

The Shepherd's Staff

Monthly Newsletter of

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From our Transition Partner, Pastor Erik

Your transition team and council have been hard at work the last few months working with the Synod to find a Care Pastor for us for the next 12 months as we continue our transition work. In the last few weeks, the details have all been worked out, and we are pleased to announce that Deacon Liz Colver will be serving in that role.

Now, you may ask: "What's a Deacon?" As Christians, each and every one of us is a minister—called in Baptism to use the gifts God gives us in service of others. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) we also recognized two forms of "public ministry" and often refer to "rostered ministers." This means those who have been educated, formed, approved, and ordained and who are on a roster (a list) of ordained public ministers in the church. Public Ministry is as it sounds, more public than other callings might be and is a ministry that is wider than a particular calling that other Christian ministers may have. You, for example, may be called to minister to your neighbors, to people who have experienced something you also have (like cancer, divorce, or having kids), or to some other calling in your work or wider life. Public Ministers have those sorts of callings too, but primarily proclaim the gospel, have ministry connected to the church specifically, and work with the other ministers in our congregations and beyond.

We are most familiar with pastors, whose ministry is "Word and Sacrament." Deacons' ministry is "Word and Service." Here's how the ELCA defines the distinction:

Rostered ministers carry out the work and mission of this church, sharing God's love with the world through the good news of Jesus Christ. The different types of rostered ministers in the ELCA include:

- **Ministers of Word and Sacrament.** Pastors, serve with active, courageous faith to offer the hope of the sacraments and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in congregations and other ministry settings. Some pastors are called to specialized ministries such as chaplaincy and campus ministry.
- **Ministers of Word and Service.** Deacons serve in congregations and other ministries of the ELCA, including family ministries, youth, administration, volunteer ministry, social services, music or parish nursing. Deacons connect the church with the needs of the world and work to equip others to lead a living, active and caring Christian life.

Now, to complicate things a bit, Deacon Liz will be serving as the Care Pastor for Good Shepherd and Holy Cross. This means she will mostly be serving in the manner of a pastor, including preaching, visiting, leading worship, and presiding at communion. While Deacons don't normally serve in this way, the Bishop of the Synod can authorize them to do so--and Bishop Shelley has done that with Deacon Liz. So, it's likely that she'll mostly feel like a pastor to you, and she served as transition pastor in another congregation in our Synod. But, because of Deacon Liz's calling, experience, and gifts, I expect she will also bring some "Deacon" energy to her work. Given Good Shepherd's desire to connect more to the community and find new partnerships in ministry I think this will really be an additional gift—you get the best of both worlds!

Additional information about Deacons can be found on this website:

<https://www.northcountychurches.org/deacons>

| Word & Sacrament (Pastor) | Word & Service (Deacon) |
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| Preach the Word | Be rooted in the Word of God, for proclamation and service |
| Administer the sacraments | Advocate a prophetic diakonia that commits itself to risk-taking and innovative service on the frontiers of the Church's outreach, giving particular attention to the suffering places in God's world |
| Conduct public worship | Speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world, witnessing to the Kingdom of God in the community, in the nation, and abroad |
| Provide pastoral care | Equip the baptized for ministry in God's world that affirms the gifts of all people |
| Seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel | Encourage mutual relationships that invite participation and accompaniment of others in God's mission |
| Impart knowledge of this church and its wider ministry through distribution of periodicals and other publications | Practice stewardship that respects God's gift of time, talents, and resources |
| Witness to the Kingdom of God in the community, in the nation, and abroad | Be grounded in gathered community for ongoing diaconal formation |
| Speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world | Share knowledge of the ELCA and its wider ministry of the Gospel, and advocate for the work of all expressions of this church |
| | Identify and encourage qualified persons to prepare for ministry of the gospel |

PRAYER REQUESTS

***Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus
and for all people according to their needs:***

*Deacon Liz as she begins her ministry with Good Shepherd and Holy Cross
Pr. Erik, the Transition Team, the Council and our own Congregation as we work*

through the transition process
Chris Reed and family on the loss of his wife, Juli
Jane Melnyk and family on the loss of her brother, Terry
Karla Kloes and family on the loss of her sister, Fara
Ron Walther and family on the loss of his wife, Joanne
The Kloes family on the loss of Karla's mother

For health concerns:

Lisa Robinson's Sister-in-law, Debbie, as she recovers from auto accident

Mur Jensen

Bob Amberson

Richard McCutchan's sister

Heidi Ferria, Pat Heifort's daughter

Bo Henderson

For all others who are in need of healing and wholeness,

For peace all around the world,

For our Congregational Leaders and for all people according to their needs.

*Into your hands, Oh, Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - October 16

There is a potential for leasing part of our building for weekday use by a local Christian School. The Council has been exploring this opportunity with Karla Kloes as the lead. The Council would need to approval of the Congregation to negotiate and enter into a lease/contract so we would like to present this opportunity to you at a brief Congregational Meeting after Worship on Sunday, October 16. Please plan to attend if possible. Your opinions are valued!

