



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

The World of Grace

Never earned, it always arrives as a gift from someone on the outside

I am happy to pass along this article from the December issue of The Lutheran Magazine, by Pastor Peter Marty. A good way for us to start out 2011 is with a renewed understanding of the central teaching of Lutheranism, God's Amazing Grace. ~ PB

A budding clarinetist in the fifth grade eventually asks her band director, "What's that tiny little note before the big note in measure five? I don't get it." That's when the director explains what a grace note is, how it functions like beautiful decoration on top of an already lovely cake.

A grace note on a musical score is ornamentation. It doesn't have to be; yet it is. Its note value doesn't even count as part of the total time value of a given measure. Such a timing oddity can fluster even the best young band or orchestra student.

Welcome to the world of grace.

Grace is comprised of that large word with only five letters that precedes every goodness we know. Grace is always previous. It comes before.

When the apostle Paul begins his letters to several young Christian communities, he makes certain that his friends on the receiving end hear the word grace before they even get to read the words mercy and peace.

The Hebrew people got the ordering of grace straight. Life for them began not at sunrise but at sunset. "There was evening and [then!] there was morning, the first, second and etc. day." When we finally shut down our active lives enough to fall asleep, that's when God does some of God's best work. All through the night God fashions the intricacies of a marvelous covenant. At daybreak, we get to join in the work already begun.

As pastor and author Eugene Peterson once put it: "We wake into a world we didn't make, and into a salvation we didn't earn." Grace is under way before we even reach for the cornflakes.

It might be nice if Jesus had given us a plain definition of grace around which we could easily wrap our minds. But he never used the word, much to our frustration. For him, grace was simply present everywhere. It was something to be lived, not just talked about.

So when grace shows up on our doorstep in odd-sized packages, it often takes us by surprise. It offers us help we never counted on and love we never deserved. Even if it doesn't supply us with what we want, we come to realize it provides us with what we need. No wonder Jesus avoided trying to plastic wrap this rich concept into a single word.

Of all the major religions in the world, only Christianity proposes that God's love is truly unconditional. No strings attached. No conditions laid down. No qualifications required. Other faiths have their own "earned approval strategies" to which Christians often seem strangely drawn. Maybe we are eager to believe that we deserve what we have. Whatever it is, grace is

never anything a person can "get." It is only a treasure that someone can "receive." No wonder why those grace-filled friends in our lives feel like undeserved gifts.

In a memorable "Dennis the Menace" cartoon, Dennis and his friend Joey are leaving Mrs. Wilson's house loaded up with a plate full of cookies. Joey turns to Dennis and says, "I wonder what we did to deserve this."

Dennis is quick to reply, "Look, Joey, Mrs. Wilson gives us cookies not because we're nice but because she's nice."

So goes the arithmetic of grace. God did not love Jacob because he was a cheat, or David because he was an adulterer. God, in God's infinitely loving way, loved Jacob because he was Jacob, and David because he was David. The gospel has nothing to do with our goodness, except as some kind of by-product. It is not interested in our personal charm or brilliance. No, the gospel of Jesus Christ asks us to remove ourselves from the center of attention and to remember that grace always arrives as a gift from someone on the outside.

Lutheran Christians love to underscore the priority of grace. Not surprisingly, however, we have no corner on the personal experience of grace. We do not sight-read music full of grace notes better than anyone else. It's just that when we read the Scriptures, we find out we're in much worse shape than we believed and we are far more loved than we ever dreamed.

Men and Women Bible Studies

Pastor Bob will be leading a Bible Study on Fridays during the month of February (Feb. 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th). 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. In January there will be 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, 6:00 PM January 19th – March 2nd

5:30 PM for those attending the potluck supper

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:

January 19th **Restoring Relationships**

January 26th **The Prophetic Jesus**

February 2nd **Evil, Suffering and a God of Love**

February 9th **The Myth of Redemptive Violence**

February 16th **Practicing Resurrection**

February 23rd **Debunking the Rapture**

March 2nd **Reclaiming the World**

**NOTICE NOTICE.....CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING WILL
BE ON TUESDAY JANUARY 11TH AT 7:00PM,**

Church-goers tend to be happier people

by Stephanie Pappas From: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/40557983/ns/health-behavior/>

Religious people are more satisfied with their lives than nonbelievers, but a new study finds it's not a relationship with God that makes the devout happy. Instead, the satisfaction boost may come from closer ties to earthly neighbors.

