



# SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE 2017



### Special Celebration Program:

Reverend Roger J. Fjeld, Retired President of Wartburg Theological Seminary: "Martin Luther and the Opening Round of the Reformation."

**T**his annual fundraiser will provide a scholarship from our church to a deserving Seminary student at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. The men will be selling tickets for the breakfast and if you desire you can make a special donation to the scholarship fund. All Are Welcome: Bring Family, Friends & Neighbors--Let us celebrate Marty, Kathy and RE-FORMATION!!!



### THE MEN IN MISSION ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

### A Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

**T**he Men in Mission of Shepherd of the Mountain Lutheran Church will hold their Annual Pancake Breakfast Saturday morning, June 17th at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall of the Church.

All You Can Eat--Reformed Cakes--With All The Fixins' by our renowned chefs Marc Coen and Bill Hayford! \$8.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Young People 6 18, Children 5 and under-free

### June Worship Matters

- Sunday, June 4, 9am.**  
Pentecost Sunday
- Saturday, June 10, 5pm.**  
Second Saturday Worship
- Sunday, June, 11, 9am.**  
Holy Trinity Sunday
- Sunday, June 18, 9am.**  
Father's Day
- Sunday, June 25, 9am.**  
Standing Out

## Pastor's Corner

Pastor Ron Bockhaus - Contact me at ron.bockhaus@smlc.us 970-646-6657

### Reformation Cakes!

It's hard to believe we are nearly half way through the year. June marks the beginning of summer most years (I'm writing this during the May snow storm); and with it comes the pancake breakfast fundraiser. This annual event was started and hosted years ago by Don and Mardy Groskreutz who found a way to support seminary education. Don is a retired pastor and former Wartburg Seminary teacher familiar with the financial struggles of seminarians called to serve the church. I am happy that when Don and Mardy moved away the Men in Mission group took on the fundraiser in order to continue our congregation's support of one student at Wartburg Seminary. Don't forget the breakfast takes place at church on Saturday, June 17th with ticket sales in advance. Even if you can't make the breakfast please consider supporting this event and the church's ministry.

I graduated from Luther Seminary in 1985. Not certain of the exact amount, I think the tuition during my last year was around \$1,600. Room and board was in addition to this. Now I think the tuition alone at Luther Seminary is around \$16,000. That is a ten-fold increase. Many seminary students also have loans from their undergraduate education that add to their total debt. This difficult financial burden is discouraging some from pursuing a career in ministry at a time when seminary student numbers in the ELCA have been dropping.

The current president of Luther Seminary, The Rev. Dr. Robin J. Steinke, wrote the following to alumni in a recent letter.

*Much has changed since I graduated from an ELCA seminary. Though enrollment in the ELCA seminary system stayed fairly stable from the late 1980s to 2012, it's been a different story since*

*then. In the course of the last five year, Luther's enrollment is down between 30% and 40%, depending how you count. Other ELCA seminaries are seeing similar declines. Add escalating retirements, and this explains why a 2016 report by the ELCA projects that within a few years there will 1,000 pastoral vacancies in congregations that could otherwise afford to call a full-time pastor.*

Because of my involvement in the Rocky Mountain Synod's efforts to address financial stress affecting ministers I can tell you additional factors which are impacting our church's overall ministry. Inspired by the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation I like what President Steinke added to the statement above: "Let's ask a wonderful Lutheran question: What does this mean?"

What does this mean? It means we are all in this together. Efforts such as the pancake breakfast are reminders that the entire church—every congregation—has a stake in educating future leaders for ministry. We can't rely on old systems and trends to supply people for the work of ministry but must face this new and challenging day with confidence and commitment to the Gospel. I am thankful that we are a congregation that sees this vital connection to the entire church and acts upon it. You'll be hearing more about our involvement in a program called Stewardship for All Seasons in the weeks ahead. It will be another way in which we clarify the values that are important to us as the Body of Christ.

***In Christ with you, Pastor Ron***

# June Calendar at a Glance

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**Thursday, June 1**

8:00am Cooking for La Puente  
La Puente Pals Visit

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**Friday, June 2**

La Puente Pals Visit

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**Saturday, June 3**

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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**Sunday, June 4**

8:00am La Puente Cooking  
9:00am Sunday Worship  
10:00am Coffee  
10:30am Adult Forum

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**Monday, June 5**

5:00pm Meditation Hike

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**Tuesday, June 6**

8:00am La Puente Cooking  
7:00pm Kendo

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**Wednesday, June 7**

7:00am Sacred Space  
10:45am Centering Prayer  
11:30am Book Discussion  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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**Thursday, June 8**

8:00am La Puente Cooking  
9:15am Quilters  
5:00pm Church Council  
6:00pm Habitat for Humanity meeting