FROM THE COUNCIL

Your Council and Transition Team are so excited to confirm that, for at least the next year, we will have Deacon Liz Colver serving our Care Pastor. We are sharing Deacon Liz with Holy Cross, which necessitates moving our Worship time to 10:30 am. Sunday School will change to before Worship at 9:45am.

October 2 will be Deacon Liz's first day with us so please plan to come and then stay for a combined Potluck Meet and Greet with Deacon Liz and our friends from Holy Cross!

Next Council Meeting after worship on October 16. All are welcome!

Our Mission Statement is in process of revision and there is a meeting on October 24 7:00 p.m. at the church to work on the rewrite.

THANK YOU TO

- Those who have kept our lawns mown and gardens weeded....and helped with other projects through the summer!
- To all those who have been helping at the monthly work parties.
- To those who continue to provide our Fellowship time with treats and clean up!

- To those who continue doing the bulletins, up-dating the website, live-streaming the worship service and serving as Sunday Supervisors to prepare the church for worship and then close it all up after service....there is a lot to do!!!!
- To Samantha Danner and Lori Fox for offering to assist with social media!
- The Council and Transition Team for all their efforts and dedication!

ON LINE WORSHIP

Please remember and share with your friends and family that our weekly worship service continues to be recorded and posted on our Website. This is a way to stay connected if you are unable for various reasons to attend. Just go to www.swanstrail.org

TRAUMA GROUP OPPORTUNITY

A women's trauma group is meeting at the church once a month in the evening the goal of which is to provide a safe place for healing. The group is organized using 12 step principles but is not affiliated with any program.

The focus of the group is broad based- looking at how traumatic events and experiences shape our reactions and our lives, and supporting each other in healing. People's trauma can vary. It can be living through something like a natural disaster or a house fire, losing a family member suddenly, an illness, a difficult medical procedure, experiencing a violent crime, having experienced something like domestic violence, childhood abuse or neglect, or sexual abuse. It isn't the event that makes something traumatic, it's how the event changes us.

If anyone is interested in attending or visiting the group or if you know of someone who might be interested, please send an email to the Church and we'll forward to those involved.

TRANSITION TEAM

The Council has directed the Transition Team to proceed with filling out the Ministry Site Profile. Associated with that effort, the Transition Team sent out a survey asking the congregation's input on Ministry Tasks. The next survey will be Gifts for Ministry (those gifts the congregation feels are essential and most helpful for a potential pastor to possess).

Completing these surveys will help in filling out this profile and the Transition Team thanks you all for your time and input. We will be reviewing the results of the coming survey at the next Let's Talk on November 20th.

MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE– Marilyn Errey

From Riverview Elementary: *“Thanks to you, all of our students have what they need to start the year off right! We are looking forward to a great school year! Thank you for supporting our students! Parents and students were thrilled to receive new backpacks and underclothes that they wouldn't have had without your generous contributions!”*

Photos are posted on the bulletin board of Riverview's staff going out into the trailer parks to pass out donations to students most in need. Additional students who do not live in the parks were provided with items at school.

A \$500 donation from the Community Service budget has been made to the Snohomish Crop Hunger Walk on behalf of the Youth Ecumenical group of Snohomish (YES).

Thank you for continued food bank contributions. They have been delivered to the Snohomish Food Bank. Please continue to remember their needs as it is a vital resource to many in our community. Donations of funds or non-perishable items are always needed, including not only pantry staples, but also paper products and pet supplies.

November and December are big months for our community service team/projects. If anyone has thoughts or ideas for contributions for our community service giving, please contact me. Thank you so much!

MINISTRY OF GIFTS – Dell Deierling

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who are faithful in their offerings and support of Good Shepherd. Your generosity of time, talents and offerings are greatly needed and very much appreciated! We continue to fall considerably short of meeting the budgeted needs of our church. Together we can and will succeed in achieving the needs for our 2022 ministry and chart the future for our church.

GIVING OPTIONS

- Contributing during our weekly service
- Mailing checks to: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5511 64th Street S.E., Snohomish, WA 98290 (There are addressed envelopes in the Narthex)
- Utilizing your bank's bill pay option (Check with your bank or your on-line banking website)
- Using Tithe.ly donate link on our website, <https://www.swanstrail.org>

MINISTRY OF GOD'S HOUSE – Chad Masche

Outdoor Work Parties:

REMINDER - Our monthly gardening work parties have moved to the third Monday of every month. The next work party will be Monday, October 17th starting at 4:30pm. During these work parties, we typically work on staying ahead of the weeding, trimming of shrubs/bushes, and other projects. From time to time, here are projects inside the church that need attention as well. Any time you can contribute is so appreciated. No experience is necessary, your time and a good attitude is all that is required. .

In addition to working, we enjoy eating. Our hope is to offer some BBQ/Grilling for our volunteers at our work parties. It's super helpful to know ahead of time if you plan on joining us, that way we can make sure there is enough burgers, chips, fixings, and salad. Bring your own beverage.

Projects in the works:

Dean Kloes is currently looking to repair and replace one of the hand-railings to the outside stairway on the west side of the church.

