

# Shepherd's Voice

Worshiping + Educating + Shepherding + Reaching Out

... in the Love and Mercy of Jesus...

## Wow! That Was Fast!

Where did the summer go? School has begun and it seems to me only a few days ago it was June 1. I hope you and your loved ones had an opportunity to take some time for rest. Jodie and I enjoyed our summer vacation visiting our kids and extended family. And yes...I caught a fish or two.

### Shepherd's Pictorial Directory

Not long ago our new congregational directories were distributed. However, Life Touch is sending out a photographer on September 14 to take pictures of folks who didn't get their pictures in the first edition. If you would like to have your picture included in the second edition, please call the church office at 303-798-0711. You will be told how to make an appointment for September 14. The more pictures in the directory the better and more useful it will be as we celebrate and continue our *Life Together*.

### Breakfast with Baby

Perhaps you have heard about this new and exciting community outreach being organized for a start date of November 10. Shepherd will invite our community's parents and their babies to come once a month for breakfast and to take advantage of receiving clothing and diapers. We know there are families who struggle to make ends meet who need our friendship and resources to care for their kids. Elder Rob Johnson is heading up this effort and has assembled a wonderful group of leaders to plan these monthly events. If you would like to get involved with cooking or donating diapers, wipes and clothing, please let Rob know or bring your donated gifts to the office at Shepherd. Breakfast with Baby is an awesome example of *Witness and Mercy!*

### Emily Schatz Is Shepherd's New Director of Christian Education

Not long ago the Lord led Emily Schatz to accept His call to serve as our new DCE at Shepherd. Originally from St. Louis, Emily comes to us from Seattle where she began her service in the Lord's Church. Emily will be working mainly with the youth of our congregation and especially our high school kids in SHYP, but you will see her serving in other aspects of Family Ministry such as FACES, Confirmation instruction, and our Young

