

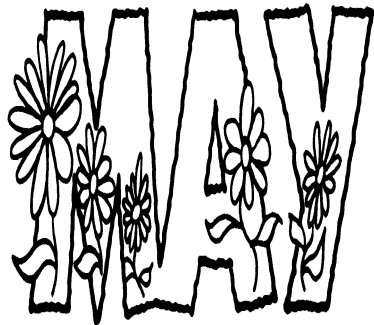
To Our SMLC Family--

For many years we've known what a loving, caring group you are. During the past several months of Mark's illness, we have been absolutely showered with love. Your prayers, phone calls, emails, cards, visits and gifts have overwhelmed us. We also want to thank everyone involved in our benefit breakfast, whether you helped plan it, worked at it, or attended that day. Your support has truly shown us Christ's love, and helped us through a very difficult time. We are so privileged to be part of this wonderful community of faith!

Love in Christ,

Mark and Peggy Lorenz and Family

**SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
2000 Ptarmigan Trail
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THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK
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MAY 2009 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Saints,

Time sure does fly when you are having fun. We at Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church are a family. We don't always agree on everything, but we remain friendly and carry on the work of the church. We are strong and we will survive whatever may come. Families do that. The members of this church are very good at giving support to those who need it in time of crises or just when a pat on the back seems the right thing to do.

I have recently looked around the church during worship and at fellowship. Everyone seems to be so happy and loving toward one another. We don't just greet one another with a hand shake, many times we greet with hugs and lots of love. That is what makes us unique. People don't want to miss church because they want to be with their fellow Christian friends to hear the wonderful word of God.

Everyone has come through nicely with financial help in making our payments on our new building. Everyone worked hard to get this building built. We need to remember to thank our Building Committee and Future Development Committee for all the long hours and hard work they have put into this building. Their work has come to an end. Allan Setje and Roger Fjeld will continue on a little while just to make sure that loose ends are taken care of. Thanks so much to all who served on the Building Committee and Future Development Committee for all of your hard work. We must not forget our Property Committee headed by Stan Johnson. As you see new things being added to our church be sure to thank them for all their dedicated service and work.

Have you ever counted your blessings and thought about all the wonderful things we do have. For instance, just think about all the wonderful things we have that are free. Look out the beautiful windows of the church and you see the deep blue sky, the beautiful mountains, the golden sunsets or the warming sunshine and sometimes God's magnificent creatures. Every aspect of God's creation thrills us if only we have eyes to see. Our lives can be beautiful too, when we work side by side with Him. We are God's channels through which His power flows to create harmony in other human souls. In dedicated service to others, our lives take on new meanings. God has a part for each one of us to play, and in spite of His creative genius, if we do not play our part well, we shall find our lives in difficulty.

Our Pastor is back so this will be my last newsletter message to you. We made it through three months and now we must continue our work of the Kingdom with our Pastor as our leader. We have scheduled some exciting programs that you won't want to miss. Be sure to watch the bulletin and read your newsletter about future events. On June 14th, not only will we be having our Annual meeting after church that Sunday, but in the evening Dr. Timothy Schmidt from Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa and his two children will be presenting a concert here at SMLC. Dr. Schmidt is a dear friend of ours so we are excited to have him come and share his talent and his children's talent with us.

Finally, thank you so much for your support.

Marie Hesterberg, Church Council President



Welcome Back!

At last, our beloved Pastor Dan and his wife, Carolyn, our church secretary, return to us this month after a three-month sabbatical. We have missed him in the pulpit where he gives those excellent sermons and sings the liturgy so well; we have missed him in the office where, with Carolyn's help, he keeps all of our operations moving forward smoothly; we have missed him at our Council and committee meetings where he keeps us focused on the larger picture; we have missed his teaching expertise; and we have missed his personal calls in times of trouble. Welcome back, indeed.



