

# Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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Sunday January 2

### *Second Sunday of Christmas*

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Holy Communion

Sunday January 9

### *First Sunday After Epiphany*

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Celebrate Service

Sunday January 16

### *Second Sunday After Epiphany*

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Holy Communion

### Annual Congregation Meeting

Sunday January 23

### *Third Sunday After Epiphany*

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Holy Communion

Sunday January 30

### *Fourth Sunday After Epiphany*

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Prayer & Healing



# Pastor's Page



Dear Friends,  
The Apostle John in his Gospel says, *“What has come into being in him (Jesus) was life, and the life was the light of all people.”*

This Christmas season we were reminded once again of God's love, reliving the nativity story, singing the Christmas carols, being there for one another. Once again I was able to realize that it is about *being*, being in Jesus and living in his light. But what does that mean? In 1 Peter we read, *“But your are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”* In Jesus we are given mercy and a gift of new life.

In Jesus we are God's Children empowered to proclaim his mighty acts. In past 6 months I have experienced many of these mighty acts. Through dynamic worship, joyful praises, in weekly Holy Communion, in the midst of genuine fellowship of adults and youth, through caring prayers, and merciful acts of social justice. There are many ways we can continue to proclaim the mighty acts of our Lord here at Shepherd of the Hills, and the best way to do it is through *being* in Jesus, through walking in his light, and through clinging to his promise of life. For we are God's people who have received his mercy. Let us all continue to share this mercy of God with people around us this upcoming year.

*Dear Lord, we thank you for our Shepherd of the Hills church family. We thank you for being our light and our life. Enable us this upcoming year to live in you witnessing about your mercy and love to all. Amen*

# Worship

## MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR SPECIAL MUSIC

Calling all musicians, soloist, duo's or groups. We are looking for people to perform special music during worship. Please contact Ardell Razor if you can help 425-333-6603.

## CHOIR

The choir meets on Thursday at 7:30 to 8:30 in the sanctuary. We will meet EVERY Thursday so we can contribute to the worship service on a more consistent basis this year. We are committed to sing during worship on the first and third Sundays of the month. During other weeks of the month, the second and fourth Sundays are available for Celebrate service and for handbell choir. We look forward to seeing choir members from past years as well as those who are interested in joining us for the first time. Feel free to come and try us out for a few weeks if you have not done so.

If you have questions, please contact me for more information. Jeff Jewell  
- (425) 868-1579.



## NURSERY

**Looking for Nursery Helpers** - Please see Terry Akre for available dates to serve. Need helper to sit from 9:00 - 10:00 am and another helper at 10:00 worship time. The kids are really fantastic and what a great way to meet them. :) Thank you

# Education

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to a Wednesday morning Bible Study led by Marlice Gilmore. Bible Study is held every 2nd Wednesday, 10:00 AM through 11:30 AM. The place is the first classroom in the fellowship hall.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

All children and parents of children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or older who have not had First Communion instruction should save **April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 – Noon**. You will receive a formal letter of invitation after the new year, but we simply wanted to alert you ahead of time so that the date could be held open on your family calendars. The First Communion service would be held on Maundy Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at 7:00pm.



# Youth Corner

## FUNDRAISING DISCOUNT CARDS NOW ON SALE !!

For just \$10 you can own your own discount card with a picture of our church on the front and incredible deals on the back! Dominos Pizza, Taco Bell, KFC, Papa Johns, Big O Tires, Emerald City Smoothie, Denny's, Cold Stone, Boehms, Golden Teriyaki, I Hop, Papa Murphy's and other vendors all offer discounts, upgrades, freebies, etc...Please see Karen Stillwell or any of the youth to purchase a card and if you work in the area and think your co-workers would like to buy a card, take some to work and just return the ones not sold. This is great opportunity not only to save money but to also reach out to our community! \$5 of each card sold goes into the youth fund.

## YOUTH & FAMILY TUBING NIGHT

Come join us and the folks from Mt. Si Lutheran Church for a night of tubing at Snoqualmie Pass on Jan. 29th. A section of the parking lot is reserved for tailgating and tubing for families, youth, anyone. You can arrive anytime after 5:30 with tubing starting at 6pm. Cost: \$18 (13+), \$16(6-12), \$5(0-5). If you have a seasons pass it's just \$5. Please contact Karen Stillwell if you plan on joining us for this fun event!



HOT MEALS this month will be served by the youth on Friday 1/28. Look for us to pass around the sign-up sheet on the 23rd for the opportunity to make a portion of the meal.

FEED YOUR FAITH is Sunday night, 1/2/2011. All middle and high schoolers are invited for a night of food, fellowship and fun beginning at 6pm at church. The fun lasts until 8:00. As per a request from the youth, we'll be traveling to Sub Way for the dinner portion of our evening, returning to church for the remainder of our night.

