



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Sunday August 1

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a High School @ Klahanie Starbucks
10:00 AM Holy Communion

Sunday August 8

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a High School @ Klahanie Starbucks
10:00 AM Service of the Word

Sunday August 15

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a High School @ Klahanie Starbucks
10:00 AM Holy Communion

Sunday August 22

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a High School @ Klahanie Starbucks
10:00 AM Service of the Word

Sunday August 29

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a High School @ Klahanie Starbucks
10:00 AM Service of Prayer and Healing



2010

Pastor's Page

Dear friends,

At our last council meeting we did a devotion on a reading from Joshua 24:14-18. It's about the arrival of the Israelites to the Promised Land, who after overcoming a long journey in the desert and defeating all the enemies in land of Canaan, are now standing before a new and fresh beginning. It is in this time that Joshua their leader asks them: "*Choose this day whom you will serve.*"

This congregation went through a long journey of interim period, there were many challenges that needed to be overcome, there were some difficulties along the way, but there were great victories as well. And just like the Israelites conquered the Promised Land, you as well have overcome a challenging period in the life of this church.

Joshua knew that this was a very important moment for the people of Israel and so he asks them a simple but very important question: "***Who will you serve now?***" And then he sets an example, and with this example he sets an expectation as well: "*But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*"

We have a new start, a new chapter of the life of SHLC ahead of us, and with this start there are many different tasks and ministries that need to be carried out. There are great expectations. In September we'll be changing the Sunday school set up, extending nursery hours, having weekly communion, and we're hoping to start couple fellow-

ship events that will bring our church family closer and enable us to invite friends into our midst.

That's why it's important for us to pause right now and answer for ourselves the question: "*Who will we serve now?*"

We need to first ask ourselves, because I have no doubt in my heart that: **If we'll decide to serve the Lord, with excited and dedicated hearts, others will follow! If we'll be strong advocates of the ministries, others will be as well! If we'll believe in what we do here, others will share these beliefs! If we'll put God in first place, I believe the response of this whole congregation will be: *We also will serve the Lord, for he is our God!***



I, as your pastor, am so excited to begin this journey with you. Together we can do great things, as we get organized, as we empower the committees and people of this church to serve God. I have seen so many merciful, energized, honest people of faith here. Let us be encouraged this month as we remember the words of Joshua that call us to serve our Lord here at SHLC.

Dear Lord, in the midst of our busy lives, we ask for your strength and guidance as we stand before you willing to go and to serve you. Set our heart on fire for you and your mission here in this place... Amen

Peace,

Pastor Drahus

Pastor Drahus at Camp Lutherwood

On the week of August 15th through 20th I'll be volunteering at Camp Lutherwood as a Resource Pastor. I'll be leading devotions for counselors, camp worship and be of support for dedicated Lutherwood staff. My stay at camp won't affect our Sunday worship at SHLC and please know that I am available in case of an emergency (425-495-2804). I believe that spending a week at Camp Lutherwood is going to be a wonderful opportunity to build a strong relationship between the camp and our congregation. It is a good step to reaching out to the wider church community.



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!



Sunday School and Children's Worship Revamp

After the Education and Youth Committee meeting last month we looked at the present Sunday school, Children's worship and nursery set up and we decided to make some changes. Sunday school will run from 9:00 am to 9:45 am and will be offered for **all ages**. Nursery will be available during this time as well. Children's Sunday school will begin with an opening led by Lisa Whatley – this will be similar to what the Children's worship used to be. After the opening children will be divided into their classes. We'll still have two classes for ages preschool through 2nd grade and 3rd grade through 6th grade. Senior high youth will continue to meet at the Klahanie Starbucks.

After Sunday school families can rejoin and come together for worship. We hope that families can stay together in worship until the Children's message (before sermon), and then young children are invited to go to the nursery. We would encourage children 2nd grade and older stay through the whole worship. There will be children's worship materials available for their use during the service.

The strong advantage of this set up is that everyone will be able to come to Sunday school and families can worship together. We believe these changes will make our congregation more welcoming and will help all members and guests to participate in both Sunday school and worship.

Pastor Drahus and Education and Youth Committee



Sunday School Fall Kick-Off Carnival September 12th

Make sure you save this date! This year we're planning something new for our Sunday School Fall Kick-Off. The Education and Youth committee are organizing a Fall Kick-Off Carnival! Let's begin Sunday school with some fun. Starting at 9:00 am in the church parking lot. We will have some great food and you'll be able to participate in fun carnival games. Stay, play and eat! Fun for all ages! This is a great opportunity for evangelism, join us and invite your family, friends and neighbors. Our regular Sunday School for all ages (including nursery) will begin following Sunday, September 19th, at 9:00 – 9:45 am. Senior High Youth will continue to meet at the Klahanie Starbucks.



