



The Shepherd's Staff Newsletter

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

*Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America*
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Worship

**Sundays 8:00 am
and 9:30 am**

**Sunday School
will return in the
fall.**

Directions to the Church:

On Highway 89 south, take the first right after K-Mart onto South Park Loop Road at the Maverick gas station. At the third intersection take a right onto Tribal Trail Road, head north and look for a steeple on the right!

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Thursdays 10:00 am -4:00 pm

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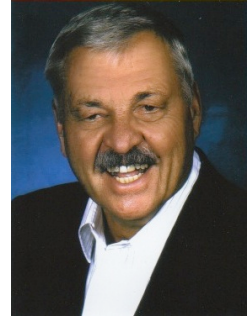
Ordinary Time - The Church Year

One can divide the church year into Proper Time and Ordinary Time. Proper Time is straight forward -n the festival season of the church year including Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost - when we hear the ancient narratives and remember “the old, old story.”

Ordinary Time is from Sunday after Pentecost until Sunday before Advent. This season comprises half the church year. It is a time for people of the faith to learn to discern God’s will for their lives; to be stimulated and equipped for ministry; to grow in their understanding of the Scriptures and the tradition; and to take seriously the task of being a disciple. Just because it is summer doesn’t mean it is time to place God on vacation. Rather it is a time to see how God helps people to live their faith day by day.

So, perhaps one of the best things to do during Ordinary Time is to be challenged by what to do with Easter. Since Easter is responsible for the whole enterprise that is the Christian Church. Easter is “the event” for Christians, the 8th day of new creation, the day that reminds us that we die, are buried and then are raised with Christ. As a result,

life will never be the same again, since we are learning to look at life from the other side of the Resurrection. Ordinary Time is the setting for applying the Easter event to everyday life, so that God’s action at Easter will make everyday life extraordinary. The question always before us during Ordinary Time is, “What do we do about Easter?”



Allow this Ordinary Time to be a time to be aware of the presence of the Risen Christ coursing through our day-to-day struggles to maintain a home, raise children, earn a living, and get along reasonably well with family and neighbors. This Risen Christ represents the triumph of light over darkness, freedom from emotional and physical bondage, hope over alienation and despair, life over death. It is the miracle of God’s grace that enables us to rise above the perils of today and to become witnesses and partners in his work of making all things new.

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Novelist Dan Wakefield describes his own repentance, a turn from despair to faith. Wakefield tells of a treacherous time in his life when a long-standing relationship with a woman had just dissolved. He was out of money and within the span of seven months had buried both of his parents. His work no longer satisfied him and drugs had become an all-too-attractive means of escape. “I was,” he wrote, “headed for the edge of a cliff.” In a neighborhood bar, a chance conversation with a house painter who was looking for a place to worship led to Wakefield’s own journey back to church, and then to participation in Bible study, to gradually developing a devotional life and

outreach ministry with other church members.

As Wakefield’s religious involvement increased, he experienced a growing freedom from his sense of drifting purposelessness and from what he called “my assortment of life-numbing addictions.” He wrote, “...at some point or other they felt as if they were ‘lifted,’ taken away... The only concept I know to describe such an experience is that of ‘grace,’ and the accompanying adjective ‘amazing’ comes to mind along with it.”

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	January - May 2011			2011
	Actual	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Budget
Offering & Income	60,400.12	78,470.85	-18,070.73	188,330.00
Expense				
Administrative Support	3,259.18	4,760.40	-1,501.22	11,425.00
Benevolence	4,041.65	4,166.65	-125.00	10,000.00
Facility	17,522.72	18,758.30	-1,235.58	45,020.00
Personnel	40,945.59	42,545.85	-1,600.26	102,110.00
Program Support	8,511.83	8,239.65	272.18	19,775.00
Total Expense	74,280.97	78,470.85	-4,189.88	188,330.00
	-13,880.85	0.00	-13,880.85	0.00

The Schedule of Ministers Serving During the Sunday Morning Worship Services

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, PLEASE CONTACT SOMEONE IN THAT CATEGORY AND MAKE A TRADE; THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. Thank you!

Date		Sunday July 3	Sunday July 10	Sunday July 17	Sunday July 24	Sunday July 31
Liturgical Assistants	8:00 AM	Scott Daily	Scott Daily	Scott Daily	Scott Daily	Scott Daily
	9:30 AM	Sharon King	Heidi Schmillen	Sharon King	Betty Garrison	TBD
Altar Minister		Rose Jeske	Colleen Thompson	Melanie Sands	Betsy Grande	Diana Eden
Lectors	8:00 AM	Lars Schou	Carol Bocker	Brad Luense	Susan Freeze	John Daily
	9:30 AM	Miss Kelly Krause	Lois Peterson	Dale Jeske	Marion Hudnall	Deanne Fortney

GOD IS ACTIVE AND ALIVE AT SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS

Not everyone gets to hear all the words of thankfulness and praise, as well as constructive criticism. However, most of the criticism you get to hear comes through the grapevine. Therefore, I thought I would share with you what some visitors have said about our worship and faith life at Shepherd of the Mountains.