With a great deal of generous help from our members, we have managed well in our pastor's absence. Surely the Lord has been watching over His flock at SMLC. Not only have we been able to keep present programs and functions going; but we have even taken some steps forward in spiritual growth, with lessons in "Equipping the Saints" and with more meaningful Lenten and Holy Week worship formats. We have continued growing in service, too, in our missions to La Puente and in sponsoring a community-wide fund-raiser.

A great deal of the credit goes to our very well-organized and dedicated Council President, Marie Hesterberg. She and her committee appropriately assigned the necessary pastoral functions to a large number of willing members so that all of them could enjoy the rewards of working as a team. Then she followed up continually on the telephone and the internet to make sure that all of their efforts were well coordinated. How many Lutherans does it take to replace one pastor? A treasure trove of them. We are grateful to the following:

Preaching: Bishop Bjornberg, Kelly Brown, and The Rev's Roger Fjeld, Erv Hesterberg, Glenn Isernhagen, Earl Matson, and Kent Keller

Coordinating and leading Lenten and Holy Week Services: The Rev. Erv Hesterberg; Children's sermons: Marie Hesterberg; Secretarial duties: Jill Johnson; Covering the office (part of the time): Bob Rising and Jan Kilgore; Hospital calls: The Revs Earl Matson and Erv Hesterberg; Visits (home communion and calls): The Revs Earl Matson and Erv Hesterberg; Confirmation classes: Laura Richard; Sunday school classes: Mardy Groskreutz and Laura Richard; Friday morning Bible studies at Good Sam: Loren and Lynette Johnson; Helping with Holden Evening Prayer: Tina Mathison;

We are also grateful to our regular compliment of volunteers who have continued to give of themselves during our pastor's absence: Treasurer: Marge Gallagher; Financial Secretary: Judy Wallace; Sound-system engineers: Gene Eggers and John Nydegger; Website manager: Bob Rising; Volunteer coordinator: Nancy Matson; Usher coordinator: Don Lickfett; Flower coordinator: Linda Wold; Soup Supper Volunteers; Adult Forum leaders; Musical offerings by Gary Brown, Phyllis Eggers, Loren Johnson, Lynette Johnson, Claire Molle', Wulfgar Pfaus Novak, Mike Wold, and the choir; Altar Preparation coordinator: Marion Dougherty; Communion Assistants, Ushers, Lectors, Greeters, Coffee Hosts, Treat Preparers, Tellers, and Flower Arrangers

All of us greet Pastor Dan and Carolyn with open arms and renewed spiritual vitality. Barney, too.

YOUTH - JJJ UPDATE

\$1,200 to go! We are on the count down to New Orleans! The snow helped delay some work days for our JJJ team but we are anxiously looking forward to some upcoming scheduled jobs. Thank you to the Wach's, Knoll's, Refsell's, Jobst's, Brown's and Adams' for 'jobs on the horizon'. It is anticipated that the combination of these jobs will help move us way past Memphis on our map and leave us with only \$200 to \$300 to earn.

Especially as the weather gets nicer... please consider hiring one or more of our JJJ team. We work for \$10 an hour per person and we do excellent work! Contact Kris or Bruce Adams at 586-1942.

THANKS FOR STEPPING IN

Our youth leader, Kris Adams, will be in Atlanta on business for most of May. Thank you to Brendan and Andre Solano for filling in to teach the youth forum in her absence. In fact, thank you to all the youth... this is a great opportunity to share together in a new way as you support Brendan and Andre and each other.

AND SPEAKING OF STEPPING IN....

A big thank you to Bruce Adams for joining the JJJ team as a chaperone! Bruce has been helping us throughout the fall and spring as we have been earning money for our trip so this moves him from 'unofficial' team member to 'official' status. Bruce's agreement to step in will allow Pastor to remain here during some of our busiest weeks in the summer. Thank you Bruce!

