



# SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH Shepherd's Staff

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## August Worship Matters



**August 6, 9am**

To Eat is To Think

**August 12, 5pm**

Second Saturday Worship

**August 13, 9am**

What's Your Gaze on?

**August 20, 9am**

"Woman, great is your faith"

**August 27, 9am**

Spontaneous Faith

## Meditation Hikes

**A**ll interested persons are invited to gather on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. for Meditation Hikes this summer at the Lily Lake parking lot which is about 6 miles south of Estes Park on Hwy 7. This seems to be an easily reached hike within the RMNP boundaries yet not requiring an entry pass. The one-mile trail is level and handicapped-accessible; there are several stopping places with benches to rest your legs.

A leader will read a meditation, poem, or scripture as the group stops to enjoy the view and the quiet time. It generally takes an hour or less to complete the Hike. Weather permitting, we will meet each Monday. Any questions? Call Nancy Matson 215-3951 or email [epmoosemom@aol.com](mailto:epmoosemom@aol.com).



## Pastor's Corner

Pastor Ron Bockhaus - Contact me at [ron.bockhaus@smlc.us](mailto:ron.bockhaus@smlc.us) 970-646-6657

### Staff Enhancement

This is the second of three articles describing goals set forth by the church council this past spring. Last month I wrote about the first goal which is to establish a mission endowment fund for Shepherd of the Mountains. If you missed that article I urge you to go to the church website([www.smlcestes.org](http://www.smlcestes.org)) and open the newsletter archive page to the July 2017 newsletter. There are two events that are impacting the direction of the congregation. The first is the comprehensive ministry review that took place in September 2016; and the second is an upcoming stewardship emphasis, Stewardship for All Seasons, beginning in September. Both of these events have informed the council's thinking about the stated goals which I'm sharing with you through these articles. The resulting goals are from the church council's hard work in considering many important issues. Let me now share the second of these goals.

The second goal, as stated in the above title, is Staff Enhancement. What does this mean?

First let me say that I'm a bit nervous writing about this subject since I am one of the staff members of the congregation. In addition to me the current paid church staff include the office administrator; music coordinator/organist; choir director, second Saturday accompanist and custodian. My motivation here is not self-promotion but rather to point out a common pattern churches have with their staff and how we might think about future ministry.

All our paid staff do a great job. They are dedicated to their work, committed to sharing the Gospel, and are available to the members of the congregation. Churches are wonderful places to work because members and staff alike know our cause is bigger than any one of us for it is about the Kingdom of God. Our staff continue to work hard, especially as they relate to the

majority of workers who are volunteers within the church. Like the staff, our congregation has wonderful, hardworking volunteers; some who tirelessly perform tasks that are vital to the functioning of the congregation. So what differentiates a paid staff person from a volunteer (other than one is paid and one is not)? That's a question that each congregation must answer itself. The talents and availability of volunteers are different for each congregation as is the priority placed on different ministries within a particular congregation.

Years ago I began thinking about the paid staff/volunteer question this way: The congregation determines the priority for its various ministries out of its call to Christ's mission. If a competent volunteer is available to lead an indispensable ministry we give thanks to God! But if not, we then must seriously consider a paid staff person. This is truly a remarkable dynamic that not all organizations face. The key is for the congregation to be clear about its ministry priorities and goals as it continues to organize and adapt.

Having said this I must also share an observation about how church staff are often paid. I believe that because of the congregation's unique makeup of both volunteer and paid staff, staff pay rates can often fall behind the standard. It is common and well-accepted for tight budgets to not include pay increases for the staff, a practice hard to argue against when everyone is working for the greater cause. This pattern has implications for the congregation's ministry, especially when a turnover in staff occurs and new staff with equal experience are sought. These are but some of the considerations for SMLC's ministry as we plan for the future.

