



# SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### November Worship Matters.

**Sunday, Nov. 5, 9am.**

All Saints Sunday

**Sunday, Nov. 12, 9am.**

Womens' Thank Offering  
 with Pastor Terry Schjang

**Sunday, Nov. 19, 9am.**

Jesus Talks about Talents

**Tuesday, Nov. 21, 12pm.**

YMCA Ponder Chapel. Join Thanksgiving  
 Worship. Offering to Crossroads Ministry.

**Sunday, Nov. 26, 9am.**

Christ the King Sunday. Who sits on the  
 throne of your life?

### Thankoffering - November 12

A special offering to support women's ministries in America and around the world sponsored by your local Women of the ELCA group in support of the church-wide Women of the ELCA.

**History** - As we make our thank offerings on November 12, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800s or even earlier. Then, when it seemed that there was not enough money of the church, the women would take action. Gathering in groups called "cent" or "mite" societies, each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year, in thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come together as we will on November 12, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.

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### Nov. Comm. Corner Café Menu

**Nov. 3 Tuna Casseroles**

Salud

**Nov. 10 Ribs**

Comm. Volunteers

**Nov. 17 Pizza**

Longs Peak Rotary & Partners

**Nov. 24 Grill Night**

Mormon Church



## Pastor's Corner

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

### This, That and the Other



## Let Your Light Shine

**Let Your Light Shine** was a great opportunity for the congregation to discuss the future ministry of Shepherd of the Mountains. Proposals were offered and discussed by many in the congregation with gatherings happening at church as well as in homes. The general result coming from the discussions agreed with the emphasis on supporting current staff while also considering an expanded ministry of personal care giving. Discussion on the congregational sabbatical idea was more mixed. Some saw great potential for the congregation to explore new things while others questioned the practicality of the congregation ceasing its regular activities for a set time period. Both are important considerations and will inform the church council in the budgeting and planning process leading up to the annual meeting in January. Results from the October 29th ingathering are still coming in. Please send your intent form into the office if haven't yet.

A huge thank you goes out to all who participated in Let Your Light Shine. Thank you for your thoughts and ideas as well as your faithful financial support of SMLC. For everyone who hosted and participated in the home gatherings—thank you! For the planners and workers on October 29th—thank you! It was a great day of worship that recognized the 500th anniversary of the Reformation while at the same time made an important commitment to future ministry and all topped off by a fun and delicious meal. Let me also say a big thank you to

the Stewardship Team of John Stencel, Debbie Paddock, Barry Sandstrom and Betty Streiffert and their tireless efforts. Your temple talks were both entertaining and inspiring; why you even turned envelope stuffing into a fun time. Thank you everyone!

**The Conversation Sabbath Project** is a different subject from what you just read. It is an effort to help people make medical decisions if they are unable to speak for themselves. The Health District of Larimer County is putting lots of resources into helping people make important decisions about their end-of-life days. No one talks about such matters easily but with the help of experienced people in the area of health care and advance directives you can discuss your wishes with your family. Did you know, 90% of people say that talking with their loved ones about end-of-life care is important but only 27% have actually done so? Here's your chance to learn how to do it in time for the Holidays.

We are very fortunate to have Mindy Rickard from the county Health District at SMLC on both November 5 and November 12 to lead the adult forum in understanding the elements of making important end-of-life decisions. This is not a financial discussion but one of sharing your values and wishes with your loved ones. Putting your plan in writing and sharing it with your family and physician is one of the greatest gifts you can give. But to make that decision you need to understand life-sustaining treatments and which you would want or not want if diagnosed with a life-limiting illness. Plan to attend on Nov. 5th, and if needed Mindy will join us on November 12 also!

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**Joint Community Thanksgiving Service**  
at the YMCA, Ponder Chapel. Nov. 21, 12 noon! Shepherd of the Mountains will join other churches from around Estes Park for a joint community Thanksgiving worship service on Tuesday, November 21st, 12pm. The tradition of this joint Thanksgiving worship service stretches back in time to the formation of the Interfaith Ministry Alliance. Ministers from several churches and organizations will lead worship along with our own Loren Johnson who will direct a combined choir. Plan to attend and stay afterwards for lunch at the YMCA cafeteria. For only \$8.80 you can enjoy a wonderful meal and become better acquainted with other Christians in Estes. We thank YMCA Chaplain, Greg Bunton for making the arrangements with the YMCA.

As in the past, both a financial offering and food offering will be collected for Crossroads Ministry.

