



# SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Sunday March 19th – What a BIG Day!

**M**ark your calendars for Sunday, March 19th. On that day SMLC will collect its first quarterly offering of 2017. As in previous years this offering will go to Crossroads Ministry here in Estes Park. We take this offering because of the matching funds that are currently available. Secondly, there will be special food prepared by Marc Coen, the chef who prepares food for La Puente. It is his way to say “thank you” for the use of the kitchen. Thirdly, there will be a Book Fair! Order books on the Reformation for 50% off and free shipping! Sample books will be available to review! Wow! All on 3/19!

### March Worship Matters

- Wednesday March 1,**  
Ash Wednesday Service - 5:15pm
- Sunday March 5**  
Lent 1, Wilderness Journey 9am
- Wednesday. March 8**  
Ten Commandments - 5:15pm
- Saturday. March 11**  
Second Saturday Worship - 5pm
- Sunday. March 12**  
For God so Loved the World, 9am
- Wednesday. March 15**  
The Apostles Creed, 5:15pm
- Sunday. March 19**  
The Woman at the Well, 9am
- Wednesday. March 22**  
The Lord's Prayer - 5:15pm
- Sunday March 26**  
How Do We See? 9am
- Wednesday March 29**  
Baptism, 5:15pm

### March Comm. Corner Café Menu

- Mar 3** **Ribs**  
*Mormon Church*
- Mar 10** **Hamburger Soup**  
*Methodist Church*
- Mar 17** **Irish Dinner**  
*Womans Club*
- Mar 24** **Stuffed Peppers**  
*Salud*
- Mar 31** **Grill Night**  
*Police Auxillary*



## Pastor's Corner

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# The Latest Technology has Always Spoken Theology

In this 500th anniversary year of the Protestant Reformation we stop to consider the role of technology. The Reformation was significantly aided by the development of the printing press. In fact, the Reformation helped further advances in the technology of mechanical movable type. The man who got it going was Johannes Gutenberg.

Wikipedia says this about him: Johannes Gutenberg;(c. 1398 – February 3, 1468) was a German blacksmith, goldsmith, printer, and publisher who introduced printing to Europe. His introduction of mechanical movable type printing to Europe started the Printing Revolution and is widely regarded as the most important invention of the second millennium, the seminal event which ushered in the modern period of human history. It played a key role in the development of the Renaissance, Reformation, the Age of Enlightenment, and the scientific revolution and laid the material basis for the modern knowledge-based economy and the spread of learning to the masses.

Not everyone in Luther's time could read. Therefore, what important issues do you publish for both people who can and cannot read? The most popular form of Reformation literature was the pamphlet, published in small, quarto size and usually provided wood cut illustrations(i.e. pictures). Dealing with a great variety of subjects, they were written in the form of prose, verse, dialogues, and letters and bore such captivating titles as I Wonder Why There Is No Money in the Land? The message of reform was important enough for the Church to use the latest form of technology to reach out to people. Had it not, we might not be celebrating the Reformation this year.

## Our church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

## Stop by the book display in narthex

on 3/19, 3/21, 3/22, 3/23, 3/26  
between 10-11am Sun; 9-12 T, W, TH  
to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like Luther the Reformer as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

## When Did You Last Visit the Church's Website?

Changes are happening with [www.smlcetes.org](http://www.smlcetes.org) all the time, sometimes big and sometimes small. The time it takes to manage old technology (paper & ink) is still considerable. The re-formation of the church's way of sharing the gospel is ongoing and very important in our day. Let's support the effort to spread the Gospel through the resources at our disposal.

**Pastor Ron**

# March Calendar at a Glance

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## Wednesday, March 1

7:00am Sacred Space  
10:45am Centering Prayer  
11:30am Book Discussion  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
5:15pm Ash Wednesday Service

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## Thursday, March 2

8:00am Cooking for La Puente  
3:00pm Q2 Rehearsal

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## Friday, March 3

4:30pm Community Corner Cafe

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## Saturday, March 4

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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## Sunday, March 5

9:00am Sunday Worship  
10:30am Adult Forum

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## Monday, March 6

8:00am Cooking for La Puente

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## Tuesday, March 7

1:00pm WELCA

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## Wednesday, March 8

7:00am Sacred Space  
10:45am Centering Prayer  
11:30am Book Discussion  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
5:15pm Lenten Service