According to a study published Dec. 7th in the journal *American Sociological Review*, religious people gain life satisfaction thanks to social networks they build by attending religious services. The results apply to Catholics and mainline and evangelical Protestants. The number of Jews, Mormons, Muslims and people of other religions interviewed was too small to draw conclusions about those populations, according to study researcher Chaeyoon Lim, a sociologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"We show that [life satisfaction] is almost entirely about the social aspect of religion, rather than the theological or spiritual aspect of religion," Lim told LiveScience. "We found that people are more satisfied with their lives when they go to church, because they build a social network within their congregation."

Many studies have uncovered a link between religion and life satisfaction, but all of the research faced a "chicken-and-egg problem," Lim said. Does religion make people happy, or do happy people become religious? And if religion is the cause of life satisfaction, what is responsible — spirituality, social contacts, or some other aspect of religion ?

Lim and his colleague, Harvard researcher Robert Putnam, tackled both questions with their study. In 2006, they contacted a nationally representative sample of 3,108 American adults via phone and asked them questions about their religious activities, beliefs and social networks. In 2007, they called the same group back and got 1,915 of them to answer the same batch of questions again.

The surveys showed that across all creeds, religious people were more satisfied than non-religious people. According to the data, about 28 percent of people who attended a religious service weekly were "extremely satisfied" with their lives, compared with 19.6 percent of people who never attended services.

But the satisfaction couldn't be attributed to factors like individual prayer, strength of belief, or subjective feelings of God's love or presence. Instead, satisfaction was tied to the number of close friends people said they had in their religious congregation. People with more than 10 friends in their congregation were almost twice as satisfied with life as people with no friends in their congregation.

Are church friends special? Importantly, Lim said, the study suggested a causal link between religion and life satisfaction: People who had started attending church more often between the 2006 and 2007 surveys became happier. Again, the happiness was explained entirely by a boost in close church friendships.

"We think it has something to do with the fact that you meet a group of close friends on a regular basis, together as a group, and participate in certain activities that are meaningful to the group," Lim said. "At the same time, they share a certain social identity, a sense of belonging to a moral faith community. The sense of belonging seems to be the key to the relationship between church attendance and life satisfaction."

While a higher number of secular close friendships were also associated with life satisfaction, church friendships seem to involve something that lifts satisfaction even more, Lim said. Additional research by Lim and Putnam, reported in the book "American Grace: How Religion Divides Us and Unites Us" (Simon & Schuster, 2010), has found the religious propensity toward charity and volunteerism to be connected with close church friendship, as well.

Theoretically, Lim said, belonging to a secular friend group that engages in meaningful activities and shares a social identity might also boost life satisfaction. The researchers plan to carry out a third round of surveys with the same group of participants in 2011 in which they hope to gather data on secular friendship groups.

NEWS FROM YOUR FUN TEAM AND MISSION TEAMS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Living Nativity, including some folks from other churches. It is evident from speaking with and observing those who visit the Nativity set to see and hear the Christmas story that they are both moved and blessed by it. **\$345.00** was donated by visitors, and ***Thrivent Financial*** provided **\$260.00** in matching funds, for a total of **\$605.00**, which was given to ***"Mercy Today Ministries"***.

"No child left behind" on the SOTH Giving Tree! Thank you to Linda Freed for her hard work and dedication to bring this wonderful service opportunity to SOTH. We were fortunate to have 25 local children to buy gifts for to help make their Christmas merrier. Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts.

The Mission Team will be meeting on Thursday, January 13th at 6:30 p.m. to plan for Ash Wednesday. As always, our focus during the season of Lent is world hunger. If you have a heart for mission outreach, please come and consider joining the Team. We do **NOT** meet every month.

