



# SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### People of Shepherd of the Mountains

I want to thank all of you for sharing in the ministry as members of the “royal priesthood” the past 12 weeks. I have truly enjoyed sharing our ministry together. I have been enriched and blessed watching the ministry of Shepherd of the Mountains flourish and grow as we all joined together in our walk together. I celebrate our shared ministry, our walk and life in God’s Word and work. See you in the pew! Thank you again

*Grace & Peace, Bruce*

All are invited to a Forth of July picnic at Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church at 2000 Ptarmigan Trail in Estes Park. Those attending should bring their own food and lawn chairs. The church will provide a grill, drinks, table settings, and ice cream with toppings. We will gather in the church parking lot at 5pm to eat and for fellowship. Bring any games that you desire. If you are able, stay for the fireworks display from our awesome vantage point.

### Wellness Check Call List

If you would like to be included on the Wellness Check call list or if you know someone who would like to be included, please fill out a form that is located on the desk next to the Guest Registration Book and leave the completed form in the Church Office. If you know someone who you believe would like to be included please have them complete a form and return it to the Church Office.

### July Worship Matters

**Sunday, July 1**

Christ healing a woman and Jairus’s daughter

**Sunday, July 8**

Sending the twelve to preach and heal

**Sunday, July 15**

The death of John the Baptist

**Sunday, July 22**

Christ healing the multitudes

**Sunday, July 29**

Christ feeding the five thousand

### All Are Invited!!! It’s A Party!!!

Plan on joining us after worship on July 8 for a “Good Old Fashioned WELCOME HOME party” for Pastor Ron. Let’s celebrate Pastor’s return with



a pot luck, with pie and ice cream and of course fellowship! Let’s make it a joyous time! There are sign up sheets in the narthex. If you have any

questions see Kris Adams. Thank you!

## Pastor's Corner - A Fine Roof Overhead

by Pastor Ron Bockhaus



### Read Mark 2:1-12

**W**hen the four friends of the paralyzed man in Mark 2 found they couldn't enter the house where Jesus was speaking because of the crowd they found another way. They went up on the roof of the house and made an opening

to lower their friend down to Jesus. This story is hilarious.

Can't you just see it? Jesus is speaking. All eyes and ears are on him. His words of wisdom and divine knowledge are gripping the crowd. Then suddenly the roof begins to give way. People cower under falling debris and Jesus stops speaking. He's looking up with everyone else, wondering what's going on. Then the paralytic descends through the roof and Jesus smiles.

With a new and improved roof on my house I feel pretty comfortable now. No more shingles in the driveway after a windy night; no more worries about water seeping into the house. I have a fine roof overhead. I'm confident no paralytics will be lowered into my living room. But is Jesus smiling?

We value comfort and security a lot in our society. I'm happy and appreciative for my roof. Yet I hope it isn't shielding me from the hilarious, and sometimes life-changing events, which God uses to draw us closer. If divine encounters aren't going to enter by way of my roof, perhaps through an open door, a particular need, or the heart of friends taking me places I didn't antici-

pate. Trusting that Jesus is part of it all seems to be where we need to start.

Meditate on what actions you take for the sake of comfort and security that might be shielding you from important divine encounters.

**See you all soon!**

*Pastor Ron*

### THE "FIRE HOUSE"

**W**hen you volunteer to go to La Puente you never know exactly where you will be working. Shortly before we arrived on May 31st the Director heard of a fire that had occurred in a young mother's home. He knows her as a very hard working single mom with 4 boys. She has been trying to get more education so she can find a job that pays more than minimum wage. The fire in her home was devastating in many ways. One of her little boys has asthma and cannot be around the items that were infused with smoke. She had only been in her home 3 weeks prior to the fire. Many items were completely destroyed or not salvageable.

Terry did not ask for help, but we gave it. Some of the group cleaned, washed and scrubbed everything that was usable; toys, kitchen items, a few pieces of furniture, some clothing. They also built bunk beds and got mattresses for the children and their Mom so they had a comfortable place to sleep.

The gratitude that Terry expressed was unmeasurable. Before we left some of the group prayed with Terry. Helping people that are struggling to get their head above water is what La Puente is all about.

