

# Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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Sunday September 5

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 AM High School @ Klahanie Starbucks

10:00 AM Holy Communion

Sunday September 12

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 AM Sunday School Fall Kick off Carnival!

10:00 AM Celebrate Service

Sunday September 19

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

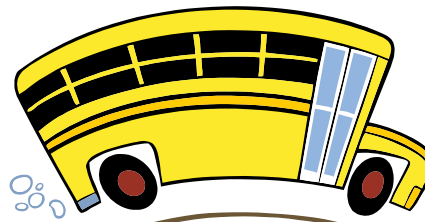
10:00 AM Holy Communion

Sunday September 26

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:00 AM Holy Communion



# SEPTEMBER

# 2010

# Pastor's Page



In Matthew 22 when Jesus asked about the greatest commandment he replied: *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your*

*soul, and with all your mind.’* <sup>38</sup>*This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’* <sup>40</sup>*On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”*

And then in Matthew 28, before Jesus ascended to heaven, he gave his disciples the great commission: *“<sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

Last Saturday the council took some time to look at our congregation. We talked about the hardships this church had to overcome and God’s assistance that help its members to get through them. We looked at the good things God has done in our midst and we looked into the future as we worked on a new vision statement for our church family.

We thoroughly examined 5 areas of congregational life (worship, ministry, mission, fellowship and discipleship) and then used the texts from Matthew 22 and Matthew 28 to guide us through the visioning process. After this spirit lead team effort we came up with our new vision statement.

**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) \*

Our goal is that we can all identify ourselves with this vision, that it will reflect who we are as church, that it will define what we do here and that it will lead us as we grow in areas of worship, ministry, mission, fellowship and discipleship.

*Dear Lord, thank you for all the blessings that you bestow upon us. Thank you for our church family, where we can worship you and grow in faith. Please empower us to share the good news of your Son Jesus Christ and his love with one another... Amen*

Peace,

Pastor Drahus

# Worship

## WEEKLY HOLY COMMUNION

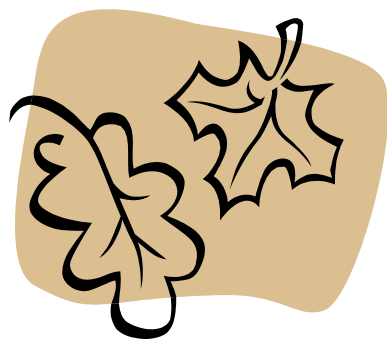
The Worship and Music Committee decided in their July meeting to go to weekly Holy Communion starting with the Fall Kick-Off Sunday on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Some of you might be asking, “Why weekly Holy Communion?” The truth is that weekly Holy Communion is practiced by the majority of the ELCA Lutheran Churches, and more importantly it is one of our two sacraments through which we come together as a church family and receive forgiveness of sins. Holy Communion is something Jesus Christ commanded us to do in the remembrance of his love and sacrifice for us. There are couple reasons why churches didn’t take communion weekly in the past. The first is that Martin Lutheran once said, that communion should be taken at least twice or three times a year and so churches started to take communion twice or three times a year. J Going back to weekly communion is like rediscovering that Christmas present we once received but over time we put it away and then one day realizing that it is still there available to us; we started to use it again.

As Lutherans we believe that in Holy Communion God is present in our midst through the body (wafer) and blood (wine) of his Son Jesus Christ and through these elements and the power of his Holy Word he liberates us from sin and gives life and salvation. This is something God is offering us as his children, we are excited to celebrate and receive this gift! If you have any questions regarding the sacrament of Holy Communion or would like to discuss this change further, please talk to Pastor Drahus.



