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THE CROSSROADS

Official Newsletter of Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND



**SHEPHERD'S HILL
AT THE
CROSSROADS**
ST. JOHN, NORTH DAKOTA

'RISEN'

...He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:4

During summer, many of us look forward to the warmth, relaxation, and joyful activities this season brings. For our LCMS church communities in North Dakota, summer presents a unique opportunity to deepen our faith and fellowship through various events and programs. One such significant event is participation in our District church camp at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, a time of spiritual growth, fun, and connection for all ages.

As we look forward to next year, we are particularly excited to announce our new "Pastor of the Week" program, where pastors from various LCMS district congregations come to serve, teach, and inspire campers. We believe that your pastor has a unique and valuable perspective to share and can profoundly impact the lives of those attending the camp. However, we need your encouragement and support to make this possible. Look for a letter to come to each congregation regarding this opportunity.

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Our Mission: Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads provides Christ-centered faith and life enrichment through year-round outdoor ministry.



NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY REV. JON BONINE

I have had a call to return to parish ministry, to serve the congregations of Faith, Towner, Zion, Kramer, and Bethlehem/St John of Newburg as their pastor. I have accepted that call and will be finishing this summer as the director at Shepherd's Hill. This past week was my last week of campers. It has been a joy and an honor to work with so many youth, young adults, volunteers, pastors, workers, parents, and supporters over the 7 years here.



Please keep the campers from this summer and the staff and board of directors in your prayers as they walk through this transition time. The board is working on a plan for staffing and responsibilities moving forward.

Thank you for your support for Shepherd's Hill and your prayers for my family as we navigate this change!

THANK YOU!

FROM THE SHEPHERD'S HILL RETREATS, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thank you for all the donations so far this year. We wouldn't be here without the donations and prayer support of our district congregations.

Almost \$62,000 was raised in response to the letter sent to congregations and select donors in May. While we continue to receive donations and have an increase in usership, we will need to continue to bring in donations to continue to serve the people of the North Dakota District.

PRAYERS

Thank you for praying for continued ministry at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads! Here are some specific prayer requests:

- Thank the Lord for our summer staff, pray that they have safe travels home and will continue to serve the Lord in their daily lives.
- Pray for Rev. Bonine as he prepares to move with his family and begin serving congregations again.
- Pray for the Board of Directors as they decide the path forward.



'RISEN!'

SUMMER 2024



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are constantly seeking volunteers to assist with various tasks at Shepherd's Hill. Whatever your skills or how you could contribute, please let us know of your willingness to help. There are numerous meaningful tasks at the camp, ranging from outdoor work like cutting wood and tidying up to indoor tasks such as meal preparation, cleaning, painting and more.



QUILT, CRAFT AND CULINARY ARTS AUCTION AND PIE SOCIAL SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

PIE SOCIAL TO BEGIN AT 12:30 PM
AUCTION BEGINS AT 1 PM

This auction isn't just any old event - it's our big shindig to raise funds! Folks from every nook and cranny of the state have chipped in with stunning quilts, crafts galore, and mouthwatering treats up for grabs. No haggling here - it's all about spreading the love with donations and walking away with fabulous goodies. Whether you're celebrating a milestone, welcoming a new bundle of joy, or simply spreading joy in the neighborhood, this auction has a little something for everyone to swoon over!

**If you have items to donate, please email us at Donations@shretreat.org no later than September 9th so that we can add your items to the sale booklet.



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