AN UPDATE FROM ELCA WORLD HUNGER.....Most Americans enjoy three meals a day at a fraction of their total income. According to a recent report, the poorest fifth of households in the United States spend only 16 percent of their income on food. In Indonesia an average family spends 50 percent of their budget on food; in Nigeria, 73 percent. In many countries, these percentages are on the rise. The increasing cost of food and staples have forced many more people into hunger and poverty this year. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger help meet the increasing need. **PLEASE GIVE TODAY.** Make your check payable to "ELCA World Hunger." Place your gift in the offering plate, or mail it to: ELCA World Hunger.....P.O. Box 71764.....Chicago, Il. 60694
To give online with a credit card, please visit... www.elca.org/hungerdonate. For more information on how to remember ELCA World Hunger in your will or estate plan, please call 800-638-3522, ext. 2970



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY

NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION



Our Deepest Sympathy to Steve Hermanson and his family. Steve's dad Roy passed away in December. Please keep this family in your prayers.

January 1	George Scudella
January 2	Kala Coulson
January 3	Ione Duft
January 3	Sean Mikesell
January 4	Kathryn Strainer
January 4	Melissa Williams
January 5	Lee Valentine
January 5	Jane Ledoux
January 5	Jake Fox
January 6	Terri Tormohlen
January 6	Harper Evans
January 7	Chuck Hudson
January 8	Jean May
January 9	Amy Reppert
January 10	John-Henry Lassen
January 10	Roy Wattawa
January 10	Sharyl Andersen
January 11	Kristy McCarter
January 11	Diane Mann
January 12	Ben Jarvis
January 13	Jack Kenline
January 15	Abbey Mullican
January 15	Stephen Reeser
January 15	Cody Varner
January 17	Bev Huey
January 18	Milda Gade
January 18	Zach Clasby
January 19	Phillip Mikesell
January 20	Blaine Putzer
January 22	Cheryl Beckmann-Schenk
January 23	Sharlene Hiatt
January 24	Roger Thomas
January 26	Evelyn Hall
January 26	Eileen Heard
January 26	Sandi Allen
January 27	Mariah Lundquist
January 28	Savannah Salyer
January 31	Dorothy Young
January 31	Elaine Putzer



THANK YOU to the members of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church for the prayers, the phone calls, and the personal visits in regard to my surgery on November 1st. We are so grateful for your outpouring of love and concern. Sincerely, Ed and Ruth Kaelberer



Marcia and Shirley and Bobbie would like to thank everyone for all the heart felt expressions of kindness throughout the past year. Thank you also for your cards and gifts this past Christmas. We have a great place to work, with a fantastic boss, and wonderful people to work with. Thank you all so very much. May God Bless you and yours in 2011.



God Bless and Prosper all the dear ones who are sharing so kindly all the food and cash for Mercy Today Food Outreach Programs. We are deeply thankful. You are helping many people! Thank you, Sheilah Rollins, Mercy Today.



THANKS AGAIN, to all the nimble fingers that did crafts and made our sale such a big success, and of course all the shoppers! We were able to contribute \$481.50 towards the parking lot fund. God Bless You All!! Karen Barslou and the "Crafting for Christ Ministry



Joan and I would like to thank you for your cards, good wishes and gifts this Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. May the Lord abundantly bless you and your loved ones throughout the New Year. ~ PB&J



Which US President was president for the shortest amount of time?

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY!!!!

There comes a fullness of time when action becomes clear. In 1987 the Churchwide conventions of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA), the American Lutheran Church (ALC) along with the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (AELC) voted to merge becoming the functioning Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in 1988. This resulted in two small ELCA Lutheran churches with long histories in Canon City less than a mile apart. It became clear that the time had come to merge Trinity and St. Paul Lutheran to form a new Lutheran church. These two churches already shared many activities through the Lutheran Episcopal Inter-parish Council with joint vacation bible school and joint worship services. As with any major change there needs to be a catalyst and leadership. St. Paul and Trinity youth groups began functioning as one under the leadership of Sue Barnard and they kept the need to merge visible. A Merger Committee was formed to define the path to forming new Lutheran Church. This new Lutheran church would have one pastor and a joint call committee was formed. We must give much thanks to the Rev. Ed Frederick of St. Paul and the Rev. George Qually of Trinity for their leadership and commitment as they were working themselves out of their pastorals roles in Canon City. This new church would need facilities to accommodate twice the parishioners so a Facilities Committee was formed. A significant part of each church's facility was the pipe organ and a decision was need on how to make them one new organ. On April 8, 1990 the Merger Committee formally recommended to the Church Councils that Trinity Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church merge to form a new ELCA Lutheran church. On May 20, 1990 the churches, worshiping jointly, approved the merger resolution. On June 5, 1990 the Rev. Ronald E. Bock accepted the joint call that would lead the two churches to become one church and many years of work to make this new church a reality.

