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**SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2000 Ptarmigan Trail  
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**THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK**

**Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church**  
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**Worship at 9:00 a.m. Education Hour at 10:30 a.m.**  
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**MARCH 2009 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Members of Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church,

Things at Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church are going quite well. Can you believe we are about to start the second month of our "Equipping the Saints"? We start the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday Service on February 25th. You will want to attend our soup suppers and then join us in the Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings starting March 4.

Roger Fjeld has started us off with some real food for thought. We are glad that he started us off on a series of "Equipping the Saints." His last sermon on this series will be March 1.



On March 8<sup>th</sup> Rev. Ervin Hesterberg will bring our worship message. On March 15<sup>th</sup>, we have Rev. Glenn Isernhagen who is a member of this church and lives in Kansas as our guest preacher. March 22 Dr .Earl Matson will bring us the message. On March 29<sup>th</sup> we have our Bishop Allan Bjornberg as our special guest to bring us the message. Wow! This is so exciting. You won't want to miss any of these special services.

In February, we took new members into our congregation. Have you had a chance to get acquainted with our new members? Be sure you visit with them and make them feel welcome. Now it is your turn to inform me of possible new members and bring them to worship with you. We are always glad to have guests in our midst. At a recent council workshop we learned that the first five minutes after a guest enters the church will determine if they will return. Let us make everyone feel welcome so that they return and become a part of our family.

Please keep your church council and Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church in your prayers.

God's Blessings to you,  
Marie Hesterberg, Church Council President

SMLC has a new volunteer coordinator. Nancy Matson has agreed to take over these duties. Please give her the cooperation and consideration you have shown me over the past few years. Be sure to volunteer, volunteer, volunteer, and then volunteer some more. She will appreciate it.

Treasurer's Report – January 31, 2009

	Actual	Budgeted YTD
<b>January Income</b>	<b>\$ 23,512.12</b>	
<b>January Expenses</b>	<b>13,608.46</b>	
<b>Income YTD</b>	<b>23,512.12</b>	<b>\$ 14,112.08</b>
<b>Expenses YTD</b>	<b>13,608.46</b>	
<b>Difference</b>	<b>9,903.66</b>	

**2009 Lenten Services**

We will start off our Lenten season with Ash Wednesday Services on February 25<sup>th</sup>. This is the first day of Lent which occurs forty days before Easter excluding Sundays. **Ash Wednesday** gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance.

The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believers—through prayer, penitence and self denial—for the annual commemoration during Holy Week of the death and resurrection of Jesus. During this Lenten season we will be using the “Holden Evening Prayer” by Marty Haugen except for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week. The “Holden Evening Prayer” is a musical setting by composer/theologian Marty Haugen of the traditional vespers or evening prayer series. Haugen composed the folk-like score in 1985-86 while he was musician-in-residence at Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center in the North Cascade Mountains of Washington State. Holden Village is a year-around ecumenical center. Come and enjoy the singing of the prayer service. “The Holden Evening Prayer” lasts about 30 minutes. **Soup suppers** will be held at 6 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent.

**Maundy Thursday** which is on April 9<sup>th</sup> and also known as Holy Thursday is the feast or Holy Day which falls on the Thursday before Easter. On this day we commemorate the institution of the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the agony of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal of Christ by Judas Iscariot.

**Good Friday** is the Friday proceeding Easter Sunday. It is traditionally the day on which Jesus was crucified. On Good Friday we will have a tenebrae service or a service of darkness. “Tenebrae” is Latin for “Shadows” so this is a service of shadows. In this service we use increasing darkness to dramatize the increasing sadness of Holy Week to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story. The congregation will leave in darkness and silence and the feeling of total devastation. The service recreates the betrayal, abandonment and agony of the events and it is left unfinished because the story isn't over until Easter Day. We will await Easter Morning celebrating the resurrection of Christ.

## Subscribe to "Living Earth: Joining the Hymn of All Creation"

Called to be in communion with God's creation, we must live in such a way that is sensitive to precious natural resources and in conscious relationship to the earth, creatures and each other. This 40-day ELCA Lenten reflection series will offer a holistic approach to how we live as earthly companions, combining God's caring relationship with creation to our journey in the physical universe. Each e-mail emphasizes individual and communal solutions, resources for further learning and suggestions for how to act or become more educated.



This is a limited subscription; the first e-mail will arrive on Ash Wednesday 2009, and the last e-mail will arrive Easter Sunday.

If you would like to participate in a weekly group discussion of this study, please contact Mary Banken ([mkbanken@ou.edu](mailto:mkbanken@ou.edu)) or Marsha Yelick ([myelick@gmail.com](mailto:myelick@gmail.com)). Meeting times will be set based on the schedules of interested participants.