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September Calendar of Events						
Sun, Aug 26	8:00 am Traditional Worship-HC 9:15 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 am Contemporary Worship Traditional Worship-HC 1:00 pm Family Tree Parenting 4:00 pm SHYP Underground <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>		Sun, Sept 9	8:00 am Traditional Worship-HC 9:15 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 am Contemporary Worship Traditional Worship-HC 1:00 pm Family Tree Parenting 4:00 pm Koinonia (SHYP & Xtreme) <b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Sun, Sept 23	8:00 am Traditional Worship-HC 9:15 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 am Contemporary Worship Traditional Worship-HC 1:00 pm Family Tree Parenting 4:00 pm SHYP Underground <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>
Mon, Aug 27	6:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm Church Council		Mon, Sept 10	8:00 am AHS Mom's Bible Study 6:00 pm AA Meeting	Mon, Sept 24	8:00 am AHS Mom's Bible Study 6:00 pm AA Meeting 7:00 pm Church Council
Tues, Aug 28			Tues, Sept 11	7:00 pm Men's Thunder Chorus 8:30 pm Men's Basketball	Tues, Sept 25	7:00 pm Men's Thunder Chorus 8:30 pm Men's Basketball
Wed, Aug 29	6:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast		Wed, Sept 12	6:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:40 am School Chapel 6:00 pm ABC Handbells 7:00 pm Shepherd's Chorale	Wed, Sept 26	6:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:40 am Faith Families 6:00 pm ABC Handbells 7:00 pm Shepherd's Chorale
Thurs, Aug 30	7:00 pm Women's Bible Study		Thurs, Sept 13	8:30 am HR Meeting 9:00 am Thursday AM Bible Study 10:30 am Active Seniors 10:30 am Women's AM Bible Study 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	Thurs, Sept 27	9:00 am Thursday AM Bible Study 10:30 am Women's AM Bible Study 7:00 pm Elders Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study
Fri, Aug 31			Fri, Sept 14	12:00 pm ECCDA Directors' Lunch 2-9:00 pm Pictorial Directory Retakes	Fri, Sept 28	
Sat, Sept 1	8:00 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Family Tree 10:00 am Christian Karate 5:00 pm Worship Service-HC		Sat, Sept 15	8:00 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Family Tree 8:30 am Mission Council 10:00 am Christian Karate 5:00 pm Worship Service-HC	Sat, Sept 29	8:00 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Family Tree 10:00 am Christian Karate 5:00 pm Worship Service-HC
Sun, Sept 2	8:00 am Traditional Service 9:15 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 am Contemporary Worship-HC Traditional Worship 1:00 pm Family Tree Parenting 4:00 pm SHYP Underground 5:00 pm Pastor Z Bible Study <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Labor Day Weekend</b>		Sun, Sept 16	8:00 am Traditional Service 9:15 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 am Contemporary Worship-HC Traditional Worship 1:00 pm Family Tree Parenting 4:00 pm SHYP Underground 5:00 pm Pastor Z Bible Study <b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Sun, Sept 30	8:00 am Traditional Service-HC 9:15 am Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Study 10:45 am Contemporary Worship-HC Traditional Worship-HC 1:00 pm Family Tree Parenting 4:00 pm SHYP Underground 5:00 pm Pastor Z Bible Study <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>
Mon, Sept 3	6:00 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm AA Study Group <b>Labor Day No School - Office Closed</b>		Mon, Sept 17	8:00 am AHS Mom's Bible Study 6:00 pm AA Meeting 6:00 pm School Board 7:30 pm AA Study Group <b>Voice Deadline</b>		
Tues, Sept 4	9:00 am Breakfast with Baby Work Day 7:00 pm Men's Thunder Chorus 8:30 pm Men's Basketball		Tues, Sept 18	7:00 pm Men's Thunder Chorus 8:30 pm Men's Basketball		
Wed, Sept 5	6:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:40 am School Chapel 6:00 pm ABC Handbells 7:00 pm Shepherd's Chorale		Wed, Sept 19	6:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:40 am School Chapel 6:00 pm ABC Handbells 6:00 pm FACES Night Out 7:00 pm Shepherd's Chorale		
Thurs, Sept 6	9:00 am Thursday AM Bible Study 10:30 am Women's AM Bible Study 6:30 pm Back-to-School Night 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study		Thurs, Sept 20	9:00 am Thursday AM Bible Study 10:30 am Women's AM Bible Study 7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study		
Fri, Sept 7	6:30 pm Friday Fuel Slime Time		Fri, Sept 21			
Sat, Sept 8	8:00 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Family Tree 10:00 am Christian Karate 5:00 pm Worship Service		Sat, Sept 22	8:00 am Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Family Tree 10:00 am Christian Karate 5:00 pm Worship Service		

# Member News

## Plan to Attend the SOAR Gathering

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual SOAR Gathering for active adults will be held September 24 - 25 (Monday and Tuesday) at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lakewood. The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. He is also an interim speaker on The Lutheran Hour. The theme of his presentations on Monday and Tuesday is: "The Way Forward in Our Challenging Times." Details regarding other speakers, fees and a schedule can be found on the Rocky Mountain District website or by calling **Bob Mohling (303-499-2333)** or **Herm Heine (303-993-2091)**. Registration packets were mailed to individuals who have recently attended one of our seminars or gatherings.



## Sanctuary Crosses

We thank God for the gifts of the many crosses which grace our sanctuary walls. These crosses come from all over the world! Some are in memory of a person or event; others are from travels or are made especially for our cross walls.



If you have a cross you would like to donate, bring the cross to Gail Black in the church office, with an explanation of where it came from (and, if you wish, why you are giving it). This can also be done anonymously, if you prefer! The VOICE will feature one of the crosses we've received. We are also putting together a booklet with pictures and descriptions.

Can you guess which of the sanctuary wall crosses are described below?

Intricate fleur-de-lis/floral patterned cross  
~ Gary and Judy Hillman

The Hillmans write: "This cross was made by Eldor Rose. Mr. Rose is retired from building houses and was a master cabinet maker. He did many projects for the parents of Gary Hillman. It was given to Gary and Judy Hillman by Dick and Helen Gould of Fairmont, Minnesota, for the wall of crosses at Shepherd of the Hills."