With the resolution to merge approved it was necessary to define a mission statement, develop a constitution, determine how to best use facilities in the short-term, develop a permanent building proposal, begin common worship, and celebrate charter day of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. On January 6, 1991 the charter that hangs in the narthex was formally signed signifying the beginning of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church of Canon City (SOTH) and the closing of Trinity Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church. Worship services were conducted at the former St. Paul building while offices were consolidated at the old Trinity building. The Facilities Committee evaluated options for a permanent building proposal including a completely new site/building and renovation/expansion of the old St. Paul or Trinity facilities. The decision was made to renovate and expand the old Trinity facilities.

A new church building was proposed with expansion and almost a total renovation of the old facility such that the only element of the old building would be the worship center that would become the new fellowship hall. Groundbreaking for the new church building was on June 12, 1994. The St. Paul facility was sold less the organ, which was moved into temporary storage. The last services in the St. Paul building were held on August 21, 1994. SOTH worship services were then held in the cramped quarters of the current fellowship hall and continued there while construction was underway. Church offices were now located in a construction trailer in the parking lot. On March 19, 1995 a service of entry was celebrated as we moved into the new worship center for Sunday services. Finally on September 10, 1995 a service of dedication was celebrated with Bishop Allan Bjornberg preaching. Music for the worship services was lead with the piano as combining the two pipe organs was a work in progress.

Music was important to both Trinity and St. Paul and each church had a pipe organ to support that part of their lives. Organ dedication ceremonies were held at Trinity, April 29, 1956 for a two-manual organ, with five ranks and 319 pipes built by Layton Organ Co. The organ was dedicated to the memory of Miss Hilda Kober a member of the first Trinity confirmation class and who served as organist for 35 years. The 2 manual, 11 stop organ at St. Paul had a longer history being originally built by the Carl Barckhoff Organ Co. circa 1895 for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Longmont. In 1942 St. Stephen's upgraded their organ and the old organ moved on to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Westminster. By the mid-70's the organ was in storage at the Layton Organ Co. in Florence and St. Paul contracted to have the organ installed in 1976. These two organs were merged, integrated, "married" to become one new organ for Shepherd of the Hills by Walter Wilson of Wilson & Associates. Some experts said that this was an impossible task as the St. Paul organ, built before electricity, was a "tracker" organ meaning that mechanical linkages from the keys and stops actuated the pipes. Trinity's organ was electro-pneumatic operating at a lower wind-chest pressure. Merging of these two organs was indeed successful becoming one brand new organ consisting of two

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manuals, 18 ranks and 1,032 pipes. The dedication service for the new Shepherd of the Hills pipe organ was September 8, 1996. Our new organ coming from the two old organs is symbolic of the overall merger of the two churches. Combining the two organs made one better organ. No one asks which pipes came from Trinity or St. Paul as it is one new organ. Our organ continues to evolve with a new (used) console and digital interface in 2004, addition of a trumpet stop, and eight general pistons duplicated with toe pistons to actuate stop couplers were added this year.

During the twenty years of Shepherd of the Hills two pastors, Rev. Ronald Bock and Rev. Robert Kippley, have served us. In between we experienced the interim pastoral roll of the joyful Rev. Roger Magnuson and a brief time with Rev. Paul Anderson. The following are reflections of their time with us from Pastors Bock and Kippley.

Reflections from Pastor Ron: God was about to do a new thing in Canon City, but I'm not sure anyone would have guessed just how new or how marvelous it would be. Not just the consolidation of two "older" congregations, forgetting their pasts, but the birth of a brand new people called Shepherd of the Hills within six months; a marriage formed out of the past for the future. Whatever it was that God was planning to do in us, we were going to do it *together*.

