



# The Voice



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The Newsletter of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

*"INVITING, GROWING AND SERVING THROUGH CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS"*

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## From the Pastor's Desk

### **Oh Lord, It's Hard to be Humble!**

*"Oh Lord it's hard to be humble when you're perfect in every way."* Mac Davis' lyrics to his famous song, "It's Hard to be Humble" leaves little room for improvement! I must admit, I enjoyed this song and when it first came out, I couldn't help but admire Davis' confidence in himself. He goes on to sing, *"I can't wait to look in the mirror 'cos I get better looking each day. To know me is to love me, I must be a hell of a man.* And then, as if he can't stop himself, he's back into the chorus, *"Oh Lord it's hard to be humble when you're perfect in every way!"* Oh yah!!! Feel that confidence surge through your bones!! Perfect in every way!! Oh yes, thank you Lord!! Perfect in every way... ahhh. Go ahead, milk it for all its worth!! But, is it true? Only for the humble. Without humility, it is nothing more than narcissism.

We are all made in the image of God and in that sense are perfect. Our fingerprints are unique because we are each a unique expression of God's love in our world. Furthermore, we are all one in our common humanity because the same God blew the breath of life into each of us. Wouldn't it be nice, if the next time we looked into the mirror, we were overcome with a sense of God's love and beauty looking back at us! Is this heresy? Perhaps for those who have been spiritually abused. Is it conceit? Only for those without humility.

The challenges of life, which sadly for some may include physical, emotional or sexual abuse, sometimes require that we seek out therapists or counselors to help sort through hurtful experiences and learn the truth about who we really are. But, it involves more than learning, it needs to be written upon our hearts. We are loved and treasured by our God who smiles upon us and says, "You are my beloved in whom I am well pleased!"

We should put this Bible passage from Psalm 139 on our bathroom mirrors and kitchen refrigerators:

*O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.*

*You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.*

*If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.*

***For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.***

*“I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”* Another way of translating “fearfully” is “awe inspiring”.

We have been conditioned to view ourselves primarily as sinners and not “awe inspiring and wonderfully made”. Sadly, religion can contribute to this problem when it fixates only upon sin and the corruption of humanity.

Sin literally means “missing the mark” as in shooting an arrow and missing the target. It does not mean we are bad people. It means that we make mistakes. Sin, as in original sin recorded in Genesis, is separation from God. Living east of Eden. Living in Eden is living in union with God and this is what Jesus’ life, death and resurrection is all about—to bring us into union with God and one another. This is seen sacramentally when we receive Holy Communion and in Baptism when we symbolically celebrate God grasping the child or adult as his own and making him or her a member of a faith community.

Perhaps you have heard the saying, “That which you resist persists.” Another way of saying this is when we focus on sin, we empower sin. When we are conscious of seeking union with God in Christ and offering compassion to others, sin is less an issue because it’s foreign to who we are. Jesus proclaimed this focus when asked which commandments are the greatest. He responded, *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, your soul and your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it, love your neighbor as yourself. This sums up the law and the prophets.”* (Matthew 22:37-40) Notice, Jesus did not focus on “Thou shall not...”

The more that religious systems focus on “Thou shall not...”, the more they give the impression that living a correct moral life will bring people closer to God. Grace is replaced with legalism and God is put under human control, or so it seems. It’s a slippery slope that can lead to religious oppression. Like individuals, religion also needs to be humble. Theologian Douglas John Hall emphasizes this when he states,

*It’s not the searching but the finding that’s the problem. Too much religion is entirely too successful in finding, defining and circumscribing the Infinite and in using its convictions to denounce others. It substitutes for the essential otherness and mystery of the divine, doctrinal and moral certitudes that can become violent... The great caution uttered in the fourth century by the North African spiritual genius Augustine of Hippo needs to be writ large over all such presumptions: Si comprehendis non est Deus (“If you think you understand, it’s not God you’re talking about”).* (The Christian Century Magazine, *A Case for Faith Against Religion*, January 11, 2011, pp 30-33.)

