



# THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK



## SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## October 2016 Newsletter

### October Worship Matters

Sunday, October 2, 9:00 am "Guard the Good Treasure"

Saturday, October 8, 5:00 pm *Second Saturday Worship*

Sunday, October 9, 9:00 am "What Words Can Do"

Sunday, October 16, 9:00 am "Proficient and Equipped"

Sunday, October 23, 9:00 am "Is the Message Getting  
Through?"

Sunday, October 30, 9:00 am Reformation/Confirmation Sunday

**Wear red on  
Reformation Sunday,  
October 30<sup>th</sup>. Next  
year we'll celebrate the  
Reformation's 500<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary!**



## Community Corner Café Update

The kitchen remodeling is well underway! Walls out, electrical started and holes made for the plumbing. We're hoping to have Community Corner Café begin on October 21st from 4:30-6:30 pm. Stay tuned!—

*Gary Brown*

## Ready to Take Your Christian Practice Deeper? Join Us for Centering Prayer!

We welcome members to drop by the Centering Prayer Group on Wednesdays at 11:30 am in the SMLC library. Centering Prayer is a worldwide spiritual practice that invites God into your heart. There are many ways to experience this lovely and effective prayer discipline. First we have a quiet 20 minutes of silence to center ourselves in prayer. After the 20 minutes of prayer, depending on the interest of the group we watch a DVD, study a book or reflect on a passage of scripture. Sharing the readings and teachings is not a deep theological dialogue but a personal reflection and only if you wish to do so. Through Centering Prayer we've found spiritual growth as individuals, as well as a commitment to the needs and rights of all the human family as God's creation. Centering Prayer practice can also be done at home to further enrich your communion with God. If you like, there's even a Centering Prayer app for your phone with meditative sounds, resources and basic instructions. Going deeper into this spiritual practice can be a rich and meaningful part of your life. Please join us! If you have questions, feel free to ask Nancy Matson, Carolyn Jarmin, Sally Tessler, Linda Schlitt or Mary Settje.—*Nancy Matson*

## October 2016 **A Sense of Direction**

### *Spiritual Gifts*

Most of us desire knowing what direction we are heading in when embarking on a journey. We might have enormous trust in the one driving the car or flying the plane, but we still want to have a general idea of the correct direction.

There are two very different attitudes we can adopt with regard to going on a faith journey. One possibility is to think of faith as an attempt to be perfect. Seeking perfection is not a helpful attitude, because it implies a goal that is static and closed. The other possibility is to think of faith as a process, a pilgrimage or journey that is never finished as long as we are breathing. This is more honest, for with it we see our entire self which even includes our imperfections.

Throughout this month in worship we'll be identifying gifts. God has given each Christian two vitally important gifts. The first is the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, his work of redemption, and thus forgiveness of sin. The second is the gift of one or more special abilities, which are to be used for the purpose of unifying the body of Christ and for the growth of God's Kingdom. We call them spiritual gifts that come to us through our baptism. Knowing God by identifying our giftedness is important to our journey.

### *Re-formation*

The last Sunday of the month is Reformation Sunday. Each year we Lutherans recognize Martin Luther's work of reforming the church beginning with the 95 Theses he nailed to the church door in Wittenburg, Germany. The Reformation is gaining more attention as the world heads toward 2017 and the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The worship committee is already discussing ideas of how we might highlight the Reformation that involves other churches in our community. Most people recognize the differences between various churches, but do they know about the important statements of agreement formed between Lutherans and other denominations, including the Roman Catholics, in recent time? Let's be a church that continues to be a reforming movement in our day.

Reformation Sunday will also be Confirmation Sunday at SMLC. Isabelle and Isaac Paswaters will be affirming their baptism into Christ during Sunday morning worship. As the church, we make promises to all who are baptized while also bearing witness to the promises made by the baptized. This empowers us to be the people who are confidently sent into the world with God's good news.