## New Addresses

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## Transfers

Nate and Molly Poppe,  
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## New Members

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Kylie Stoltenow  
To Eden Prairie, MN

## Shepherd Rolls Out New Ministry to Serve Community

Breakfast with Baby Today is a new ministry of Shepherd of the Hills. Beginning Saturday, November 10, this will be a monthly event to our community families. Collection boxes for winter clothing (newborn to 4T) are available in the gym and the room adjacent to the narthex. Diapers will be collected in the Great Hall at the Diaper Station. Questions about how you can help? Contact **Liesbeth Osa, [liesbeth.osa@gmail.com](mailto:liesbeth.osa@gmail.com)**.



## September Anniversaries

- 1 Charley and Mary Powers
- 5 John and Tonya Hart
- 5 David and Angela Renner
- 8 Neil and Florence Wobschall
- 8 Jeremy and Kimberly Carnahan
- 9 Eric and Cynthia Schallennmuller
- 11 Jim and Nancy Lee
- 11 Lyle and Delores Schmeling
- 12 Gary and Karida Stephenson
- 18 Chris and Tina Skirde
- 25 Tad and Carol Deering
- 28 Michael and Nicole Spiers
- 29 Paul and Nancy Mueller
- 30 Jack and Sue Lipski



# Member News

## Bible Lessons for the Month

### September 2 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Labor Day Weekend

*Lessons:* Psalm 119:129-136; Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9;  
Ephesians 6:10-20; Mark 7:14-23

### September 9 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Lessons:* Psalm 146; Isaiah 35:4-7a;  
James 2:1-10, 14-18; Mark 7:24-37

### September 16 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Lessons:* Psalm 116:1-9; Isaiah 50:4-10;  
James 3:1-12; Mark 9:14-29

### September 23 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Lessons:* Psalm 54; Jeremiah 11:18-20;  
James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37

### September 30 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

*Lessons:* Psalm 104:27-35; Numbers 11:4-6,  
10-16, 24-29;  
James 5:1-20; Mark 9:38-50



## Greeter Schedule for the Month

### September 2 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Labor Day Weekend

8 am – Dennis & Anita Plohocky; Rick & Audrey Monson  
10:45 Trad – Joyce Buckley; Bill & Sandy Griffis  
10:45 Cont -- Carolyn Helstrom; Noma Reiser

### September 9 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

8 am – Russ & Pam Robbins; Doris Robohm  
10:45 Trad – Gary & Judy Hillman; Ron & Carol Manuello  
10:45 Cont -- Gary & Jane Schwankl; Donna Buehner

### September 16 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

8 am – Kris & Deb Saline; Emily Schuchman  
10:45 Trad – Ron & Julee Orrell; Ken Schlichtemeier  
10:45 Cont – Mary Backhus; Donna Buehner

### September 23 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

8 am – Ron & Barb Schuchman; Dave & D'Wayn Stone  
10:45 Trad – Rod & Jenny Sweeney;  
Mark & Kay Bremmer  
10:45 Cont – Carolyn Helstrom; Donna Buehner

### September 30 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

8 am – John & Naomi Will; Neil & Florence Wobschall  
10:45 Trad – Harley & Deb Britton; Joyce Buckley  
10:45 Cont – Jim & Debbie Mulford; Donna Buehner

# Member News / Mission and Ministries

## Missionary Update – August 2018

**Pastor Tim and Beth Heiney:** The Heineys have been on the go the last few months traveling to various countries, and Pastor Tim taught for two weeks at a seminary. (Their travel schedule is not published for safety reasons.) Their son from Colorado, Jonathan, joined them for a few weeks in June. The Heineys will be in the United States later this year and will be at Shepherd on November 11. Continue to pray for them, for their safety, and for the people they serve, that the Holy Spirit will break down the strongholds that are keeping people from Jesus.

