

THE VOICE



I hope everyone is having a very safe and happy summer! Fall will be here before we know it. Because so many of us travel during the summer, I thought I would just give a little update about a few things.

The Discernment Team (made up of members from SOTH and Christ Church) did not meet in July. We will pick up again in August. Our purpose for meeting is to discern how we might be able to increase opportunities for working together in ministry. How exactly that looks we do not yet know.

We do know this will be an ongoing and lengthy process. I tend to look at this as a journey rather than a fixed destination. At this point we are getting to know each other better and have discerned, and many of you have confirmed, that we are blessed by our joint worship. We will continue to meet for the annual Worship in the Park as well as the months with 5 Sundays. This has been a very important point of connection for many of us, as well as a source of joy in worship!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Rummage Sale last month! From everyone who donated items, set up, helped with planning, sale day workers and customers, and clean up: YOU ARE AWESOME!! At this writing we collected just over \$1800 which will go into our facilities fund. Every little bit helps.

You may remember that back at the beginning of Covid we received a very generous gift from the estate of Erika Pannke. Her son requested that we use that money to help others, especially for mental health support. The Council received several requests for funds and we chose to generously give to Cañon City Schools for suicide prevention, early childhood mental health program, CCFD for fire prevention education, and for Eric Minton's medical needs. The recipients were very grateful for the funding – we will be part of making a substantial difference in the lives of many people! Maybe even save some lives.

Regular programming will re-start in August. Blessing of those who carry backpacks/computers/etc. will be during worship on August 11. Sunday School and Catechism classes will also begin. There will be a home Catechism class for students and parents on August 18 at noon at my house. Lunch will be served. Adult education will also begin again after Labor Day. We will do a book study this time – more details to follow soon in the Thursday emails soon!

September 8th will be the return of Fellowship Breakfast!! The Faith Formation Team will be your host that day. We will also be participating in God's Work. Our Hands day. There will be opportunities to serve our neighbors. Details will be coming in August.

Lots more will be happening – See you in worship!

Blessings! Pastor Chris

CHURCH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

Council welcomes Tom Rupp and Cindy Giles-Thomas to Council. Council doesn't meet in July. Our next meeting is August 20. All meetings are open to visitors. If you have suggestions/concerns for Council, you may leave the in the suggestion box to the right of the front door or speak with a Council member or Pastor Chris.

Psalm 25:4 — Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

Charlene Coulson, President

STEWARDSHIP

September 22 will be the announcement of our annual journey into the Stewardship appeal. September 29 will begin our Stewardship focus. Temple Talk 1 will feature Dave Jarvis from Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp. We will celebrate our support of youth and their Camp participation plus the ways we can continue to support RTLC in the future.

Plans are to have a speaker from Loaves and Fishes and a presentation on facilities maintenance for SOTH in the following weeks with a culmination in November after follow-up phone calls by Stewardship Team. Thank-you in advance for being a vital partner and contributor in mission with SOTH membership.

Psalm 106:1 — Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.

Charlene Coulson, Stewardship Team

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Opportunities to make a difference through the giving of your time, talent, and treasure

Members of the Council were pleased to present checks to the Cañon City school board for suicide prevention, as well as early childhood mental healthcare. Those funds, from the Erika Pannke gift, totaled \$70,000.



The CCFD received \$2,000 from the Erika Pannke gift for materials for fire prevention education!



The Erika Pannke gift also added to the fund set up for Eric Minton. Here is Eric and Brycen after Brycen was awarded the Life Saving Award from the Fremont County Sheriff's Office!

FAITH FORMATION

The Campership fund is sending 10 students to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp this summer. Thank you for the generous donations at the February and March breakfasts, we will be able to send all the students that want to go. Of course, as always, the families pay the \$100 down payment. *Created To Be* is the theme for RTALC camp for summer 2024. Another opportunity to share God's radical grace, instilling it into the hearts of our congregational youth. Thanks also to Becky and Rick for driving up for the closings when our students are there.

Noisy Offering has taken a hiatus during June, July and August. In May the collection of almost \$150 went to Christians Motorcycle Association (Tony Salyer is a member). Special thanks to Anne Erickson for donating all of her change from her pottery sales! This offering starts again on **8/11** (backpack-blessing day) and will continue on each 2nd Sunday of the month. The recipient is chosen by the youth.

Confirmation Time STARTING again: August 18th! Catechism students this year are: Birdie, Evelyn and William, Dylan, Brycen, Kinley and Marcus, Ashley and Casey. This year we will have HOME GATHERINGS punctuating our classes which will continue to be on Sundays after worship! Most months, we will gather in someone's home for refreshments and an activity to expand our weekly catechetical meetings on Sunday mornings.

Our first Home Gathering will be at Pastor's Chris' home for food, fellowship and a Devo discussing God's grace and the blessing of Catechism classes together on 8/18 at 12 noon. Lunch will be provided and we will discuss the Confirmation program for 2024-25.

The Annual Blessing of Backpack Milestone occurs on August 11 during the worship service. All **students** (and those in the teaching profession) bring your device cases or backpacks to church that morning for a special blessing.

