

Shepherd of the Mountains



June Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00am Spoken Service with Holy Communion

9:00am Adult Study

10:00am Worship with Holy Communion

Sundays in June

June 3rd — 2nd Sunday of Pentecost

June 10th — 3rd Sunday of Pentecost

June 17th — 4th Sunday of Pentecost

June 24th — 5th Sunday of Pentecost



Rise Up and be Spirit Filled!

Dear Shepherd of the Mountains,

Even as we switch the paraments to green, the local rivers and streams swell with water, and within our building we are close to restoring our narthex water fountain, it seems appropriate to remember that the Spirit, too, in this time after Pentecost, continues to flow in and through our lives.

Of course, the Spirit doesn't always flow where I think it will. We hit a hiccup scheduling our volunteering with Hole Food Rescue—Sunday afternoons were taken! My hope is that they will be able to work us in as the summer progresses. Meanwhile, the Spirit flows where it is needed. Within our congregation, we've experienced several hospitalizations this spring and the loss of former member Dean Stayner in January. In the midst of the struggle and sadness, you have brought Christ's presence to each other – from the hugs and quiet conversations after a service and visits, to showing up in mass to Dean's celebration of life on Sunday, May 27th.

Where will the Spirit flow next? The water transforms our valley into a lush garden, and the green of "ordinary time" symbolizes growth. Perhaps in your own faith journey you will find that growth in study or fellowship – joining one of our education opportunities (the 7 am Men's Text Study on Tuesday's at the Virginian, the Sunday hour between services currently exploring Genesis and Exodus, volunteering for this year's Vacation Bible School, or reading "The Grace of Dogs" for the women's contemporary theology book group.) Perhaps you will find that growth through bearing fruit of service – in how you engage others in your daily work and play, or perhaps more explicitly volunteering at things like a Habitat build day. Where is the Spirit carrying you this June? Share your story with another parishioner on a Sunday so that the waters may abound even more.

God's peace,

Pastor Inger

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1:30pm to 4:00pm



Is the Spirit carrying us to the Holy Land?!

We have been invited to join another ELCA congregation on a 10 day Holy Land Tour March 19-28, 2019. Pastor Inger wants to get a sense of your interest before she commits herself. The total tour price is \$3,699 per person roundtrip from Los Angeles (\$2,999 plus \$700 government taxes/airline imposed international surcharges).

Price includes accommodations at First Class hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, comprehensive sightseeing with an experienced, knowledgeable guide, and all service charges and local taxes. A \$500 deposit secures your place.

For more information with complete details, please email Pastor Inger.

Spirit-filled...Spirit-flowing!

PRAYER

Hymn 807

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
 tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 call for songs of loudest praise.
 While the hope of endless glory
 fills my heart with joy and love,
 teach me ever to adore thee;
 may I still thy goodness prove.

*First verse of the hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
 text by Robert Robinson, 1735-1790.*

PASSAGE

Hymn 469

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

Verse 3

Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry,
 lost, bereaved, in our living and our dying, we
 become what we receive: Christ's own body,
 blessed and broken, cup overflowing, life
 outpoured, given as a living token of your world
 redeemed, restored.

**PSALM 36:5-9**

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep;
 you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

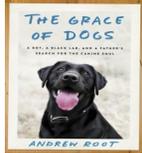
⁸They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Tuesdays: Men's text study 7:00am at the Virginian Restaurant.

Wednesdays: Roaming Coffee Hour will be announced each Sunday by Pastor Inger during June.