Humility helps us remember who’s in charge. It deflates our egos so we can realize our God dependency.

*Oh Lord, it’s hard to be humble...*, but it’s easier than trying to God! A better song is from Johnny Mercer:

*You’ve got to accentuate the positive. Eliminate the negative, and latch on to the affirmative, don’t mess with Mister In-Between. You’ve got to spread joy up to the maximum. Bring gloom down to the minimum. Have faith or pandemonium’s liable to walk upon the scene.*

~ PB

# MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT EDUCATION

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

**This month's Adult Education topic will be "Becoming A Student of God's Word" By Max Lucado. This study will be led by Betty Fleming. It starts February 13th after the 9:00am Worship Service, and will be held in the Choir room.**



## **Men and Women Bible Studies**

Pastor Bob will be leading a Bible Study on Fridays during the month of February (Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>). (March 2<sup>nd</sup>.) The study for women will be from 10:00 – 11:00 AM and for men from 11:30 – 12:30 PM. We will be studying Paul's letter to the Colossians. There is a signup sheet in the Gathering Area for people interested in attending. Come be part of this informative and enjoyable study.

## **Living the Questions of Faith (Part Two)**

**Wednesdays, 6:00pm—February 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**If you'd like...bring your brown bag supper and eat together at 5:30**

*Living the Questions seeks not to provide easy answers, but to be a resource for people who are in the midst of a life-long conversation about the mysteries of faith and life. It is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers. To attend, please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area. Each participant will receive a study packet for review prior to the class. Topics for the sessions are:*

February 2<sup>nd</sup> Evil, Suffering and a God of Love  
February 9<sup>th</sup> The Myth of Redemptive Violence  
February 16<sup>th</sup> Practicing Resurrection

February 23<sup>rd</sup> Debunking the Rapture  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> Reclaiming the World

### NEW MEMBER CLASSES/SUNDAY:

Classes are at 10:15am on Sundays Feb. 13, and Feb. 20 in Pastor Bob's Office.

If you would like to become a member of our church,  
please talk to Pastor Bob

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27TH AT 9AM

Lent begins late this year with Ash Wednesday on March 9th. Service and Distribution of Ashes will be at 7:00 pm. A meal is being planned, there will be more information about this, and about our Wednesday evening Lenten Services in the March Newsletter.

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ASH WEDNESDAY ON PAGE 7**





# NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

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| February 1  | Wade Passero         |
| February 2  | Nellie Jarvis        |
| February 2  | Makayla Cumbie       |
| February 2  | Danyka Bendt         |
| February 3  | Rick Coulson         |
| February 4  | Hailey Richardson    |
| February 5  | Edith Emerson        |
| February 5  | Kellie Williams      |
| February 6  | Nicole Vettese       |
| February 8  | Brenna Rish          |
| February 9  | Laneia Lundquist'    |
| February 11 | Ray Quick            |
| February 11 | Barb Pruet           |
| February 11 | Rick Danforth        |
| February 12 | Linda Coffey         |
| February 14 | John Kelley          |
| February 14 | Fay Dauel            |
| February 15 | Clarence VerSluys    |
| February 15 | John Marietta        |
| February 15 | Sara Cumbie          |
| February 15 | Alissa Huber         |
| February 16 | Marvin Sampson       |
| February 16 | Tyler Burkart        |
| February 17 | Betty Fleming        |
| February 18 | Marcia Hollingsworth |
| February 18 | Lucia McClure        |
| February 22 | Katelyn Mohr         |
| February 24 | Charles Cook         |
| February 25 | Diane bush           |
| February 25 | Debbie Larsen        |
| February 25 | Stacy Gordon         |
| February 27 | Darrien Cooper       |
| February 28 | Robert Kippley       |

*Thank You!*

**Dear Pastor Kippley and Saints,**

Mercy Today received your kind and generous gift of \$605.00, donations received from the Living Nativity Display at Christmas. We send our deep thanks and appreciation for this great kindness. Your gift was a great help to us during the Holiday Season, helping meet emergency needs for many families.