# July Calendar at a Glance



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**Sunday, July 1**

9am Sunday Worship  
10:30am Adult Forum

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**Wednesday, July 4**

7am Sacred Space  
5pm SMLC Picnic

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**Thursday, July 5**

9am Quilters

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**Saturday, July 7**

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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**Sunday, July 8**

9am Sunday Worship  
10:30am Adult Forum

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**Tuesday, July 10**

1pm WELCA

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**Wednesday, July 11**

7am Sacred Space  
4pm Choir Rehearsal  
5pm Church Council

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**Saturday, July 14**

8:30am Men's Breakfast  
10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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**Sunday, July 15**

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

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**Wednesday, July 18**

7am Sacred Space  
4pm Choir Rehearsal

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**Thursday, July 19**

9am Quilters

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**Saturday, July 21**

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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**Sunday, July 22**

9am Sunday Worship  
10:30am Adult Forum

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**Wednesday, July 25**

7am Sacred Space  
4pm Choir Rehearsal

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**Saturday, July 28**

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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**Sunday, July 29**

9am Sunday Worship  
10:30am Adult Forum

## July Bible Readings

**July 1**

Lamentations 3:22-33  
Psalm 30  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

**July 8**

Ezekiel 2:1-5  
Psalm 123  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

**July 15**

Amos 7:7-15  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

**July 22**

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**July 29**

2 Kings 4:42-44  
Psalm 145:10-18  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

## Women of the ELCA

**W**omen of the ELCA Bible Study will gather on Tuesday, July 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the church library. The topic for the summer is Let Us Pray and is found in the June Gather magazine as the June study had been postponed. Copies of the study will be on the table outside the office. The study is titled "The Paradoxes of Prayer" – Why do we pray? Can we persuade God with prayer? How do we encounter God in prayer? Is prayer intended for the sake of the one who is praying, the object of prayer, or the One to whom we pray? All women are invited to the Study.

### Adult Forum July 22

We will have about a 30 minute Adult Forum on Sunday, July 22, (after the worship service.)

### Learning Committee Meeting August 29, 10am

**W**e welcome new members to Learning Committee. Please let me know if this meeting time works. Learning Committee is looking at some possibilities for short "learning" ventures through the Rocky Mountain Synod. Also, Adult Forum topics of interest are welcome and/or if you would like to present an Adult Forum.

### Mission Moment

**A**s a church, the ELCA responds with care and compassion when people are facing a crisis in life, a personal or family need, or are at their most vulnerable...we do this work together! In the Rocky Mountain Synod, our support goes to several social ministry organizations that serve people in our territory, including Lutheran Family Services, Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center, Border Servant Corps, and Urban Servant Corps. On July 22, Sunday, after the worship, there will be a brief Adult Forum on the Urban Servant Corps.

## Quilting In July

**T**ook time to look up our quilt stats on the Lutheran World Relief Quilt Tracker website recently. From 2012 (when LWR started tracking quilts) until now, they have received and shipped out 99 quilts and 111 school kits from us!!! Last year in March they delivered some of our quilts to Angola and in September they delivered some of our school kits to Niger. Estes Park to Africa - how cool is that? Maybe before too long we will find out where the quilts we sent in last year are being shipped. It is always fun to find out just how far God through LWR has spread our love.

In the meantime, we will be working our star-spangled service magic on the first and third Thursday's in July - July 5 and July 19 from 9am to 11:30am at the church as we assemble quilts to help those in need in the world. We also have lots of donated material to sort through and kits to assemble for those sewing for us at home so everyone is invited. Please join us these mornings in July in this cool service helping make the world around us a better and warmer place. For more info. please contact Linda Schlitt after church, at [llsjoy@aol.com](mailto:llsjoy@aol.com) or by phone at 970-586-5071.

**Linda Schlitt**



*"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves."*

**- John Muir**



**Important Dates of Note**

**Anniversaries**

- Bruce Nickels & Marsha Yelick.....July 3
- Michael & Sheri Williams.....July 5
- Romaine & Jane Gardner .....July 16
- Barry & Judy Sandstrom .....July 19
- Larry & Jan Kilgore .....July 31

**Birthdays**

- Michael Oglesby.....July 3
- Gary Wallace .....July 6
- Marilyn Dutton.....July 8
- Penny Brisbin.....July 9
- Vanessa Paswaters .....July 10
- Steve Peter .....July 10
- Jim Ecklund.....July 10
- Al Olson .....July 11
- Roger Fjeld.....July 13
- Amber Lorenz.....July 15
- Del Kienker.....July 23
- Lauren Molle .....July 26
- Alta Wachs.....July 26

**Advocacy Corner: Four Winds American Indian Council:**

**F**our Winds American Indian Council is an American Indian organization dedicated to strengthening and empowering a resilient Indian community in metropolitan Denver. We recognize that empowerment is the fruit of freedom, and that the meaning of our work must be spiritual, psychological, political and economic liberation of Indian people, at both a personal and community level, which can only be done in relationship to the liberation of our Indian nations. (from their website)

Rocky Mountain Synod dedicated an older church building at 201 West 5th Avenue (Denver) to Four Winds for their programming and service to the Native American population in Denver area. The congregation disbanded, I believe, and the gift of the church property by the Synod was in response to outreach by RMS. A group trip to visit Four Winds will be arranged in conjunction with the programming and/or events which may be scheduled. Stay tuned for more information; this will probably occur in the early fall.