EVENTS IN JUNE AT THE CHURCH

- Sunday, June 3rd ▶  Blessing of the Graduates – On Sunday, June 3rd during the 8:00am Spoken Service, Ryan Welch will be recognized and wrapped in a blanket by his parents. On Sunday, May 27th during the 10:00am worship, Derek Nelson was recognized and wrapped in a blanket by his parents.
- Tuesday, June 5th & 19th ▶  Shepherds of the Cloth Quilting Club: Everyone is invited to join the Shepherds of the Cloth Quilting Club on Tuesday, June 5th and Tuesday, June 19th from 1:00pm to 3:30pm.
- Sunday, June 10th ▶  The Church Council meeting is Sunday, June 10th following the 10:00am worship service. Council: Holly Luense-President, William Shedd-Vice President, Colleen Thompson-Secretary, Carolyn Daily, Terry Di Mattio, Sherry Kinsella, Chris Moulder, Heidi Schmillen, David Svendsen and Jim Wells.
- June 13th & June 14th ▶  The **Jackson Community Blood Drive** is Wednesday, June 13th from 11:00am to 5:00pm and Thursday, June 14th from 7:30am to 11:30am. Donations are expedited if you have an appointment. Choose the time that works best for you at: www.bloodhero.com or call 1-800-365-4450 to make an appointment. Donating blood takes about an hour of your time, yet one pint of blood can save up to 3 lives. Please support this community event.
- Sunday, June 17th ▶  Happy Father's Day!
- Saturday, June 23rd ▶  **String Lake Picnic/Potluck** is scheduled for Saturday, June 23rd in the afternoon (time to be announced). Volunteers are needed to secure a picnic site earlier in the day. A sign up sheet is located on the table in the narthex.
- Thursday, June 28th ▶  **Holy Horizons:** Our women's group is picking back up reading contemporary theology. This month we will dive into Lutheran professor Andrew Root's "The Grace of Dogs." Pastor Inger will host the book discussion at the parsonage Thursday, June 28th at 6:30 pm. https://www.amazon.com/Grace-Dogs-Fathers-Search-Canine-ebook/dp/B01F2INOD4/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1527611148&sr=8-
- Monday thru Friday, June 25th-29th ▶  **Vacation Bible School: Shipwrecked—Rescued by Jesus: Monday thru Friday, 8:45am to Noon. Volunteers needed. Registration is open. Please come join the fun and see why we do what we do!**

Congratulations 2018 Graduates – Graduation is June 9th

Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements.



Derek Nelson

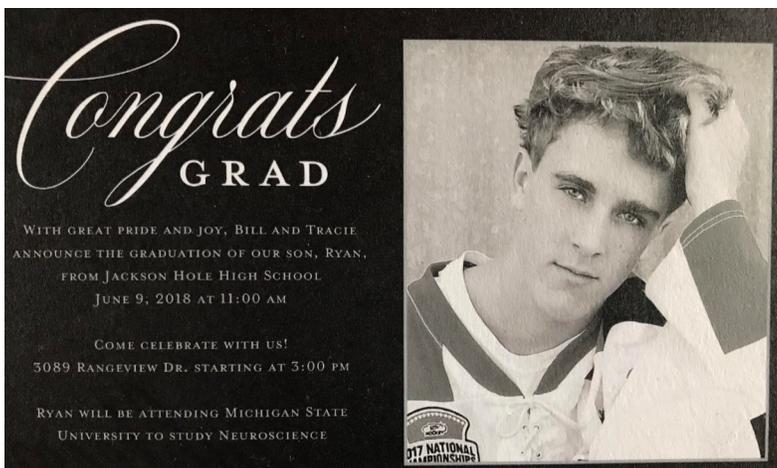
We give thanks especially for the learning and growth Derek and Ryan found during high school – in the classroom and outside it. For Derek it was on the basketball court and in the robotics lab. For Ryan it was on the ice playing hockey, the lacrosse field, Key Club and National Honor Society.

As they leave home to begin a new phase of life, may they know your love and experience your peace in all the experiences they encounter.



Ryan Welch

Bless also the parents of these students, Steve and Beth, and Bill and Tracie who have raised their sons and nurtured them in the Christian faith. We ask for many joyful reunions. Give them strength in your continued presence to navigate the longer distances and a new phase of parenting. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**



**We're invited to Ryan Welch's
Graduation Party!**

Saturday June 9th at 3:00pm

3089 Rangeview Drive

Hope to see you there!