**Subscribe to this e-mail reflection series now by going to [www.elca.org/advocacy](http://www.elca.org/advocacy).**

### March 1

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

### March 8

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38

### March 15

Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

### March 22

Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

### March 29

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Psalm 119:9-16 (alternate)  
Hebrews 5:5-10



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

March 1 marks the beginning of our Lenten season. Rev. Hesterberg will lead our services every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. We need to bring our best singing voices to help him with Marty Haugen's beautiful Holden Evening Prayer service. The choir and instrumental accompanists have practiced this liturgy and look forward to help our congregation worship Jesus Christ, Light of the World, in a lovely, new liturgical setting.

For our Sunday worship planning, liturgical settings will be from ELW II the first three Sundays and from ELW VIII the last two Sundays in March. Setting VIII does not require a cantor, but anyone who would like to be a cantor for other worship services should call Loren Johnson at 586-2192.

We would like to thank Marie Hesterberg for her service as our Volunteer Coordinator for the past three years. In her very-well-organized and dedicated manner, she has set up the process so she was able to assert that it was "easy to do." "Well done," Marie, "thou good and faithful servant." However, in view of her many duties as President of the congregation, she has decided to pass this so-called "easy-to-do" task on to someone less busy.

Nancy Matson is only a little bit less busy, but we are delighted she has agreed to take on this position. We should be ready for Nancy's calls or e-mails asking for coffee hosts, treat suppliers, greeters, lectors, and tellers every month. Don Lickfett coordinates the ushers and Marion Dougherty coordinates altar care, so if you are interested in helping in these areas, contact one of them. Pastor Mangler has left copies of the new edition of "Committees, Task Forces, and Volunteers" manual for YOU to pick up on the table next to the office. Lent is a good time to try on a new aspect of service. We encourage all of our members to share in the benefits of active participation.

## ANOTHER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

**Crossroads Ministries** is in need of food donations to help the Estes Park community. Look for the Crossroads box in our narthex and bring your donations of non-perishable food.

### LORENZ FUND

With the SMLC Council's encouragement, a small committee, headed so far by Gary Wallace, Earl Matson, and Gary Brown, is planning various ways to raise funds so that the Lorenz family can meet the catastrophic deductible for Mark's cancer surgery and follow-up treatments. In December SMLC members contributed \$2,000, which was very helpful in covering some of the 2008 deductible. Unfortunately the 2009 deductible presents a whole new problem.

Mardy Groskreutz and Gary Wallace are working with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, hoping that the fundraising goal of \$5,000 will be matched completely. As of March 1, \$750 has already been donated toward the goal. Write "Lorenz fund" on the memo line of your check and place it in the offering plate.

Watch for future plans for inviting the Estes Park community to contribute; for example, plans for a benefit breakfast April 18 here at SMLC. We will need many helping hands for that event. Stand by—

### PRAYERS FOR FEBRUARY 2009

Kathy George, whose fiancé, Steve Hillstand, died suddenly of a massive coronary  
Stan Johnson family: on the death of Stan's father, Louie Johnson; their son Ben, awaiting test results (update: surgery not needed!!)  
Mark Lorenz family: as Mark gains strength and healing after his cancer surgery and will resume some tasks of his home enhancement business  
Dick & June Lindemann: June's continued recovery from shoulder surgery; prayers for their son, Scott, battling a serious and critical illness  
Roger & Marilyn Fjeld: friend Jeff Giles in his



e-mail  
prayer  
chain

battle with cancer

Linda Schlitt: after a mishap which required surgery on her leg, as she recovers  
Pat Head: she will have back surgery on February 24  
Nancy & Earl Matson: Nancy's grandson, Josh, ; has dropped out of high school at age 16  
Mike Kellam, angiogram on Feb. 10th  
Pat Head who had back surgery on Feb. 24

If you have a prayer request or want to be on the prayer chain, contact Nancy Matson or send an e-mail to [epmoosemom@aol.com](mailto:epmoosemom@aol.com)

### EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH 2009



All members, families, and friends are invited to attend the annual SMLC Easter potluck brunch following the Easter service Sunday, April 12.

A sign-up sheet will be available later in the month so members can sign up to bring one of the following: egg and meat dish; fruit dish; breakfast bread. Please bring enough to feed 12 people.

### MARCH ADULT FORUMS

At the request of members for more Bible study during the Adult Forum time, we will have a series of studies on the Passion Narrative during the six Sundays of Lent, concluding on Palm Sunday.

March 1 & 8 will be led by Earl Matson  
March 15 & 22 the leader will be Mike Van Brundt  
March 29 & April 5 will be led by Nancy Knoll

Join us for this informative time of Bible study.



March 8, we "spring forward" by setting our clocks ahead one hour. Do this before you go to bed Saturday evening and you won't be late for church!