### *Comprehensive Ministry Review*

The process we experienced back in September has started an important conversation for our church going into the future. None of us can predict or plan with certainty for the future, but we can take the next faithful step in that direction. The congregational review team will be coming together to discuss the various affirmations and recommendations given to us by the synod review team. By discerning the information gathered from the review process, I envision a list of ministry priorities being presented to the church. What's possible and what isn't will need careful thought and planning by as many people as possible. I encourage you to keep close to these discussions and to pray for the future of SMLC.

In Christ,

*Pastor Ron*

# Crossroads Benefit

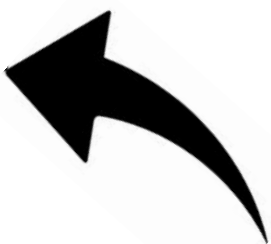
## Matthew 25:35-36

*"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."*

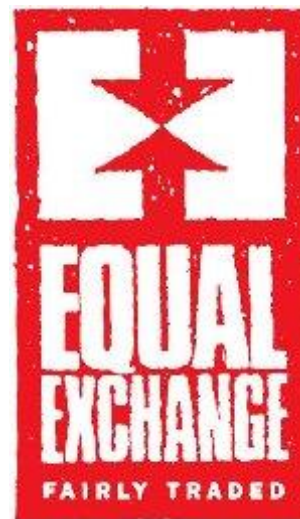
Jesus states in numerous places in the Bible that as his followers, we are to support, feed, and care for our neighbors who need our help. At SMLC we do this by our support and sponsorship of organizations like Crossroads Ministry, Community Corner Café and La Puente. Vintage 2016 is a major Crossroads 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](mailto:jimpaddock4@gmail.com).



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## OCTOBER BIBLE READINGS



### October 2

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalms 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

### October 9

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalms 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

### October 16

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

### October 23

Jeremiah 14:7-10 or  
Sirach 35:12-17

Psalms 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8; 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

### October 30

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

## ***Getting to Know...Margaret and Keith Riedesel***

Keith and Margaret Riedesel started out attending rural schools. Keith grew up in Rockford, Illinois. He and his twin brother Kent are the youngest of three consecutive sets of twins, and also have one older sister in the family. Keith attended a one-room rural grade school for eight years, then high school in Rockford, and graduated from Michigan State University. After two years in the army he worked for forty years in a bank in Rockford.

Margaret grew up on a farm on the border of southern Minnesota and Iowa. The house and buildings were in Minnesota, but the mailbox was in Iowa! She attended a rural grade school in Iowa and high school in Minnesota. After graduating from Gustavus Adolphus College, she taught physical education at both the grade school and secondary levels.

Keith and Margaret first met while working at a summer camp at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Margaret worked in food service and Keith on the waterfront, lifeguarding and giving sailboat rides. Later they met again in Europe. Keith and his twin brother were stationed at an army base in Frankfurt while Margaret was spending her summer biking and busing through Europe with her cousin.

The two were married in 1959 and raised two children: Paul (54), who lives in the Denver area, and Heidi (50), who lives in Estes Park. No twins! As young working parents, they lived in a log home in Roscoe, Illinois, five miles south of the Wisconsin border. There they also cared for three little girls, all foster children, between 1968 and 1972.



Not only was Margaret busy caring for children at home and teaching them at the public school, but she also contributed to the work of their church in Rockford by organizing the Sunday school and nursery.

Once they had moved to Estes Park, they began contributing generously to the larger community here. Retirement for both of them has simply meant transferring their energies to the YMCA of the Rockies—Margaret for the past fourteen years and Keith for the past twenty.

Perhaps that work does allow for a little time for their favorite pastimes. One can find Keith swimming at the YMCA pool before work or even before church services almost every morning of the week. Once a swimmer, always a swimmer! In fact, they both enjoy sports of all kinds whenever they are not travelling.

