



SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship on May 7

Over 450 voting members, visitors and partners in ministry will be at our Synod Assembly over the weekend of May 6-7. Since most of our rostered ministers will also be in attendance, our Rocky Mountain Synod invites all congregations to use resources for a shared worship entitled Church Together on Sunday, May 7. Our church council will lead worship and a liturgy that will mirror the Sunday morning worship taking place at Synod Assembly, a worship that will feature the ministry of ELCA deacons who serve our church in the newly re-formed Word & Service roster and on our call to be church for the sake of the world.

Worship on May 21

In honor of the 20th anniversary of the official charting of Shepherd of the Mountains into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we will mark the event in our worship on Sunday, May 21st. The actual day was May, 25, 1997 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Times flies!

Help Needed: Altar Care Coordinator

Ideally, someone, male or female, could take up the coordination of the altar care committee while Annette is still here to show him or her where everything is kept. She says it has not been difficult with such a generously willing spirit among the committee members: Kelly Brown, Mike Kellam, Marilyn Keinker, Nancy Matson, Mary Settje, Nancy Condon, and Tara McConnell. The committee membership has also been reduced by the loss of Marion and Annette from its membership.

If you can help out by agreeing to coordinate the committee, or just want to join it, please call or e-mail Lynette Johnson 586-2192 ljohnson@airbits.com

May Worship Matters

Sunday, May 7

9am, Love Feast from John

Saturday, May 13

5pm, Second Saturday Worship

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 21

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Sunday, May 28

Jesus Prays for Us! Memorial Day Weekend

Pastor's Corner

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

PALS Are Coming!

It is always interesting how relationships grow with time. The longer SMLC partners with our friends at LaPuente in Alamosa, CO, the more ways we learn to share our lives and gifts with each other.

Beginning June 1, a work group from Estes Park will be headed to Alamosa for yet another adventure to help the homeless shelter, thrift store, food shelf, work program, etc.,etc., known collectively as LaPuente. This is the first of two semi-annual work tours our community and our congregation have made for many years now. The interesting thing about this year is that we have young people from Alamosa coming to Estes Park during the same time. The group is known as PALS, and here is what LaPuente says about PALS.

PALS, which stands for Positive Activities Lead to Success, is a licensed after school and summer program. PALS children come from different community sources – We serve children whose families are enrolled in the Adelante program*; we accept referrals from the Alamosa County Department of Human Services and any children who are staying at La Puente Home. Our staff takes a teamwork approach and works closely with parents, teachers, caseworkers, and other service providers in an effort to assist each child to move forward. The positive, supportive environment that we create allows every child to gain confidence and self-respect.

*The Adelante program helps needy families with housing, education and job training.

There will be approximately 22 PALS coming to Estes Park and staying two nights at SMLC, arriving on May 31 and departing June 2. Kelly Brown tells me that they will have a full

schedule of activities that will explore the highlights of both Estes Park and the Rocky Mountain National Park. They will hear local story tellers, go hiking, participate in the Jr. Ranger program, join F.O. Stanley for lunch in his own house, go on a scavenger hunt, play games and ride on a carousel. Wow! They should have no problem sleeping on the church floor with a schedule like that!

I want to thank Kelly Brown and all the others who have worked hard at planning this wonderful opportunity for the PALS group, and for SMLC. This is a great example of how our congregation can be open to new groups of people who desire to visit our area. Each summer we have youth groups who stay in our facility from one to five nights. They are often passing through or have a set schedule to follow and we don't have the opportunity to interact with them much. The PALS group is different. Their time with us will be led by some of our very own people. So, please make an effort to stop by the church and welcome our new PALS. And while you're at it, bring some peanut butter, celery, apples, bananas, and grapes for the sack lunch they will take with them as they depart on Friday, May 2.

In Christ, Pastor Ron

Dear Friends,

I have so many things to be grateful for these days. So many indeed! At the top of the list is your ongoing generosity not only with your lovely kitchen but with your prayers sent to help my eyes recover quickly and perfectly. Springtime in the Rockies has never been so glorious for me.

Thanks to so many good folks and your precious prayers I can see perfectly now.

