



SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 2019



November Worship Matters

Sunday, 11-3, 9am.

All Saints Sunday & New Members Welcomed

Sunday, 11-10, 9am.

Is There Marriage in Heaven?

Sunday, 11-17, 9am.

Women's Thankoffering.
 Three Young Women Speak.

Sunday, 11-24, 9am.

Christ the King Sunday.
 The end of the Church Year.

Thanksgiving Community Worship TBD.

An announcement coming soon!

Important Dates in November

Birthdays

- Lynette Johnson November 1
- Kelly Brown..... November 9
- Mary Beth Molle November 9
- Susan Anderson November 11
- Gary Brown..... November 11
- Bill Westley..... November 17
- Terry Rizzuti November 20
- Anna Bockhaus..... November 24
- Leif Johnson..... November 24
- Karen Olson November 28
- Jenna Wahlstrom November 29
- Stan Johnson November 30
- Carolyn Mangler November 30

November CCC Menu

8 November

Pork Medley Delight
 Sunrise Rotary

15 November

Crispy Chicken
 Journeys Class

22 November

Grill Night
 Quota Club

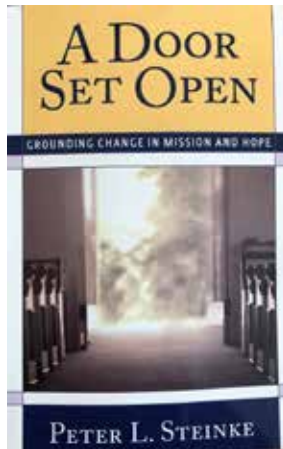
29 November

Authentic Hispanic Night
 Community Volunteers



Let's Read—A Door Set Open-- by Peter Steinke

Recently I suggested to the church council that we read a book together and they agreed. Following their agreement I then suggested that we read the book, *A Door Set Open*, by Peter Steinke, and they agreed again.



Peter is a church consultant who draws on several intellectual disciplines to address the many “hidden workings” at play in the Christian Church. His goal is to help churches be healthy and vital. I want to keep you informed of what the council is reading and how it impacts our congregation as we

look to the future.

There Once Was a World is the title to the first chapter. In it Peter Steinke writes: “Much of what’s being faced and experienced by many mainline protestant churches is not about them. It is about the end of an era, a sea change in the religious ecology of North America and the role of congregations in our society. American Christendom is over.”

You might not be familiar with the term “Christendom”. If not, think back to the time in our country when the Christian Faith had a big influence on the norms and customs of our society. There was a time when Sundays were reserved for church and very few stores were open for business. A well-known preacher named Will Willimon tells how he and a couple of buddies slipped out the back of the church during Sunday evening youth group to attend a movie showing downtown. It was his earliest recollection of how the influence of the Christian Faith was changing in our society. Another popular term for this is “post-Christian-era”.

Instead of becoming defensive about this or lamenting all the ways this affects our church,

the point is to observe and take note of the many changes occurring around us. Don’t get me wrong, we can be sad about this and grieve the loss we experience but it does us no good to wallow in blame and judgement.

The most obvious way this impacts Shepherd of the Mountains is how we moderns go about time and place. Who among us isn’t “busy” in some way or another? Even in retirement many of us have full calendars. Each day we have numerous events at our disposal. There are so many events to attend we don’t stop to consider what meaning they hold. Even a captivating place like Estes Park doesn’t slow us from visiting other beautiful places. Steinke writes about the increase of “non-places”. “Non-places are spaces designed for anonymity, passing through and non-engagement. Disappearing are places intended for relationship, such as churches and civic groups.”

I believe that our church offers a respite from “Supermodernity”—a Steinke term! Yes! Our hour of worship is meant to be unlike any other hour in people’s lives. But more importantly is our character as disciples of Christ! We won’t attract others by trying to out-modernize—my term—they! Instead, we will be Christ’s Church by living out Christian community, meaning and hope. This is true for our witness as a congregation and as individual members of the body of Christ.

In Christ, Pastor Ron

Centering Prayer Workshop

The Center for Spirituality at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church with present “An Introduction to Centering Prayer” workshop on Saturday, November 9th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Bartholomew’s Church, 880 MacGregor Ave., Estes Park. You may register by calling (303) 747-2557. Walk-ins are welcome. Donations welcome.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					4:30pm Cafe Corner 1	10:30am Organ Rehearsal 2
9am Sunday Worship 10:30am Adult Forum 3		9am PEO HF Chapter 4	7am Sacred Space 1pm Organ Rehearsal 4pm Choir Rehearsal 6	9am Quilters 9am Worship Committee 12pm Cafe Corner Prep 7	4:30pm Cafe Corner 8	9am Centering Prayer 9
9am Sunday Worship 10	Veteran's Day 11	1pm WELCA 12	7am Sacred Space 4pm Choir Rehearsal 5pm Church Council 13	9am Quilters 12pm Cafe Corner Prep 14	4:30pm Cafe Corner 15	8:30am Men's Breakfast 10:30am Organ Rehearsal 16
9am Thankoffering Service 10:30am Adult Forum 17		9am PEO HF Chapter 18	7am Sacred Space 4pm Choir Rehearsal 20	9am Quilters 12pm Cafe Corner Prep 21	4:30pm Cafe Corner 22	3pm Peak to Peak Concert 23
9am Sunday Worship 10:30am Stephen Ministry 24			7am Sacred Space 4pm Choir Rehearsal 27	Thanksgiving - Church Offices Closed 28	4:30pm Cafe Corner 29	30

November 17 Thank Offering Service - Called Anew

For more than 100 years, Lutheran women have given thanks to God and dollars to mission and ministries that especially support women and children in America and around the world. Our annual Thank Offering service provides an opportunity for Shepherd of the Mountains to be **Called Anew** to this wonderful practice in our own time and place.

