

Shepherd's Voice

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

A Letter from Pastor Stoltenow

Speaking of Shepherd of the Hills...

DCE Sina Williams Accepted the Lord's Call to Shepherd

As you may have already heard, Director of Christian Education Sina Williams of Santa Rosa, California, has accepted the Lord's Call to serve as our next Director of Christian Education (DCE) at Shepherd of the Hills. We are thrilled she is coming, and we are excited to have her on our staff as she begins her work with our *Extreme* group (Jr. High), SHYP (Sr. High) and young adults. Sina is originally from Kaneohe, Hawaii and is a 2005 graduate of Concordia University, Irvine, California. As part of her CDE program, her degrees include Christian Education Leadership, Theology, and a Minor in Psychology. She has 17 years' experience and has previously served two congregations and the California-Nevada-Hawaii District. We expect Sina to arrive by the middle of August.

A BIG THANK YOU to the members of the DCE Call Committee who, by God's guidance resulting from prayer, worked for nearly two years to identify and interview candidates for the CDE position. Those members are Maynard Buck, Julie and Chad Ropte, Kaely Rosel, Tina Skirde, and Beth and Patrick Barnthson.

Vacation Bible School and Community Carnival a Big Success

I am writing this VOICE article on the day Vacation Bible School concluded. It was a big success with a group of volunteers who dedicated themselves to all the preparations and daily responsibilities required for the kids to learn about Jesus and have a great time. The Community Carnival is tonight and since there is a probability of rain, we are having the event in the gym. We have had to do that before, so there will be no problems.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated items, helped with decorating and all the other tasks associated with our VBS! VBS is one of our "highlight" events for kids, and you made it possible and successful with your time and effort. I will be reviewing the roster of families who signed their kids up to attend our VBS and if they do not have a church home, I will contact them to further introduce them to Shepherd.

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Member News

Above & Beyond Sailboat Regatta

Wednesday, July 19, join us at **Chatfield Reservoir 4-7:30pm** to observe a sailboat regatta and experience the “changing of the sail colors.” We are securing a viewing location with disabled parking and restrooms adjacent to the two shelters (see below.) We will mark the spot with blue balloons. If you do not have a 2023 park pass, cost is \$10. Bring your own picnic and chairs. Inclement weather date is July 26. For questions or transportation, contact **Eric Kufeldt, 303-902-0455**.

Directions to the viewing location (north side of the lake):

C-470 west to Wadsworth Blvd, exit left (south) onto Wadsworth; turn left at the second light to enter Chatfield State Park. At the stop sign past the check-in point, turn left (north). There will be a right hand turn just before you go up the hill circling the dam. Turn right and as you proceed you will see the parking lot to the left with boat trailers and the inspection office straight ahead. This is the North boat ramp.

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.



This cross is sturdy and a little rough around the edges. Its form boldly proclaims Christ’s work for us. It is given with thanks to God and in honor and memory of Roger Garberding.

Sandy said she saw it and it just said “Roger.”

The Garberding daughters write: “Our dad was special to us in many ways. He loved his family dearly. He was a man of faith, and he loved our Lord and his church family. We miss him but we know we will be with him again in Heaven. He will live in our hearts forever.”

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!

Funeral

Delores Margaret June Lentz
Schmeling
Died: 3/27/2023
Service: 6/30/2023



John Wolf Visiting on July 2

John Wolf is an LCMS Missionary supporting multiple outreach projects across Africa. John will give an update on his ministry during the Adult Sunday School hour in the Gym.

Contacting Pastors During Their Vacations/Absences

During vacation and church work absences of our pastors this summer, a person may always leave a message on the pastors' cell phones. You may also contact the church office (**303-798-0711**) for our on-call pastor for emergencies.

Breakfast With Baby Continues to Shine!

We had another great BWB event on Saturday, June 10. We served 43 people from 17 families. For the upcoming **July 8** event we can use **size 6 diapers**. We praise God for the blessing you are to the Breakfast with Baby families.