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**Friday, June 9**

8:00am Carpet Cleaning at the church

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**Saturday, June 10**

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

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**Sunday, June 11**

9:00am Sunday Worship  
10:00am Annual Meeting

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**Monday, June 12**

5:00pm Meditation Hike

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**Tuesday, June 13**

8:00am La Puente Cooking  
1:00pm WELCA  
7:00pm Kendo

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**Wednesday, June 14**

7:00am Sacred Space  
10:45am Centering Prayer  
11:30am Book Discussion  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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**Thursday, June 15**

8:30am - 4:00pm Estes Valley Quilt Guild  
Workshop

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**Friday, June 16**

7:30pm New Wine Concert  
Zion Lutheran Cloquet, MN  
Overnight

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**Saturday, June 17**

8:30am Pancake Fundraiser  
10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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**Sunday, June 18**

9:00am Sunday Worship  
10:00am Coffee

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**Monday, June 19**

5:00pm Meditation Hike

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**Tuesday, June 20**

8:00am La Puente Cooking  
9:00am PEO  
7:00pm Kendo

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**Wednesday, June 21**

7:00am Sacred Space  
10:45am Centering Prayer  
11:30am Book Discussion  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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**Thursday, June 22**

8:00am La Puente Cooking  
9:15am Quilters

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**Friday, June 23**

4:00pm-7:00pm Salud Using SMLC Parking Lot

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**Saturday, June 24**

10:30am Organ Rehearsal  
Zion Lutheran Group Visit

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**Sunday, June 25**

9:00am Sunday Worship  
10:00am Coffee  
Zion Lutheran Group Visit

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**Monday, June 26**

Zion Lutheran Group Visit  
5:00pm Meditation Hike

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**Tuesday, June 27**

1:00pm La Puente Cooking  
Zion Lutheran Group Visit  
7:00pm Kendo

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**Wednesday, June 28**

Zion Lutheran Group Visit  
7:00am Sacred Space  
10:45am Centering Prayer  
11:30am Book Discussion  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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**Thursday, June 29**

1:00pm La Puente Cooking



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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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### 2017 Synod Assembly Highlights

**T**he first weekend in May, 480 voting members, visitors and exhibitors gathered in Colorado Springs under the theme, ReFormation: Then. Now. Always. Over the next few weeks, we will share highlights!

Opening Worship took place at First United Methodist Church, with Bishop Rob O'Neill of the Episcopal Church in Colorado presiding. We also received greetings from Colorado Council of Churches, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), United Church of Christ, and United Methodist Church. Christ's Church, Better Together embodied!

#### Offerings collected:

Betela Seminary in Madagascar: \$1,954  
RMS Seminary Scholarships: \$1,919  
RMS Youth Leadership: \$2,719  
ELCA World Hunger: \$4,229

#### What's a Deacon?

**A** decision made by the 2016 Churchwide Assembly combined the three lay rosters (Deaconess, Diaconal Minister, and Associate in Ministry) into one roster: Minister of Word and Service, called Deacon.

#### Claiming our Gifts

**B**ishop Gonia led four sessions about Claiming our Gifts, including the gift of our Ecclesiology, our structure and how we are connected as different expressions of one church.

#### 500 Years on the Move for World Hunger!

**J**oin the Synod's Hunger Network and get MOVING in 2017 to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! What is this campaign? The work of ELCA World Hunger grows firmly in the soil of Martin Luther's Reformation. Caring for our neighbors is what we do and what Lutherans have done from the beginning! To commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, do something NEW to honor this long tradition.

### June Bible Readings

**June 4, Pentecost**  
Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 20:19-23

**June 11 The Holy Trinity**  
Genesis 1:1--2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

**June 18 Pentecost 2**  
Exodus 19:2-8a  
Psalm 100  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]

**June 25 Pentecost 3**  
Jeremiah 20:7-13  
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39

## SMLC Celebrates 20th Anniversary of Charter Signing



*Bk row Don and Gloria Lickfett, Kris Adams, Sandy and Rich Stolte, SMLC Charter, Mark Lorenz  
Fr row Nancy Matson, Keith and Margaret Riedesel, Mary Settje, Bill Westley, the Rev. Earl Matson*



### Have You Considered giving Stocks?

If you have considered giving stocks to the church as a method to contribute your pledge or other gifts, we now have the capability to handle the transaction. We have set up an account with EdwardJones, here in Estes. Our agent is Derek Vinge (see info below). He has been a great help starting this up for us again. (We had similar capability years ago - while growing our building fund)

When you are ready, give your agent the contact information below and authorize the transfer. Then call Ruth Turner or Kris Adams and let us know you have set this in motion. Your agent, Derek and Ruth or Kris will take care of the rest. Other questions? Please contact Kris Adams, 586-1942.