**Rev. Dr. George Naeem - Throughout the World:** Pastor Naeem's ministry through the Holy Spirit has realized several converts recently, including an Inman, an Inman's daughter and three men who were converted through the internet seminary and came to the USA to be baptized and trained to be missionaries to Muslims in their country. Please pray for all converts that their love of Jesus will shine through to those around them. Pastor also writes that 20 Indian Churches were destroyed in one day. *"Terrorists attacked and destroyed 20 churches at one time, killed recently converted Christians, arresting about 200 missionaries (some of them belong to BOLM) burning hundreds of Bibles and planning to eradicate 1000 churches in India and kill all the missionaries and pastors. Pray!"*

**Iantha Scheiwe – Hong Kong:** Iantha writes that the Concordia Mission Institute, a joint initiative of Mission of Christ Network and Lutheran Bible Translators program, was successful. One hundred forty-seven people, including the youth, participated in CMI. Iantha's role in MCN and LBT is *"to continue to think of how we can encourage our Christian brothers and sisters in their vocation as missionaries."* Iantha also supported an English language Vacation Bible School in Hong Kong by leading the Bible story station. *"The Lutheran Church-Hong Kong Synod reached approximately 2000 children during the month of July through a variety of ministries with the support of awesome volunteer missionaries from the US, especially Iowa and Nebraska."* Eliada returns to Saint Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, Missouri, for her junior year of school. Iantha will travel with her to get her settled.

**Dr. Wilhelm Weber - Germany:** Dr. Weber and his wife Angelika are getting settled in Germany. Unfortunately,

she has recovered. Dr. Weber is waiting for his working and residential permits. Visitors come from around the world to Wittenberg and have an opportunity to worship at the altar of the Old Latin School. The Webers request prayers to *"open doors for the Gospel in Wittenberg and around the world and for faithful witnesses of God's Word and Luther's teaching; that the Old Latin School will be a flourishing landmark in world Lutheranism and for us as we continue to prepare for our new calling in Wittenberg; and a speedy issue of Dr. Weber's work and residential permits, so that he will be able to welcome everyone from across the world."*

**PRAY** for all missionaries, that the Holy Spirit will open the hearts of the peoples throughout the world to know and hear the love of Jesus and the path to eternal life. Also pray for the health and safety of all missionaries and their families.

### ~MISSIONS/Missionary Support Ministry

***All missionaries must raise their own living expenses. The funds are received from churches and individual donors. You or your small group may, at any time, may give to a specific missionary by marking their name on "Other" on your Shepherd offering envelope. Consider individually or as a group adopting one of these missionaries. More information on the missionaries can be found on the church website, or contact Maynard Buck, Mission Ministry Leader.***

### Help Us Update Our New Photo Directory

We recently published a new photo directory for our members. We discovered that many of the email addresses and phone numbers in our records were outdated (wrong). Please contact the office at **303-798-0711** and let us know your current contact information.

On September 14, we will have Lifetouch photographers here to photograph families who missed the directory last Fall. We will have updated directories published, giving us the opportunity to include updated information! Please help us ensure its accuracy.

# Mission and Ministries

## Ministry Opportunities

**Priscilla Circle** serves meals for families after funerals and assists with on-campus wedding meals. If you are interested in being part of this circle as a helper or to bring food for these occasions, please contact **Marge Duffy** at **303-798-3343** or [mlduffy2@msn.com](mailto:mlduffy2@msn.com).

### Loving Meals Ministry

When someone in our Shepherd family has surgery or becomes ill, help with preparing meals may be needed. If you or someone you know could use this kind of help of small meals on a short-term basis, please contact the church office at **303-798-0711** and you will be contacted by one of our meal coordinators.

### Contemporary Service Altar Setup/Cleanup Team

This setup/cleanup team takes turns preparing the altar for the Contemporary services by filling candles and setting out the altar ware on Sunday mornings. After the service, things get put away. It doesn't take much time and there are no meetings to attend. To be a part of this team, please contact either **Ruth Borchers** at [normid2@msn.com](mailto:normid2@msn.com) or **Steve Berscheid** at [berscheid@comcast.net](mailto:berscheid@comcast.net).