Summer office hours will be in effect until August 11 with the front desk open from 9 am to noon, Monday through Friday.

July Anniversaries

- 7/7 Scott and Nicole Barton, 17 years
- 7/8 Dave and Kaellyn Norby, 34 years
- 7/11 Patrick and Bethany Barnthson, 14 years
- 7/13 Dan and Val Cromar, 27 years
- 7/15 Eric and Kathy Kufeldt, 51 years
- 7/19 Kevin and Christie Holle, 26 years
- 7/19 Hannelora and James Ramsey, 54 years
- 7/21 Bill and Jan Hizer, 39 years
- 7/28 Mark and Jennifer Luckinbill, 23 years
- 7/29 Gail and Dave Black, 34 years



NOTE: Don't see your anniversary listed? Please contact the front office to have your member information updated!

Member News

GriefShare Ministry Beginning August 15

After the death of a loved one, no matter what the circumstances, grief recovery is a painful and often lonely process. Maybe you are experiencing this now. Training is currently under way, and members of Shepherd of the Hills will soon find biblically based, Christ-centered support and encouragement through our new GriefShare ministry. During each of the 13 weekly sessions, you will meet with a small group of others who are also on this grief journey. The group views insightful 40-minute video presentations, shares in a discussion time, and is guided through daily journaling, Bible study and more, using your GriefShare workbook.

Meetings are **Tuesdays, beginning August 15, 6:30-8:30pm** for 13 weeks in the **Atrium**. It's \$20 for the workbook, and financial assistance is available.

Your "JOURNEY from mourning to JOY" can begin here. Please contact team member **Nancy Lee** via griefshare@sothfamily.org or go to the Shepherd website ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Need-Help and scroll down to the GriefShare section. Visit www.griefshare.org for more information about the GriefShare program.



Active Seniors Hosting Honorary Luncheon

The Priscilla Circle is planning an Honorary Luncheon to celebrate the ladies who plan the programs and menu each month. Please join us in saying: Thank You! on **Thursday, July 6, at 11:30am**. Chicken, coleslaw, and rolls will be provided. RSVP to **Sandy Garberding, 303-669-0274** by July 1, and let her know if you are able to bring a dessert or side dish.

Going Off to College and Want to Be on the Prayer List?

If you would like your name on Shepherd's prayer list, call **Gail** in the office (**303-707-4364**) and ask her to add your name!



Member News

Bible Readings for the Month

July 2 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost; Independence Day, Observed

Lessons: Psalm 119:153-160; Jeremiah 28:5-9;
Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 10:34-42

July 9 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons: Psalm 145:1-14; Zechariah 9:9-12;
Romans 7:14-25a; Matthew 11:25-30

July 16 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons: Psalm 65:1-13; Isaiah 55:10-13;
Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons: Psalm 119:57-64; Isaiah 44:6-8;
Romans 8:18-27; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost; Fifth Sunday

Lessons: Psalm 125; Deuteronomy 7:6-9;
Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 13:44-52



Usher Schedule for the Month

July 2 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost; Independence Day, Observed

8 am Sanctuary – John Hart / Rick Monson
10:45 Sanctuary – Josh Hoener / Lindsey Jarvi
10:45 Gym – Lynnette & Matthew Braunschweig

July 9 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

8 am Sanctuary – Dennis Askew / Virgil Koeneke
10:45 Sanctuary – Sandy & Bill Griffis
10:45 Gym – Jennifer Luckinbill

July 16 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

8 am Sanctuary – D'Wayn & Dave Stone
10:45 Sanctuary – Laura Banko / Gordon Utter
10:45 Gym – Kelly Rosel / Madison Rosel

July 23 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

8 am Sanctuary – Chad Ropte / Kasey Ropte
10:45 Sanctuary – Lindsey Jarvi / David Renner
10:45 Gym – Kathy & Chris Biondolilo

July 30 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost; Fifth Sunday

8 am Sanctuary – Bruce Boggess / Paul Rodeck
10:45 Sanctuary – Tina & Chris Skirde
10:45 Gym – Sue & Duane Feldmann



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 **Sandy Garberging** at **303-669-0274** or **Dorothy Rognerud** at **303-484-8811**.

