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A newsletter of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Saturday worship service 6:00 pm

Sunday worship service: 9:00 am

Sunday School : 9:30 am

Radio Ministry : 11:00 am KDSJ 980AM



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A few months ago, I stumbled onto an incredible prayerbook. I have several prayerbooks, but this one is unusual. The book is, “The valley of Vision.” The name is taken from Isaiah 22:1 aimed at pastors and other leaders regarding the difficult times that they may be going through. This writing is a collection of Puritan prayers aimed at keeping its readers focused on a relationship with our God. The following is a part of a prayer from that book.

In Prayer

O LORD,

I find my heart going after thee with intensity, and long with a vehement thirst to live to thee. Blessed be the strong gales of the Spirit that speed me on my way to New Jerusalem. In prayer all things here below vanish, and nothing here seems important but holiness of the heart and the salvation of others. In prayer all my worldly cares, fears, anxieties disappear, and are of as little significance as a puff of wind.

In prayer my soul inwardly exults with lively thoughts at what thou art doing for thy church, and I long that thou shouldest get thyself a great name from sinners returning to Zion.

In prayer I am lifted above the frowns and flatteries of life and taste heavenly joys; entering into the eternal world I can give myself to thee with all my heart, to be thine forever. In prayer I can place all my concern in thy hands, to be entirely at thy disposal, having no will or interest of my own. In prayer I can intercede for my friends, ministers, sinners, the church, thy kingdom to come in my prayers.

No matter what prayer book you use, or what guide you use to pray to our God, pray constantly. It will make a difference to you and to the world around you.

Be Blessed,

Pastor Will

February Announcements and Activities

Women of the Word will resume meetings beginning in
February 12:30
Delores Dexter will be the hostess and lead the Bible study

2021 – Executive Church Council: President – Daniel Ward, Vice President – Oz Enderby, Treasurer – Ken Motzko and Secretary – Judy Evans. New Council Members are Lynette Quaschnick and Tiffany Noteboom.

MOPS (mothers of preschoolers) will start on 1/10 and meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the months from 3:30-5:30pm in the fellowship hall. Childcare will be provided. All mothers are welcome but the group is geared towards new mothers with younger kids. Please invite anyone you know who might be interested. Call or text Sierra for more info 707-337-8002.

On January 17th – Carter Jacob Hammond was baptized. He was born on June 1, 2020 – Carter’s parents are Philip and Chelsee Hammond. His godparents are Lindsey McKeown and Josh Heisinger.

Join us for the Walk for Warmth on Saturday, February 20, 2021 on main street in Rapid City at 2pm. We purchased 10 tickets if you would like to walk. The walk will help those in financial need to heat their homes in the coldest months of winter and cool their homes in the extreme heat of the summer. Black Hills Energy will match donations up to \$10,000.
Walk4WarmthRC.com

Starting February 2, Tuesday – Friday 9am- noon, we are offering self-serve communion and reflection in the sanctuary. All are welcome.

Ash Wednesday – February 17. Service is at 6pm

Lenten Services: February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17 and March 24. Soup service begins at 6pm followed by services at 6:30pm.

Palm Sunday – March 28
Easter Sunday – April 4



ATTENDANCE:
January (Saturday) 31
(Sunday) 200

February Inspiration

At A Crossroads

By Joseph J. Mazzella • January 18, 2021

It was the Summer of my 16th year. I was 2000 miles away from home and my heart was aching. I had traveled from the mountains of West Virginia to the great plains of Iowa. I was with a group of boys touring a Seminary college. When the trip had first started, I was filled with excitement. It was going to be a week of adventure, a week of travel, and the possibility of starting on a new path in my life. Now 5 days later I was filled with sadness. I missed my Mom. I missed my Dad. I missed my old, Italian Nana. I missed the mountains, the green trees, and the smell of the wild flowers in the Summertime. Here there was only brown and gray plains. And all I could smell in the air was a mixture of corn, mud, and hogs. I didn't think I could feel any more homesick.