# Stewardship

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



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I want to thank you all for your participation in our stewardship program entitled “Make It Simple”. The theme for “Make It Simple” provided us the opportunities for study, reflection, and discussions about the choices we make in our daily lives in these times. I like this quote from our friend Richard Foster from his book *Celebration of Discipline*. “Simplicity sets us free to receive the provision of God as a gift that is not ours to keep, and that can be freely shared with others.”

We asked the congregation to step up on the giving chart and we took a very big step this year. I am glad to report a 22% increase in committed giving for 2011. The pledges for 2011 are \$191,360 compared to \$149,254 for 2010, which is a \$42,106 increase. We also increased the number of members that use the electronic offering program called “Simply Giving”.

Stewardship is not just about the financial blessing we receive, but also includes our time, talents and abilities.

We had a great response from the congregation in volunteering for the many needs and missions that SHLC has. God has abundantly blessed our congregation with gifted people who will share in his work with joy and enthusiasm.

Again, thank you for your participation in this successful stewardship program.

Jay Kutzke

# Ministry & Fellowship

## FOOD FOR THE POOR, INC.

Please join us the Sunday of January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 to hear The Rev. Dr. John F. Roth, D.Min. speak at our worship service about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Pastor Roth will share what he has witnessed about Food for the Poor’s mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. You can find more info about the ministry of Food the Poor at [www.foodforthe poor.org](http://www.foodforthe poor.org)

## Rev Bonio Bokun Update

Dear Great Friends at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church:

GREETINGS FROM BANZ, PNG.

I will be leaving Banz and out for Christmas work (I call it "Christmas circuit") next week Tuesday, December 21st. I will leave behind my family for circuit ministry which will take Christmas and into the 2nd day of New Year 2011. The schedule is that: the week before Christmas will be with the circuit. The Christmas night December 24th will be spend in a congregation administering Holy Communion. The next day Dec. 25th will walk to the other side of the mountain for baptism, marriage ceremony, confirmation ceremony, holy communion, and installation of the elders. This is the hectic day that will take me and 5 other pastors well into the afternoon. On the 26th will walk to another congregation and overnight. The week leading up to the new year will be Bible study and will focus on reconciliation between two tribes who were at war for the past decade. On Saturday, the last day of December, the district administrator, local level government officials, and the Lutheran Church officials will officiate at the Reconciliation Ceremony. This is also an hectic week for me. On the New Year's Day, I will celebrate holy communion with them. Monday, the 3rd January, I will return home. Well, this is PNG. There are not enough pastors. We have 800 pastors for a population of 2 Million Lutherans is not enough. Even, in our circuit alone, you will find 6 pastors in 14 parishes. This means that one pastor to 2 or even 3 parishes. Within a parish you will see that it has 3 or 4 congregations depending upon the population.

Christmas and New Year. My great friends in Christ. I thank you very much for your prayers and financial supports for me and the family throughout this year. Your thoughtful prayer and generosity has strengthen me to be in the ministry of Jesus Christ in this part of the world. The information I gave above about the schedule of Christmas would shed insight of how the ministry is carried out here in this part of the world. Sad to mention - I will not be at home with family for Christmas. I will leave family behind for Jesus work which is a burden but joyful in a sense to those whom I come across in their family lives and geographical situations. (Well, I left family behind and stayed 4 years in the U.S. to study). This year had its own "up's and down's" for my ministry and family. The drought in the middle of the year has had used up our budget to keep the college. Thank God that we had graduated 22 and it is a blessing to the church. My wife was sick with dysentery and you have helped with prayer and financial support which appreciated very much. God returns many blessings to you! We celebrate Christmas differently. The Christmas in your part of the world with snow falling adds color and beauty with family members together in union with fun, laughter, food, and worship. The joy of jingle bells rings in your home and church. The Christmas for me would be one of reconciling, strengthening Christian faith, and overseeing the work of the ELC-circuit. I am a ELC-Church institution pastor and not a circuit pastor. However, when one is called to serve the people of God on the other side of the mountain or river, I leave my work and family behind to take up the invitation. The decorated beauty of Christmas fills your home and church fills your souls as you as in union sing: JOY TO THE WORLD.

Thank you my great friends in Christ: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2011!

Rev. Bonio Bokun and family - Banz, PNG

## WOMEN IN MISSION

Please join the Women in Mission for a Bible study led by Andrea Oslikova. Because Global Health Ministries has changed their requirements, we are revisiting our mission with midwife kits. This Bible study will help us decide the direction we should go. All are invited to join us for this special meeting at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 25 in the fellowship hall.



## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, OPERATION NIGHTWATCH AND MORE

We will be meeting every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the church. On the first Wednesday, we'll meet at 7:15 PM for a brief prayer time. At 7:30 PM we'll depart for Operation Nightwatch. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday we'll meet at 7:00 PM for a bible Study. Our Bible Study will be from the Master Builders Bible for Men and the first series will be on *Accountability*.

