

THE CROSSROADS

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



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

NOT TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE SUMMER 2025

Jesus called [his disciples] to him and said to them, *"You know those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* - Mark 10:42-45

Servant. What does that word evoke for you? Aprons, work boots, uniforms? Unpleasant, dirty work? Silence and submission? Probably not fine clothing, crowns, or power. After all, when was the last time a king or president brought you your meal or cleaned your street? A ruler is not a servant! The World would tell us that the former is greater than the latter - that if we are to be important, we have to grasp, to climb, to fight. How else will we get the part in the play, the college acceptance letter, or the money in the bank? And yet in Mark 10, Christ tells his disciples the opposite: greatness = servitude. He himself, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, did not come wearing a crown and a sumptuous robe to sit down in a throne room. He came in an apron and work boots, took up a towel, and washed his disciples feet.

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PRAYERS

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

- Pray for the Board of Directors while we work to improve the buildings around camp.
- Pray for our Camp Manager Alora Woodruff as she prepares for the summer season.
- Pray for the summer staff as they prepare to make a difference in the lives of the campers this summer.

DID YOU KNOW?

We offer canoeing, kayaking, swimming, camping (RV and Tent) sites, horseback riding, walking and biking trails. The camp is surrounded by the Wakopa State Wildlife Area, with access to over 7,000 acres for outdoor recreation. There are numerous fishing lakes and hunting opportunities nearby.



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His earthly ministry was marked again and again by service, but he didn't stop at washings and healings. He "gave his life as a ransom for many." He is GOD, but he didn't claim the privileges of power; he died. He humbled himself and he died - for us.

Join us at Shepherd's Hill this summer as we meditate on Jesus's humble, self-denying service for a world that hated him, and as we put on our own work boots, knowing that we too, are not here to be served, but serve.

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thank you for your prayers and support over these winter months. We have weathered a few challenges with the new year but are looking forward to springtime and preparing for summer. Thank you for your end-of-year donations. Year-end donations for 2024 totaled \$38,000. These donations have helped us pay the winter bills. As we prepare for the summer camp season, please consider sending us a donation to help cover the costs associated with getting ready for summer.

JOIN US

ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 26, 2025 AT 1:00 PM

Join us for our annual meeting at Shepherd's Hill. Come and learn more about the work and ministry, take a tour, and enjoy the beauty of early spring in the Turtle Mountains. Two voting delegates from each congregation are encouraged to attend.

Do you like our newsletter? Would you like to receive it in your email or snail-mailed to you? Let us know by sending an email to news@shretreat.org or give us a call at 701-244-5225

NOT TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE SUMMER 2025

The Summer Camp schedule is all set! Brochures will be headed to each congregation and previous camper soon. Until then, here is a preview of our camps this year. Online registration will be open by April 1st. Watch our Facebook page for updates.

CAMPS FOR THOSE UNDER AGE 10 (AND A LITTLE OVER)

- Kinder Camp** June 15-16 or June 29-30 \$135
- Discovery Camp** June 15-17 or June 29-July 1 \$175
- Kids Camp** June 22-26 \$305

CAMPS FOR THOSE 10 AND UP

- Beginner Archery Camp** June 22-25 \$275
- Adventure Camp** July 6-11 or July 13-18 \$335
- Jr. High Encounter Camp** July 6-11 \$335
- Advanced Archery Camp** July 13-16 \$275
- Guitar Camp** July 20-25 \$335
- Art Camp** July 20-25 \$335
- Chess Camp** July 20-25 \$335
- Expedition Camp** July 27-August 1 \$335
- High School Encounter Camp** July 27-Aug. 1 \$335

HORSE CAMPS *Ages 10 and up

- Beginner Horse Camps** June 22-27 or July 6-11 or July 20-25 \$445
- Saddle Club** July 13-18 \$445
- Advanced Horse Camp** July 27-August 1 \$445

Camps, Retreats,
Camping, Cabin Rentals
and Outdoor Adventures.

Camper's at each of our summer camps will enjoy God's wonderful creation through outdoor activities, including swimming, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, volleyball, archery, and adventure course challenges. Horse-back lead rides and trail rides are available for an additional charge.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Annual Meeting
APRIL 26 @ 1 PM

Clean-Up Week
MAY 28-JUNE 1

Turtle Mountain
Outdoor Archery
Shoot
AUGUST 2

Quilt, Craft, and
Culinary Arts
Auction
SEPTEMBER 13

Clean-Up Week

When?

May 28, 2025
Through
June 1, 2025

Let's Clean
Our Camp
Together!

Help us get ready for summer camp season! Come and help when you can. We have jobs for all abilities. We will feed you in exchange for your work.



SUMMER STAFF OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for more young adults to be camp counselors this summer! If you enjoy working with kids, spending time outdoors, and serving others, consider spending your summer at Shepherd's Hill, where you will have the great responsibility of providing care, leadership, and a Christian example to our campers throughout the summer.

We expect our camp counselors to be members of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. We are looking for young adults ages 18 and up, especially those that have completed one year of college or technical school, but this is not required. If you are interested in joining our summer staff, please contact our Camp Manager at awoodruff@shretreat.org or (701)460-1207 for more information!

Please share with the young adult Lutherans in your life that you think would enjoy a summer at camp!



**TURTLE MOUNTAIN
OUTDOOR ARCHERY
SHOOT**
August 2, 2025
Shoot begins at 10:00 am
Range opens at 8:30 am

A fundraising event Sponsored by Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are always in need of volunteers at Shepherd's Hill. If you have a skill you would like to contribute, or if you want to help but are uncertain what you can do, email us at volunteer@shretreat.org or call us at (701) 244-5225

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