I walked outside and sat down on a bench. I knew that I was at a crossroads and that the decision I was about to make would affect the rest of my life. This seminary school had sounded so good to me a few weeks ago. Now, however, I knew that I could never go to college here. I couldn't be so far away from my family for so long. I sighed a long sigh and looked up at the setting sun. The prairie sunset was spectacular. It filled the entire horizon and I felt its beauty and peace washing over me. I knew too that I was making the right choice and that God was guiding me. Like Robert Frost's poem I was taking the road less traveled and that was fine with me.

Since that day I have been at many crossroads in my life. Sometimes I have made the wrong choice and had to backtrack to make things right. More often than not, though, I have felt divinely inspired and made the choices that took me where I needed to go and helped me to become who I needed to be. Through it all I have felt my trust in God grow deeper and the love in my soul grow stronger. And that more than anything has kept me on the right road.

Life is a long and difficult journey but we all can take comfort in knowing that we are loved and watched over every step of the way. The next time you are at a Crossroads then keep your eyes looking to Heaven and your heart open to God. Let Love guide your steps and you will always take the road meant for you.

what's cooking

Jalapeno Cream Cheese Chicken Enchiladas

- 3 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 large onion, minced
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and minced (wear gloves)
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- ½ teaspoon chili powder
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 (28 ounce) can green enchilada sauce
- 7 flour tortillas
- 8 ounces shredded Monterey Jack cheese, divided

Directions

- **Step 1** Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- **Step 2** Season chicken breasts with 1 teaspoon of cayenne pepper, 1/2 teaspoon of garlic powder, salt, and black pepper. Place into a baking dish.
- **Step 3** Bake in the preheated oven until the chicken is no longer pink inside and the juices run clear, about 45 minutes. Allow chicken to cool, and shred with 2 forks. Set chicken aside.
- **Step 4** Heat butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat, and cook the onion and jalapenos until the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes; stir in the cream cheese in chunks, and allow cream cheese to melt and soften. Stir in cream cheese, garlic powder, cayenne pepper, paprika, chili powder, and cumin. Mix in the cooked chicken meat; remove from heat.
- **Step 5** Pour half the green enchilada sauce into the bottom of a 9x13-inch baking dish. Lay tortillas out onto a work surface, and place chicken mixture in a line down the center of each tortilla;

sprinkle with about 1 tablespoon of Monterey Jack cheese per tortilla. Roll up the tortillas, and place into the sauce in the dish, seam sides down; pour the remaining sauce over the enchiladas. Sprinkle remaining 4 ounces of Monterey Jack cheese over the top.

- **Step 6** Bake in the preheated oven until the filling is hot and bubbling and the cheese has melted, 30 to 35 minutes.



February

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

The Heart of the Matter

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| Day 1: Deuteronomy 4:7-9 | Day 15: Jeremiah 29:11-13 |
| Day 2: Deuteronomy 6:4-6 | Day 16: Joel 2:12-13 |
| Day 3: Deuteronomy 10:12-13 | Day 17: Matthew 6:19-21 |
| Day 4: Psalm 2:3-5 | Day 18: Matthew 15:17-20 |
| Day 5: Psalm 26:2-7 | Day 19: Matthew 22:37-40 |
| Day 6: Psalm 73:26-28 | Day 20: Luke 6:45 |
| Day 7: Psalm 84:2-4 | Day 21: Romans 8:27-28 |
| Day 8: Psalm 86:11-13 | Day 22: Ephesians 3:14-19 |
| Day 9: Psalm 119:9-11 | Day 23: Colossians 3:14-17 |
| Day 10: Psalm 139:23-24 | Day 24: 1 Timothy 1:5 |
| Day 11: Proverbs 3:3-6 | Day 25: Hebrews 4:12-13 |
| Day 12: Proverbs 4:23-24 | Day 26: Hebrews 10:22-25 |
| Day 13: Proverbs 16:23-24 | Day 27: James 4:8-10 |
| Day 14: Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 | Day 28: 1 Peter 3:14-16 |

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*

The Ruffled Mango