FROM THE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES:

"Enclosed is a check for the Mission Support, this truly is a marvelous congregation. The worship was up-lifting and sermons were some of best I've ever heard."

"The sermon was filled with deep meaning and purpose. Thank You!"

FROM THE BAPTISMAL SERVICES:

A thank you note from a Grandmother: "The act of baptism was very meaningful and the worship and sermon were truly inspiring. We will look forward to worshipping with you in the future. It always has been a wonderful experience."

From all three of the baptismal families: It's amazing- your care and compassion. We have never seen a church that would do a shower for the baptized child. Thank you!

A few weeks ago, I had a meeting during lunch with one of our members, as were paying the check, a young lady greeted us. She is the granddaughter of a former member of my staff. I always ask her to come to worship. The man with me said, "You should come, the preaching is awesome."

Last Sunday from the bishop: "It is truly a Pentecost Day. The congregation has a life - giving spirit about it. It is contagious."

CONTACTS FOR OTHER CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS

Inger Schou, Treasurer.....733-8498	Cindy DeVos, Knitting Ministry..... 654-7707
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Sharon King, Sunday School.....734-1147	Dine Dellenback, Prayer Chain Ministry.....733-8409
Robyn Lunsford, Youth Education.....733-2534	Dale and Rose Jeske, Landscape Ministry.....733-1748
Shari Meeks, Youth Education.....733-4774	Nikki Thompson, Bulletin.....733-4382
Sharon King, Worship/Music Ministry.....734-1147	Carolyn Daily, Circle of Care Ministry.....690-1172

Important update on Support for God's Mission at Shepherd of the Mountains

Table # 1

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Table # 2**Giving**

Ave. Giving per/month in 2010	Was \$14,405.	Needed \$13,053.
Ave. Giving 1 st 5 months 2011	Was \$12, 100	Needed \$15, 693.

Over the past 1 ½ years, we have much to be thankful for. Giving to Life and Mission of SOTMLC has been generous and faithful. Last spring, we raised money to reseal the parking lot, paint the church and do other upgrades. We set a goal of \$14,000 and received almost \$19, 000. We are grateful for last year's giving to the General fund. We needed \$13,053 per month and received \$14,405. A job well done. Thanks be to God!

Then this winter we were given the challenge of raising \$10,000 to send 9 people to Guatemala on a Service Mission Trip. After this weekend's car wash and a few more hours of work from the students the goal will be met. Thanks to God and the congregation for going the extra mile with the students. A faithful task completed when many of us didn't think it would be possible. With God on our side many things are possible.

Now a new task is set before us. As the charts above indicate, we have fallen behind. We need to meet this challenge. Anything you can do would be most helpful. After July, you will receive a 6 month statement on your giving. The church council will take a look at this and come up with a planned program. We can't wait till year's end. At present the rate we'd fall too far behind. As you note in the information above, we are cutting the spending whenever possible. We need some help on the giving side. Thanks for all you do and your faithful support in the past.

The Stewardship Committee & Pastor Al.



Guatemala Mission Trip

Senior Youth Mission Trip: June 24-July 2

What: The senior youth will help serve the needs of the families living in poverty in and around Antigua. They may roof a home, build a house, paint a school, help tutor children, lead a children's bible school, distribute food baskets or organize an afternoon soccer game.

Where: The mission trip will take place in the city of Antigua

Why: To proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and develop a greater heart of compassion for His people around the world.



The following students from SOTMLC will be leaving
on this mission trip June 24.

**Sara Vogel, Heather Schmillen, Heidi Schmillen, Vivian Eden,
Matt Schmillen, Lucas Freeze, and James Hunt.**

We ask that you pray for safe travels, strength, and that God will guide each student. We also ask you to pray for the adults and children of Antigua; pray that the spirit and love of Christ will fill them and their lives.



Notable Quotes

“The organizations that maintain a significant influence are those that adapt to a changing environment without losing their essence. Entities that resist change, rather than understand the change and constantly reinvent themselves with the new context, inevitably lose their impact and die.” *George Barna*

“Superficiality is the curse of our age. The doctrine of instant satisfaction is a primary spiritual problem. The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people.” *Richard J. Foster*

“Rituals are at the center of human life, binding together past, present, and future. Without meaningful and purposeful worship, daily life cannot be made or kept fully human.”-*John Westerhoff*

“Imagination is more important than knowledge. It is not enough to analyze the world as it is and ask, ‘Why?’ We need also to imagine the world as it might be and ask, ‘Why not?’” *Albert Einstein*

“To face the truth that all our efforts to build security are illusions could lead us to brutal despair if we do not also study the character of God to see how he promises to be our security.” – *Richard Foster*

“The spiritual life grows as love finds its center beyond ourselves. Faithful and committed relationships offer a door into the mystery of spiritual life in which we discover this: the more we give of self, the richer we become in soul; the more we go beyond ourselves in love, the more we become our true selves and our spiritual beauty is more fully revealed. In marriage, we are seeking to bring one another into fuller life. *from the homily at the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton, given by Richard Chartres, Anglican Bishop of London.*

“If we could just be, for a few minutes each day, fully where we are, we would indeed discover that we are not alone and that the One who is with us wants only one thing: to give us love.” *Henri Nouwen*

“Thanksgiving is the central and most essential element in the Christian’s response to life.”