Marc Coen - the Cook for La Puente

May Calendar at a Glance

Monday, May 1

8:00am Cooking for La Puente

Tuesday, May 2

9:00am PEO
1:00pm Cooking for La Puente
4:00pm Learning Committee

Wednesday, May 3

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

Thursday, May 4

8:00am Cooking for La Puente
1:00pm Stewardship For All Seasons

Friday, May 6 *Rocky Mtn. Synod Assembly*
Friday thru Sunday**Saturday, May 6**

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

Sunday, May 7

9:00am Sunday Worship
10:30am Coffee

Monday, May 8

8:00am Cooking for La Puente

Tuesday, May 9

1:00pm WELCA
1:00pm Cooking for La Puente

Wednesday, May 10

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

Thursday, May 11

8:00am Cooking for La Puente
9:15am Quilters
5:00pm Church Council

Saturday, May 13

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

Sunday, May 14

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

Monday, May 15

8:30am OWLS Meeting

Tuesday, May 16

1:00pm Cooking for La Puente

Wednesday, May 17

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

Thursday, May 18

8:00am Cooking for La Puente

Saturday, May 20

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

Sunday, May 21

4:00am Sunday Worship
10:30am Coffee

Monday, May 22

8:00am Cooking for La Puente

Tuesday, May 23

1:00pm Cooking for La Puente

Wednesday, May 24

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

Thursday, May 25

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

Saturday, May 27

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, May 28

9:00am Sunday Worship
10:30am Coffee

Monday, May 29

8:00am Cooking for La Puente

Tuesday, May 30

1:00pm Cooking for La Puente

Wednesday, May 31

7:00am Sacred Space
10:45am Centering Prayer
11:30am Book Discussion
1:00pm La Puente Pals arrive
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

La Puente Cooking Needs Mixer

Meals for La Puente are prepared in SMLC's kitchen. Our wonderful cooks are looking for a 7-quart Kitchen Aid mixer to help with their work. If you or someone you know could donate it to the cause we would be incredibly grateful!

News from Around the Church



WELCA NEWS

In April the Women of Shepherd of the Mountains celebrated our abundance by helping give other women around the world a helping hand through a donation to the ELCA World Hunger Micro Loans to Women Program.

Join us for a May filled with joy & fun. On May 9 at 1 p.m., at our monthly meeting at the church, we are reminded that We are Not Alone as Marilyn Kienker leads us in reflections exploring what it means to trust God in ups and downs of life. Tara McConnell will be providing tasty treats during our fellowship time after a brief business meeting. (Extra copies of the study are available in the Narthex.)

On May 15 our merriment continues as we host the OWLS (retired pastors from northern CO) for brunch and lunch for their monthly meeting.

Please plan to join us for one or both of these events. We treasure your friendship and could use your help (and food donations). All women our invited and welcome. See me for details.

Linda Schlitt

Estes Valley Piece Corps - Quilting at SMLC

Our founding members coined this name for the Shepherd of the Mountains quilting group more than 20 years ago. Did you know the quilting for Lutheran World Relief was happening in our worshipping community even before we officially became a chartered church? Today those quilts also are sent with our volunteers to La Puente. Through the generous donations of others God continues to provide plenty of materials.

Loving hearts and hands gather every 2nd and 4th Thursday morning at the church from 9:15 to 11:30 AM. to carry on this important ministry. Won't you join us on May 11 and May 18. With your help we could send even more quilts to La Puente this spring and still have plenty to send to LWR in the fall. If these days and times don't work for you, watch the Sunday bulletin for the possibility of an extra work day during May and/or June.

Linda Schlitt

May Bible Readings

May 7
Isaiah 58: 6-12
Psalm 103
Acts 6: 1-6, Romans 16: 1-2
John 13: 1-17

May 14
Acts 7: 55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 21
Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 28
Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

Who's Who in the Pew



Getting to know Loren & Lynette Johnson

They met in 1956 in the South Dakota State University Band, where Loren, a senior, played first trumpet; and Lynette, a freshman, played first flute. Loren graduated with a degree in music and an Air Force ROTC Officer's Commission the following spring, awaiting orders to go on active duty; so instead of being separated, they were married. Sixty years later, they would like to be able to tell all of the relatives who said they were too young how wrong they were; but, of course, those dear relatives are all gone now.