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 **Mary Powers** at powersworld@live.com or **Luanne Reimer** at reimer.luanne@gmail.com.

The women of **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 meeting once a quarter and enjoy fellowship, a devotion and treats! 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 **Luanne Reimer** through email at reimer.luanne@gmail.com.

Used Eyeglasses

Another 48 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, Shepherd has donated 1,661 pair of eyeglasses. **THANK YOU!** Used hearing aids are also collected and given to the Sertoma organization. Your contributions are a blessing to many!

Mission Team Update - July 2023

Missionary of the Month for July: Vimol Chan—Ray of Hope Cambodia

Vimol has recently assumed the directorship of Ray of Hope from Joe and Viya Stoltenow. Joe and Viya have now relocated to Colorado but stay in close contact with Vimol. Ray of Hope ministers to street kids in Battambang, Cambodia. These kids are picked up every day and are given breakfast, a bath and transport to school, then picked up from school and returned to Ray of Hope for lunch, Bible study, and homework assistance. The children thrive with this consistent help. Their parents/guardians are also required to be involved on their behalf. Pray for these kids and Vimol and her family that Ray of Hope shines Jesus' light in the dark.

We're Heading Back to Cambodia in 2024!

Shepherd is excited to reinstate our Cambodia Mission Trip for the summer of 2024. We will hold a meeting on **Sunday, July 16 from 12-3pm**. If this date works for you, please contact **Jodie Stoltenow** at **303-565-6062**.



Can You Hear Jesus' Words of Comfort?

In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus tells his followers, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Do you feel weary? Does the yoke of life seem too difficult for you to carry alone? Are your burdens too much to bear? God has called some persons within our midst to Stephen Ministry. These persons are trained and supported in walking with others through difficult times in their lives.

Could you benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister? If so, please contact one of our Stephen Leaders: **Ron Manuello (303-587-0001)** or one of the pastors.

"Don't let yesterday take up too much of today."

~Will Rogers

Pastor's Letter Continued

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Shepherd's Strategic Plan News

Work continues on Critical Target #1 of our strategic plan, **Fostering Engagement and Discipleship**. Pastor Zillinger will lead our congregation in an emphasis on Stewardship this coming fall. The management of our lives and all of life's resources to the glory of God is an important part of our Christian faith.

Small Group Ministry

We are currently recruiting for and looking to begin three new Care Groups at Shepherd of the Hills. What is a Care Group, you might ask? A Care Group is ten people who gather twice a month to socialize and converse and share about their lives. While a brief devotion may be included, the group is not a home Bible study. Another way to put it is our Care Groups exist to build relationships as we live our Christian faith. That only happens when we are together. An outline to facilitate the group to share and care for one another is provided each time you meet to include prayer, lots of prayers.

We would like to have more groups and we want folks to be willing to be leaders. Being a leader does not mean you do all the preparations and other tasks associated with the group. Members of the group can share in those responsibilities. If you are interested in leading a Care Group and want more information, please email me, bstoltenow@sothfamily.org, or Pastor Zillinger, zillinger@sothfamily.org.

Staff Vacations

Just like most families take the bulk of their vacation in the summertime, the same is true for most of our staff at Shepherd of the Hills. Pastor Zillinger and I try very hard not to have both of us be gone on the same Sunday. We are thankful it works out that way this summer. Some summers it is not possible due to youth gatherings, conventions, family events such as weddings or reunions or other family or ministry events over which we have no scheduling control. Our staff work very hard, and just like you, need vacation time to rest and refresh. When you call the church for any need, please remember the office is always open and staffed between 8:00 am to noon Monday through Friday. If you need emergency pastoral care when we are on vacation, please call us using the numbers provided on the answering service at Shepherd. You are always welcome to email me at any time. Please leave a message when prompted to do so and we will get back to you. Blessings to you and your family as you get some much-needed rest this summer.