SMLC has also benefitted from Keith's financial background. During the years when SMLC was building its present new facility, Keith served as Financial Secretary along with his brother-in-law James Anderson, now living in Denton, Texas. This meant that Keith was paying the bills while Roger Fjeld made sure that the loan payments, insurance bills and construction bills were covered. Now this congregation owes a great debt to *them* for their diligent efforts!—*Lynette Johnson*



## **Men in Mission October Saturday Morning Breakfast**

The monthly breakfast for the Men in Mission will be Saturday, October 8th, at 8:30 am at The Egg and I, 393 Elkhorn Ave. in Estes Park; (970) 586-1173. We'll go "Dutch" and order off the menu. We also plan to have a short devotion and take care of some business that we did not get to at our September meeting. Looking forward to seeing the church men. Y'all come!—*John Stencel*

### **Looking 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.



### **Need a Substitute for Table Talkers? Look No Further!**

Here's a list of folks ready to fill an empty spot:

Roxy Hause, when she's in town (970) 481-3984  
Heidi and Leif Johnson (970) 577-0576  
John Nydegger (970) 586-3656  
Sally and John Tessler (409) 351-4097

Gary Wallace (970) 577-7522  
Jim and Paula Stensvaag (970) 480-5114  
Kelly and Gary Brown (970) 586-2021  
Carolyn Tuttle and her husband (970) 586-0858

### **Visit Our Electronic Church**

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



### **Benefit Concert for Crossroad Ministries— Mark Your Calendars!**

There will be a benefit concert for Crossroads Ministries of Estes Park on Saturday, October 22nd, at 2:00 pm at the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies. The vocal program will consist of solos, duets and ensembles. All the singers will present songs that they particularly wish to perform, so the audience can look forward to a wide variety of musical styles including Broadway, folk and opera. This will be an opportunity to hear your talented friends, neighbors and fellow singers, including Nancy Bell, Melissa Westover, Scott Anderson, Lori Burnham, Valerie Dascoli, Christy Florence, Chris Wood, Bob Gunn, Bert Bergland, Roger Thorp, Anna Stone Baker, Robin Howard, Brad and Kelly Anderson, The Estes Valley Chamber Singers, Elk Hollow and Uncommon Connection. Experience great music and support a most important and worthy organization. No admission charge, but donations gratefully accepted. For further details or questions, contact Bob Gunn at (970)-586-9483.



# Women of the ELCA

At our September meeting Bobbie Christenson led us in the study of Jonah. We discussed how God forgave Jonah for the decisions he made against God's will, and how that is true for each of us today.

At our business meeting we read a letter of thanks from Linda Post Bushkofsky, Executive Director of Women of the ELCA, for the \$200 given to Young Adults in Mission—Madagascar. The donation is 100% to the ministry that we designated.

The group discussed our annual November Thankoffering service and the need to complete plans for this special day.

We finalized the business meeting by planning for the Retired Pastors Luncheon on Monday, September 19th. Tara McConnell provided refreshments, which concluded our meeting.

And. . .WOW. . .what a great job the women of SMLC did in hosting the luncheon on the 19th. There was an added challenge to serving the food this year as the remodeling of the kitchen caused us to use the Narthex for the event. The food was prepared by our group in crockpots and roasters with the long tables being set up there for guest seating. We are grateful to Phyllis Eggers, Paula Stenvaag and Sally Tessler for heeding the call for additional desserts. Sally and Phyllis also volunteered their help in the preparation, serving, and cleanup. An added touch was using Sandy Stolte's fall anniversary wreaths to decorate the tables. We served 48 dinners and are always rewarded by the many compliments the pastors extend to us. How blessed we are to have women willing to carry out activities such as this at SMLC.

—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



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Evelyn Kehl, 10/2  
 Roxy Hause, 10/9  
 Jean Siddle, 10/10  
 Don Bowen, 10/11  
 Madelyn Schwartz, 10/12  
 Bob Gallagher, 10/13  
 Larry Olson, 10/15  
 Michael Kellem, 10/19  
 Caroline O'Neil, 10/20  
 Dorothy Refsell, 10/21  
 Marilyn Kienker, 10/23  
 Mary Settje, 10/30



### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ron Bockhaus and  
 Susan Anderson, 10/8  
 Charlie and Betty Yohe, 10/15  
 Ron and Marilyn Dutton, 10/19  
 Earl and Nancy Matson, 10/21



