



# SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH Shepherd's Staff

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## Joint Community Thanksgiving Gathering Nov. 20th

Consider committing an hour to giving thanks with others in our community. You'll have that opportunity on Tuesday, Nov. 20th, at 12noon. The gathering will take place at the United Methodist Church on Fish Hatchery Rd., involving a number of Estes Park churches. Living lives of gratitude are supported in many ways. Here is one of those opportunities.

### November Worship Matters

#### November 4, 9am.

Gifted To Be a Gift and All Saints Sunday

#### November 11, 9am.

A widow's generosity reveals the hypocrisy of the scribes & Crossroads Ministry Director Brian Schaffer

#### November 18, 9am.

Women's Thank-offering Service, speaker Louise Olson

#### November 20, 12pm

Joint Thanksgiving Service at United Methodist Church

#### November 25, 9am

The kingdom of Christ

### October Prayer Chain Reminders

- Shirley Olson, hospitalized
- Sally Tessler, hospitalized and treatments
- Nancy Knoll, awaiting surgery

### Nov. Comm. Corner Café Menu

#### November 2

Chicken & Noodles  
Longs Peak Rotary/Partners

#### November 9

Shepherd's Pie  
Sunrise Rotary

#### November 16

Hamburger Soup  
Journeys Class

#### November 23

Pizza  
Mormon Church

#### November 30

Grill Night  
Chapter HF PEO



## Pastor's Corner

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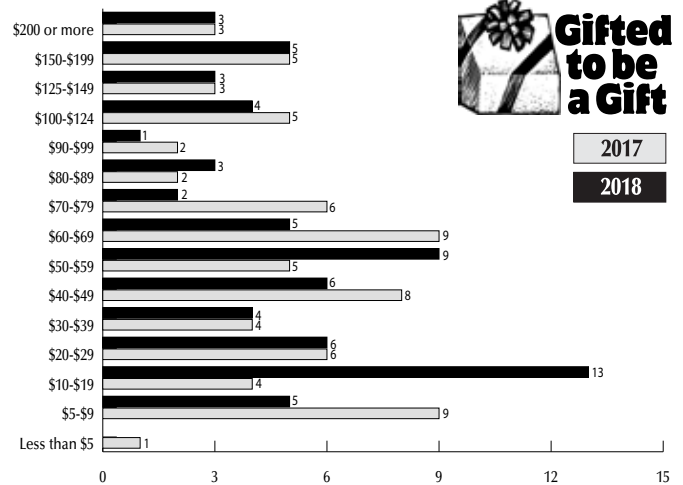


### Gifted to be a Gift

**W**e are coming up on Sunday, November 4th and with it two important events for our congregation. The first is All Saints Sunday, a day we confess we are not self-made Christians. There have been countless followers of Christ who have shared the gift of faith in order that we might know God's grace in our lives. God uses the communion of saints, past, present, and future to guide the church.

The second event on November 4th will be the ingathering of individual financial intent forms for 2019. (This form is included in this letter) Our theme this year is Gifted To Be a Gift. Already we have heard and read several powerful stories about the importance of gifts. They point us to the truth that faith is not something we've earned or produced ourselves but a gift from God. Through the Holy Spirit we daily live out these gifts for the sake of the world. As the church we celebrate our combined gifts while also sharing them to fulfill God's loving purposes.

Like the church in every age we live in a time of uncertainty. Many of the cherished ways of faith and community involvement have declined in our time. This change is our call to be the hands and feet of Christ in Estes Park now and in the future. We do this by planning our ministry according to the resources available and through the direction of the Holy Spirit. Your financial intent form will be important to what we do in 2019.



The bar graph above indicates the levels of giving in the congregation for 2017 and 2018. The numbers at the end of the graph indicate how many giving units contribute at this level on a weekly basis. The 2018 numbers are projected from contributions already given this year. I urge you to find the level of your giving on the graph. Spend time thinking and praying about it. Consider what it would mean to move up one level. You may or may not be able to do this financially. But regardless of what happens you'll rest in the fact you sought God's guidance for this important area of your life and your church. Thank you!

Please remember to bring your financial intent form to worship on November 4th. Blank forms will be available at church. If you can't attend, please mail your form to the church with "attention Ruth Turner" on the envelope. You are a gift. Together we are Gifted To Be Gifts!

*Sincerely, Pastor Ron Bockhaus*

# November Calendar at a Glance



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**Thursday, November 1**

9:00am Quilters  
12:00pm Cafe Corner Preparation

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**Friday, November 2**

4:30pm Cafe Corner

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**Saturday, November 3**

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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**Sunday, November 4**

9:00am Gifted to be a Gift Sunday

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**Monday, November 5**

9:00am Stephen Ministry

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**Tuesday, November 6**

9:00am PEO  
10:00am Acts Bible Study

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**Wednesday, November 7**

7:00am Sacred Space

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**Thursday, November 8**

12:00pm Cafe Corner Preparation

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**Friday, November 9**

4:30pm Cafe Corner

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**Saturday, November 10**

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

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**Sunday, November 11**

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

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**Monday, November 12**

9:00am Stephen Ministry

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**Tuesday, November 13**

10:00am Acts Bible Study  
1:00pm WELCA

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**Wednesday, November 14**

7:00am Sacred Space  
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
5:00pm Church Council