This year we are honored and thrilled to have **Three** young women who have served in Madagascar as Young Adults in Global Mission as our Thank Offering speakers: Sarah Adams, Emily Haskins, and Brynn Wiessner. We look forward to hearing how their International experiences "Called them Anew". After the worship service they have agreed to share more about themselves and their experiences in an adult forum.

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program invites ELCA young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. Young adults serve in the spirit of accompaniment, walking alongside global companions in a manner that practices mutuality, interdependence and solidarity.

Won't you plan to join us as we welcome these young women for this special worship service?



Sarah Adams - Originally from St. Paul, Minnesota, Sarah moved to Colorado to participate in Urban Servant Corps - a yearlong, full-time volunteer program of the ELCA located in Denver. Prior to that Sarah served as a YAGM in

Madagascar. Sarah now works in higher education. Sarah enjoys the beach, the mountains and spontaneous dance parties.



Emily Haskins - From Centennial, CO, Emily is currently a Master's of Social Work student in her 2nd year at Metropolitan State University. She is currently interning at

the St. Francis Apartments at Cathedral Square, a permanent supportive housing facility with 49 unites to support men and women transitioning out of homelessness. As a YAGM, she taught English in Madagascar in 2015-2016, living in Fianarantsoa located in south central Madagascar primarily at the Malagasy Lutheran Graduate School of Theology where she taught English to pastors and theologians. She also helped with her church's weekly English club and joined her church's choir. During this time she lived with her Malagasy host family who included her in the fold of their daily lives. If you would like to learn more about YAGM in Madagascar, you can read Emily's blog from her year there at <https://yearof-intentioninmada.wordpress.com/>



Brynn Wiessner - Brynn served at the School for the Deaf in Toamasina (SEMATO) in Madagascar. Originally from Afton, Minnesota, she loved her

days at SEMATO, a vibrant school community that provides education and advocacy for you who are deaf or hard of hearing. She spent time with students and staff playing, singing & eating together, teaching English and learning as much Malagasy sign language as her brain could absorb! Currently, Brynn is a school social worker supporting students at the elementary and middle

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Give Thanks For Quilting



Last month the quilters gave thanks to Phyllis with a special quilt. During November we give thanks for all who help in our quilting ministry which provides love and warmth in concrete ways to those in Colorado and around the world as we reach out with the help of Lutheran World Relief (LWR). We don't know just where our 2019 quilts will go but we do know they will go where-ever there is the most need in our world. This month we will be finishing as many quilts as possible to include in our final in-gathering for 2019 as we bless our quilts on November 17 and pack them for sending off to the world through LWR.

How you can help in November -You can help us finish strong by working on Quilting Thursday mornings at the church from 9 a.m. to 11:30, on November 7, 14, & 21. You can come on the 14th and help us put quilts on the pews for our Thank Offering service. What fun to get to see the many colors and varieties of quilts lovingly prepared in the last half of this year. You can donate toward quilt shipping and participate in the drawing for a quilt and help us pack up quilts on November 17. On November 21 you can help us sort through boxes of donated material and organize our cabinets as we prepare to start a new quilting season.

We give thanks in every remembrance of you...and especially for all your help and support! With love in Christ from your quilting group,

Linda Schlitt

Thank Offering -continued

school levels in the Aurora Public Schools. She is passionate about supporting youth in developing empathy, compassion, and critical thinking skills for their individual well-being, the well-being of their human and non-human communities and ultimately, the world! lives in Denver and enjoys running, climbing, hiking and drinking large amounts of coffee alongside her pup, Java.

Men in Mission Breakfast

The next Men in Mission breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 16th at a local restaurant. That is the 3rd Saturday of November. The restaurant will be chosen depending on how many wish to attend. Please RSVP to John Tessler at johntessler@hotmail.com.

Everybody needs a rock



Everybody needs a rock, here is the Shepherd of the Mountains Rock - by the south edge of the parking lot.

This is an introduction to a really interesting book I recommend, on behalf of the SMLC Learning Committee, titled *Voices in the Stones* by Kent Nerburn. The subtitle is "Life Lessons from the Native Way" and it is highly recommended by Richard Rohr as I quote "Kent Nerburn speaks reverently of the bridge between our Judeo-Christian tradition and the spiritual gifts of the Native Americans. There is much healing to be had in our lives and for the land by crossing this bridge."

Christmas/Advent Season

It doesn't seem possible, but the Advent/Christmas season will soon be upon us. December 1st is the first Sunday in Advent. Again, this year, we will have Advent calendars available to help guide you through your Advent journey. These will be here about mid-November.

We will also have Good Gifts ornaments beginning December 1st, available through December 15th. All of you were so generous last year. As you know, they make excellent gifts for those hard to buy for people on your Christmas list. We will have everything from bees to pigs to goats to cows. Please start planning for your purchase now. Someone will be making a special appearance to encourage you in choosing your ornaments.

We look forward to a festive and prayerful time during this very special season of the church year.

November Bible Readings

November 3

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 10

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 17

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 24

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43