CHURCH NEWS



Church news update from the Management Board:

Parsonage Roof – The 1st half of the deposit has been paid to the roofing contractor in the amount of \$6,953.00. The roofing contract is in the amount of \$13,906.00. Mike has contacted the roofing contractor and the shingles have been ordered. Once the shingles have arrived the roofing contractor will contact us with a start date.

If you would like to contribute to the Parsonage Roof Fund, please place your check in the offering noting Parsonage Roof on the memo line. In addition, a "Roof" donation box will be set-up for cash donations.

Church Water Fountain – A new water fountain has been purchased and is in Mitzi's office at the church awaiting installation.

Church Front Door Staining – Mike Eden has contacted Dan and Lars Schou about submitting a bid for the staining of the church front doors and the swing set equipment. We will keep you posted as to cost and timing.



Yard Clean Up – Thank you to the volunteers for their hard work in helping maintain the church grounds on Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th. The trees, shrubs and flower beds all look refreshed, renewed and reinvigorated.



Worship/Musicians – We are pleased to announce that Laura Wanek will be playing piano again this summer (May through the first 3 weeks of August). Welcome back Laura.

In addition, Pastor Inger's mother, Kristen Hanson, has agreed to play piano for us the 2nd half of August and most of September.

Other News



**God's work.
Our hands.**



Save the date! "God's work. Our hands." Sunday will be Sunday, September 9, 2018. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, caring confidence in God's grace.

You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2018.

This will be the first year that Shepherd of the Mountains will participate in this outreach opportunity. T-Shirts need to be ordered by August 14th. Ideas and suggestions for possible service activities are welcomed. If you are interested, please see the sign-up sheet located on the table in the narthex.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 25th

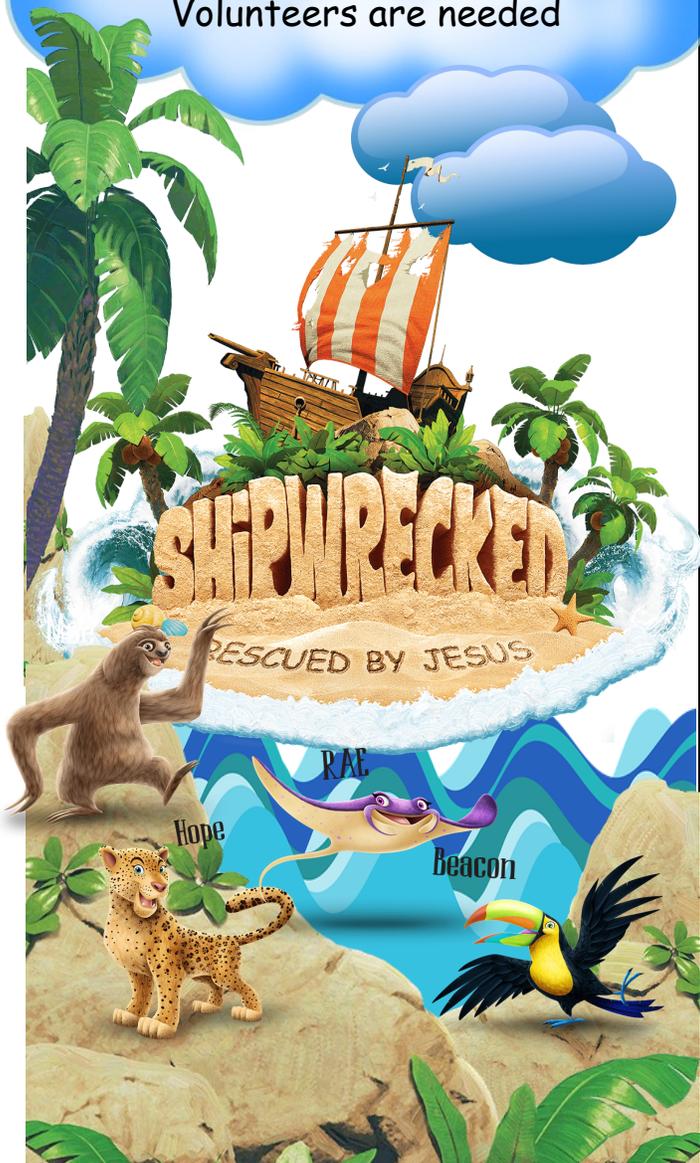
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Friday June 29th

8:45am to Noon

Registration is open

Volunteers are needed



Why we do it!