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**Thursday, November 15**

9:00am Quilters  
9:30am Worship Committee  
12:00pm Cafe Corner Preparation

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**Friday, November 16**

4:30pm Cafe Corner

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**Saturday, November 17**

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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**Sunday, November 18**

9:00am Women's Thankoffering  
10:30am Adult Forum

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**Monday, November 19**

9:00am Stephen Ministry

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**Tuesday, November 20**

10:00am PEO  
10:00am Acts Bible Study  
12:00pm Joint Thanksgiving Service at UMC

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**Wednesday, November 21**

7:00am Sacred Space

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**Thursday, November 22**

Thanksgiving - Office Closed

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**Friday, November 23**

4:30pm Cafe Corner

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**Saturday, November 24**

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

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**Sunday, November 25**

9:00am Sunday Worship

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**Monday, November 26**

9:00am Stephen Ministry

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**Tuesday, November 27**

10:00am Acts Bible Study

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**Wednesday, November 28**

7:00am Sacred Space

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**Thursday, November 29**

12:00pm Cafe Corner Preparation

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**Friday, November 30**

4:30pm Cafe Corner

## BIND US TOGETHER, LORD, BIND US TOGETHER WITH TIES THAT CANNOT BE BRO-O-KEN!

### November Quilting Notes

This is an appropriate song for our quilting group because we lovingly tie our quilts together. You don't have to know anything about sewing and we can show you how to tie the simple square knots. We could really use your help this month to finish up quilts for our in-gathering as part of the Thank Offering Service on November 18th. We use risers on the tables to make it easy on backs. Extra hands to help set-up and take down tables are also always welcome. Won't you plan to join us on Thursday, November 1 and Thursday, November 15 from 9 to 11:30 AM at the church? What a wonderful way to concretely demonstrate our thankful response to all that God has provided, including our time, during this month of Thanksgiving.



We could especially use some extra hands to help put quilts on the pews on November 15 and then to box up quilts after the service on November 18 so our 2018 quilts can be taken down to the Denver regional collection center in early December. On November 18th you will have an opportunity to put your name into a drawing for a quilt and also to contribute toward the costs for Lutheran World Relief to eventually ship our quilts (and the school kits we sent in September) overseas to those in need around the world. Currently it costs \$2.25 for LWR to ship each quilt overseas and \$1.40 to ship each school kit. Your contributions of any amount will be gratefully received and forwarded to LWR to their shipping fund. Contact Linda Schlitt at [llsjoy@aol.com](mailto:llsjoy@aol.com) or by phone at 970-586-5071 if you need additional information.

### Important Dates of Note

#### Birthdays

Lynette Johnson	November 1st
Kelly Brown	November 9th
Mary Beth Molle	November 9th
Susan Anderson	November 11th
Gary Brown	November 11th
Jeanie Garner	November 11th
Bill Westley	November 17th
Terry Rizzuti	November 20th
James Sulzbach	November 20th
Anna Bockhaus	November 24th
Phyllis Eggers	November 24th
Leif Johnson	November 24th
Karen Olson	November 28th
Jenna Wahlstrom	November 29th
Stan Johnson	November 30th
Carolyn Mangler	November 30th



**W**omen of the ELCA (WELCA) will meet on Tuesday, November 13 at 1:00pm for the third of the series of Study Lessons on Repentance. All women are welcome to come to the study; copies of the lesson will be available on the table by the office window.

### Learning Committee Book Club

**T**he inaugural SMLC Book Club gathered on Tuesday, October 24 to share thoughts and ideas on the book, "Sensible Shoes" by Sharon Garlough Brown. It is about four fictional women – more or less composites of many women—who attend a Spiritual Journey workshop which meets twice a month for a period of 3 months at a Retreat Center. Seven spiritual practices were taught and learned over the Journey.

In our discussion it appeared most were intrigued by the spiritual growth and friendships between strangers that occurred and the sharing of God's presence in their lives through struggles and relationships. An overall theme was that Jesus loves each of us as if we were his bride ...

We also thought some of the spiritual practices like the labyrinth would be something to learn (instructions and guidance for each practice was also included.) We are going to continue with the second book in the series (see a separate article).

### Women's Thankoffering Worship

**S**hepherd of the Mountains women will lead the Worship at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 18 with the ELCA Thankoffering Service titled "Ever and Anew." The service opens with the Thanksgiving for Baptism including Sprinkling of Water. Any woman may participate by signing the November Servant Calendar on the kiosk...we would like to have women leading the worship service areas. The Quilters will display quilts on every pew also and have a drawing for one person to receive a quilt of their choice.

Our very special speaker for the Sunday Worship is Louise Olson of Estes Park. Louise has lived in Estes Park for many years and served in various community organizations; she is a wonderful Spirit-filled person and you will enjoy meeting and hearing her message.

### Quote for the month from Joan Chittister

*"What others do to me, shapes me. What I do to others, affects them. What all of us do to those around us makes for the character of the world. Nothing that happens in this world happens in isolation."*

### November Bible Readings

#### November 4

Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 46  
2 Corinthians 8:1-5  
John 11:32-44

#### November 11

1 Kings 17:8-16  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

#### November 18

Daniel 12:1-3  
Psalm 16  
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

#### November 25

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Psalm 93  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37