**Thank You Very Much!**

Mercy Today was very touched by your church involvement in helping us meet the needs of many people in this down-town area. May God bless and prosper you all.

**Sincerely, Sheilah Rollins, Pastor Mercy Today Ministries**

**To Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.....**

I wanted to take this time to thank you once again for the generous donation to Canon City Middle School for needy kids. The donation allows us to purchase school supplies, clothes and other essential items necessary for our kids. We appreciate Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church for the offer and partnership with Fremont Custer County Chapter of Thrivent Financial.

Thanks so much for your support.

**Ken Trujillo**

*Thank You!*

*Thank You!*

**Dear Shepherd of the Hills Community Education Fund Representatives,**

Thank you for the recent donation to Fremont Middle School of the proceeds from your holiday bake sale. Community support is truly appreciated as we work our way through challenging economic times. Your words of encouragement for our work motivate us to set higher expectations of ourselves.

Judy Brightwell, Principal Fremont Middle School,  
And Staff

## BEHIND THE SCENES.....



This month we would like to THANK our wonderful "Prayer Chain!"

The members on the Prayer Chain include...Kathryn Strainer and Darlene Remstad ... co-coordinators...and Frances Coffey, Diane Neverdahl, Carol Picco, Audrey Kozacek, Karen Barslou, Mary Ellen Zander, Bobbie Anderson, Nancy Kattnig, Joni Kippley, Adele Merrill, Helen Danley, and Cheryl Beckmann-Schenk.

If you wish to have someone on the prayer chain, call one of the co-ordinators, or call the office.

THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH FOR THE VERY IMPORTANT

# MORE NEWS .....

*On New Year's Day, as is my habit, I was reviewing the past year and looking forward to setting some goals for 2011; it dawned on me that at the end of January, I would be finished with my service on your Council, here at Shepherd of the Hills.*

*It was February, 2004, that I attended my first Council meeting as your representative. I wish to thank you all for the lovely opportunity of serving you. I am grateful and humbled, and so appreciative that you would have enough faith in me to give me this honor.*

*It has been a great adventure, watching and working on changes that have taken place, and some projects that did not come to fruition. I have met and worked with some wonderful, wonderful people, and have enjoyed my church family so much. You have blessed me richly, and I do so appreciate the honor you have given me. What a privilege!! I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Being on church Council has solidified my feeling of belonging to such a wonderful church family.*

*Again, thanks so much!  
In His Love, Colette*

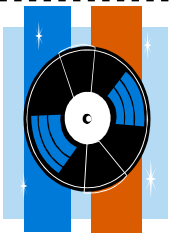
THANK YOU!



If you were unable to attend the dinner and celebration of Shepherd of the Hills 20th Anniversary, and would like to know what went on.....or, you would just like a remembrance of the event, Bob Erickson has put together a wonderful DVD on the history of Trinity Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran churches, who merged together to form Shepherd of the Hills.

There are copies of this DVD in the office, for sale at \$15. which will go to the parking lot fund.


If you do not want to purchase a copy, we have an office copy that you may take home, watch, and return.



A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, it stands for Basic Information Before Leaving Earth."



There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

 If Webster wrote the first dictionary, how did he find the words?



# MISSION

“We make a living by what we get;  
We make a life by what we give.”

Winston Churchill

## Thank You

to Karen Hart for her many years of dedicated service leading the SOTH Mission Team. As one team member once said to Karen, “You are like the Energizer Bunny!” Your enthusiasm held the team together and kept it going. You are an amazing person and a true blessing to our congregation. Thank you also to Jean Hovland and Lana & Bill Whitacre for their service over the past few years. The team will miss you. The good news is that Nancy Kattnig, Carol Crossley and Joanne & Vincent Marean have joined the team. We welcome them to the team and thank them for their willingness to serve.