*In Christ, Pastor Ron*

### ELCA Good Gifts

**A**gain this year we will have Good Gifts ornaments available beginning Sunday, November 26th. Some new ornaments have been added so please be sure to check them out. Ornaments range in price from \$10 to over \$100 with many wonderful opportunities to give a give of hope. There is also an ELCA Good Gifts Catalog with other other options. It will be on the counter near the office about mid-November.

### Advent Calenders

**T**his year there is a new Advent Calendar with the theme "The world is about to turn..." They have been ordered and will be available for the first Sunday in Advent which is December 3rd, Be sure to look for the calendar to use in your family Advent devotions.

### Men's Breakfast

**T**he next Men in Mission breakfast will be the second Saturday of November, the 11th at 8:30 AM. Bill Hayford and John Nedegger will be in charge. For the program, Becky Gruhl and possibly her friend Mark Coen will be updating us on their "Cooking for LaPuente" organization. They will tell us how and why they got started, what their current status is and what their vision for the future is for the program. If anyone wishes to help Bill and John in the kitchen, please let them know. Hope to see a big turn out.

*John Tessler*

### Important Dates of Note

#### Anniversaries

<b>John &amp; Marian Stencel</b>	<b>November 24</b>
<b>Allen &amp; Mary Settje</b>	<b>November 29</b>

#### Birthdays

<b>Lynette Johnson</b>	<b>November 1</b>
<b>Don Lickfett</b>	<b>November 2</b>
<b>Kelly Brown</b>	<b>November 9</b>
<b>Mary Beth Molle</b>	<b>November 9</b>
<b>Susan Anderson</b>	<b>November 11</b>
<b>Gary Brown</b>	<b>November 11</b>
<b>Jeanie Garner</b>	<b>November 11</b>
<b>Bill Westley</b>	<b>November 17</b>
<b>Terry Rizzuti</b>	<b>November 20</b>
<b>James Sulzbach</b>	<b>November 20</b>
<b>Phyllis Eggers</b>	<b>November 24</b>
<b>Leif Johnson</b>	<b>November 24</b>
<b>Karen Olson</b>	<b>November 28</b>
<b>Jenna Wahlstrom</b>	<b>November 29</b>
<b>Annette Gaskill</b>	<b>November 30</b>
<b>Stan Johnson</b>	<b>November 30</b>
<b>Carolyn Mangler</b>	<b>November 30</b>

## November Calendar at a Glance

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### Wednesday, November 1

7:00am Sacred Space  
11:30am Centering Prayer  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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### Thursday, November 2

1:00pm CCC Prep

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### Friday, November 3

CCC Prep  
4:30pm Cafe Corner

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### Saturday, November 4

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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### Sunday, November 5

9:00am Sunday Worship  
10:30am Adult Forum  
4:00pm Oratorio Rehearsal

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### Monday, November 6

9:00am Estes Valley Quilters Guild

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### Tuesday, November 7

9:00am PEO

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### Wednesday, November 8

7:00am Sacred Space  
11:30am Centering Prayer  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
5:00pm Church Council

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### Thursday, November 9

9:00am Quilters  
9:00am Worship Committee  
1:00pm CCC Prep

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### Friday, November 10

CCC Prep  
4:30pm Cafe Corner

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### Saturday, November 11

8:30am Men's Breakfast  
10:30am Organ Rehearsal  
3:00pm Peak to Peak Concert

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### Sunday, November 12

9:00am Thankoffering Service  
10:30am Adult Forum

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### Tuesday, November 14

1:00pm Women of the ELCA

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### Wednesday, November 15

7:00am Sacred Space  
11:30am Centering Prayer  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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### Thursday, November 16

1:00pm CCC Prep

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### Friday, November 17

CCC Prep  
4:30pm Cafe Corner

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### Saturday, November 18

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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### Sunday, November 19

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

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### Tuesday, November 21

9:00am PEO  
12:00pm Joint Thanksgiving Service & Lunch

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### Wednesday, November 22

7:00am Sacred Space  
11:30am Centering Prayer  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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### Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving - Office Closed

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### Friday, November 24

CCC Prep  
4:30pm Cafe Corner

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### Saturday, November 25

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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### Sunday, November 26

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

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### Wednesday, November 29

7:00am Sacred Space  
11:30am Centering Prayer  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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### Thursday, November 30

9:00am Quilters  
1:00pm CCC Prep

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## November Bible Readings

### Nov. 5

Revelation 7:9-17  
Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

### Nov. 12

Exodus 17: 1-7  
Psalm 104  
Titus 3: 4-7  
John 4: 5-26

### Nov. 19

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

### Nov. 26

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 95:1-7a  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

## News from Around the Church



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When Women of the ELCA was formed 30 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together we do more than we could ever do apart. Thankofferings have been part of the Shepherd of the Mountains heritage from its very beginning even before it became a chartered congregation of the ELCA!