## FALL HARVEST

### COME AND JOIN US FOR HARVEST HOME WORSHIP SERVICE



We are truly blessed daily as our Lord pours upon us the abundance of his gifts. We are blessed with families, friends, with material possessions, with time, talents and abilities, with our Church family and its support. Let us take a moment this year and thank the Lord for his blessings, during a special Harvest Home worship service. Help us decorate the sanctuary with mums and other appropriate fall harvest decorations and come to celebrate with grateful hearts the abundance of our Creator. The Harvest Home worship service will be on **October 24<sup>th</sup>**,


the orders for mums are in the newsletter and will be later on in the bulletin as well. Our church will be participating in Issaquah Food Drive again which will go through October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Harvest Home will be a nice way to celebrate this team effort of collection food for the hungry.



# MUMS

If you already read the article about the Harvest Home Sunday you realized it is the time to order mums for Harvest Home worship service. The cost is \$6 per plant. Help to make our church beautiful on Sunday, **October 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please do not delay in placing your order. The form may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office. **The deadline for orders is October 10<sup>th</sup>!**

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6 = Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In  memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
In \_\_\_\_\_ honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
To \_\_\_\_\_ the Glory of God \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_

## HANDBELL RINGER NEEDED

**Introduction to Handbells on September 19** The handbell choir has openings for both "full time" and substitute bell ringers. To learn more about ringing handbells and using them to enhance the worship experience, put Sunday, September 19, at 11:30 AM on your calendar and join us in the sanctuary for an Introduction to Handbells session. Questions? Contact Janet Benson at 425-391-8447 or [janet.benson@comcast.net](mailto:janet.benson@comcast.net).



## 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

With the end of summer just around the corner it is time to think about preparing to sing for our worship service. The choir will begin meeting in September on Thursday, the 16th 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. As a choir, this schedule is a step up from previous years but a welcome one for many of our singers who want to contribute more to worship. 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.



## CELEBRATE WORSHIP SERVICE – ALL ARE WELCOME!

Since December 1993, we have offered our “Celebrate Service” to add variety to our worship experiences. While often referred to as a “contemporary” service, this service closely follows the format of a traditional Lutheran service with the oldest favorite and sometimes even forgotten hymns, music from the 70s-80s “Jesus Music era”, and songs new and current from the 90s and today. Unique to the Celebrate service is the ongoing flow of music and scripture readings that help to focus and lift spirits and the beginning of worship. A team of 10-12 musicians is involved in leading worship, never with an emphasis on “performance”. Some are “choir types” but others share their gifts of music and worship in only this unique way. We have included children as young as 3 years old, elementary age, and teenagers. In addition to vocalists, we have piano, acoustic guitar, additional stringed and wind instruments, and percussion. The worship team often accompanies special music and/or readings by our youth, sharing what they have been learning in Children’s Worship and Sunday School.

We will begin once-a-month rehearsals in September for Celebrate Worship Services to be offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month. Let us know if you would like to join the worship team. All are welcome! [rehearsal details are being worked out as we determine Fall scheduling]



## *Education*

### RALLY SUNDAY - CARNIVAL, SEPT. 12, 9:00AM

COME ONE...COME ALL to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church's Rally Sunday Carnival! Mark your calendars for Sunday Sept., 12th and start the Sunday School year off right. Bring the whole family (friends and neighbors too), and enjoy games, treats, special surprises (bouncy house!), music, and complete your children’s Sunday School registrations. Classes will begin for grades preschool - 6th., the following Sunday, Sept. 19th, 9:00-9:45.



### VBS - KEEPING THE EARTH

This year we had three enthusiastic counselors from Camp Lutherwood lead 18 campers through a week long celebration of God's creations. The children really enjoyed the daily bible encounters, nature walks, art activities, **food**, games and lively music. Thank you to all the volunteers that made the week such a success. Thank you also to the families that provided food for the campers and dinners for the counselors and a special big THANK YOU to the Engert family for hosting all three counselors during their stay.

## YOUTH EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES - 9:00 – 9:45 THE EDUCATION HOUR!

As we begin a new school year, some traditions of our youth program will continue and some new and exciting changes are coming! The 9:00 – 9:45 coffee hour at the Klahanie Starbucks for high-schoolers will continue. 9:00 - 9:45 will also be the education hour for children preschool age through 8th grade. Yes, this year will be offering Sunday School for our Middle School kids, 6th through 8th grade. They will meet in the youth room starting at 9:00 AM and Shari Einfalt will be their teacher, Kris Matson will be a teacher for preschool age through 1st grade and Laura Radek will teach 2nd through 5th grade. Lisa Whatley will lead the Sunday School opening starting at 9:00 AM for ages preschool through 5th grade.