**Funds Distributed:** The week of January 2<sup>nd</sup>, checks were delivered to Mercy Today Ministries (proceeds from Living Nativity donations and matching funds from *THRIVENT*), Canon City Middle School and Fremont Middle School (proceeds from the Mission Team bake/food sale and matching funds from *THRIVENT*). The Mission Team is thankful to and proud of our community and our congregation for supporting the events that made these donations possible.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Fremont Middle School in Florence would welcome anyone with an interest in helping and mentoring children. There is a huge need at their school. Please contact the Principal, Judy Brightwell, at 784-4856 if interested. This would be a blessing to both the children and the volunteers. Of course, our community has many, many volunteer opportunities available. You just need to look in the newspaper to learn of some of our local non-profit agencies. They all need help.

**Christmas Lutheran Church** in Bethlehem, with which we enjoy a special relationship, was sent a check for \$494, the loose offerings received by SOTH on Christmas Eve. Check out their website ([www.elcjh.org](http://www.elcjh.org)) to learn more about them and see what’s new.

**Feeding the World – The Need is Great!** There is no doubt that difficult economic times are taking a huge toll on just about everyone, especially those who are already living in poverty **and** the organizations that provide services for them. That is true for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal too. For the first time just about anyone can remember, hunger appeal income has fallen so significantly that projects funded for 2010 received an average reduction of 20% in their fourth quarter payments. World Hunger lost three positions. All staff positions are paid from hunger appeal money, and those costs are kept at 8% of the total budget. With rising needs in the USA and around the world, that loss of funding has dire consequences. The ELCA WHA isn’t asking for money for an unknown charitable organization. They are asking for a grateful response (no matter what size) to God’s love active in our own lives. The work of the hunger appeal is truly holy work – definitely something worth devoting time and money to.

**Ash Wednesday** is March 9<sup>th</sup>. The Mission Team has invited Sheila Rollins of Mercy Today Ministries to give a presentation during our meal together. This year we’ll be sharing a U.S. “food stamp program” meal. We are looking for volunteers to prepare a dish for eight people from recipes we’ll provide. They will be available in the Narthex shortly. There will be a signup sheet by each recipe, and there will also be a signup sheet for those attending. We are requesting that those attending bring either a loaf of bread or a box of cereal, which will be given to Mercy Today Ministries.

# YOUTH OF SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS!!

COMING SOON !!!



## MARTINO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT!

Join us as our fellowship hall is transformed once again into "Martino's Fine Italian Dining Restaurant!" Head Chef Becky Romano, with help from Sr. High Director Rick Danforth, Rick Romano and members of our Sr. High youth, will dish up a delicious spaghetti dinner, featuring Chef Romano's signature sauce. You may dine in, but carry out and delivery orders will also be available. This all takes place on Sunday, March 6th, from 11:30am to 6:00pm.

Reservations are not required, but would be appreciated.

Watch for sign-up sheets in the narthex next month to make your reservations to dine in, or, request your carry out and delivery orders.

The proceeds from your generous free will donations will help support their mission trip to Chicago.

*Bon appetit !*

## February Youth News

The Senior High Class continues to meet Sunday's from 10:15-11:00. Come join the discussion.

The Youth Activity for February is our Annual Ski Trip to Monarch—Saturday February 19th, AND on Feb. 27th at 7:00pm the "Rock & Worship Road Show"...at the World Arena, featuring "Mercy Me" and "Jars of Clay." This is a Sr. High youth event, but is open to everyone. Tickets are \$10. Please contact Rick Danforth at 719-778-0702 **by FEB.20th**, if you would like to go.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP!

The year has started off strong with our young members. We have just finished learning about John the Baptist and the Baptism of Jesus. The Children enjoyed retelling the story each week in fun ways. The symbols of water, shells and doves were explored.



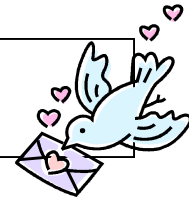
Thank you to our January teachers/helpers; Jan, Shannon, Carol, Ray and Jared.

This month our theme is Teach Us How to Pray with the focus on The Lord's Prayer. The centers will be:

Feb. 6th—Story/Music    Feb. 13th—Art  
Feb. 20th—Games        Feb. 27th—Cooking

Come join us during the gam service as we use meaningful activities to learn about the Lord!