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2018

Council Members in Attendance: Holly Luense, Chris Moulder, Jim Wells, Terry Di Mattio, William Shedd, and Heidi Schmillen.

Council Members Absent: Sherry Kinsella, Colleen Thompson, Carolyn Daily and David Svendsen

Others Present: Christina Mizelle and Pastor Inger Hanson

Pastor's Report: Pastor Inger opened with prayer and encouraged the members to spend time introducing or reintroducing themselves. Highlights of Pastor's Report include: the Lutheran-Catholic Evening Prayer Service, Pastor Inger's Continuing Education and the Lenten Evening Service. Attendance was slightly lower on Sundays during Lent and Ash Wednesday, but the Lenten Wednesday service was up slightly.

Youth & Education: Progress was made on Sunday School (with Connie Swan leading the 9:00am class), Vacation Bible School and Confirmation scheduling. Alex Shedd and Sascha Mizelle began confirmation on March 4, 2018.

Adult Education: The Tuesday morning Men's Text Study is still going very well and attendance continues to be stable. Connie Swan is leading a Tuesday evening Bible study in the Book of Esther that will last several weeks. The study started in January and will end before Holy Week.

Other: John Daily is connecting with One22 to brainstorm ideas. Blood Drives continue to be very successful...thank you Jolene Moulder.

Robyn Lunsford has connected the Hole Food Rescue and ELCA World Hunger, which led to a \$2,500 grant from the ELCA to Hole Food Rescue.

Steve Swan has been updating our new website (shepherdofthemountainsjh.org) with current announcements, monthly newsletter and calendar.

Pastor Inger's vacation request was approved by Council for April.

Pastor Inger, Kari McCreedy and Meghan McCreedy will be representing SOTMCL at the Synod Assembly in April.

President's Report: The Council will wait to approve the Treasurer's Report and the discussion for April's Council meeting. The Special Meeting of the Congregation to approve the changes to the Constitution is Sunday, April 22nd. The Violence Against Women Statement was approved at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Management Board: Will be meeting to discuss maintenance, parsonage roof and front church door staining.

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 15th following the 10:00am service.

Pastor Inger closed the meeting in prayer.

Submitted by:
Colleen Thompson (using notes taken by Heidi Schmillen)

APRIL 15, 2018

Council Members in Attendance: Holly Luense, Chris Moulder, William Shedd, Terry Di Mattio, Jim Wells, Sherry Kinsella, Heidi Schmillen, David Svendsen and Colleen Thompson.

Council Members Absent: Carolyn Daily

Others Present: Christina Mizelle and Pastor Inger Hanson

Pastor's Report: Pastor Inger opened with prayer. Pastor Inger had more hospital / living center visitations this month. Pastor Inger continues to provide premarital counseling to outside couples. Laura Huckin will be taking the summer off to spend time with her family. Pastor is in search of a summer pianist/musician.

Fellowship: Thank you to the Fellowship committee for the coordination, set-up and clean-up for the Easter Brunch, as well as the Lenten Soup Suppers. In addition, we thank all the SOTMCL members that cooked, cleaned, and helped with all these events.

Youth & Education: Pastor Inger stated since Sunday School is coming to an end, our young students will be supported by the "Faith Fix" boxes, as well as the week long Vacation Bible School at the end of June. Confirmation continues to be on target, the Men's Text Study is going strong and Pastor plans on restarting the women's Holy Horizon book study in May.

Outreach: Outreach will be focused on partnering with Hole Food Rescue in connection with the ELCA World Hunger. Pastor's recommendation is to have council members trained with Hole Food and to volunteer on a Sunday each month at their facility.

Other: Steve Swan has offered to post the weekly sermons on the website.