The nursery will be staffed during this hour as well for younger children so that parents with children of any age can attend the adult bible study from 9:00 – 9:45. This hour can be the education hour for the whole family! A vibrant and strong youth program is vital to our church. Keeping that in mind, we are still looking for Sunday School Teachers. Curriculum, assistance & support is provided. Classes will conclude at 9:45, so no one will miss the worship service. We are hoping to coordinate team teaching, so the more the merrier. Please contact Tom Lindsley or Pastor Drahus if you have questions or would like to volunteer.



### BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to the September 8th study on Prayer: the source of Power. The time is 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The place is the first classroom in the fellowship hall.



In September we will begin a new series: People of God: Unity in Diversity. September—May every 2nd Wed. This study is prepared by a clergy couple who are diverse- he is from Liberia and she is from Minnesota.

The monthly sessions will look at: Reading the Bible, Body of Christ, Stewardship, Gifts in Grace, Worship, Loving Relationships, Barriers to Resurrection, and Witnessing and Evangelism.

### INTO THE WORLD: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES



Jesus sends his disciples out into the world with a great commission... *Go and make disciples of all nations...* As a community of believers we are called to do likewise. **Into the World: The Acts of the Apostles Bible Study** will take us through the church's earliest mission effort as it is captured in the book of Acts. We'll visit the key personalities, review their activities, reflect on their meaning and discover their mes-

sage to the church today. This study will challenge, engage, and motivate all of us to carry on the church's mission in our day.

*Come and join us during the Adult Sunday School hour for this exciting new Bible Study starting on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM!*

Pastor Drahus

## NEW MEMBER'S CLASS

We will have a new member's class for all interested in joining Shepherd of the Hills on **September 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**. The class will be less than two hours in length. 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.



## Youth Corner

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT - SAT. SEPT., 18TH

All high school and middle school youth are invited to a day long retreat at the Nordal's cabin on Camano Island, Sat., Sept.18th. We'll meet at church at 10:00 and head out for a day of fun, fellowship and food. We'll return @ 8:00, excited and filled with plans for a great and active year at church. Please RSVP to Karen Stillwell or the church office via email or phone. **Please note Karen's new home phone # (425)270-3259**

### WE NEED COLLEGE STUDENTS' ADDRESSES!!

For school year 2010-2011, please submit addresses to the church office by filling out the form below. We would like to forward all college students our monthly newsletter and who knows, maybe there will be some Valentine care packages sent out in February. ☺ **Even if your address is the same as last year we still must receive an address slip.** If you are living at home and commuting to college, please keep us informed. Thank you.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduation date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Ministry & Fellowship

## NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Part of staying connected as a church family while being inviting and welcoming to new members is to have an updated pictorial directory. This is a wonderful tool for us to see who is a part of our congregational family; it provides updated addresses and phone numbers of all members and gives us an opportunity to share a little bit from our life, ministry and mission. It is a great tool for all new members (or a new pastorJ). We would like to put together a pictorial directory this fall, after the new member's class. We scheduled the picture taking for the week of October 12<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday through Friday 1:00 pm through 8:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am through 4:00 pm. We'll be scheduling all appointments during this time.

## SHLC'S TRUNKS AND TREATS **October 31<sup>st</sup>, 4-5:30pm**

On October 31st, we will gather in the church parking lot for a night of good old fashioned fun. We want to provide our children with a safe, fun night to visit with their church friends and show off their costumes. Have your kids dress up in their costumes, & come and receive treats from their SHLC family. These can be home baked goodies, candy, fruit, whatever you want to give out. But here is the kicker. We want you to decorate your trunk, or the back of your van - let's have fun in our parking lot. Make your car a harvest celebration, lights, costumes, etc. to make it fun, but not scary.