Other Blessings at Shepherd

We have many things to be thankful for at Shepherd that we often can take for granted. I want to name a few and ask that you pray for continued blessings from our loving Lord. We will start with the GEE-SIRs who volunteer their time to assist with maintaining our building. How about our music program here at Shepherd and all the groups that sing, play, ring and assist in enriching our worship. The various Circles who serve at various receptions and who take care of setting up Communion on Sundays and other preparations for worship. The Elders who live stream our services, the folks who run the sound system, the ushers, our staff and so many others who are behind the scenes. The Elders, Church Council and ELC Board who lead us, the Missions Committee, and the Endowment Board do a great job. Our staff in the ELC, Church and Administration do a great job. There is so much to be thankful for as God has blessed us at Shepherd! Pray God's continued blessings for all these mentioned and for other aspects of our *Life Together*.

Devotional

Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed, with healing gifts for souls distressed, to find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come. LSB #560

I have always enjoyed this hymn because it speaks of comfort for those who are distressed. Everyone goes through difficult circumstances at some point(s) in their lives, and Christians are no exception. It is easy for us to think we can go it alone when trouble enters our lives, and the devil would have us to believe there is no solution to the troubles we face.

The good news is the devil is wrong. As the author of the hymn states, the Lord draws us to the cross of Christ because it was on the cross Jesus died to forgive our sins. Sin is the problem. Our sin is the problem and is at the root of all our troubles. Jesus has won for us forgiveness and the guarantee of eternal life in Heaven. In Christ there is comfort and rest from the weariness of life and that comfort is yours by grace through faith in Jesus.

God bless you and yours as together we proclaim Christ crucified, risen and victorious!

Blessings

Pastor Brad Stoltenow

ELC News

A Look at Our Early Learning Center

Did you know...upon entering our campus,

- ...you will be greeted by devoted teaching professionals eagerly waiting to partner with parents for their child's growth, development, education and spiritual growth.
- ...our spacious, vibrant classrooms are rich with materials and resources waiting for children to explore.
- ...you would find low student-to-teacher ratios, which allow teachers to nurture the God-given potential of every child.
- ...you will observe a comprehensive educational program with flexible schedule options (part- and full-time options) that meet the unique needs of families.
- ...you will see lessons built to students' interests, learning levels, and abilities, to ensure that all students are engaged and excited to learn!

If you know of someone who would benefit from this atmosphere of learning, contact **Kristen Hatton**, ELC Director at **303-707-4378** or earlylearning@sothfamily.org.

Youth News

New Director of Christian Education Accepts Call

Sina Williams has accepted Shepherd's Call to become our next DCE! We praise God and ask His blessing on her final days at her present church and on her move to Colorado.

Older Youth Heading to Water World in August

SHYP and Xtreme are going to Water World on **Thursday, August 3**, meeting at Shepherd at **8am** by the Parish Hall and getting back around 7pm. There are two vans going as of now with 25 seats available. Cost is \$20 when you RSVP. Tickets will include a pizza lunch. SHYP, College and Xtreme get first priority of van seating, and if there is room, other families can attend. Children under 5th Grade need to be accompanied by their parent/guardian. Families are welcome to meet us inside the park.

Summer Sunday School

Shepherd Summer Sunday School and Pre-Confirmation continues to run **through August 27**. All ages meet at 9:30am downstairs in the "Kids of the Kingdom" area. There will be NO classes on:

- July 2 (Independence weekend)
- August 20 (Faith Day at the Rockies)

Please mark your calendars for Fall Kick-off on **Sunday, September 10!**

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.

For specific information about Confirmation and Catechism Class, please contact **Pastor Greg Zillinger** at gzillinger@sothfamily.org. For information about junior and senior high youth groups, please contact **Pastor Zillinger** or **Jodie Stoltenow**. For information about Family Ministry, contact **Jodie Stoltenow**, at jstoltenow@sothfamily.org. You can also find specific youth information and upcoming events online under either the Connect tab or the Calendar tab at ShepherdHillsChurch.org.



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