## DO NOTHING'S GROUP

Will do Nothing this month. There will be no meeting this month. Watch for information on February's meeting.

## GRIEF SHARE

Grief Share Recovery Support Group will be meeting February 14 – May 16, 2011 on Monday Evenings at 7-9 PM at the Issaquah Christian Church. Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. There are brochures available in the narthex. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Drahus.

## PRAYER CHAIN

To add a prayer to the Prayer Chain, or if you are interested in joining the Prayer Chain, please contact Mary Ardissono via email at [jmlpsa@comcast.net](mailto:jmlpsa@comcast.net) or via phone at 425-557-0263. If you would like Pastor Oslik to pray for someone during the Sunday service, please contact the church office, and the first name of the person you wish to be prayed for will be mentioned during prayer petitions.



## CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL MEETING

Save the Date!

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church is excited to host its first Chocolate Festival right before Lent begins! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 12-5p.m.** The church will be full of fun activities for people of all ages. Come and learn about the science behind chocolate making with two of SHLC's own food scientists: Spencer and Amy Wise. Enjoy some beautiful entertainment in the Chocolate Café, purchase some unbeatable sweets at the bake sale, and go on a cake walk! Details will follow and we look forward to building this wonderful day event to sponsor our student in Operation Bootstrap Africa. See you there!

## PASTOR BILL'S BIRTHDAY

Please join us as we celebrate Bill Vaswig's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Sunday, January 30, 2011 immediately following worship in the fellowship hall.

A memories book is being assembled. Please e-mail your entry to Kim Kutzke at [jayandkim3@comcast.net](mailto:jayandkim3@comcast.net), or via surface mail 29312 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Place, Carnation, WA 98014

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT UPDATE

Many thanks to everyone for all the work on the beautiful Christmas pageant, and all the advent festivities. I spoke to a visitor whose first time visiting was on pageant Sunday, she commented that it made such a wonderful impression on her that she wanted to come to see what a regular service was like. Talk about evangelism!! We have had a very exciting year with the calling of a new Pastor and all that has been accomplished. For all the volunteers who help out in so many ways to make Shepherd of the Hills our church home, my deepest thanks.

We will be having our semi annual meeting on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of January. As a part of the January meeting we will be discussing the 2011 budget. The 2011 budget will be sent out in advance of the meeting so that everyone has a chance to review it. As it stands now, the 2011 pledges fall a little short of the what the various ministries would like to do. As members, we will have the option of supporting and approving this budget (which means making a commitment to make up any shortfall should there be one at the end of 2011) or, the chairs of the various ministries will go back and sharpen their pencils and will trim down the budget to coincide with the pledges. It will be up to the congregation to decide since we collectively own the budget.

I am feeling very optimistic about 2011, I feel the excitement within Shepherd of the Hills and know that God has great things in store for us. Will we need to work to get to them? Of course, but the work we do now will pave the way for a wonderful future together.



Happy New Years!  
Holly



## We received into membership

Eric & Sally Slippert, Kiera, Isaac  
Stephen Ravindranathan & Deborah Yenubari, Johan, Sarah  
Kim Olsen, Matthew, Katie  
Harry & Marti Behrens

Welcome into our Shepherd of the Hills church family!

## VISITORS WELCOME BAGS

The Evangelism committee put together new visitors welcome bags. We're hoping to give these bags to new visitors who come through our doors, as well as make them available to members to gift to their neighbors who may be new in the community. The bags include a useful brochure of basic information about our church services, and programs—as well as some fun welcome items. Please use this wonderful resource to welcome people into our midst.



## NEW MEMBER'S CLASS

We will have a new member's class for all interested in joining Shepherd of the Hills on **March 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm**. The class will be less than two hours in length.



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

You will hear about the ministries of Shepherd of the Hills, what it means to be Lutheran and you'll get to know some of the other people interested in becoming part of our church family. If you would like to attend or you know someone who is interested, please call the church office. If you are in need of babysitting, this can be provided. Please report this to the office staff when replying.