# MANY THINGS OF INTEREST!



## V.I.T.A....Volunteer Income Tax Assistance.....

The VITA people will begin preparing tax returns on Wednesday February 2nd at 9am. They will continue every Wednesday until April 13th.

**New this Year!!** Night Sessions will be available on Thursdays beginning Feb. 3rd, 6pm-8pm through March 31st. All sessions are held here at SOTH.

## THE CRAFTING FOR CHRIST MINISTRY...

Will be meeting on the **SECOND** and **FOURTH** Wednesdays of each month. For more information you can contact Karen Barslou.



**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2011** If you haven't picked up your 2011 offering envelopes, they are in your mailboxes.

**GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2010** Are in your mailboxes.

**PLEASE NOTE** We have only two fund designations: **GENERAL** and **OTHER**. The **OTHER** designation is used only for special donations such as World Hunger, Flowers, Memorials, etc.

**As usual, please specify where your "OTHER" offering is to be directed.**

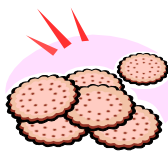
**PLEASE NOTE...** We do not currently have a "Building Fund" any "special" offering designated to the Building Fund will be put in the "General" fund.

## COMING SOON.....



WATCH your March Newsletter for information about BUTTER BRAIDS (Coffee Cake) AND

CLASSIC BREAKS COOKIE DOUGH!! The Mission Team will be taking orders in March! Dates and Prices will be in the next Newsletter. If you haven't tried a Butter Braid, You are missing something wonderful!!! The cookies are so easy, just break them apart and bake them!! They are delicious. You won't want to miss it this time....



## ANNUAL FAITH ADVOCACY DAY:

Monday, Feb. 21 from 8am to 2pm.  
First Baptist Church, 1373 Grant St.  
Denver.

The topic for the 2011 Faith Advocacy Day is "How Faith and Politics Interact." It is presented jointly by the ELCA Lutheran Advocacy Ministry, the Colorado Interfaith Voices for Justice, the Colorado Council of Churches, and Jubilee Ministry. The cost is \$25 (low income/student rate is \$15 ) and includes lunch. **Registration deadline is Feb. 16.** Registrations after Feb. 16 will be \$30.

The optional Lutheran Legislative Breakfast with Bishop Allan Bjornberg is an additional \$10. Registration forms and the schedule are on the table in the narthex..

## WISH LIST

**\$20,000.00** —for an **Asphalt Overlay** on the parking lot.

We have received.

\$ 11,468.00 so far towards this project.



# EMPOWERING Foster/Adopt Parents & Professionals....

## “More Than A Thread of Hope” For CHALLENGING CHILDREN

- Insight Into the Mind of a Child with RAD
- Spotting the Problem
- 12 Step Parenting Plan for Healing
- Hope for the Future
- Questions and Answers



# VINEYARD CHURCH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2011, at 8:30AM—5PM  
(245 Raynolds Ave. Canon City, CO)  
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

### Sponsored By....

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(719) 275-5242

### PRESENTED BY:

### BETH THOMAS, RN, BSN

Beth Thomas is a Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse. Once labeled the “Child of Rage” by HBO. She was also nominated and selected as a top finalist for the 2008 and 2009 Nurse Week’s Nurse of the Year Award. She is no longer a child of rage but a phenomenal woman. Beth knows what it is like to be an angry defiant, destructive child. She once was one. She has unique insights into the mind of a challenging child with Attachment Disorder. Her life of survival and victory brings hope and understanding to parents and professionals working to heal a wounded child.

Beth has the qualities that make a good mentor, excellent clinical skills and knowledge; unending patience; warmth; and an amazing sense of humor. One of Thomas’ most striking attributes as a mentor is her ability to focus on and add to existing strengths. Thomas has humility and never flaunts her gifts. Beth gives a deeper understanding of Reactive Attachment Disorder from the inside out. She shares effective tools to make a difference with challenging children. Most of all she gives hope in a hopeless exhausting situation, empowering parents with a positive vision for their child’s future.