Where our contributions go -The contributions are sent directly to the church-wide Women of the ELCA where through various program areas the community of women provide services to their churches, communities and the world. Together we engage in ministry; we take action through advocacy; we promote healing and wholeness, and we support one another in our callings. We offer anti-racism training; address domestic violence, commercial sexual exploitation, and human trafficking; and support families with special needs. We assist participants in their desire to discern God's call in their lives and to discover their spiritual gifts through workshops, retreats, resources, scholarships, and global education. We offer grants to not-for-profit organizations, both domestic and international, that support healing and wholeness for women of all ages through the affirmation and advancement of women's emotional, physical, and spiritual health. See more details at [www.WomenoftheElca.org](http://www.WomenoftheElca.org).



*Pastor Terry Schjang*

### **Special Thankoffering Speaker -**

**W**e are thrilled to have Pastor Terry Schjang as our special speaker for the THANKOFFERING on November 12. She is the Pastor of New Beginnings which is the exciting ministry sponsored by our Rocky Mountain Synod that is taking place inside the walls of the Denver Women's Correctional Facility. Pastor Terry Schjang, and ordained ELCA pastor, began her theological education right here in Colorado at Iliff School of Theology and earned her Masters of Divinity degree from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. She has a Bachelor of Arts from Middlebury College. You can find out more about the ecumenical ministry of Christian Care at the Denver Women's Correction Facility by visiting [www.NewbeginningsWC.org](http://www.NewbeginningsWC.org).



## Women of the ELCA November News -

**N**ovember is an exciting month as WELCA offers a Refreshed and Renewed THANKOFFERING Service focusing on our baptisms, a special speaker ( Pastor Terry Schjang of New Beginnings). That day we will be given an opportunity to offer our gifts in support and celebration of women's ministries nationwide and worldwide. Quilts will be on our pews as part of our in-gathering of quilts. The worship service will be followed by a quilt drawing and delicious refreshments and quilts will be packed up so they can be taken to the Denver collection center for shipment to Lutheran World Relief and ultimately shipment to those in need around the world. Women will be helping with many aspects of our worship service that day. If you already been invited and would like to help, contact Linda Schlitt at 970-586-5071 or at llsjoy@aol.com.

Our regular monthly meeting seems to follow right with the direction of October discussions of sabbatical and renewal as we look at the Third article of our Creed - the Holy Spirit from new perspectives. On Tuesday, November 14, at 1 p.m. in the church library Gloria Lickfett will lead us in a study of article 3 of the Creed and John 20:24-31 as we open our hearts and minds to deeper wisdom and greater faith as we explore and welcome the Holy Spirit. (Extra copies of the lesson can be found on the counter in the narthex.) Tara McConnell will provide light refreshments for a time of fellowship after a brief meeting following our study. What better way to begin to prepare our minds and hearts for the beginning of Advent. All women are welcome. Please plan to join us for this time of study and encouragement.

## Fourth Quarter Special Offering

**T**he Advent season is a time of change, hope and promise. It is a time when we remember when God turned our world for good. A time when we give thanks for God's ultimate gift to us – the gift of God's only Son, sent to live among us and die for us so that we might receive eternal life.

Advent is also a time to give thanks for the many ways your generosity allow the church to accompany companions and partners as they turn their world around year after year, participating in God's transformation in communities near and far.

We have witnessed the destruction of hurricanes in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico as well as the devastating wild fires in California. So many of our brothers and sisters have lost so much. It is time for us to help turn their world. This year our Fourth Quarter Special Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief wherever most needed in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can help those in need who have lost so much of their world. The Fourth Quarter Special Offering will be taken Sunday, December 10th. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

### *Hunger Task Force*

## October Prayer Reminders

- Sally Tessler, ongoing medical procedures and treatments.
- Colleen & Cyndi, relatives of the Tessler family, facing serious diagnoses
- Sue, daughter of Don & Gloria Lickfett, early medical diagnosis
- Darby, granddaughter of Carole Rouse, doing mission work in Costa Rica
- Daniel, grandson of Carole Rouse, effects of an injury continuing
- Dorothy Refsell, on her birthday