The women of **Ruth/Altar Circle** prepare the chancel area in the Sanctuary for the traditional services. Communion preparations, changing paraments, filling candles with oil and vacuuming are just a few of the duties performed before services. On Communion Sundays, there is cleanup after the services. We get together for a short meeting and enjoy fellowship and devotion the third Tuesday of each month, September through May. We're always looking for women to help with preparations and Communion cleanup. The work is shared among our members so it isn't a big commitment of time. Even if you don't want to come to the meetings, please consider assisting with Communion cleanup after the services. Contact **Carmen Smith** at **303-770-3722** or **Ruth Borchers** at [normid2@msn.com](mailto:normid2@msn.com).

### Used Eyeglasses

In 2018, 38 pair of eyeglasses have been collected. The eyeglasses have been delivered to the Lions Club and will be distributed to those in need throughout the world. Since 2010, we have donated 1188 pair of eyeglasses! A few hearing aids have also been collected and given to the Sertoma organization. Your contributions are a blessing to many! Thank you for your donations!

## Receptivity to Care

Most people are much more open to giving care than to receiving it. When a person is giving care, he or she is in a position of strength, stability, and authority. When a person is receiving care, he or she is acknowledging weakness, insecurity, and vulnerability.



As a result, countless people today, though they really could benefit from a Christian friend who would listen and care for them, instead tough it out on their own. They remain the strong, silent type, or wear a smile across a face that is holding a flood of tears. Society encourages this (particularly for men). To ask for help is to admit weakness. To show weakness is to admit inferiority.

But God did not create us to be independent. We were created to be interdependent. God's Word is clear on this all the way back to Genesis: "It is not good for this man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him" (Genesis 2:18). The New Testament underscores this theme with more than 50 verses that contain the words "one another." These verses include admonitions such as "love one another," "encourage one another," "build up one another," and "pray for one another."

What these verses don't say is that we alone are to love, encourage, build up, and pray for other people. The "one another" wording gives them a reciprocal meaning. It also tells us that we are to allow other people to love, encourage, build up, and pray for us!

If you find yourself now or in the future facing difficulties in life, don't succumb to society's norm of remaining strong and suffering alone. Talk to one of our Stephen Leaders, **Ron Manuello (303-979-7776)** or **Gary Stephenson (303-858-1973)** for Christian support during difficult times in your life.

*"Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.  
GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY."*

# Pastor's Letter Continued

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Married's group. Please take a moment to greet Emily and her husband, Philip, as they make their new home in Denver and serve with us in our *Witness, Mercy and Life Together*.

## Have You Joined A Bible Study?

Did you know Shepherd has Bible study opportunities six days a week? You are invited to join us in the study of God's Word at any of our studies! Please feel free to invite friends to come as we open the Scripture and take a closer look at God's plan of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. A list of Bible study opportunities can be found each Sunday in the announcements in the worship folders.

## Guests and Visitors

Did you know that each Tuesday morning I get a printed list of the guests and visitors who came to church the previous Sunday? Well, I do. Every week it's our joy and privilege to have guests who join with us for worship. I make every effort to contact our visitors by Wednesday evening and welcome them to Shepherd. A big challenge is getting contact information so I can make such a call. It would be really helpful if you would encourage people who visit Shepherd to fill out the form in the visitors booklet found in the pews and emphasize the importance of giving us their contact information in the form of a telephone number or email address. Over and over again I hear from our visitors how grateful they are for the warm greetings they received when they came to Shepherd. Keep up the great work and encourage them to leave their contact information.

## New Teachers at Shepherd of the Hills

After two retirements, another teacher taking a call to become a school principal, and two teachers moving on to new opportunities, our school community is glad to welcome new teachers and staff. Nikki Barton has returned to teach Kindergarten, and we are happy to have her back. Lisa Ragan is our new 1st Grade teacher who has come to us after spending her career in the public school system. Emma Roberts continues her service in the 2nd Grade while Elisha Heck moves to 3rd Grade. Destiny Barerras and Lori and Darren Hansen, along with Principal Lisa Jennings, round out our faculty. Bethany Barnthson is our new Librarian and will help lead our reading program. Please welcome Nikki, Bethany, Lisa, Destiny, Lori and Darren and the rest of our staff as they partner with and share the love of Jesus with the kids in our school.