May 3

Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

May 10

Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

May 17

Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

May 24

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

May 31

Acts 2:1-21, Ezekiel 37:1-14 (alternate), Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:22-27, Acts 2:1-21 (alternate), John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15





All feedback (ours-SMLC-and the La Puente Home, Inc.) indicates that the April mission trip was a great success. There were 19 volunteers. We took \$3000 with us and all monies were spent for construction materials. Volunteers from SMLC were Larry & Jan Kilgore, Don Lickfett, Matt Mathison, Al Olson, Gary Wallace, Mike Van Brunt, Mark Lorenz and Eustis Habigorst (Thrivent). The work projects were: total rehab of a bathroom, installation of new door, new threshold of another door, new faucets and valves, painting of three Adalente homes(inside), building

250+ feet of new shelves in second hand store, trimmed doorways, installation of garage door in foor bank and many other small projects. Many thanks to all of you for your contributions alnd volunteered time. There is no doubt about our being loved in Alamosa. Gary Wallace
P. S. The Fall Trip to Alamosa will be October 9-12 (Columbus Day weekend). Mark your calendars now and join us for this opportunity to serve those in need.

LONGS PEAK CHORUS (Barbershop Harmony) will present “Falling In Love” Saturday, May 16, 7:00 p.m. at Skyline High School, Longmont; tickets are \$15 at the door, but you will receive a \$2 discount by purchasing in advance. Contact Bill Westley, 586-9511.



AN INVITATION TO THE CONGREGATION

All members of SMLC are warmly invited to attend an open house to celebrate Chelsea Lorenz's high school graduation. It will be held at SMLC on Saturday, May 23, from 1 - 4 PM. We'd love to see you there!

Mark & Peggy Lorenz

ADULT FORUMS IN MAY

May 3—a presentation on Holden Village, Chelan, WA, a year-round ecumenical Christian Retreat Center, rooted in Lutheran tradition. The village attracts those seeking renewal through worship, study, work, recreation, celebration and conversation. There will be opportunity to hear personal experiences at this and other retreat centers from all willing to share.

May 10—Mike Cooper and Rich Morrison will present the history and Christian service of the Gideons, celebrating their 110th year in ministry. Many are aware of their zeal in placing the scriptures in hotels, but they have a far wider outreach. They are active in 187 different countries. Come and hear about their work.

May 17—Pastor Mangler will share with us how our study of the Dead Sea Scrolls contribute to our understanding of the Hebrew Bible—the efforts of his study during his recent sabbatical.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

You may have noticed a one-line addition before PRELUDES on the front of the service bulletin. It reads. “Take time during the Prelude to prepare your heart and mind for worship”. When we recently visited our former congregation in Tucson, AZ, this quote caught my eye as I curiously opened the bulletin to discern that morning’s preludes. We organists can’t resist that temptation. I thought, what an appropriate reminder. It also brought to mind a quote from the book of Matthew, “Prepare the way for the Lord.” Each week I ask myself am I “prepared” musically? Will the compositions I have chosen provide a more meaningful worship experience for the congregation? Seldom is there opportunity for me to sit in the pew and have an extended period of time to “prepare” my heart and mind. It’s usually a quick, “Lord be with me” as I slide onto the organ bench and place my fingers on the keys. So as you slide onto the pew and open up the bulletin with your hands, hopefully your eyes will come upon this quote and have it cause you to examine how you “prepare” your heart and mind for worship. Then “Prepare the way for the Lord”; “Be still and know that He is God” and be “prepared” to “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.”

God Bless Your Worship,
Phyllis

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

President—Witness—Marie Hesterberg; Vice President—Learning—Kris Adams; Secretary—NCD—Linda Schlitt; Gene Eggers—Resource; Austin Condon—Service; Lynette Johnson—Worship; Mary Settje—Service; Gloria Lickfett—at-large; Ed Acela—at-large

Treasurer’s Report – March 31, 2009

	Actual	Budgeted YTD
March Income	\$ 23,916.13	
March Expenses	21,608.82	
Income YTD	42,336.24	\$ 16,805.42
Expenses YTD	52,222.53	
Difference	6,919.13	

Our annual church camping trip is now



scheduled for August 28-30.