# Celebrating a



Woody Hertzog	January 08
Gary Hanson	January 12
Terry Akre	January 14
Stephen Ravindranathan	January 17
Mark McDowell	January 21
William Vaswig	January 25
Don Benson	January 31

Spencer & Amy Wise

January 03



## RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS:

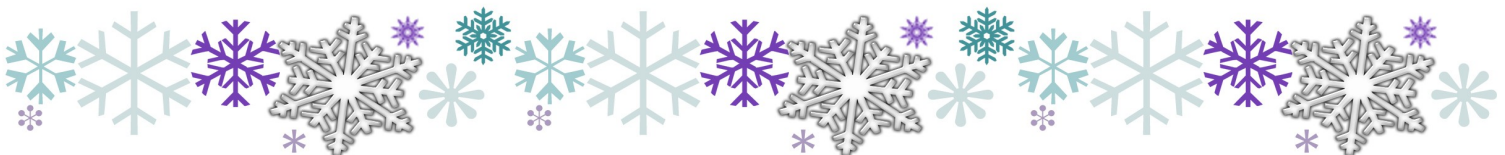
Pastor Bill Vaswig  
Richard Schmidt

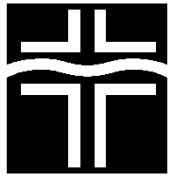
## January Worship Leaders/Volunteers

Jan.	GREET/USHERS	READ	HOSTS	COUNT	ALTAR GUILD	Flowers	COMM ASSIST	CLEAN	ACO-LYTE	Sound	Nursery
2	Jim & Mary Ardissono	Jim Ardissono	Denice Hanson	Chris Anderson Bob Johnson	Denice Hanson	****	Steve Akre & Don Benson	Einfalt & Radek	Blaire Einfalt	Nancy Anderson	Kim Olsen Terry Akre
9	Sara & Terry Akre	Steve Akre	Terry Akre	Nancy Anderson & Jay Kutzke	Laura Radek	Holly Nordal	Jim & Mary Ardissono	Lindsley & Snook	Thiemo Loos	Trent Whatley	Denice Hansen Laura Radek
16	Don Benson & Denice Hanson	Rick Aue	Linda Engert	Jeff Matson & Laura Radek	Spencer Wise	****	Denice Hanson & Eric Torrison	Roughgarden & Matson	Annabelle Snook	Chris Anderson	Terry Akre Linda Engert
23	Paul & Linda Engert	Caroline Barr	Marlice Gilmore	Kris Matson & Eric Torrison	Lynn Woods	Kim Kutzke	Paul & Linda Engert	Akre & Wise	James Radek	Nancy Anderson	Kim Olsen Unsun Roughgarden
30	Werner & Jan Hoeft	Janet Benson	Kim Kutzke	Chris Anderson Bob Johnson	Denice Hanson	****	Werner & Janet Hoeft	Loos, Jr. & Zadinsky	Sabrina Loos	Peter Woods	Greta Hillman Lynn Woods

# January Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b> <b>9 AM Sunday School</b> <b>10 AM Worship-Holy Communion</b> 4 PM Confirmation 6 PM Feed Your Faith	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  7 PM Worship & Music Meeting	<b>5</b> 1:45 PM Chinese School 7:15 PM Operation Nightwatch- <i>offsite</i>	 <b>6</b> 7 PM Celebrate Service Rehearsal 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b>	 <b>1</b> <hr/> <b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>9 AM Sunday School</b> <b>10 AM Worship-Celebrate Service</b> 4 PM Spiritwood	<b>10</b> 6-9:30 PM Master Chorus Eastside-Sanctuary	<b>11</b> 7 PM Council Meeting	<b>12</b> 10 AM Bible Study -led by Marlice Gilmore 1:45 PM Chinese School	<b>13</b> 10:45 AM Marionwood Service- <i>offsite</i> 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <a href="#"><u>Newsletter Deadline</u></a>
<b>16</b> <b>9 AM Sunday School</b> <b>10 AM Worship-Holy Communion</b> <b>Annual Congregation Meeting</b>	<b>17</b> 6-9:30 PM Master Chorus Eastside-Sanctuary	<b>18</b> 7 PM Youth & Education Meeting	<b>19</b> 1:45 PM Chinese School 7 PM Men's Bible Study	<b>20</b> 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Men's Retreat -Warm Beach</i>
<b>23</b> <b>9 AM Sunday School</b> <b>10 AM Worship-Holy Communion-Food for the Poor Presentation</b> 4 PM Violin Recital	<b>24</b> 6-9:30 PM Master Chorus Eastside-Sanctuary	<b>25</b> 10 AM Women Bible Study 7 PM Community & Outreach Meeting	<b>26</b> 1:45-5:45 PM Chinese School	<b>27</b> 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 4:45 PM Hot Meals	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>9 AM Sunday School</b> <b>10 AM Worship-Prayer &amp; Healing</b> Pastor Vaswig's Celebration	<b>31</b> 6-9:30 PM Master Chorus Eastside-Sanctuary					





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## **Our vision as Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church is:**

- To be a dynamic and welcoming congregation (fellowship)
- To worship (worship)
- To grow in faith (discipleship)
- To share the gospel (mission)
- To reach out with Christ' love (ministry)

## **LOOKING AHEAD-DATES TO REMEMBER**

Feb. 18-Youth Movie Night  
March 5th-Chocolate Festival  
March 6th-New Member Class  
April 2-First Communion Class

Newsletter Deadline is the 15th of the month