

# Shepherd's Staff

August 1, 2025

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August Greetings to the People of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church!

Welcome...it is the extension of a handshake, a warm smile, a check in about how someone is doing, or simply sitting with another. When we feel welcomed, we feel valued, seen and appreciated for who we are. It often doesn't take much to be welcoming, but when we are, do we ever make a difference in the lives of those we encounter.

When I think about Welcome, I am reminded of a song of the same name by Mark Miller.

The opening verse and chorus go like this:

*"Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin  
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,  
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace,  
Singing welcome, welcome to this place.  
You're invited to come and know God's grace.  
All are welcome, the love of God to share 'cause all of us are wel-  
come here, all are welcome in this place." ©2007 Abingdon Press*

The words of this song invite us to come together, to dream together, to grow together, to share God's love together, to extend welcome together to all.

Welcome...This is what I, along with all my family, have felt this first month at Good Shepherd. We have been welcomed in conversation, in fellowship, in learning, in music, in worship, in all aspects of the church. Thank you all who have reached out and made connections. We will look forward to meeting and getting to know all.

I am grateful for the warm welcome and am excited to join in this church's ministry of welcome, both within the walls of this church and throughout the community. May this church be a place where all are welcome and all are inspired to go out in the world and make a difference. Let us be beacons of God love and light in our families, community, and around the world!

If you have pastoral needs or would simply like to meet up for coffee or tea and conversation, please feel free to reach out to me via text or call at 720-261-8028 or via email ([goodshepherdumcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:goodshepherdumcpastor@gmail.com)).

Many Blessings,

*Pastor Emily*



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

School will be starting soon. Are you excited? The first few weeks are always fun when you can see your classmates again, meet your new teacher, and the joy of having all the new school supplies and school clothes!

This month we will be continuing the Fruits of the Spirit. We now have a Children's Message at first service and second service. If you miss the weekly lesson, check out the interactive classroom on the website under "Children's Ministry"

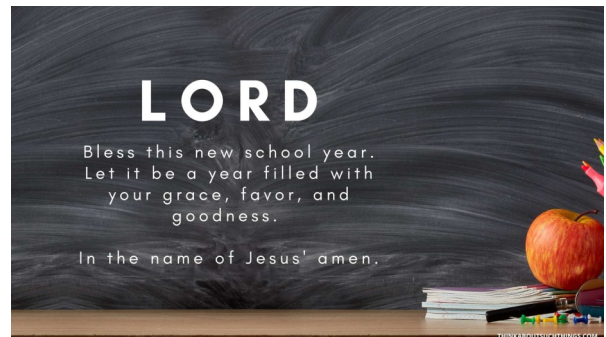
## Days to remember:

**August 3: Communion Sunday-No Sunday school for all kids and youth.**

**August 4:** Free entry into Colorado state parks for Colorado Day.

**August 10:** Back to School Sunday. *Bring your backpack or school item!*

**August 10:** Faith Day at the Rockies game and



## Youth Group

In August, the Youth Group will continue their 6-week study of the book "Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living." The Youth Group continues to meet on Sunday immediately after the 2nd service from 11:30 to 1:30, except for when a staff meeting is held. On that day, The Youth Group will meet from 1:00 to 3:00. We will begin focusing our efforts on 3 projects: a collaborative art project to replace the one in the hallway across from the donuts, planning an external excursion before school starts, and planning and completing a service project. Learning about Christ, having fun, and serving others are the pillars that the Youth Group is built on. If any parishioners have any ideas for a service project, please present your idea(s) to Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.