As with previous years, we are returning to the Pika Loop in the Olive Ridge (National Forest Service) Campground located just north of Allenspark off of Highway 7.

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We're planning a similar format as Dutch Oven Feast for Friday's dinner, will return!), a potluck dinner, and our outdoor worship service on Sunday morning. Non-campers are highly encouraged to join us to play, eat, and/or worship. Full details on weekend activities will be communicated in late July/early August.

years' past, including the return of Stan's some group activities (competitive croquet campfire fellowship on Saturday,

If you plan to camp, **we recommend reserving your campsite soon***. The campgrounds fill up quickly on summer weekends. Contact Heidi, Leif, or Jill if you'd like help with securing a camping site online.

We hope to see you there.

Leif & Heidi Johnson
Site #55 Pika Loop
Eves/wknds 577-0576

Stan & Jill Johnson, Marilyn Anderson
'Host' Site #49 Pika Loop
613-1208

*** Camp Site Reservations available at www.recreation.gov OR**

The following link should take you directly to the Pika Loop Site map for a 2 night stay starting on 8/28/09. http://www.recreation.gov/camping/map_of_Olive_Ridge_Co/r/campgroundMap.do?camparea=112170673&contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70578

Sites are \$17/night with a 2 night minimum stay on weekends and a \$9 reservation fee. Seniors may use Golden Age or Golden Access cards for a discount. You will need to create an account to submit a reservation. (As of 4-21-09, 7 of the 13 sites on Pika loop were already reserved. Let's fill up the loop!)

PRAYERS FOR APRIL 2009

Continued prayers for:



Mark Lorenz, undergoing radiation treatment; Peggy Klovdahl, continued healing; Pat Head, continued healing from back surgery; Scott Lindemann, son of Dick & June, with a serious health condition; Linda Schlitt, recovering from a second surgery to hasten healing of her leg wound; Nancy Knoll, undergoing some medical tests; Betty Yohe, recovering from a shoulder injury; Jay Bedford, friend of Sidles, undergoing radiation and chemo for melanoma.

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

February and March Council Updates

We are missing the contribution of our secretary Linda Schlitt as she recovers from an accident that injured her leg. Linda, you are in our thoughts and our prayers! Please bear with us this month as we try to fill in for Linda and recap our council notes.

February:

Allen Settje and Roger Fjeld presented the official permanent occupancy permit to the Council. A joyful achievement of an important milestone!

The Future Development committee requested that the Council consider the future and purpose of the committee. Current members will be leaving the committee with the resolution of a few outstanding items; doors in multi-purpose room and air movement system. The Council expressed deep gratitude for the service this committee has performed.

The Memorial Committee requested approval for new guidelines concerning the memorial tree, specifically: all memorials given to date will be represented on the tree; due to space considerations, future memorials of \$100 or more will be represented on the tree; all memorials will be noted in the memorial book

A Council retreat has been scheduled for June 26 and 27. This will include both new and returning members. The focus of this retreat is to come together as a group in fun fellowship, orient new members and take some time to discuss and examine our purpose and process.

March:

Reviewed and accepted the following Audit Committee recommendations: back up records and place in fire-proof safe; back up for treasurer; store all physical records in the church; It was also recommended that monies received by WELCA and Men's group go through the church financial secretary and treasurer. The Council noted that this recommendation could not be enacted for WELCA as the constitution specifically excepts WELCA and allows this group to elect its own treasurer.

- Agreed to change the day of the monthly council meeting to the third Thursday.
- Accepted the resignation of Bob Rising as a council member. Gloria Lickfett will fill in for Bob in the interim. We thank Bob for his service and for his continued management of our website.
- Approved sending the newsletter by email to those who desire it.
- Approved building and hanging of the name tag/mail holder (now located on the west wall in the narthex).
- Approved gift of organ pipe facade and agreed to the proposed location.

Approved gift of shades for the Fellowship Hall and Youth room and several parking lot lights - monies to come from the Men's Group funds.