### Edward Jones Account Contact

Derek Vinge  
501 Saint Vrain Lane, Suite 202, Estes Park  
970-586-9078,  
SMLC Account = 486-16961-1-2



Thanks go to everyone who helped make our May 15 OWLS' (Northern CO. and Southern WYO. Retired Pastors) luncheon such a success. We deliciously fed nearly 50 pastors and all the helpers and had a beautiful spring day for it to boot! In May, we were saddened to find out that our dear and faithful Treasurer, Marian Stencel will be leaving us sometime in the months ahead to move down the mountain closer to family. If you have monetary talents, feel God's call and would be willing to take on this task, please let me know.

As we enter the season of Pentecost there is a unique opportunity for renewal this year during the celebration of 500 years of Reformation. Kelly Fryer, our new Bible study author, challenges us to see that renewal as messy and calls us to say "goodbye to nice" and hello to "good" which isn't always easy or comfortable. But women through the generations have been speaking up for and reaching out for those on the margins. This has always been God's call to us.

This month Beverly Swafford will lead our Bible study from Revelation as we explore how our Biblical ancestors learned that being good rather than merely nice changes the way we live; and help us realize similarities to our own times. For as the editor of Gather so ably points out, " people in the Bible dealt with abundance and scarcity, celebration and grief, justice and injustice, prejudice and poverty...and struggled to see beyond divisions, beyond themselves...just as we do."

Our service and money raising project this month is providing and opening dinner at Meeker Park Lodge on June 19 for the leaders of this year's Luther Academy (a 2 week continuing education program for pastors provided by Wartburg Seminary). If you would like to help with this, and get to meet some wonderful leaders of the wider church, please let me know.

All women including summer visitors are invited to our monthly meeting and to participate in all our activities. Please plan to join us on June 13, at 1 p.m. in the church Library for Bible study followed by a brief business meeting and fellowship hosted by Lin Smith. Extra lessons will be on the counter in the narthex.

*Linda Schlitt, WELCA President*

**Important Dates of Note**

**June Wedding Anniversaries**

- Mary Banken & Terry Rizzuti ..... June 3
- Mardy & Don Groskreutz ..... June 5
- Gary & Jan Trunnell ..... June 6
- Darrell & Vanessa Paswaters ..... June 11
- Del & Marilyn Kienker ..... June 12
- Keith & Margaret Riedesel ..... June 14
- Allen & Jeanie Garner ..... June 20
- Peter & Jeanne Nelson ..... June 23
- Bob & Jane Rising ..... June 25

**Birthdays**

- Mark Lorenz ..... June 2
- Margaret Riedesel ..... June 14
- June Wesel ..... June 15
- Mary Banken ..... June 18
- Loren Johnson ..... June 20
- Marion Dougherty ..... June 21
- Kris O'Neil ..... June 21
- Candy Sulzbach ..... June 26



## Advocacy in Action

**T**he Most Reverent Michael B. Curry, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church and The Reverend Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have issued a joint call to prayer, fasting and advocacy entitled “For Such a Time as This.” They note that their two churches have come together to oppose deep cuts to programs that are vital to hungry people struggling with poverty. This call to action comes as a result of the May 21st Global Day of Prayer to End Famine and to highlight the importance of foreign assistance and humanitarian relief as members of the World Council of Churches.

They are making the call to pray, fast and advocate on the 21st day of each month throughout the 115th Congress to under gird efforts to convince our members of Congress to protect poverty-focused programs worldwide. God’s intention is the flourishing of all people and we are called to participate in God’s loving purpose by standing with our neighbors who struggle with poverty and hunger. Please consider your response to this ecumenical call to prayer, fasting and advocacy for the least of our sisters and brothers.

“Therefore, we should be guided in all our works by this one thought alone – that we may serve and benefit others in everything that is done, having nothing before our eyes except the need and advantage of the neighbor.”

*Martin Luther*

**SMLC Advocacy Team**

## Shred Day is coming - Saturday, June 10th

**L**ast year, Thrivent sponsored a shred day and many of us took advantage of it to safely rid ourselves of old personal and financial files. This year, Jeff Losh, our Thrivent agent has shared information about a new Shred Day sponsor; Trinity Lutheran in Loveland.

Kris and Bruce Adams, from SMLC, will be taking a truck load of boxes to the event. If you would like to add a box (or two or three or more), we would be happy to haul them in our truck down to Loveland. Trinity is asking for a CASH donation of \$5.00 per box.

If you are interested, please contact Bruce or Kris Adams (586-1942) by JUNE 2. We will make arrangements with you to get your boxes ahead of time so that we can make an early morning run down to Loveland on June 10th.