### SEPTEMBER PRAYERS

- Dave and wife, Jan, friends of Carol Rouse. Dave dealing with health problems.
- Bobbie, mother of Mark Lorenz—she had entered hospice care.
- Sharon, sister-in-law of Carole Rouse—undergoing medical treatments.
- Richard, father of Vanessa Paswaters—had successful surgery and anticipating further surgery



# September Council Highlights



Church Council met September 8th. Items of interest include:

- The kitchen remodel has begun. Stan Johnson is our contractor. Gary Brown is in charge of volunteer helpers.
- Stewardship emphasis will begin soon! What will Kris Adams and Heidi Johnson do next?
- The La Puente trip is October 6th through 9th. Interested in going? See Gary Wallace.
- Community Corner Café is tentatively scheduled to begin October 21st. Jill Johnson will be the cook.
- We will have two confirmands on October 30th: Isaac and Isabelle Paswaters.
- Watch for information from the Congregational Ministry Review!
- A job description is being compiled for Church Secretary as we transition to a secretary in the office part-time.

Any questions? Ask any of your Church Council members.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Johnson, Council Secretary*

## Quilting in October: Yes, We're Still Quilting!

With autumn's cooler weather come thoughts about how we can help others stay warm. Soon it will be time to gather our quilts, display them and send them off to the Denver collection center. There they'll join the in-gatherings from other churches for shipment to the big center in Minnesota—culminating in streams of warmth and love flowing out to the world. It's not too late to be a concrete part of this SMLC ministry. Join us the second and fourth Thursdays in October from 9:15am-11:30 am in the church narthex, or let us know if you can participate in another workshop this month so that more quilts than ever can be created for others.

**Fall is a time for imagining.** Lutheran World Relief (LWR) helps us "Imagine the comfort that comes from a hug at the time when you need it most. That's the feeling you can share with a LWR quilt. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread you can reach out to people in their time of with a strong message of hope—you are not alone." Remember that, "First and foremost, recipients use their LWR quilts to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding. But their versatility also makes quilts useful as simple tents, floor coverings or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back."



**Extra time on your hands?** October normally means the start of Community Corner Café. While the kitchen is being remodeled, maybe you could transfer a bit of that time and energy to help others through our quilts. We offer a snack and fellowship as we work together. If enough people are interested we might even work on it in the evening—just let me know. As caring people we can't do everything, but we can do *something*. Little things done with love make a difference. You can be part of making the world a more loveable place.—*Linda Schlitt*



# October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 <b>Sunday Worship 9:00 am</b> Coffee &amp; Fellowship 10:00 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Oratorio Practice 4:00-6:00 pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 PEO 8:45 am</p>	<p>5 Sacred Space 7:00 am Centering Prayer 11:30 am No Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 Worship Committee Meeting 9:00 am <b>La Puente Ministry</b>—</p>	<p>7 —<b>Alamosa, CO</b>—</p>	<p>1 Organ Rehearsal 10:30 am  8 Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Eggs &amp; I Organ Rehearsal 10:30 am 5:00 pm 2nd Sat. Worship —<b>Oct 6-9th</b></p>
<p>9 <b>Sunday Worship 9:00 am</b> Coffee &amp; Fellowship 10:00 am Adult Forum 10:30 am Oratorio Practice 4:00-6:00 pm —<b>La Puente Oct. 6th-9th</b>—</p>	<p>10 <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b></p>	<p>11 WELCA 1:00-4:00 pm</p>	<p>12 Sacred Space 7:00 am Centering Prayer 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm</p>	<p>13 Quilters 9:15-11:30 am</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 No Organ Rehearsal</p>
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<p><b>30 CONFIRMATION/ REFORMATION SUNDAY</b> <b>Sunday Worship 9:00 am</b> Coffee &amp; Fellowship 10:00 am Adult Forum 10:30 Oratorio Practice 4:00-6:00 pm</p>	<p>31 HALLOWEEN</p>					



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**President:** Allen Garner

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**Secretary:** (To be determined)

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Bill Hayford (Resource)

Mark Lorenz (Service)

Mike Kellum

Deb Paddock

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Rich Stoitte (Learning)

Bill Westley (Learning)

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