## Thanks for the Celebration of My 30th Year of Ordination

Thank you all for the observance and celebration of my 30th year of Pastoral Ministry! The cards, letters, and gifts were awesome, and your words of greeting and encouragement are very meaningful as I reflect on the past 30 years and the honor it has been to serve in the Lord's Church. I have loved serving the three congregations (actually, four, as I served in a dual parish) and have been richly blessed by each of them. I'm thankful to be your pastor and I pray God to bless us as we continue to grow in our *Witness, Mercy and Life Together*. Again, thank you for your love and support.

## Final Thoughts

***And we know that in all things God works for the good of all who have been called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28.*** ~ Think for a moment about what God's purpose is for our lives and those of our neighbors wherever they are to be found. What did you come up with? Many authors have written about the need to find purpose in one's life, usually accompanied by a structure or routine that keeps them on track. However, when God's Word speaks about His purpose in our lives and the things He has worked for *the good*, He's not talking about just organizational structures and self-help strategies. He's talking about that which conforms us to the likeness of Jesus. He's talking about the power of the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins, which God has presented to us through the Holy Spirit and by which He declares us to be His beloved children. As we reflect on our Baptism where God brought us to faith, when we hear God's Word by which God teaches us, and when we feed on His Son's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, we are continually being conformed to the likeness of Jesus. This is *the good* God has worked for us who have been called according to His purpose through Jesus! Truly we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our response to *the good* God has worked in us, His faithful children, gives us purpose! It is to remain in steadfast faith to Him and in fervent love for one another. A life of worship where we return thanks to God for all He has done for us. A life of purpose to love our neighbors. Blessings as we continue in our purpose of *Witness, Mercy, and Life Together!*

*Dr. Brad Stoltenow*

## Letter from the Principal

It is hard to believe that another new school year has arrived! We have SO many exciting things happening here at Shepherd with new curriculum, new teachers, new experiences and new students! Our theme, "Children of God Arise and Build," (Nehemiah 2:20) is setting the foundation for us as we build Shepherd of the Hills Christian School to be the best it has ever been, bringing all the glory to the Lord.

Thank you for joining us all in praying for this school year, for our teachers, and for the students and families whose lives we touch every day.

*Lisa Jennings*

Principal



### God Is Blessing Shepherd Again!

We are so pleased to announce that Mrs. Emily Schatz has accepted the Call to join Shepherd as our new DCE (Director of Christian Education), and Mr. Darren Hansen and Mrs. Lori Hansen have accepted the Calls to teach in our middle school!

Emily and her husband, Philip, come to us from Epiphany Lutheran in Kenmore, WA. Emily is a graduate of Concordia, River Forest.

Darren and Lori each bring over 26 years teaching experience in both high school and middle school settings. Darren and Lori come to us from North Valley Christian Academy in Phoenix, AZ. Both Darren and Lori are Concordia, Seward, graduates. We have been praying for experienced teachers who can contribute to academic excellence and be builders of relationship. These two are a perfect fit!

## Youth Group Notes

Shepherd of the Hills' **Spiritual Formation Plan** encompasses your child's spiritual formation from the womb all the way to when they leave the nest after high school. It is age appropriate and designed to assist your children to mature as Lutheran Christians so they may take a joyful stand for Christ in our dark world. For more information about any youth group activities or Christian education for youth, please contact Pastor Greg Zillinger, [gzillinger@sothfamily.org](mailto:gzillinger@sothfamily.org), Emily Schatz, [eschatz@sothfamily.org](mailto:eschatz@sothfamily.org) or Jodie Stoltenow, [jstoltenow@sothfamily.org](mailto:jstoltenow@sothfamily.org). You can find specific information, upcoming events and the yearly calendar online at <http://shepherdhills-church.org> under the Upcoming Events page.

**Xtreme - Middle school (5-8 grades)** youth group meets for Bible Study on Sunday at 9:30 am. Xtreme also participates in Koinonia, a mentoring program with high school youth. This once-a-month event occurs on either Friday night or Sunday afternoon.

**SHYP - Shepherd of the Hills Young People (High School)** meets for Bible Study on Sunday at 9:30 am. SHYP also meets every Sunday at 2:30 pm.





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