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## Thursday, March 9

8:00am Cooking for La Puente  
9:15am Quilters  
6:00pm Church Council

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## Friday, March 10

4:30pm Community Corner Cafe

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## Saturday, March 11

8:30am Men's Breakfast  
10:30am Organ Rehearsal  
5:00pm Second Saturday Worship

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## Sunday, March 12

9:00am Sunday Worship  
10:30am Adult Forum

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## Monday, March 13

8:00am Cooking for La Puente

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## Tuesday, March 14

1:00pm WELCA

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## Wednesday, March 15

7:00am Sacred Space  
10:45am Centering Prayer  
11:30am Book Discussion  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
5:15pm Lenten Service

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## Thursday, March 16

8:00am Cooking for La Puente  
9:00am Worship Committee

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## Friday, March 17

4:30pm Community Corner Cafe

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## Saturday, March 18

10:30am Organ Rehearsal  
1:00pm Peak to Peak Concert

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## Sunday, March 19

9:00am Sunday Worship (Crossroads Offering)  
10-11am Book Fair  
10:30am Adult Forum

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## Monday, March 20

8:00am Cooking for La Puente

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## Tuesday, March 21

9:00am PEO  
9-noon Book Fair

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## Wednesday, March 22

7:00am Sacred Space  
9-noon Book Fair  
10:45am Centering Prayer  
11:30am Book Discussion  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
5:15pm Lenten Service

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## Thursday, March 23

8:00am Cooking for La Puente  
9-noon Book Fair  
9:15am Quilters

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## Friday, March 24

4:30pm Community Corner Cafe

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## Saturday, March 25

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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## Sunday, March 26

9:00am Sunday Worship  
10-11am Book Fair  
10:30am Adult Forum

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## Monday, March 27

8:00am Cooking for La Puente

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## Wednesday, March 29

7:00am Sacred Space  
10:45am Centering Prayer  
11:30am Book Discussion  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
5:15pm Lenten Service

## News from Around the Church



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

**M**arch is not only the beginning of Lent but a time to celebrate the **BOLD WOMEN** in our lives. How fortunate to have many of them as a part of the SMLC family. During January and February they gladly and boldly stepped up to minister to families suffering the loss of loved ones by warmly serving delicious food after three memorial services. Thus, allowing time for friends and family to visit together and comfort each other as their bodies enjoyed comfort food. Thanks to all who helped provide this important ministry.

Our monthly meetings not only help ground us in God's Word but help us form a community of women that are called to Christian discipleship, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and committed to grow in faith, to affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action and to promote healing, and wholeness in the church, the society and the world. Won't you join us on March 14 at 1 p.m. in the church Library for Bible study led by Bobbie Christenson and a time of fellowship and encouragement with treats provided by Lin Smith? We'd like to get to know you better. Join the dance of the trinity during Lent with other Bold Women in our community of faith.

*Linda Schlitt, WELCA President*

### Practices In Lent

**J**esus says in his sermon on the mount, "But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you" Mt. 6:6

Have you ever wondered what you can do in such times of prayer. Consider the following look at meditation as a viable option for you and your prayer life.

There is no single way to meditate. There are, however, certain acts and attitudes inherently endowed with the capacity to awaken sustained states of meditative awareness that form the infrastructure of each specific way to meditate. Here are some suggested guidelines.

With respect to the body: Sit still. Sit straight. Place your hands in a comfortable or meaningful position in your lap. Close your eyes or lower them toward the ground. Breathe slowly and naturally. With respect to your mind, be present, open, and awake, neither clinging to nor rejecting anything. And with respect to attitude, maintain nonjudgmental compassion toward yourself—as you discover yourself clinging to and rejecting everything—and nonjudgmental compassion toward others in their powerlessness that is one with yours.

*CAC teacher James Finley*



**SHEPHERD  
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LUTHERAN CHURCH  
NEWS**

Dear members of SMLC,

One of my favorite Bible verses is John 21:15-17, in which Jesus tells Simon Peter “if you love me, feed and care for my sheep”. I believe that Jesus is calling upon us, the members of SMLC, to demonstrate Christian love by feeding and caring for our neighbors who need help. Specifically we do this through our support of organizations such as Crossroads Ministry, CCC! And La Puente in Alamosa.

On March 19th we will have a special offering to support Crossroads Ministry. This offering is in conjunction with the “2017 Neighbors in Need Challenge”, the largest single source of funding for the ministry. An anonymous donor has once again made available \$50,000 in matching funds. Every dollar we raise will be matched. 86% of these funds go directly to program services, with 14% used to cover administrative expenses.