Scott Daily signed the roof replacement contract at the annual meeting. Holly Luense will check with Mike Eden to get a status update.

Pastor Inger will be on vacation April 2nd through April 14th. Pastor Ben Nardi will be our supply pastor for April 8th and 29th.

Pastor Inger, Kari McCreedy and Meghan McCreedy will be representing SOTMCL at the Synod Assembly April 27th through April 30th.

President's Report: Holly will be calling the council members to schedule two of us each week (one each for 8am and 10am services) to make an announcement that we are maintaining financially but the general giving is down and would like the congregation to be informed.

Treasurer's Report: Christina will transfer money out of the parsonage roof fund into the general operating account to pay for the 1st half payment for the parsonage roof. Christina stated that she would take a look at our overall expenses and report on how we are doing. Sherry moved to approve the reports and Pastor Inger seconded. Motion approved.

Management: Jim Wells is still working on the crawl space issue. Order of importance for management is: parsonage roof, spring clean up, drain in crawl space, staining of front doors, and repair/replace water fountain.

Other: Sherry Kinsella and Kimberly Brandt will attend the Old Bill's Meeting on May 1st to reapply. Terry Di Mattio and Sherry were added to the Worship Board as liaisons. Sherry will head the Old Bill's Outreach.

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 6th following the 10:00am service.

Pastor Inger closed the meeting in prayer.

Submitted by: Colleen Thompson

April 2018			May 2018		
1st (Easter)	64	\$4,990.83*	6th	35	\$7,432.81*
8th	28	\$1,330.00	13th	34	\$1,808.00*
15th	45	\$2,028.86*	20th	33	\$1,446.29
22nd	38	\$1,537.17	27th	45	\$1,586.00
29th	28	\$ 272.00			
Total	203	\$8,130.00	Total	147	\$12,273.10
Note: Weekly budget needs: \$3,330.48			*Includes Simply Giving (1st & 15th) and one-time gift of \$3,000.00		

FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR TO DATE THROUGH APRIL 2018	
Receipts/income through 04-30-18	\$ 39,919.16
Disbursements/expenses through 04-30-18	\$ 55,919.96
Net deficit through 04-30-18	\$ (16,000.80)
2018 Budgeted Expenses	\$ 173,185.00

Worship Ministers for JUNE 2018

	JUNE 3 2nd Pentecost	JUNE 10 3rd Pentecost	JUNE 17 4th Pentecost	JUNE 24 5th Pentecost
	<i>Ps. Inger Hanson</i>	<i>Ps. Inger Hanson</i>	<i>Ps. Inger Hanson</i>	<i>Ps. Inger Hanson</i>
Liturgical Assistant	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Altar Minister	<i>Robyn Lunsford</i>	<i>Jo Schmillen</i>	<i>Rose Jeske</i>	<i>Sherry Kinsella</i>
Lector	<i>Terry Di Mattio</i>	<i>Carolyn Daily</i>	<i>Sherry Kinsella</i>	<i>Kimberly Brandt</i>
Greeter	<i>Holly Luense</i>	<i>William Shedd</i>	<i>Colleen Thompson</i>	<i>Heidi Schmillen</i>
Ushers	<i>Robyn Lunsford Kimberly Brandt</i>	<i>Mizelle Family</i>	<i>Jeske Family Nikki Thompson</i>	<i>Schmillen Family</i>
Counters	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Piano	<i>Laura Wanek</i>	<i>Laura Wanek</i>	TBA	<i>Laura Wanek</i>

Shepherd of the Mountains is a vital contributor to the Jackson Cupboard food bank each year. The donation basket is located next to the piano in the sanctuary. Please make a note to add an item or two to your shopping list to help those who struggle with food needs in our community.

Cereal † Flour † Sugar † Canned Meats † Soups
† Canned Vegetables & Fruit † Dry Goods

Altar Flower Fund: If you would like to donate to the Altar Flower Fund, please place your donation (marked "flowers"), in the offering plate. Sherry Kinsella is purchasing flowers and making the arrangements for special occasions.