| August 2025  |  |  |  |  |  |                                     |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat                                 |
| <b>GOD BLESS OUR<br/>STUDENTS &amp;<br/>TEACHERS</b>   |  |  |  |  | 1<br>Office Closed<br>Playology 6:30am-6pm<br><br>Music Together 10:30am                   | 2                                   |
| 3<br>9:00am Contemporary Worship<br>10:30am Traditional Worship<br><br>9:00am Adult Sunday School<br>10:30 Children/Bash Youth<br><br>Faith Day at the Rockies 1:10  | 4<br>Pastor Emily Sabbath<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:30am-6pm<br><br>Boy Scouts 7pm                     | 5<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br>Geri-Actives 11:30am<br><br>Playology 6:30am-6pm                             | 6<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:30am-6pm<br><br>RMP Band 6:30-8:00pm               | 7<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:30am-6pm<br><br>Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3:00pm<br><br>Prayer Group 6:30            | 8<br>Office Closed<br><br>Playology 6:30am-6pm<br><br>Music Together 10:30am               | 9<br>Paint-A-thon 8:00am            |
| 10 Back to School Sunday<br>9:00am Contemporary Worship<br>10:30am Traditional Worship<br><br>9:00 am Adult Sunday School<br>10:30 Children/Bash Youth<br><br>Staff Meeting –Noon<br>Ad Board Meeting– 1pm | 11<br>Pastor Emily Sabbath<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:30-6pm<br><br>Boy Scouts 7-9pm                    | 12<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Bible Discussion Group: 1:00pm<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm | 13<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm                             | 14<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Prayer Group 6:30 | 15<br>Office Closed<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Music Together 10:30am | 16<br>United Women in Faith 12:00pm |
| 17<br>9:00am Contemporary Worship<br>10:30am Traditional Worship<br><br>9:00am Adult Sunday School<br>10:30 Children/Bash Youth<br>Ministry Board Meeting 1:00   | 18<br>Pastor Emily Sabbath<br><br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Boy Scouts 7-9pm | 19<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Bible Discussion Group 1:00pm<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm  | 20<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>RMP Band 6:30-8:00pm | 21<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Prayer Group 6:30 | 22<br>Office Closed<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Music Together 10:30am | 23                                  |
| 24<br>9:00am Contemporary Worship<br>10:30am Traditional Worship<br><br>9:00am Adult Sunday School<br>10:30 Children/Bash Youth  | 25<br>Pastor Emily Sabbath<br><br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:30-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Boy Scouts 7-9pm | 26<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Bible Discussion Group 1:00pm<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm  | 27<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Pages! 6:30-8:00pm   | 28<br>Office Hours 8:30-12:30<br><br>Ruth Circle Bible Study 1-3pm<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Prayer Group 6:30 | 29<br>Office Closed<br><br>Playology 6:00-7:00am/3:00-6:00pm<br><br>Music Together 10:30am | 30                                  |
| 31<br>9:00am Contemporary Worship<br>10:30am Traditional Worship<br><br>9:00am Adult Sunday School<br>10:30 Children/Bash Youth  |  |  |  |  |  |                                     |





## Food for Hope August

Food For Hope operates three food banks during the summer months. This month we will be collecting salad dressings. Ranch is always a favorite with kids, but all types are welcome. Plastic bottles are preferred.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Bubble Bash @ Orchard Town Center**  
August 10th 11:00-1:00pm

**Join Us for the Thornton Bike n Brew!**  
Saturday, September 6 | 3:00–7:00 PM | Satire Brewing Co. | Thornton, CO

Visit Food For Hope Event page for more information.  
<https://foodforhope.net/events>

*All proceeds benefit Food for Hope, helping ensure no child in our community goes hungry. Bring your bike, bring your friends, and join us for a day of impact, connection, and celebration. We can't wait to see you there!*

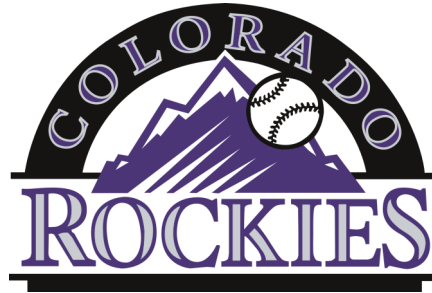


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| August 1  | Sandy Horst      |
| August 6  | Gabriella Mervyn |
| August 12 | Bob Boaz         |
| August 12 | Ana Bean         |
| August 12 | Brent Weingardt  |
| August 13 | Nicholas Johnson |
| August 13 | Jamie Luark      |
| August 13 | Kim Sack         |
| August 16 | Jacqueline Merz  |
| August 18 | Lindsey Stark    |
| August 19 | Edna Busse       |
| August 19 | Avery Atkinson   |
| August 20 | Samantha Hiney   |
| August 20 | Karl Merz        |
| August 20 | John Aldis       |
| August 21 | Ronda Stringer   |
| August 21 | Amelia Gress     |
| August 25 | Becky Stice      |
| August 25 | Erin Austin      |
| August 26 | Brent Covert     |
| August 28 | Keith Anderson   |