Crossroads does so much for our community and the Estes Valley. 1 in 12 residents receive some form of assistance from Crossroads in an average year, and 1 in 10 received assistance following the 2013 flood. If you have any questions about Crossroads Ministry, or would like a copy of the annual report, please feel free to contact me.

**Jim Paddock, SMLC Crossroads Board  
of Directors Representative**

**Advocacy in Action**

In a nation divided by so many issues, we as Christians must consider our response to these issues. We are challenged to have a civil discourse with those with whom we disagree. Coming from the perspective of love and faith, discussion on both sides of an issue is possible. We might ask one another “how do you see this (name the issue) as loving your neighbor.” As Lutherans we are a public church with a legacy of protest in the public square. To be more aware of the position the ELCA takes on federal and state issues you may go to [ELCA.org/advocacy](http://ELCA.org/advocacy) and [rmselca.org/advocacy](http://rmselca.org/advocacy). We are church together.

In Addition, there are several websites available for tracking how our congressional members vote and the bills that are being proposed. You may refer to [govtrack.us](http://govtrack.us), [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov), [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) or [congress.org](http://congress.org). Any of these sites will lead you to valuable information on pending and passed legislation. You may also find information on how to contact your congress person. If you would rather talk to a live person you can call 202-224-3121 and express your opinion. They will see that you views are sent to your representative.

We are being challenged to continue Luther's legacy of activism and protest.

**SMLC Advocacy Team**

# SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

## March Wedding Anniversaries

Joe & Kara Creaghe 03/23

## March Birthdays

Linda Hoak 03/01  
 Kathy George 03/04  
 Marilyn Shalibo 03/10  
 Marian Stencil 03/20  
 John Stencil 03/21  
 Donald Smith 03/23  
 Letha Ginther 03/26  
 George Jarmin 03/27



## Coming Soon...

Lent will be upon us as soon as we turn the calendar page over to March. In order to be ready, the Learning and Worship Committees have ordered thirty pocket-size copies and five large-print copies of Free Indeed: Devotions for Lent.

This beautiful, full-color, devotional takes you through Lent with daily devotionals from Luther's Small Catechism. Each reading is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, and a prayer. You are free, indeed, to reflect on Luther's guide to the basics of Christianity during the Lenten season and within the observation of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Look for these copies to arrive soon in the narthex and please leave a donation of \$2.00 each; \$5.00 for the large-print edition. This is most certainly true.

## February Prayer Reminders

- Jene, John Stencil's brother having surgery
- Darby, Carole Rouse's granddaughter, on a mission trip
- Ralph Knoll, hospitalized and having tests
- Mark, friend of Roxy Hause, having surgery
- Gary & Vi, friends of Pamm Haglund having surgery and healing from illness respectively
- Klovdahl family, upon the death of Gene
- Bob & Eric, relatives of Carole Rouse, both having surgery

## March Bible Readings

March 5  
 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
 Psalm 32  
 Romans 5:12-19  
 Matthew 4:1-11

March 12  
 Genesis 12:1-4a  
 Psalm 121  
 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
 John 3:1-17

March 19  
 Exodus 17:1-7  
 Psalm 95  
 Romans 5:1-11  
 John 4:5-42

March 26  
 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
 Psalm 23  
 Ephesians 5:8-14  
 John 9:1-41

## Crossroads Donations

**D**uring the Lenten Season this year we will be collecting items for the Crossroads food pantry. We will begin the first Sunday in Lent which will be March 5th. Following is a list of things that would be greatly appreciated:

### Food

- Pasta sauce
- Canned fruit
- Sides – Rice-a-Roni. Zataran's/instant potatoes
- Pasta/Raman noodles
- Bottled water
- Peanut butter
- Canned dinners – Spaghetti O's, hearty soups
- Canned chicken and tuna

### Helpful non-food items

- Toilet paper/paper towels/kleenex
- Laundry and dish washing detergent
- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Shampoo/Conditioner/Lotion
- Soap/deodorant
- Clean plastic shopping bags

Please consider what you can donate during this season of prayer, fasting and alms giving. Our brothers and sisters who depend on your generosity will most grateful. Thank you!

*Hunger Task Force*

### Second Saturday Services Resume

**O**n March 11 SMLC will resume Second Saturday informal worship services at 5:00 p.m. I would like to encourage any musicians/vocalists to join our Joyful Noise to provide music and accompaniment for songs in these services. Energy and joy will be an asset -- we will practice ahead of time to provide some musicality. If you know someone outside the congregation who might like to participate, we welcome them. For more information, contact Nancy Matson, epmoosemom@aol.com or 970-215-3951.