And it was amazing. At every step of the way, God opening doors that we never even knew were there. A new pastor who was naïve enough to believe this could happen. The people of two congregations who had so caught a vision that they'd do it. The youth of the congregations who, with a simple question asked of the bishop during a visit some time before, "So why *are* we separate congregations anyway?", prompting adults to begin to ask the same thing. All that work with the Merger Committee to put everything in place that needed to be in place (e.g. a constitution, a new name, what we were going to do with two buildings, how we were going to do it – and boy, was it a lot of work!) so that it could happen. The invitation for everyone – including visitors – to suggest names for the new church; and the look on Alma Mudd's (then, Alma Black's) face on that Sunday in October when we announced that one of the ones she had suggested (along with a few others) had won – and we started to call ourselves "Shepherd of the Hills" (ask me sometime why she suggested that name). The "miracle" of our organizational Sunday that January 6th of 1991 – when more people signed our charter than we had recorded as members of *both* congregations, and it began. One of those names on the charter perhaps the best example of all of what God was doing in us and what this new congregation was going to be about: when Caleb Richter signed it in his child-like scrawl. This was going to be a congregation where *everyone* was welcome because the Spirit that was leading us to become it was bigger than just the sum of our parts.

Twenty years later and the memories are still fresh; as is my gratitude. Thank you, Shepherd of the Hills, for letting me have been a part of it.

Reflections from Pastor Bob: Joan and I began ministry here at Shepherd of the Hills on March 1, 2003 and have almost completed our seventh year. It has been a joy to be your pastor and I look forward to our continued journey in faith together. During the Call process, someone mentioned that Shepherd of the Hills had gone through some challenging times and what they wanted more than anything else was to be loved. I had also been through some challenging times and wanted more than anything else to be loved. When we arrived, Joan and I observed lots of humor and affection and we knew we had a good match.

People born Lutheran can celebrate their faith within a loving community. People not born Lutheran have become members because they understand the centrality of the grace of Jesus Christ. People who desire to look beyond biblical fundamentalism find a vibrant faith compatible with science and our modern world. Word and Sacrament are central to our faith. The poor are ministered to. Youth and adults are engaged in faith formation and people use their gifts in many kinds of ministries. All are welcome regardless of age, class, color, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, single, married or partnered, separated or divorced, abled or disabled. For these and many other reasons, I am proud to be your pastor and a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. May God abundantly bless and guide us as we strive to live our lives from his Amazing Grace.

YOUTH NEWS!!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NEWS!!

Thanks to everyone who helped support our young people attend the Synod Youth Gathering. Shepherd of the Hills sent five young people and two adult sponsors to Estes Park. We were joined by 500 young people from Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado. We enjoyed powerful worship experiences, listened to excellent speakers, and made lots of new friends. If you were with us in church on December 5th you got to hear what a powerful and meaningful experience this was for our young people. We can be very proud of each and every one of our young people for the way they conducted themselves at the gathering.

The youth group met on December 12th and voted to go to Chicago for their 2011 Mission Trip. While in Chicago we will work with inner city congregations who reach out and serve those in need in their community. We will also be working with Habitat for Humanity in building a house. While in Chicago we will also visit ELCA Headquarters to learn more about the workings and ministries of our Church. Watch for more details in the upcoming months.

Looking Ahead: Our January activity will be attending the Colorado College Hockey Game: Friday, January 21st at 7:30. Bring a friend or two! Tickets are just \$10 and must be purchased by January 14th. Please see Rick Danforth for more details or to purchase your tickets. In February we will be making our annual trip to the slopes for a fun filled day of skiing.

Rick Danforth-Director



THE HIGHSCHOOL YOUTH GROUP would like to thank "Chef" John Kelley for the Biscuits and Gravy Fundraiser Breakfast held in December. \$385.10 was raised for their Mission Trip in Chicago this year. Thanks to all who enjoyed this delicious breakfast with us.



JANUARY YOUTH EVENT:
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21ST
COLORADO COLLEGE
HOCKEY GAME-7:30pm
COST \$10.



Pancake Breakfast
NEXT MISSION TRIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST,
JANUARY 9TH 10:00AM
PANCAKES, SAUSAGE AND EGGS!!