# August Calendar at a Glance



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**Tuesday, August 1**

8:00am La Puente Cooking

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**Wednesday, August 2**

7:00am Sacred Space  
10:45am Centering Prayer  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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**Saturday, August 5**

8:00am La Puente Cooking  
10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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**Sunday, August 6**

9:00am Sunday Worship  
10:00am Coffee

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**Monday, August 7**

5:00pm Meditation Hike

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**Tuesday, August 8**

8:00am La Puente Cooking  
1:00pm WELCA

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**Wednesday, August 9**

7:00am Sacred Space  
10:45am Centering Prayer  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
5:00pm Church Council

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**Thursday, August 10**

9:15am Quilters

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**Saturday, August 12**

8:00am La Puente Cooking  
10:30am Organ Rehearsal  
5:00pm Second Saturday Service

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**Sunday, August 13**

9:00am Sunday Worship  
10:00am Coffee

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**Monday, August 14**

5:00pm Meditation Hike

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**Tuesday, August 15**

8:00am La Puente Cooking

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**Wednesday, August 16**

7:00am Sacred Space  
10:45am Centering Prayer  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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**Saturday, August 19**

8:00am La Puente Cooking  
10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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**Sunday, August 20**

9:00am Sunday Worship  
10:00am Coffee

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**Monday, August 21**

5:00pm Meditation Hike

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**Tuesday, August 22**

1:00pm La Puente Cooking

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**Wednesday, August 23**

7:00am Sacred Space  
10:45am Centering Prayer  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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**Thursday, August 24**

9:15am Quilters

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**Saturday, August 26**

8:00am La Puente Cooking  
10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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**Sunday, August 27**

9:00am Sunday Worship  
10:00am Coffee

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**Monday, August 28**

5:00pm Meditation Hike

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**Tuesday, August 29**

10:00am Stewardship for All Seasons  
1:00pm La Puente Cooking

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**Wednesday, August 30**

7:00am Sacred Space  
10:45am Centering Prayer  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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## Important Dates of Note

### Anniversaries

**Rich & Sandy Stolte**      **August 12**  
**Stan & Jill Johnson**      **August 25**

### Birthdays

**Connie Westley**      **August 7**  
**Lee Schlitt**      **August 9**  
**Geoffrey Adams**      **August 12**  
**Rich Stolte**      **August 17**  
**Larry Kilgore**      **August 20**  
**Nick Molle**      **August 20**  
**Keith Riedesel**      **August 22**  
**Betty Yohe**      **August 23**  
**Heidi Johnson**      **August 24**  
**Jill Johnson**      **August 29**  
**Ron Bockhaus**      **August 30**

## July Prayer Reminders

- Lee, husband of Linda Schlitt, undergoing surgery
- George, husband of Carolyn Jarmin, healing at home
- Dorthy, mother of Darrell Paswaters, surgery; & death of uncle
- David, son of Janet Johnson, surgery
- Joan, friend of the congregation, anticipating further medical procedures
- Don Bowen, experiencing intermittent days of illness
- Sally Tessler, experiencing imbalance with blood
- Marion Dougherty, fall resulting in injury
- Carole Rouse, death of sister-in-law
- Bill & Evelyn Kehl, death of the family member

## August Bible Readings

### August 6

**Isaiah 55:1-5** - Eat and drink that which truly satisfies  
**Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21** - You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)  
**Romans 9:1-5** - The glory of God's people Israel  
**Matthew 14:13-21** - Christ feeding five thousand

### August 20

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-8** - A house of prayer for all peoples  
**Psalms 67** - Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)  
**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32** - God's mercy to all, Jew and Gentile  
**Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28** - The healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter

### August 13

**1 Kings 19:9-18** - The LORD speaks to Elijah on Mount Horeb  
**Psalms 85:8-13** - I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)  
**Romans 10:5-15** - Hearing and confessing the word of faith  
**Matthew 14:22-33** - Jesus walking on the sea

### August 27

**Isaiah 51:1-6** - The enduring foundation of God's salvation  
**Psalms 138** - O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever. (Ps. 138:8)  
**Romans 12:1-8** - One body in Christ, with gifts that differ  
**Matthew 16:13-20** - The profession of Peter's faith

## Community Corner Café

Season 7 has come to an end and council has approved and we are preparing for the start of Season 8 starting Friday October 6, 2017. Finishing touches continue to be added to the kitchen and work is proceeding to get the grease trap installed. It is a long process for fundraising, plans, permits and execution. (The shortest of that list being the execution!)

Meanwhile, we celebrate the lives touched by the 5,514 meals served in the shortened 2016-17 season. Community Corner Café (C-3) presents the opportunity for the Estes Park Community to be together in a safe and inviting location. Guests are from all walks of life, all across the socio-economic spectrum. Guests may be a waiter or dishwasher one week and the next Friday a diner. Either way, they come to be a part of the community in which we all are a piece.

