitchen.

One of my favorite moments is when a youngster picks out a book at the children's table. They are so excited to know that it is their very own. Many thanks to the six years of service Bobbie Christensen gave to that portion of the program (along with Mardy Groskreutz and others). She is passing the torch this season and you will see new faces guiding that effort.

While we cannot solve all the hunger issues in Estes Park we can at least make a start, one meal at a time. The answers lie in more than just food. They extend to being valued, respected and accepted as part of a community. C-3 is a safe place we hope can build on those qualities.

On September 25th this quarter's special offering will be taken to benefit the operation of Community Corner Café. Know that any gift will be greatly appreciated and used to touch the lives of all who share Friday night dinners in God's house.—*Kelly Brown*

September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Organ Rehearsal 10:30 am
4 Sunday Worship 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 am No Adult Forum Prospect Park Service 4:00 pm	5 LABOR DAY	6	7 Sacred Space 7:00 am Centering Prayer 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm	8 Quilters 9:15-11:30 am Council Meeting 6:00 pm	9 *Comprehensive Ministry Review September 9-11	10 *Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Organ Rehearsal 10:30 am 5:00 pm Second Saturday Worship
11 *Sunday Worship 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Prospect Park Service 4:00 pm	12	13 WELCA 1:00-4:00 pm	14 Sacred Space 7:00 am Centering Prayer 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm	15	16	17 Organ Rehearsal 10:30 am
18 Sunday Worship 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Prospect Park Service 4:00 pm Oratorio Practice 4:00-6:00 pm	19 Retired Pastor's Luncheon 9:00 am *Pastor Ron away at conference September 19-22	20 *	21 *Sacred Space 7:00 am Centering Prayer 11:30am Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm	22 October Newsletter Copy Submission Deadline *Quilters 9:15-11:30 am	23	24 Organ Rehearsal 10:30 am
25 Third Quarter Offering Sunday Worship 9:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 am Adult Forum 10:30 Prospect Park Service 4:00 pm Oratorio Practice 4:00-6:00 pm	26	27 October Newsletter Sent Out	28 Sacred Space 7:00 am Hunger Task Force 10:00 am Centering Prayer 11:30am Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm	29 Quilting Group 8:30 am-4:30 pm	30	

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