If you would like to take boxes on your own, the information from Trinity is below:

## Trinity SHRED DAY

**S**ave the date!! Saturday, June 10 from 9-11 is the first (and hopefully, annual) Trinity Shred Day. Start collecting your boxes of tax documents, health records, and any other papers that need to be shredded. Companies normally charge around \$30 to shred a box of paper. We will only be asking \$5 cash. Warning: Shred Day could end before 11 a.m. When 500 boxes of paper have been shredded, the event will be over, so plan on coming early. Trinity Lutheran Church, 3333 N.Duffield (just north of Loveland HS)

# SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

## Quilting News

**W**e recently received thanks and word from Lutheran World Relief that our quilts donated last year have been sent to Angola! They left the Minneapolis warehouse on March 28 so by now they are probably in the hands of LWR's partner in Angola, Hope for Angola (HFA) for distribution to those in need. LWR shared that HFA was founded in 2006 by Angolans living in the US and seeks to advocate and support sustainable community based development for the vulnerable people of Angola to ensure that all have equal access to basic human needs. The distribution of quilts and other kits from LWR through HFA will reach an estimated 20,147 people in Luanda, the capital city of Angola. These precious gifts will support refugee, asylum-seeking and internally displaced families as they work to establish sustainable lives in Luanda. To learn more about this shipment, visit [quiltmap.lwr.org](http://quiltmap.lwr.org) and click on Angola to view a report. Isn't this exciting news? Thank you for your support that makes this outreach a reality.

In May we also picked out 6 lovely quilts to send with our mission work crew to La Puente in Alamosa in Colorado.

This month our work days are June 8 and June 22 and we may be adding June 15 as an extra work day to help us catch up from snow days in January. We work at the church from 9:15 to 11:30 on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month assembling quilts, sorting materials and assembling quilts. People continue to generously donate supplies and piece quilts tops and backs at home. Men, women and children - members and summer visitors are invited to help - no tools, or experience is required. LWR reminds that many

lives are touched by this loving ministry - both those preparing and receiving these beautiful quilts. Won't you spend a fun morning with us during June?

*Linda Schlitt*



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## Meditation Hikes

**T**he Learning Committee will resume Monday 5:00 p.m. Meditation Hikes again this summer beginning on Monday, June 5. We are going to meet 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).



## Communion Bread

### From the Worship Committee

**T**his year Pentecost Sunday is the first Sunday in June. Please wear red to symbolize the “tongues as flames that were distributed and rested on the heads of each one of them” in Acts 2. Lynette will also bring the scriptures from the Pentecost passage in various languages to be read simultaneously so that “...we hear, each in his own language.” What a glorious day to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In regard to our weekly celebration of Holy Communion, we welcome Tara McConnell to the responsibilities of the Altar Committee Coordinator. Please consider joining her committee to help set up and take down the altar and prepare the sacraments for one of the worship services each month. Tara would love to show you how to do this and schedule you in. Most worship servants who take up this ministry do the set-up on a Saturday afternoon.

Another opportunity for ministry is in supplying the communion bread. Right now, Linda Schlitt and Nancy Matson are our bakers, but if you like to bake, you might like to try out this recipe from Nancy Condon or bring bread from your own recipe file, or even a loaf baked from Rhodes frozen dough. Please let Tara know when you can bring your own bread for the altar.



### ENGLISH BARLEY BREAD (1½ lb.) Nancy Condon

Add ingredients to machine according to manufacturer's directions. I haven't been able to find barley flour lately but substitute an additional ½ cup of whole wheat flour.

- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons cooking or olive oil
- 2 cups bread flour
- ½ cup barley flour (or ½ cup whole wheat flour)
- ½ cup whole wheat flour
- 3 tablespoons molasses or brown sugar ( I prefer molasses but brn. sugar is fine too)
- 3 tablespoons nonfat dry milk powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon active dry yeast or bread machine yeast

I mix it on the dough cycle then take it out, divide it into two portions (¾ lb each) , put into greased pans, let rise, and bake about 375. I don't know how long I bake it. I just watch it so it doesn't get too brown. ¾ lb seems to make enough for communion.

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**NEW WINE**  
MINISTRY



*Presents*

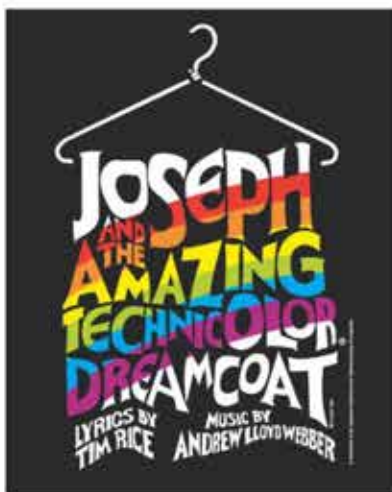
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New Wine is a Christian youth  
musical/drama ministry of Zion Lutheran  
Church in Cloquet, Minnesota