Loren's Air Force career allowed him to pursue his music by commanding and conducting Air Force bands ranging in size from forty to sixty-five professional musicians in Washington D.C.; Riverside, California; Warner Robbins, Georgia; the Panama Canal Zone; Aurora, Colorado; Dayton, Ohio; and Omaha, Nebraska. His bands played before eight presidents of the United States and eighteen presidents of foreign countries. He also worked with many well-known entertainers, such as Tennessee Ernie Ford, Ed McMahon, Dionne Warwick, Anita Bryant, Chita Rivera, Bob Hope, Steve Allen, Kate Smith, Frank Sinatra, Jr., and the Les Brown Orchestra.

Meanwhile Lynette was maintaining homes in all of those locations for the two of them plus their three children: Lesli Griffen, now a lawyer working with her husband's criminal defense team at Griffen and Stevens in Flagstaff, AZ; Neil, now a corporate lawyer in Kansas City, KS; and Noel now the Assistant Director of Comparative Medicine at the U. of Nebraska Medical Center. They have thirteen grandchildren.

Before eloping with Loren, Lynette had promised her parents that she would finish college, so she attended five different universities along the way, "majoring in college catalogs," and finally earning her BA in Spanish at Wright State U. in Ohio and her MA in English and Linguistics at the U. of Nebraska. She then taught high-school and University-level English, Spanish, and ELL in order to help pay for the children's tuition.

They moved to Estes Park in 1994 primarily because it was a better climate for Lynette, who had been battling severe RA since the age of 23. Loren had to give up a busy retirement career as Director of the Chamber of Commerce in Pappillion, NE; as trumpeter with several Omaha-area dance bands; and as director of the Messiah Lutheran Church choir in Ralston, NE. The question of how he would adjust to life in a small mountain town in Colorado was soon resolved. He has been directing the Estes Park Village Band, with Lynette playing first flute at his elbow, for the past twenty-two years, as well as playing in several other musical groups. His favorite "gig," though is conducting the SMLC Choir. What a great choir!

Lynette has tagged along with her flute, but has also been serving either as Treasurer or President of the Oratorio Society Board of Directors for the past seventeen years. Recently, she

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has discovered a problem seeing the orchestra conductor under the misdirected lighting on the EPHS stage, where she is not under his elbow, but farther back on the stage. Therefore, she is now giving up her duties with the Oratorio Society but looks forward to continuing as the Chairperson of the SMLC Worship Committee. What a great committee!

In Walden Pond, Thoreau wrote that life is a tent for the night, and for many years, Loren and Lynette did feel that they were just camping out in all of those different locations. Now, however, they are grateful every day that they have found a real home in Estes Park, where SMLC has given them so many opportunities for spiritual growth and so many lasting friendships.

Important Dates of Note

May Wedding Anniversaries

Jim & Annette Gaskill	May 1
Tom & Kris O'Neil	May 2
Michael & Christine Kellam	May 4
Gary & Kelly Brown	May 31

Birthdays

Marsha Yelick	May 1
Allen Settje	May 12
Marge Gallagher	May 14
Bill Leppert	May 14
Gary Trunnell	May 14
Kris Adams	May 15
Linda Wold	May 21
Mike Novak	May 23
Charlotte Lloyd	May 26

Second Quarter Special Offering - La Puente

Our second quarter special offering to benefit La Puente will be taken Sunday, June 4. La Puente is a multifaceted service organization in Alamosa, Colorado benefiting the people of the San Luis Valley - some of the poorest in the state. Members of our congregation as well as people from our service organizations in the Estes Park area generally make two trips to Alamosa each year - one in the spring and one in the fall. During these trips they work on many tasks such as remodeling and repairing buildings, helping in the homeless shelter and soup kitchen and the food bank. This year our church facilities have been used to prepared meals which have been transported to Alamosa. We are blessed to be a blessing to this important ministry.

Please give your prayerful consideration to how you can contribute to this very special ministry.

The Hunger Task Force

April Prayer Reminders

Richard, Leif Johnson's father, Awaiting surgery.
Ginger, friend of Roxy Hause, surgery and prognosis.
Vanessa Paswaters, thanks for no surgery on injured wrist.
Barbara, Ellyn, surgery.
Bruce Brackman, surgery.
Betty Streiffert, surgery