



SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Important Dates in October

Anniversaries

- Ron Bockhaus & Susan Anderson October 8
- Earl & Nancy Matson October 21

Birthdays

- Evelyn Kehl October 2
- Alix Oglesby October 4
- Roxy Hause October 9
- Jean Siddle October 10
- Larry Olson October 15
- Michael Kellam October 19
- Caroline O'Neil..... October 20
- Dorothy Refsell..... October 21
- Marilyn Kienker October 23
- Mary Settje..... October 30

October Worship Matters

Sunday, October 6

- 9am, Increase Our Faith! & story of generosity

Sunday, October 13

- 9am, Your Faith Has Made You Well & story of generosity

Sunday, October 20

- 9am, Will He Find Faith on Earth? & story of generosity

Sunday, October 27

- 9am, All Who Humble Themselves & Commitment Sunday

October Comm. Corner Café Menu

4 October

Spaghetti
 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

11 October

Pulled Pork
 Salvation Army

18 October

Chicken and Rice
 Allenspark Church

25 October

Grill Night
 Police Auxillary





2020 Boundless Generosity

God As Steward Reveals Boundless Generosity

A steward is someone entrusted to care for something that belongs to another. Our faith tells us that God owns everything including us and our lives, trusting us to use our lives for godly purposes. At a conference I once attended we were challenged to also look at God as a steward, something I hadn't done because I thought it was an obligation only for Christians. My understanding of stewardship wasn't wrong, it was just incomplete. God is the first steward in all things. The creation of animals from Genesis 1 reads: *"God blessed them saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.'"* (Gen 1:22) With this God's blessing suddenly appears on the horizon. With the creation of the animals the blessing comes to affirm the goodness that is in ALL God does. It makes me want to ask, "can a fish respond to God's blessing in any way other than being a fish? Can a bird give back to God anything for its life in the air other than to fly?" I don't think so. God's stewardship bestows an abundant creation with boundless generosity! God's creative action with people reads: *"God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'"* (Gen. 1: 28)

Commenting on this passage and the under-

standing of "dominion", Hebrew scholar, Ellen Davis of Duke University said, *"I render it 'exercise skilled mastery amongst the creatures' because I think the notion of skilled mastery suggests something like a craft, an art, of being human without taking away the fact that humans occupy a very special place of power and privilege and responsibility in the world."*

Speaking of Faith, June 10, 2010 If the word "stewardship" didn't scare you away by now, please know there is a point to all this. It is simply: stewardship reveals the boundless generosity of God's nature. How we exercise stewardship shows how we understand God. Understanding this we can then "exercise skilled mastery."
"God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good." (Gen 1:31)

In peace, Pastor Ron

Becoming a Sanctuary Church— What Does This Mean? Thursday, October 24th 5:00pm

Rostered and lay leaders are invited to a Zoom webinar with Bishop Gonia, Peter Severson, and Mary Campbell (ELCA AMMPARO) to continue conversation around the ELCA's decision to declare itself a sanctuary denomination. They share some history of our immigration work, offer updates on current priorities, and address questions regarding sanctuary. We will meet at church around the computer to take part in this webinar. Please let Pastor Ron know if you plan on attending.

October Bible Readings

October 6

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:8-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 13

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 20

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14--4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 27

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

OCTOBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		9am Carpets Cleaned	7:00am Sacred Space	12pm Cafe Corner Prep	4:30pm Cafe Corner	10:30am Organ Rehearsal
9:00am Sunday Worship 10:30am Adult Forum	9:30am Budget Meeting 2019 Rocky Mountain Synod Theological Conference	1pm WELCA 5:00pm Church Council	7:00am Sacred Space 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal	12pm Cafe Corner Prep	4:30pm Cafe Corner	8:30am Men's Breakfast 10:30am Organ Rehearsal
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WELCA

Women of the ELCA meets at 1:00pm on October 8 in the church library. Copies of the study will be available. The subject of the discussion for the October 8 WELCA is "No Hard Feelings"...the ache of grief. All women are invited.

Save the Date

The Men in Mission breakfast group will meet on Saturday, October 12th at 8:30 at a local restaurant to organize for the 2019-2020 year. The restaurant will be determined by how many people RSVP. So, please RSVP to John Tessler at johntessler@hotmail.com of your intent to come.

October Quilting

Are fall, harvest, pumpkins, Oktoberfest, Halloween and celebrating Reformation already dancing in your head? What better time to think about joining us to help assemble warm quilts for others. A batch of quilts completed this summer have already gone down to La Puente with our mission work crew so our Southern Colorado neighbors have warm quilts for winter. Now we turn our focus toward quilts for overseas so that Lutheran World Relief can help us share love and warmth with worldwide needy neighbors. You can you help with this ministry during October in a number of ways.

Materials always welcome - As nights turn frosty, maybe you are switching beds from summer sheets to warm toasty flannel ones. Don't forget: we are always happy to get used sheets (especially in patterns or dark colors) with portions still in good condition. Or maybe you are pruning your own supply of linens and materials and have extra you can share.

Work with us at church - In October we will be working together at the church on three

Thursday mornings from 9 to 11:30 AM to assemble, tie, & sew quilts. Won't you plan to join us on October 3, 10, & 24 as we share work, food & fellowship?

Work at Home - You could help us at home on your own schedule. Sew some quilt tops, 4-patch or 9-patch squares. Cut squares or strips for us. Quilt top kits, material, instructions and tools are available for your use. Just see Lori McDonald or Linda Schlitt to help you get started on "home work".

God's Work, Our Hands - We don't farm at Shepherd of the Mountains but you can help bring in an abundant harvest of quilts this October! Thanks for your help, support and encouragement.

Love in Christ, Linda Schlitt

September Prayer Reminders

- Orion, friend of Don & Lin Smith, thanks for employment.
- Jolene, friend of Jean Siddle, reoccurrence of cancer.
- Eilene, cousin of Linda Schlitt, recent surgery.
- Safe travel for Mike and Christine Kellam, attending a funeral of a friend.
- Richard, father of Vanessa Paswaters, recent hospitalization and rehab.
- Randy, brother-in-law of Jill Johnson, recent surgery.
- Ryan & Chrissy, relatives of Jeanne Nelson, upon the death of their daughter.