Nursery Update

One of the first things that every church visitor with little children will ask is: *“Is there nursery available during worship and Sunday school.”* And the answer should be: *“Of course, we have a wonderful, safe nursery staffed with dedicated and responsible volunteers. Your child will be in good hands.”* This is one of the goals of the Education and Youth Committee. We want to be that welcoming and inviting congregation that can say: *“Yes we provide a safe nursery for your child.”*

Starting in the fall we would like to offer nursery for both Sunday school hour and worship. This means that nursery will be open during Sunday School from 9-9:45 and again open for worship from 10- 11:00 am. Andrea Oslikova will be in charge of the first hour. The second hour will be staffed by volunteers organized by Terry Akre.



Our number of children has grown in the past couple months and hopefully it will continue to grow. This nursery set up will enable parents with little children and infants to come to Sunday school and enjoy the worship services. We are excited to welcome young families in our midst by providing them with a safe place for their children!!

Youth Corner

~Mexico Mission 2010~

This summer, once again, God blessed us with the opportunity to return to Tecate Mexico to help build a home. The Zamora/Alanis Family with children Cassandra, Christopher, David, Ruben and Azul were thrilled and thankful for our helping hands and open humble hearts, not to mention the framing of their new home. After a year of absence, the community was happy to see our return as well. We reunited with many friends and as in years past, they provided support by helping on the job site, providing meals and sharing stories, songs and dances. This mis-

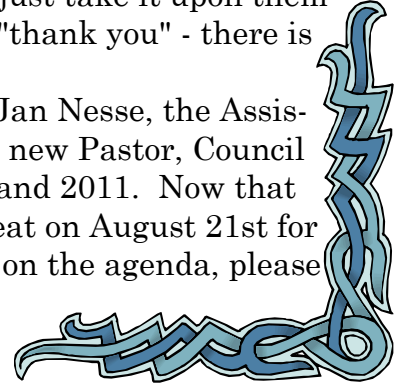


sion could not have happened without all those willing to give their time and without all those willing to give donations. Thank you to all! On Sunday, August 15th, our group of 15 travelers will give a short presentation during the service to share with the congregation some of our extraordinary and meaningful experiences. We will also be announcing the date for our La Casita fundraiser since money for building materials to finish the home is still needed.

Council Update and Retreat

First off, I would like to thank all the volunteers that help with the day to day running of our church. We have many people who are not affiliated with any particular committee, but who see something that needs servicing, fixed, or just something that needs to be done since we don't have anyone assigned to that "duty", they just take it upon themselves to get the job done. To all our volunteers, a very heartfelt "thank you" - there is no way that can do it without you!

As you know, the council spent a great deal of time in 2009 with Jan Nesse, the Assistant to the Bishop, in planning. With the anticipation of hiring a new Pastor, Council wanted to wait to determine priorities for the remainder of 2010 and 2011. Now that Pastor Drahus is here, we will be having an all day Council Retreat on August 21st for planning purposes. Should anyone member wish to place a topic on the agenda, please feel free to contact Holly Nordal.

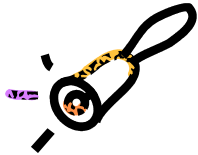


Women in Mission

The Women In Mission will resume meeting in September. Meetings are on the last Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. Work will continue on midwife kits for developing countries. Please mark your calendars and join us

Handbell Ringer Needed

Come have fun with the handbell choir! We have two openings for ringers starting in September plus we always need substitutes. Helpful to know how to read music, but not necessary. Please join us!! Contact Janet Benson at 425-391-8447 or janet.benson@comcast.net if you are interested.



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 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.



New Pictorial Directory

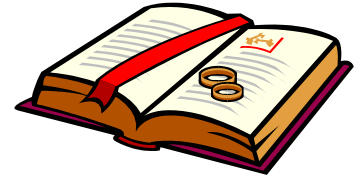
Part of staying connected as a church family while being inviting and welcoming to new members is to have an updated pictorial directory. This is a wonderful tool for us to see who is a part of our congregational family; it provides updated addresses and phone numbers of all members and gives us an opportunity 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 12th through 16th, 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.

Bible Study

You are invited to the August 11th 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: The People of God: Unity in the midst of Diversity. 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.



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 1st and 3rd 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 2nd Wednesday, we'll go until 8:00. 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.

AQUASOX Game

AUGUST 24th, 2010

Sign UP Sheet at Church

VBS

"Keeping the Earth"
Summer Day Camp 2010

VBS is for children entering 1st through 6th grades. The week begins with a kick-off picnic on Sunday, August 8, 2010. Camp will run from 9:30 am—3:30 pm. August 9-13. Check in and drop off will begin each day at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary.

Cost for the Week:
\$75 for the first child, \$50 each additional child.

Includes, snacks, lunch, all-day fun.

Please make checks payable to:
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Registration closes July 13th or when we reach capacity.

Church Picnic

You are invited to the Annual Church Picnic, Aug. 8 4pm at Ebright Creek Park, 1317 212th. Avenue SE, Sammamish. The Church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, beverages, and you are asked to bring a salad if your last name begins with letters A to G, a side dish if you last name begins with letters H to P and bring a dessert if your last name begins with letters Q to Z. Please sign up at the poster in the Narthex if you plan to attend. We need a BBQ and tables and chairs trucked over to the park.