# Summer Fun 2025



## Faith Day at the Rockies Sunday August 3rd 1:10pm

Tickets are still available for the Faith Day at the Rockies game. Seat availability does not guarantee you will be sitting in the Good Shepherd section. Post game concert features Jeremy Camp. Jeremy Camp is a contemporary Christian singer and songwriter. Camp's original music is a mixture of ballads and up-tempo songs with rock influence.



## District Picnic

All Laity & Clergy from Colorado Front Range are Invited!

**23**

August 2025

**12 PM - 2 PM**

at E.B. Rains Park

11701 Community Center Dr.  
Northglenn, CO 80233

**BYO Food & Drink,  
Dessert Provided**



## BROTHERS DEVELOPMENT PAINT-A-THON 2025



### 4920 E 115th Court

Above is the home we will be painting for this year's Paint-a-thon on August 9th starting at 8 a.m. This home is located in Thornton off Colorado Blvd. The homeowner is Ann Mares, a senior living with a disability. Ms. Mares works part time for the City of Thornton Active Adult Center. We will be painting the entire house, a small shed, and some yard clean up. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Hervey Smith 303-452-4520







**Saturday October 11**  
**Lakewood UMC**  
 1390 Brentwood  
 Lakewood, Co 80214

OUR Vision: To share the American Indian culture in ways that build bridges of mutual understanding and support. To create spaces that educate and foster respect, cultural appreciation, and celebration of our culture. Then add only this The Denver American Indian Festival is a 100% volunteer-run 501(c)(3) organization founded and created by Colorado Native American community members. Our organization strives to educate, celebrate, preserve, and protect the traditional cultural traditions and performing arts of the American Indian people. We accomplish this by hosting educational and cultural events throughout the year including the annual Denver American Indian Festival. Each year this free and family-friendly event held since 2014, has welcomed over 20,000 people and over 81 tribal representatives.



# Geri-Actives Group



Geriactives will meet on August 5th at El Jardin's Mexican Restaurant, located at 6460 E 73rd Ave, Commerce City at 11:30. We can meet at the church at 11:00 if some want to carpool. After eating we will ride down to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal & Wildlife Preserve about 64th and Quebec, 6650 Gateway Rd, Commerce City. We hope to see Bison, Deer, Coyotes, and Eagles. You never know for sure, sometimes we see nothing, but other times we find the whole Bison herd. It is about an hour drive through the Preserve. You can picture those wagon trains going across that prairie. There is a spot for a mountain view and city at the same time providing the weather cooperates. Questions ask Phil or Carol Stanley. Please let us know if you are planning to attend by August 1st so we can make reservations.

## Choir Practice begins soon!

The Chancel Choir will begin practice after the summer break on September 2nd at 6:30pm. If you are interested in joining choir, please contact Emily Alley at: [emily.alley@alleystudios.net](mailto:emily.alley@alleystudios.net)



## Meet our new Handbell Choir Director

Congratulations to Cora Lou Baker, who will be the director of the Good Shepherd Handbell Choir. Cora Lou has played with our group for years. Cora Lou actually started playing bells in the 5th grade! We are blessed to have Cora Lou step up to direct the bells. We look forward to their beautiful music starting up again this fall.