Projects completed:

Pastor Tom's bench has been installed in front entry area of the church. Thanks so much to Dell Deierling for getting this completed.

Just a couple of notes:

Additional Projects are continuously being recognized, discussed, and completed. If you see something in need of repair, a safety issue, or have an idea for improvements in, and around, the church, please let me know so they can be addressed.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP & MUSIC – Donna Garland

October brings very good news for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! On October 2nd, Deacon Liz Colver will start as our shared care pastor (shared with Holy Cross Lutheran Church) for a period of one year. Deacon Liz will be authorized by the Bishop to perform all the sacraments of the church including communion and baptisms. Deacon Liz and Pastor Erik will share officiating the service for that day. Also please note the change in service time to 10:30am in order for Deacon Liz to make it from Holy Cross to Good Shepherd without having to hurry.

We are very fortunate to have Deacon Liz join us for at least the next year. She will be filling our care pastor role teaming with Pastor Erik who will be continuing in our Transition Facilitator role. Pastor Erik and Deacon Liz have worked together in the past and we can expect that they will be very effective team to help us moving forward.

I am also looking for some help with paraments and communion prep. If you are interested, please see me after church or call me at anytime.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH & ADULT EDUCATION – Dean Kloes

Beginning October 2 Sunday School for the youth of our church will begin at 9:45 AM.

The next women's monthly bible study is scheduled for Friday, October 28th at 10:00 AM in the Anderson Chapel.

Also, each Sunday evening at 6:00 pm, bible study continues at the Barstad home where the adult group has just begun studying a book titled *The Faith We Hold*.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH & ADULT FELLOWSHIP –Karla Kloes

Thank you to all who contributed to the beginning of the Sunday school season BBQ potluck, especially Terry and Tim Danner for grilling. Thank you also to Joanie Gilbert, Eli and Sharon for helping with setting up and Pat Pehling for cleanup. We are looking forward to another potluck on October 2nd celebrating Deacon Liz joining us and our partnership with Holy Cross who will also be attending the potluck. Please bring something to share.

This is also a reminder about **Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 23rd from 3-5 p.m.** There is a signup sheet in the fellowship hall. Invite Family and Friends!

Looking ahead to November, we were hoping to have a **progressive dinner** including 3 stops. Al Errey has volunteered to provide the main course and I would be happy to host either the appetizer or dessert. We need one more volunteer and people who are interested in attending. Please call or email Karla Kloes if interested.

On Sunday, October 2nd at 1:00 PM, the youth and all friends and family of Good Shepherd are invited to participate in the **Snohomish Crop Walk**. The walk is 5 miles long and the purpose is to raise funds for the hungry. A portion of the funds will be donated to the Snohomish Community Kitchen. If you are interested in participating or contributing, please contact Dean or Karla Kloes on 360-563-0520.

Also, on Sunday, October 16th, the youth will visit **The Farm in Snohomish** to enjoy some fall family activities and choose a pumpkin.

Pat Veale is hosting a **Leisure Time Potluck** on Tuesday, November 15 (instead of October 18) at 12 noon at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. **Theme:** Thanksgiving Food. Bring a dish to share. This is for all ages. If you have extra time on your hands and don't know what to do with it, come. Bring your photos and stories, what trips you have been on or want to share what you do. There is no formal agenda.. Bring a friend or neighbor with you if you like. Maybe some old friends of Good Shepherd would like to get reacquainted.

Special Occasions in our Congregation

(Check with Pat to be sure your family's special dates – Birthdays and anniversaries - are included in the appropriate month!)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

October 4 - Sharon Danner Bozhinov
5 - Gus Melnyk & Wes Robinson
9 – Skip Sheppard
10 - Kimberly Lipke
11 - Jack Walkley
18 - Anders Thoreson
22 - Cindy Martina
24 - Katie Kloes Greeny
26 - Tyler Goodnight
29 – Bruce DeVault
30 – Chris Nofziger
31 - Juli Reed

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

October 19 Pat & John Veale

October 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 Sunday School 9:45am Worship 10:30 am Potluck following Worship Crop Walk 1pm Bible Study 6pm | 3 4-H Club Meeting | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Quilters Trauma Group 6-9pm | 8 |
| 9 Sunday School 9:45am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study 6pm | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Pilchuck Camera Club 6:30pm | 14 Project Linus BZB Quilters | 15 Project Linus |
| 16 Sunday School 9:45am Worship 10:30 am Congregational Meeting 11:30am Council Meeting 11:45am Youth Event – The Farm Bible Study 6pm | 17 Workparty 4:30pm | 18 | 19 Project Linus | 20 BZB Quilters | 21 Quilters 1-3pm 4-H 6-9pm | 22 |
| 23 Sunday School 9:45am Worship 10:30 am Oktoberfest 3-5pm Bible Study 6pm | 24 Mission Statement Development Meeting 7pm | 25 | 26 | 27 BZB Quilters- Both Rooms | 28 Women’s Bible Study 10am | 29 |
| 30 Sunday School 9:45am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study 6pm | 31 | | | | | |