6th, 7th, and 8th grade CONFIRMATION CLASS will begin meeting again starting Sunday January 9th at 10:15am

ON January 9th SUNDAY School classes will be in session again. The Pre-K through 5th grade will meet during the 9am Worship Service. The Middle School and High School youth will meet at 10:15am. Share the love of Jesus, come—and bring a friend!



YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS PAGE!



We face a new and untried year,
Whose paths we do not know;
Into those near, uncharted ways,
Each one of us must go.

The brave, with faith, shall enter in
Where cowards trembling go;
And they shall gladly greet the year,
Whose paths we do not know.

For God, our stay in years gone by,
Will lead the strong of heart;
And they will thrill when the old year
goes,
And when the new days start.

O. Ray Burgess

Hi Pastor,

Made it here to my mom's Tuesday a.m. rather than Monday due to some bad fog and rain. Unpacked and getting settled for now (as much as we can at this point.)

The weather here has been a bit colder than normal, but no snow. Today was beautiful.

Miss all of you already! Prayers personally offered today remembered our Colorado church family. You are all loved.

Take care and please pass along our "hello"!

Cheryl and Tony Adam
18459 Wildwood Ave.
Lansing, Il. 60438



Your New Thrivent Officers are:

President: Rick Romano

Vice President: Etta Williams

Treasurer: Gini Woltemath

Secretary: Marty Waite

Chapter Congregation Advocate: Cindy Robinson
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Congregation

Advocate: Adele Vickers

St. John's Lutheran Congregation Advocate: Vicky Riddle

Hope Lutheran Congregation Advocate: Pam Holmberg



**MIDDLE SCHOOL
YOUTH GATHERING:
JANUARY 14-16, 2010**

The Middle/Jr. High

School Youth Gathering will once again take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs, January 14-16, 2010.

More information on cost and registration as well as permission and covenant forms to download and review will be posted on the Rock Mountain Synod website.

INFORMATION AT....

rmselca.org/msvg

WISH LIST

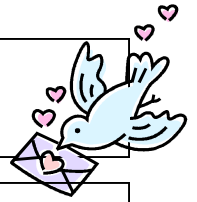
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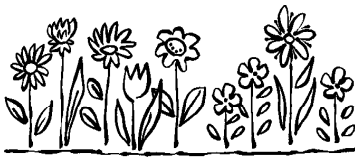
DON'T MISS THESE THINGS OF INTEREST!



New Offering Envelopes

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2011 Your 2011 offering envelopes are out on a table in the narthex. *In most cases, due to changes in membership, your assigned envelope numbers may be different each year.*

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.*



You're Invited!

EVERYONE'S INVITED TO THE ANNUAL MEETING ON JANUARY 30TH. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AFTER THE 9:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE.

THERE WILL BE NO 11:15am SERVICE THIS DAY
TEAM LEADERS...NEED TO GET THEIR REPORTS IN TO THE OFFICE.....NO LATER THAN JANUARY 14TH!!
(Earlier...would be very much appreciated.)

THE CRAFTING FOR CHRIST MINISTRY.....Has been changed in January to the **SECOND** and **FOURTH** Wednesdays. For more information you can contact Karen Barslou.



A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped in making our 2010 Christmas celebrations wonderful. The Living Nativity, the Children's Christmas Program, Pastor Bob, the Services, the Choir, the Advent families, the Scripture Readers, the Winter Decorations in the Sanctuary, the Christmas Tree, thank you anyone and everyone who helped in any way. It was beautiful.



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

The VITA people are getting their training and instructions this month...January...and will begin preparing tax returns on February 2nd at 9am. They will continue 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 at SOTH.



TO ALL OF THE leaders, shepherds, Sunday School youth and all others that helped with the "darwkacB" Christmas Pageant" the 19th of December. Because of you we were able to tell the Christmas story to our congregation. Your help and support are sincerely appreciated. Thank you again.
Tonya Fisher, Sunday School Superintendent

POETRY PAGE + + + PLUS + + +

PASSION FOR KNITTING.....

It is a perfect pastime for us girls,
 With yarn and needles you knit and purl.
 And knitting isn't so very hard,
 Just knit the pattern from a graphic card.

The pattern might call for cable stitch—
 Just hold 3 stitches and then you switch.
 You pray you'll get the pattern right,
 And the number of stitches comes out right.