Directions to Ebright park: From 228th. turn west at SE 20th. (stop light). Go to 212th. and turn right (north) and Ebright Park is on your left about 2 blocks.



Celebrate Worship Service

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 2nd 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]



New Member’s Class

We will have a new member’s class for all interested in joining Shepherd of the Hills on **September 19th 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.



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 message 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 19th at 9:00 AM!



Pastor Drahus

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 12th. 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.

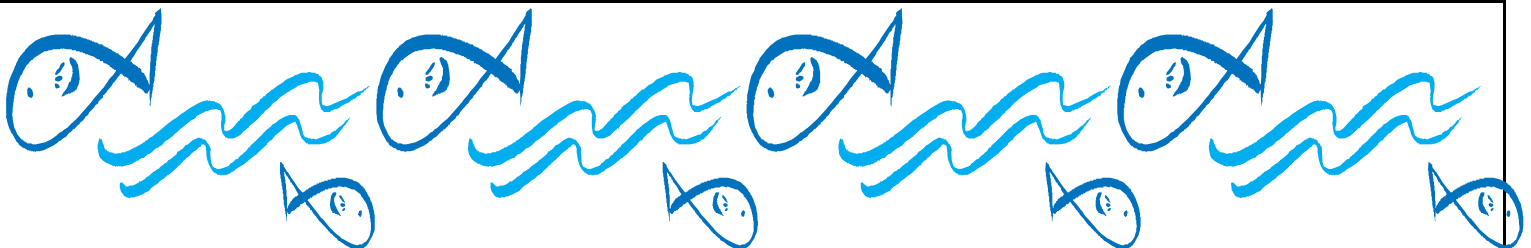


August Worship Leaders/Volunteers

Aug	GREET/USHERS	READ	COUNT	Flowers	CLEAN	HOSTS	COMM ASSIST	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTE
1	Robert & Arlene Williams	Robert & Arlene Williams	Velma Bak & Jay Kutzke		Anderson & Torrison	Denice Cronin Hanson	Linda & Paul Engert	Linda Engert	James Radek
8	Woods Family	Peter Woods	Mark McDowell & R. Williams	Linda Engert	M. McDowell & Stillwell	Jane McDowell			Lukas Whatley
15	Akre Family	Sara Family	Sharon Solsvik & Laura Radek		Einfalt & Radek	Linda Engert	Lynn & Peter Woods	Laura Radek	Olivia Snook
22	Ron Loos, JR. & John Gilmore	Spencer Wise	Eric Torrison & Gary Hanson	Denice Cronin Hanson	Lindsley & Snook	Viv Saurebrey			Johan
29	Gary Hanson & Denice Cronin-Hanson	Denice Cronin-Hanson	Werner Hoeft & Jeff Matson		Roughgarden & Matson	Werner & Jan Hoeft			

August Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>10 AM Worship- Holy Communion</i>	2	3	4 7:30 PM Operation Nightwatch	5	6	7
8 <i>10 AM Worship- Service of the Word</i> 4 PM Church Picnic	9	10 7 PM Council Meeting	11 10 AM Study on Prayer 7 PM Worship & Music Meeting	12 10:45 AM Marionwood Ser- vice	13	14
Vacation Bible School						
15 <i>10 AM Worship- Holy Communion</i> <i>Mexico presenta- tion during Worship</i> Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 <i>10 AM Worship- Service of the Word</i> 11 AM Educ. & Youth Meeting	23	24 Men's Group- Aquasox Game	25 7:00 PM Steward- ship[Meeting	26	27 5:30 PM Hot Meals	28
29 <i>10 AM Worship- Service of Prayer and Healing</i>	30	31				



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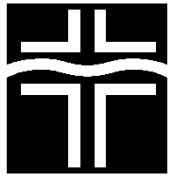
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AUGUST

Newsletter Deadline is the 15th of the month

LOOKING AHEAD-DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Aug. 3-9-Pastor Drahus is in Pennsylvania | Sept. 9 -Marionwood Worship Service |
| Aug. 4-Operation Nightwatch | Sept. 12 –Spirtiwood Worship Service |
| Aug. 8-VBS Kick-off picnic | Sept. 12-Fall Kick-Off |
| Aug. 9-13-VBS | Sept. 12-Youth Retreat |
| Aug. 10-Council Meeting | Sept. 14-Council |
| Aug. 11-Study on Prayer | Sept. 15-Men’s Bible Study |
| Aug. 12– Marionwood Worship Service | Sept. 19-New Member Class |
| Aug. 11-Worship & Music Meeting | Sept. 21-Youth Meeting |
| Aug. 22-Youth Committee Meeting | Sept. 22-Chinese School Starts |
| Aug. 24-Men’s Group, Aquasox Game | Sept. 24-Hot Meals |
| Aug. 27-Hot Meals | Sept. 28-Women in Mission Meeting |
| Sept. 1-Men's Bible Study | Jan. 22-23 -Men’s Retreat-Warm Beach |