## First Quarter Special Offering – Crossroads

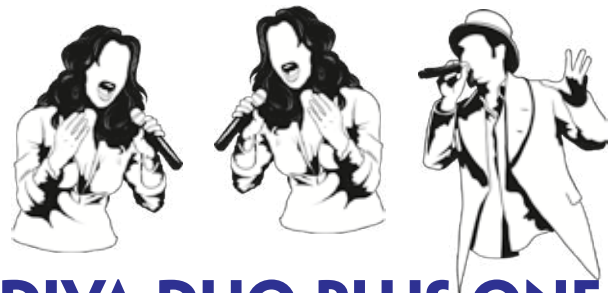
**T**he first quarter special offering for Crossroads will be taken Sunday, March 19th. Again this year there is an anonymous donor who will match cash gifts from our community up to \$50,000. We want to do our part to help with this important Estes Park ministry.

Also, we want to help support Crossroads through donations of canned goods, paper products and other staples throughout the Lenten season. We will specify a particular need each Sunday. Lent is a time of increased prayer, fasting and alms giving for many Christians. Please consider helping in whatever way you can during this time as part of your Lenten devotion. More information will follow regarding what is needed and where it will be deposited at church.

As always, thank you so much for your continued support for your brothers and sisters in the Estes Valley.

*Hunger Task Force*

## Peak to Peak Concert Saturday, February 18 at 2:00 pm



### DIVA DUO PLUS ONE

You are invited to Peak to Peak

Concert #6:

at Shepherd of the Mountains

Free admission; donations appreciated;

[www.osep.info](http://www.osep.info)

## Who's Who in the Pew



### Getting to know Rich & Sandy Stolte

**W**hen members of SMLC notice that Rich and Sandy Stolte have served communion again, coordinated another “Spring Fling” or Christmas party, or that Sandy has decorated the fellowship hall with new, seasonal centerpieces again (new table decorations every month since this facility was dedicated), they admire the generous spirit behind those contributions to the rich social life of this congregation. These noticeable contributions, however, are only the most recent indications of the Stolte’s long ministry of service, not only to the Church but also to the public in general.

The energy and youthfulness of the Stoltes belies their lengthy record. The most memorable feature of their service to this congregation is that they are among the dwindling number of SMLC’s charter members. Thank you, Rich and Sandy! In addition, Rich has often served as an alternate on the SMLC Council. Before moving to Estes, they were very active with the congregation at Immanuel Lutheran in Greeley, where they had lived and worked since their marriage 1962. He was the Sunday-school superintendent at Immanuel for fourteen years, where both he and Sandy taught Sunday school. He also served on the church council there. In addition, Rich was the Treasurer of the Lutheran Student Association at NCU.

Their public service was even more remarkable. They are educators by profession. Rich taught elementary education in Greeley District #6 for thirty-three years. For her part, abandoning her career as an X-ray technologist, Sandy became the Counseling Secretary at Greeley Central High School. Kids-R-them.

In their valuable spare time while living in Greeley, Rich served as President of the Greeley Teachers’ Association as well as on the Colorado Education Teachers’ Rights Committee. He was also very active with the Greeley Elk’s Association and the State Elks Association.

Sandy did not avoid official responsibilities, either. She served as local President and State President of Theta Rho Girls (IOOF), as President of the Greeley Faculty Wives, and as both local and district President of the Greeley DOES Drove #216 (served five terms).

One has to wonder whether they might have moved from Greeley to Estes Just to get away from some of those responsibilities. But, no. Both of them have readily served their terms on the Retreat Association Board where they live.

In their well-earned retirement, Sandy loves to quilt while both of them love to read; but whenever they can, they travel in their mobile home, not only to visit scenic areas, but also to visit their family: Son Ric Stolte (Jennifer) and grandson Chandler; and daughter Leann Arnold (Toby) , who has two sons, a daughter, a grandson, a granddaughter and an expected 2nd granddaughter, already given the name, Finleigh. When Finleigh arrives in March, one can expect to find another altar bouquet dedicated to her, for sure.

Having dedicated thirty-three years to the education of other people’s children, the Stoltes now have time to celebrate and enjoy every one of their own young grandchildren and great grandchildren. Congratulations!



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