God's Work; Our Hands has been part of our ELCA church's service projects for a number of years already. This year we will participate in it. **On 9/8**, after worship, we will fortify ourselves with food before going into the community to help fulfill a need. We have not decided which person / nonprofit to help yet.

Magic of Chemistry to be presented at our church the Friday of **9/13** and begins at 5:30 p.m. Students of ALL ages will enjoy this entertaining and educational event. Thanks to Diana Biggs for arranging this.

Kids' Fellowship needs adult leaders! We meet every Sunday after worship during fellowship time - beginning **September 15th**. Please consider helping another adult leader to share your faith story with the kids who come to church on Sunday mornings. Let Dena or Pastor know if you're interested in this ministry.

RTLCamp SUNDAY is 9/29! All of you kiddos who went to camp this past summer will participate in leading worship with Dave and Nellie Jarvis!

Dena Wangerin-Richter

NEWS & NOTES

Thank you to everyone, including these clowns, who helped with the Rummage Sale in any way! We raised over \$1800 for facility maintenance.



Fish Fry — The Sons of Norway Walleye Fish Fry will be Saturday, September 14. Please call Clarence Ver Sluys for more information and reservations.

Faith Formation Team is seeking additional members! Current members are: Dianne Bush, Dena Richter, Pastor Chris, Becky Romano and council member representative, Cindy Giles Thomas. We meet when needed to facilitate the faith journeys of our church members, especially the youth! Let Dena or PC know if you'd be interested in joining our important and fun group!

Magic of Chemistry will be presented at our church on Friday, September 13, at 5:30 p.m. Students of all ages will enjoy this entertaining and educational event.

The Magic of Chemistry is presented to local schools, children's organizations, and community gatherings by the United States Air Force Academy's (USAFA) Department of Chemistry. The purpose of The Magic of Chemistry is to get kids excited about the wonders of chemistry. The presentation consists of a series of chemical demonstrations that are used in the classrooms at USAFA. The Department of Chemistry presents The Magic of Chemistry as part of the USAFA community outreach efforts.

For more information, contact Diana Biggs.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2 9am Peace in Motion	3 8am Men's Breakfast
4	5 9am Peace in Motion 9am Meals on Wheels 10am Stewardship	6 8am Life Line Screening	7	8	9 9am Peace in Motion	10 8am Men's Breakfast
11 Blessing of the Backpacks Noisy Offering	12 9am Peace in Motion	13	14 1pm Crafting 2pm Book Club	15	16 9am Peace in Motion	17 8am Men's Breakfast
18 12pm Confirmation Families at PC's House	19 9am Peace in Motion 9am Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Orchestra	20 7pm Church Council	21	22	23 9am Peace in Motion	24 8am Men's Breakfast
25 9:30am Worship at Centennial Park 2pm Camera Club	26 9am Peace in Motion 6:30pm Orchestra	27	28 1pm Crafting 1pm NAMI 6:30pm Choir	29	30 9am Peace in Motion	31 8am Men's Breakfast

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

SOTH STAFF

Christine Hjelmstad	Pastor
Jill Boxdorfer	Office Administrator
Dena Richter	Faith Formation Director
Gerry Willis	Music Director
Leslie Woodhull	Violinist
Cheri Chiaro	Accompanist
Andy Fisher	Audio-Visual
Barbara Runa	Treasurer
Barbara Knicely	Financial Secretary
Teresa Burdick	Custodian
Caroline Barnhardt	Grounds Maintenance

AUG ANNIVERSARIES



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September 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 9am Meals on Wheels Office Closed for Labor Day	3	4 6:30pm Choir	5	6 9am Peace in Motion	7 8am Men's Breakfast
8 Noisy Offering Fellowship Breakfast God's Work; Our Hands Service Project	9 9am Peace in Motion 6:30 Orchestra	10 7pm Church Council	11 1pm Crafting 2pm Book Club 6:30pm Choir	12 10am Ruth Circle 1pm Book Club	13 9am Peace in Motion 5:30pm Magic in Chemistry	14 8am Men's Breakfast
15 2pm Historical Society	16 9am Peace in Motion 9am Meals on Wheels 10am Stewardship 6:30 Orchestra	17	18 6:30pm Choir	19 <i>The Voice</i> Newsletter Deadline 6:30pm FCCCA	20 9am Peace in Motion	21 8am Men's Breakfast
22 Stewardship Appeal 2pm Camera Club	23 9am Peace in Motion 6:30 Orchestra	24	25 1pm Crafting 1pm NAMI 6:30pm Choir	26	27 9am Peace in Motion	28 8am Men's Breakfast
29 9am Joint Worship @ SOTH Temple Talk - RTLC	30 9am Peace in Motion 9am Meals on Wheels 6:30 Orchestra	1	2	3	4	5

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SEPT ANNIVERSARIES

SOTH COUNCIL

Charlene Coulson	President
Cindy Giles Thomas	Vice-President
Linda Freed	Secretary
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David Salyer	



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Traditional Worship
9:00 am

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Our mission

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church is a reflection of God's love and grace. Our mission is to grow in faith and love, connect with community, and share and serve with compassion.



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