“The servant leader maintains a strong enough sense of God and of self. . . to be willing to learn, to risk and to step back and let other shine.” *Max Depre*

“Life is made Holy and is meaningful when it becomes what it was meant to be - when we thank God for it.”

OVER THE HILL GANG PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Over-the-Hill Progressive Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, July 10th at 4:30 p.m.

Hors d'Oeuvres: Ken & Lois

Peterson's

The Main Course: Don & Tordis Combs'

Dessert: Nadine Bomgren's

There is a sign up in the Narthex to provide a dish to pass. Maps will be provided.



Food Bank Donations "Red Ticket Items"

Thank you so much for helping to meet a continuing need in our community of Jackson. The Jackson Hole Food Cupboard is most appreciative of the efforts SOTM Lutheran Church has put forth to help fill the pantries of those less fortunate.

The "Red Ticket Items" for the month of July are **PEANUT BUTTER, CEREAL, and CANNED MEAT**. Please note, however, that any item on our Food Bank Flyer is acceptable and appreciated.

Please remember **PEANUT BUTTER, CEREAL, and CANNED MEAT** when you shop for groceries in the month of July.

For more information contact Betty Garrison - 739-1496
or Jo Schmillen - 733-7443

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church *Circle of Care Ministry*

Overview

This ministry provides comfort, support and hands on care for those in need. The goal of Circle of Care is to identify folks in our community who may benefit from a friendly visit, transportation, meal preparation, chore services, child care, shopping, errands, companionship, home repairs and daily phone calls. Those who become part of this ministry have received formal training in communication skills, crisis intervention, community resources, confidentiality and self care. Their skills and talents will be matched to the needs and preferences of the recipient. Our volunteers have cleared a formal background check. We will honor privacy and confidentiality of those we serve.

Recipients of the Circle of Care Ministry are referred to as Friends of Care. The Ministry volunteers offer support, companionship, and encouragement in their relationship with our Friends of Care. We uphold the principles of respect, compassion, kindness and confidentiality. We respect our Friends' independence and preferences.

The Friends of the Circle of Care Ministry will guide us in ways we can be of most service to them. Our commitment to our Friends will remain as long our presence and services are beneficial to all concerned.

The coordinator of Circle of Care Ministry is Carolyn Daily, RN. Should you have questions or concerns or referrals, please contact her anytime at 690-1172 or 733-4559.

Alpha Omega Women's Group

Our next meeting is Saturday, July 9th from 10 am to 12 noon at church. We are studying the book, "Leading Lessons - Insights on Leadership from Women of the Bible." We will be looking closely at Chapter 5. Contact the church for more information.

All women are welcome! You can join the Study at anytime!



Newsletter Comments or additions?

Send to the Newsletter Editor, Annie Sampson by the 15th of the month anniesamp@bresnan.net 734-7898 home 413-5507 cell. Please try to submit electronically.

Contact

Nikki with Bulletin information leave a message for her at the

church 733-4382, or email her at nl84@bresnan.net

**Weekly
Bulletin Info**

There was an inadvertent error in last month's newsletter article about the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod Bishop. His name was inadvertently reported as Mark Hanson who is the Bishop of the entire ELCA. Our Synod Bishop's name is Martin Wells. No disrespect was intended.

Our congregation's Thrivent Financial for Lutherans contact person is Rose Ann Jeske. rosedale@bresnan.net

July 2011 Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, ELCA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pandamania VBS	2 Youth back from Guatemala
3 8:00 and 9:30 am Worship	4 4th of July Parade Music in the Hole	5 5:00 pm Weight Watchers	6 6:00 pm Council Meeting	7 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner 7:00 pm Summer Worship	8	9 Women In- Gathering 10:00 am - 12 noon
10 8:00 and 9:30 am Worship Over the Hill Progressive Dinner	11	12 5:00 pm Weight Watchers	13	14 6:00 pm Church Council Meeting 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner 7:00 pm Summer Worship	15	16
17 8:00 and 9:30 am Worship	18	19 5:00 pm Weight Watchers	20	21 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner 7:00 pm Summer Worship	22	23
24/31 8:00 and 9:30 am Worship	25	26 5:00 pm Weight Watchers	27	28 6:00 pm Potluck Dinner 7:00 pm Summer Worship	29	30