**BETH SHARES HER EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM WITH LOVE AND LAUGHTER.**

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BLESSED IN AGING

Blessed are they who understand  
My faltering step and shaking hand.  
Blessed, who know my ears today  
Must strain to hear the things they say.

Blessed are those who never say  
“You’ve told that story twice today.”  
Blessed are they who make it known  
That I am loved, respected and not alone.

Blessed are those who seem to know  
My eyes are dim and my mind is slow.  
Blessed are those who look away  
When I spilled tea that weary day.

And blessed are they who will ease the days  
Of my journey home, in loving ways.

By *Esther Mary Walker*

Blessed are they who, with cheery smile  
Stopped to chat for a little while.  
Blessed are they who know the way  
To bring back memories of yesterday.

This poem, was read by Mary Maxwell in the video  
“A Reminder That Laughter is the Best Medicine.”  
View the video online at [CaregiverStress.com](http://CaregiverStress.com)

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*A Quote To Contemplate....*  
**Lives of great men all remind us, We can make our lives sublime.  
And in departing, leave behind us, Footprints in the sands of time.**  
*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*  
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*AS YOU PRAY, PLEASE REMEMBER.....*

**All of our Military, especially our SOTH members and relatives...**

MSgt. Andrew Algermissen, USAF, Ellsworth AFB, Rapid City, S. Dak; TSgt. Jake Dalzell, USAF, Elmendorf Airbase, Anchorage, Alaska ; Christopher Gade, Stationed in Washington State: Spc. Charles Gaunt II, U.S. Army, Ft. Carson; Ssgt. Kenneth Gaunt, Ft. Hood Tx; SSgt. Joshua Hinsey, USAF, Cheyenne, WY.; Spec. Michael Kelley, U.S. Army, 2nd Deployment to Iraq; Capt. Warren Riner, USAF, deployed overseas; Capt. Edward Runyan, U.S. Army, Afghanistan; Spc. Steven Salyer, National Guard, Afghanistan; SSgt. Robbie Salyer, U.S. Army, Alaska; SSgt. Tony Salyer, U.S. Army, Ft. Sill, Ok.; Spc. Kevin Salyer, U.S. Army, Hunter Airfield Base, Savannah, Ga; Sgt. Alex Suhr, USAF, Minot, ND; MSgt. Douglas Threatt, USAF, Fort Carson; SFC David Wienke, U.S. Army, Ft. Carson;

*Note: Please let us know the names of the military personnel you wish to have on the list. If you know of others who are in the military, please call the church office and we will include their names. Please give us the rank and where they are stationed. **Please remember to notify the office of any changes or deletions.***

# EVENTS!! EVENTS!! EVENTS!!



O.W.L.s will meet on Wednesday, February 16th, at 11:00am at DiRito's Restaurant in the back. If you are 50 years old or more.....please come for a fun hour or so with

some good food, good friends, and a lively discussion on ever-changing topics. No rsvp required, just come!



A hug is a great gift...one size fits all. It can be given for any occasion and it's easy to exchange.



COMING THIS MONTH.....

FEB. 2nd VITA Tax Assistance  
Every Wednesday in Feb.  
Living the Questions, every  
Wednesday in February.

FEB. 3rd NEW! Vita Tax

Assistance in the Evenings!

FEB. 4th NEW! Men and Women's  
Bible Studies !

FEB. 6th Youth Fundraiser Breakfasts..  
First Sunday of every Month.

FEB. 8th Mary Circle

FEB. 9th Crafting for Christ Ministry  
2nd and 4th Wed. of the month.

FEB. 10 Dorcas Circle  
Mission Team Meeting

FEB. 14 VALENTINES DAY

FEB. 15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

FEB. 16 O.W.L.S Meet at DiRito's

FEB. 21 PRESIDENT'S DAY



REMEMBER.....  
Valentine's Day is of  
course, February 14th.  
Tell the people in your  
life that you love them!!