C-3 has been very fortunate in having The Salvation Army, Crossroads Ministries, and Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church members as major partners in making such an endeavor possible the last seven years. In addition, over 20 groups and some 90 individuals participated this past season. There have also been donations from individuals and grants received. Thank you to ALL facets of the various levels of participation.

The actual cost per meal last season was \$.40. This is down from last year because of a very generous donation of all our "to go" containers from an anonymous source. The take out portion grew exponentially last year. Feedback from more than one of the take out guests indicates multiple households are being touched through neighbors getting to know each other while assisting with meals and moral support. One person regularly picks up 12-20 meals to deliver to elderly, non-drivers, or shut-ins in the 34canyon.

Each meal, in house or take out, represents its own situation and need. The average meals served jumped from 181 in Season 6 to 221 in season 7. The food is just a part of expenses incurred each season. Examples of other expenses are things such as paper towels, rubber gloves, aluminum foil, dish detergent, kids table supplies, thermometers, etc, etc, etc. Other expenses arise for maintenance such as the carpet cleaning the end of June, shelving, and racks in the pantry. Finally, the capital expenses we reported on at the January meeting.

People stop us in the stores and on the street to let us know how much Community Corner Café means to them and how anxious they are for Season 8 to begin. Needs come in different ways to all and each attendee has their own story. Please consider thoughtfully this mission when the special appeal offering is taken September 10.



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### Earl Matson's New Address

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**SHEPHERD  
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NEWS**

Women <sup>of the</sup> **ELCA** 

**August Outing to Fall River Hydroplant  
for picnic & tour- Sign-Up Today**

**C**elebrate summer and the 100th anniversary of the founding of Estes Park with fun and fellowship.

WELCA women of the church are hosting a special outing to the Historic Fall River Hydroplant at 1754 Fish Hatchery Road on Tuesday August 8. Come and enjoy lunch at the covered picnic area shelter at 11:30 AM and stay for private tours of the Hydroplant offered from 1 PM to 4 PM. Have fun and learn more about the history of Estes Park. Cool drinks and box lunch are being provided by your local Women of the ELCA. All are welcome but please let us know you are coming. A Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Car pools can be arranged from the church parking lot. Contact Linda Schlitt for more information.

**D**uring July the women's group generously donated funds to support Young Adults in Global Mission serving our sister synods in Madagascar. For August we decided to depart from our usual meeting format to host an outing and picnic for everyone to the Historic Fall River Hydroplant. Marian Stencel will be providing a brief prayer and devotion and all the women in our group will be helping to prepare box lunches and serve those able to attend this fun event on August 8.

*Linda Schlitt, WELCA President*

**QUILTING**

**C**ome join the fun as we create beautiful quilts for others. Our work days in August are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays - August 10 and August 24 from 9:15 to 11:30am. These quilts could end up any place in the world that there is a need thanks to Lutheran World Relief and some end up going to those in need in Alamosa thanks to our mission groups that go to La Puente. Bring your hearts and hands. Every one is welcome to share a few hours at the church working for others. We provide the materials and experience. Some of our recent handiwork can be seen hanging in the fellowship hall. Contact Linda Schlitt for more details at 970-586-5071 or via email at [LLSJOY@aol.com](mailto:LLSJOY@aol.com)

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+ ALWAYS +**

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**A Reformation Hymn Festival**  
COMMEMORATING 500 YEARS OF GRACE

Homilies by Bishop Jim Conia  
4 p.m. on Reformation Sunday  
October 29, 2017  
Rostered ministers invited to vest (red) and process  
Freewill offering

Augustana Lutheran Church  
5000 E Alameda Ave, Denver, Colorado

## “Abide with Me”

For those who were disappointed not to find in our hymnal the words to the hymn that Tim MacLemore played at the end of his sermon on July 23rd...

**W**ritten by Henry F. Lyte two weeks before he died of tuberculosis in 1847. The hymn is a prayer for God to remain present with the speaker throughout life, through trials, and through death. The opening line alludes to Luke 24:29, “Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent”, and the penultimate verse draws on text from 1 Corinthians 15:55, “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”:

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word, But as Thou dwell'st with Thy disciples, Lord,  
Familiar, condescending, patient, free. Come not to sojourn, but abide with me.*

*Thou on my head in early youth didst smile, And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee. On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.*

*I need Thy presence every passing hour. What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with  
me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the  
skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with  
me.*