Come see our SHLC kids! We'll give them a safe, fun night! Decorate your trunk – we'll provide the trophy for the "best decorated" trunk! We'll provide cider and a treat under the front door canopy.

It all begins at 4:00pm and goes until 5:30pm on November 1<sup>st</sup> on the main church parking lot. Come out and have some fun! Let's show our kids we care!



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

Men's Bible Study is back on track beginning on **September 1, 2010** – we will be meeting every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at the church at **6:30PM**. On the first Wednesday, we'll go for an hour until the group needs to depart for Operation Nightwatch, and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, we'll go until 8:00. Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00PM. SPECIAL GUEST: Rick Reynolds, Executive Director of Operation Nightwatch Will engage with us on ways to get "out from behind the counter" at Operation Nightwatch. We'll have Pizza and Salad for dinner. If you have questions please contact Rick Aue 206-612-4522

The plan is to provide pizza for dinner and we'll take up a collection with any excess funds going into the Men's Group's general fund.

**The Men's Annual Retreat – SAVE THE DATE:**

January 22 – 23, 2011 Men's BS and More Annual Retreat – the date has been locked in for NEXT YEAR'S retreat. Once again we will be headed to Warm Beach Camp and Dr. Bruce Grigsby will be leading us in study.

## WOMEN IN MISSION

Women in Mission will meet on Tuesday, September 28 at 10:00 AM. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall to assemble midwife kits and plan our fundraising for the coming year. Hope you can join us! Questions? Contact Janet Benson at 425-391-8447 or [janet.benson@comcast.net](mailto:janet.benson@comcast.net).

## ISSAQUAH FOOD DRIVE

September 25<sup>th</sup> – October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

The Mayors of east King County have come together to launch the “Mayors’ Month of Concern” for the hungry. Our church is will be again participating with other 8 local churches in Issaquah in this wonderful team effort. Please help us to fill the shelves of the Issaquah Food Bank and feed our neighbors in need. Look for more info in Church bulletins.

## JEHOIADA CHEST



We’re going to do something new this year. We will be collecting a special offering towards a part of the building that needs repair.

This goes back to the Old Testament when the temple high priest, Jehoiada took a special collection to repair the temple. Jehoiada took a chest and bored a hole in its lid. He placed the chest in the temple near the altar so the people could place their offering in it when they came to worship. Money collected from this collecting has been then used to repair the temple.

Last year our overflowing gutters lead to water damage at the back of the sanctuary near the storage closet. We have cleaned out the gutters and have a plan to keep them clean going forward. Now we need to bring the Sanctuary back into good repair and appearance. The drywall around the back windows needs to be replaced, patched and painted. This work will cost approximately \$1,500. Special banks will be available for you to place coins in, or you can just use the envelope marked “Jehoiada Offering” this fall. This special offering will be collected on Rally Day, but you can start saving now by using the banks. Thanks for helping to make this project a success!

## 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.



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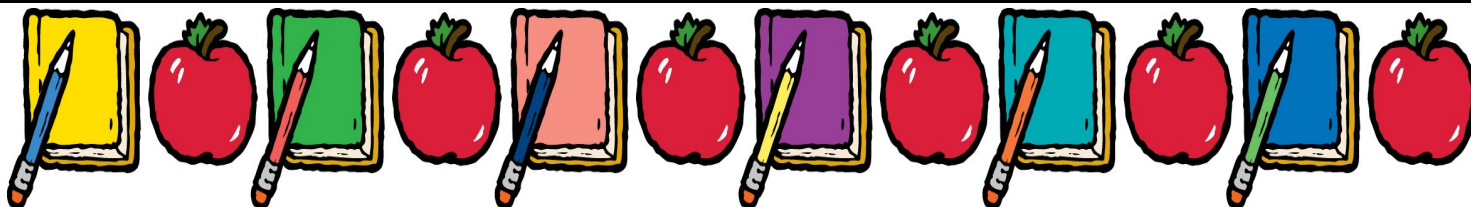
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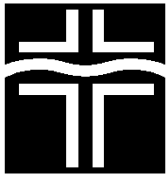
*September Worship Leaders/Volunteers*