Now I will tell you about my position,
 Knitting can become a bad addiction!
 And going past a nice yarn store,
 Makes you purchase more and more.

I have a passion for pretty yarn,
 And complex patterns I try to learn.
 I've knit in stockinette and garter,
 Done cables, popcorn and many others.

My mind is in a constant whirl,
 I am obsessed by knit and purl.
 Needles fly furiously down the line,
 "Don't bother me, I haven't time!"

I cannot lay this work aside,
 Heaven knows how I have tried!
 And when this garment comes to its end,
 I may unravel it and knit it again!

A Tiny Poem by
 Tiny Striegel
 October 29, 2006



A Quote To Contemplate...

Each dawn holds a new hope for a new plan, making the start of each day the start of a new life.

Gina Blair

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!!

Wed. Jan 5— 5:30pm Shepherd of the Hills Epiphany and 20th Anniversary Celebration. Fundraiser supper provided by **Floresa Lundquist** and her crew! If you attended this meal last year, you will remember how **DELICIOUS** it was!!

50% of the proceeds will go to our Parking Lot fund, and 50% will go for softball scholarships.

7:00pm Epiphany Service



O.W.L.s will meet on Wednesday, January 19th 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!



SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE JANUARY 23, 2011

Sunday January 23rd has been set aside as National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. This year marks the 38th Anniversary of Roe Vs. Wade. Since the legalization of abortion more than 45 million babies have been aborted in the United States. The Canon City Pregnancy Center is dedicated to educating and supporting those in unplanned pregnancies and situations. Last year the CCPC ministered to over 1600 clients who needed a helping hand.



The **“Change for Change”** baby bottle campaign is used to support our Mom’s fund. All money is used to help women and families who need assistance.

When you insert a check or fill this bottle with cash or coins, you are helping to provide the funds needed to encourage a healthy “change” in a client’s life. Also, if you currently support the center or you would like to join us in partnership on a monthly basis, there are “Blessing” coupon books by the bottle display to assist you in your monthly giving. All gifts are tax-deductible.

Thank you for supporting the Canon City Pregnancy Center’s “Change for Change” Mom’s fund!

Please bring your baby bottle back to the church office or to the Pregnancy Center at 508 Greenwood Ave.

275-7074

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NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Update-as you know a sampling of our congregation took a survey to assess our strengths on December 19. The surveys have been sent to the Synod office for compilation and we should receive the results soon. Once we get the results the NCD team will meet again with Jim Hytjan from the Synod office and discuss our next steps. We anticipate sharing this information with all of you sometime in January. Thanks for all the interest that has been shown up to now. Linda, Roger, Ben, Gini, Cindy and Pastor Bob--**the NCD team**

A Nativity Scene was erected in a church yard. During the night the folks came across this scene....An abandoned dog was looking for a comfortable, protected place to sleep. He chose baby Jesus as his comfort. No one had the heart to send him away, so he was there all night

We should all have the good sense of this dog and curl up in the lap of Jesus from time to time.

And the dog breed is? You guessed it.....**A “Shepherd!”**



The US President who was in office for the shortest amount of time was.....
HENRY HARRISON. He died on his 31st day in office.

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! CANNED FRUIT, PEANUT BUTTER** 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.** 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 August 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.

Operating Income & Expense.

Our gifts, signs of God's gracious love.

Year to date-Pledge Income: \$184,829.28

Year to date-Budget : \$ 199,833.37

Difference: \$ (15,004.09)

REAL NEWSPAPER HEADLINES




**HOSPITALS ARE SUED BY
7 FOOT DOCTORS!**

(Boy, are they tall!!)



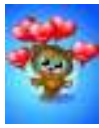
Notary: If you need something notarized see Marcia. If possible, give Marcia a days notice.

**Tuesday - Friday from
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**



Our NOVEMBER 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!!

Hazel Adolf
Helen Dalzell
Bill and Lana Whitacre
Marv and DeDe Waldmann
Steve and Shirley Stephens
Darlene Remstad
Bobbie Anderson



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**Flower of the month is the Carnation
It represents pride, beauty, admiration
and gratitude**

MAY IT BE A SWEET  NEW YEAR