## A Gathering for Young Married or Single Parents

### Nurturing Family and Self in the Midst of Our Busy World

Taking proper care of ourselves and family relationships where the vibes of love are evident is a challenge in our busy world. The Education Team will be sponsoring supper and discussion for young parents from 5:00 - 7:00 PM on Sunday, February 13th in the Fellowship Hall. Supper and childcare will be provided. Come and enjoy a great meal, meet other young parents, and be part of the discussion. To attend, please RSVP by Feb. 10th by calling the office at 275-6797 or email of [office@sothlutheran.com](mailto:office@sothlutheran.com).



If a word is misspelled in the dictionary  
How would we ever know?



Someone has written these beautiful words. One must read and try to understand the deep meanings in them. They are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life all the time.

1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.

2] Do you know why a car's WINDSHIELD is so large & the rear view mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.

3] Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

4] All things in life are temporary. If going well enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong don't worry, they can't last long either.

5] Old friends are like Gold! New friends are Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a base of Gold!

6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"

7] When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.

8] A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision."

9] When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

10] WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away today's PEACE.

If you really enjoy this, PLEASE pass to others. It may brighten someone's day... Praying for love and peace to fill the coming NEW Year.



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# S.O.T.H. GENERAL Information Page

## Shepherd of the Hills Staff

Pastor: Rev. Robert Kippley

Office Administrator/Financial Secretary: Marcia Hollingsworth

Choir Director: Bernie Mann

Organists/Accompanists: Carol Picco; Ed Kaelberer

Secretary of Youth Ministry: Bobbie Anderson

Sunday School Superintendent: Tonya Fischer

High School Youth Ministry: Rick Danforth

Groundskeeper: Caroline Bernhardt

Newsletter/Office Assistant : Shirley Kramer

## Officers of the Congregation

President: Linda Coffey Vice President: Colette Ownby

Secretary: Marty Waite Treasurer: Keith Hovland

### OUR SOCIAL MINISTRIES:

**LOAVES AND FISHES** need help with the following: **HOUSEHOLD USED FURNITURE!** Any and all Baby Items, CLOTHING of all kinds, They can always use DISH SOAP AND CANNED TUNA (or in pouches) CANNED TOMATOES, CANNED BEANS, CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED FRUIT, CANNED SOUP, CANNED PASTA WITH MEAT, PEANUT BUTTER. Please bring any frozen foods directly to Loaves & Fishes. They can always use any non-perishable food, monetary donations, or household items. Paper goods are always appreciated, paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, etc. The first Sunday of the month is designated as "Loaves & Fishes Sunday," however you may donate your items at any time in the box provided in the coat room. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!!**

**Cancelled Stamps:** Benefits TUBFRIM in Norway, a program which helps individuals suffering from tuberculosis.

**Pull Tabs from Aluminum Cans :** Goes to benefit Ronald McDonald House in Colorado Springs.

**Labels from Campbell's products:** Donated to Lincoln Elementary School to purchase school equipment.

**Cell Phones:** Orchard of Hope collects used cell phones (no chargers, please) to benefit their cancer programs.

### Operating Income & Expense.

Our gifts, signs of God's gracious love.

Year to date-Pledge Income: \$211,924.28

Year to date-Budget: \$218,000.00

Difference: (6,075.72)

### REAL NEWSPAPER HEADLINES




"WAR DIMS HOPE FOR PEACE"

(Yes, it might have that effect!)



**Notary:** If you need something notarized see Marcia. **If possible, give Marcia a days notice.**

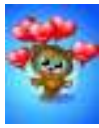
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### Our DECEMBER Volunteers

Thanks to DeDe Waldmann, our Volunteer Coordinator, and also to the following who volunteered their help in the office with Bulletins, newsletters, or other projects.  
**THANK YOU ALL!!**

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| Sharon Knotek              | Vonda Craig     |
| Colette Ownby              | Kay Temple      |
| Kathryn Strainer           | Marilyn Lange   |
| Karen Barslouw             | Barbara Knicely |
| June VerSluys              | DeDe Waldmann   |
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