Sep	GREET/ USHERS	READ	COUNT	Flowers	CLEAN	HOSTS	COMM ASSIST	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTE	NURSERY
5	Mark & Jane McDowell	Denice Cronin Hanson	Chris Anderson & Jason Kutzke	Laura Radek	Akre & Wise	Irene Kelly	Jeff & Kris Matson	Sharon Solsvik	Lukas Whatley	Merrily
12	Linda & Paul Engert	Mark McDowell	Nancy Ander- son & Velma Bak		Loos, Jr. & Zadinsky	Rally Sunday	Jim & Mary Ard- issono	Lynn Woods	James Radek	Jan Hoeft
19	Al & Viv Sauerbrey	Steven Akre	Jay Kutzke & Mark McDowell	Terry Akre	RaZor & Ardissono	Lynn Woods	Spencer & Amy Wise	Denice Cronin- Hanson	Victoria Woods	Jane McDowell
26	Werner & Jan Hoeft	Caroline Barr	R Williams & Sharon Solsvik		Hoeft & Kelly	Lynn Riggs	Eric Torri- son & Jay Kutzke	Amy Wise	Brenna Kelly	Amy Wise

# September Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30 PM Operation Nightwatch- <i>offsite</i>	2	3	4
5 9 AM High School @ Klahanie Starbucks <b>10 AM Worship-Holy Communion</b> Confirmation Meeting after church	6 Office Closed 	7 7:00 PM Worship & Music Meeting	8 10 AM Study on Prayer 7:30 PM Mutual Ministry	9 10:45 AM Marionwood Service- <i>offsite</i>	10	11 10 AM Celebrate Rehearsal
12 <b>Fall Kick-off</b> <b>10 AM Worship</b> Youth Retreat @ Holly's 4 PM Spiritwood Service- <i>offsite</i>	13 6-9:30 PM Master Chorus Eastside-Sanctuary 6:45 PM Violin Lessons-Fellowship Hall	14 7 PM Council Meeting	15 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	16 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	17	18 10 AM Youth Retreat
19 <b>9 AM Sunday School</b> <b>10 AM Worship-Holy Communion</b> 2 PM New Member Class	20 6-9:30 PM Master Chorus Eastside-Sanctuary	21 7 PM Youth Meeting	22 1:45-5:45 PM Chinese School-Fellowship Hall & Classrooms	23	24 5:30 PM Hot Meals- <i>offsite</i>	25
26 <b>9 AM Sunday School</b> <b>10 AM Worship-Holy Communion</b> Sofia Way Meals- <i>Offsite</i>	27 6-9:30 PM Master Chorus Eastside-Sanctuary	28 10 AM Women in Mission	29 1:45-5:45 PM Chinese School-Fellowship Hall & Classrooms	30		





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Newsletter Deadline is the 15th of the month

## LOOKING AHEAD-DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Sept. 1-Men's Bible Study            | Sept. 19-New Member Class            |
| Sept. 9 -Marionwood Worship Service  | Sept. 20-Master Chorus Eastside      |
| Sept. 11-Celebrate Rehearsal         | Sept. 21-Youth Meeting               |
| Sept. 12-Fall Kick-Off               | Sept. 22-Chinese School Starts       |
| Sept. 12-Youth Retreat               | Sept. 24-Hot Meals                   |
| Sept. 12 –Spiritwood Worship Service | Sept. 27-Master Chorus Eastside      |
| Sept. 13-Master Chorus Eastside      | Sept. 28-Women in Mission Meeting    |
| Sept. 13-Violin Class                | Sept. 29-Chinese School Starts       |
| Sept. 14-Council                     | Jan. 22-23 -Men's Retreat-Warm Beach |
| Sept. 15-Men's Bible Study           |                                      |