The Stephen Ministry trainee team (Phil and Carol Stanley, and Connie Johnson) are now 16% complete with their mandated training. Carol and Phil continue to host the training classes every other Monday afternoon, and classes are progressing well. Training continues to be Christ-centered, with a constant reminder that God is the curer. Every class ends with a review of the “Caregiver’s Compass” that requires students to review and categorize their learning into 4 categories: Compassion, Full of Faith, Skilled, and Trustworthy. These skills are paramount to the inner workings of Stephen Ministry relationship between a care receiver and a care giver. If you are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry, call or text Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

## **DIVERSITY** **TEAM UPDATE**

The Diversity Team slowed down with a lot of their activities. Debbie Pacetti has been the leader of this group for over 4-1/2 years, and the team really does need to get some fresh faces involved with this group, including someone stepping forward to take over the leadership role. The Diversity Team wants to meet with Rev. Emily to gather her insight into this ministry to decide if we should continue to go forward with this team or should the ministry be disbanded. If you have an opinion, one way or another, please contact Debbie Pacetti at 720-413-5975.

# Blessing Boutique

We're excited to introduce our **Blessing Boutique**, a pop-up shop where community members can "shop" for essentials—completely free of charge! This special event will take place during our **Fall Festival on October 4th**.

We're accepting **gently used** items such as:

- Clothing and shoes (all ages/sizes)
- Baby essentials (swings, bouncers, walkers)
- Diapers and wipes

**Please note:** We *cannot* accept toys, stained or torn clothing, items in poor condition or with strong odors, or anything from smoking households.

Want to help beyond donating? We're also looking for volunteers to:

- Help sort and organize donations
- Wash items (as needed)
- Bring in tables or clothing racks

Let's work together to bless local families with dignity and care. Thank you for being part of this effort! For more information, please contact Michelle with Playology at [michelle@playologyco.com](mailto:michelle@playologyco.com). We will start collecting items August 17th. Please see the chart below for additional items or needs.

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### Support Items for the Boutique (Non-Clothing Donations Welcome!)

#### Boutique Operations

- Plastic or fabric shopping bags (for guests to carry items)
- Clothing hangers (adult and child sizes)
- Clear bins or laundry baskets (for sorting/displaying)
- Portable clothing racks (foldable or rolling)
- Folding tables

#### Laundry & Prep Supplies

- Unscented laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets (sensitive skin or free & clear)
- Lint rollers
- Disinfecting wipes or surface spray

#### Volunteer & Guest Hospitality

- Individually packaged snacks (granola bars, crackers, etc.)
- Mini water bottles or juice boxes

#### Event Supplies

- Large black markers or Sharpies
- Index cards or cardstock (for table signage)
- Masking or painter's tape (for temporary signs)
- Ziplock bags (for bundling small items)

#### Optional Blessing Items

If you have space and want to include a little "extra blessing" section:

- New travel-size toiletries (toothpaste, deodorant, soap)
- New socks or underwear (in packaging)
- Blankets or throw blankets (clean, like-new)

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# Christian Crafters Event

## Terrariums and Fairy Gardens







## **Save the date!**

### **Charge Conference will be**

### **November 2nd @5:00pm**

The 2025 Charge Conference has been set, and will be held at Good Shepherd on Sunday November 2nd at 5:00pm. **All Ministry Teams** will need to submit a page for the Charge Conference book. Your page should include details about your ministry and what you have accomplished throughout 2025. Please submit your page to the office by **September 1st**. For questions, please contact the office at [shepherdchurch@qwestoffice.net](mailto:shepherdchurch@qwestoffice.net)

### **Junior Nursery**

### **Attendant Needed**

Starting in September, the nursery will need a Jr. Attendant to work alongside our Nursery Supervisor, Amanda. The position is 8:30-10:00 on Sunday mornings. Duties include playing with children from birth-5 years, assisting Amanda in Sunday school lessons, and classroom cleaning. If you have a child/grandchild 14 years or older, who would like to work in the nursery and earn a little money, please contact Natalie at [nhiggins.gsumc@gmail.com](mailto:nhiggins.gsumc@gmail.com)



## **GSUMC Administrative Board for Ministries**

### **July 20, 2025 – Minutes LITE**

1. A recognition of Connie Anderson on her retirement from directing the GSUMC bell choir is scheduled for Sunday, August 24.
2. During the month of August, several meet-and-greet events are planned to welcome Rev. Emily Kintzel and family. These will be small in size to facilitate conversation. Sign-up sheets for the various events will be available in the narthex.

