Matthew 9:12-13
12 Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.”

Genesis 19:15-19
15 With the coming of dawn, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away when the city is punished.” 16 When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the Lord was merciful to them. 17 As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, “Flee for your lives! Don’t look back, and don’t stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!” 18 But Lot said to them, “No, my lords, please! 19 Your servant has found favor in your eyes, and you have shown great kindness to me in sparing my life. But I can’t flee to the mountains; this disaster will overtake me, and I’ll die.

“Hesed”
Hesed is one of the main words in the Hebrew lexicon to describe God’s character. It is one of those magnificent Hebrew words that is impossible to translate into English in simply one word. Hesed means mercy. Hesed means love. Hesed means unconditional tenderness and kindness. Hesed means God’s covenantal loyalty and shows up when the prophets describe how God is bound by as the groom and Israel as the bride. Hesed also means faithfulness, but is translated usually into English by “loving kindness” or “steadfast love.”

This Week’s Devotional Guide:
The following questions can help guide you in your journaling practice and/or meditation practice this week.
1. Read Matthew 9. What strikes you about Jesus’ response to those around him? What does he do and/or say? Why were the religious people so upset with him?
2. Read Hosea 6:1-6. What exactly is the prophet inviting the people of God to do? What specific verbs does he use? Which one of these verbs strikes a chord within you and why?
3. Read the great verse of Micah 6:8. What do you think it means to “love mercy,” to “love hesed”? What actions and emotions are involved?
4. What strikes you about Pastor Dan’s illustration of the garden and native species verses invasive plants? How do you think this applies to your own spiritual growth and development—how can you create more space and openness in your life for God’s “heed” this week?

Prayer Family of the Day
Sunday, July 9: Martha Morgan
Monday, July 10: Kevin, Janene and Brook* Morlang
Tuesday, July 11: Bill Nelson
Wednesday, July 12: Theresa and Bill* Newton
Thursday, July 13: Family of Inge Newman—deceased
Friday, July 14: Al and Mary Nibbe
Saturday, July 15: Adam Nielsen
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Andy Hamner, Associate Pastor
Jill Schroeder-Dorn, Music Director
Jennifer Ketchem, Organist/Pianist
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Announcements at Shepherd of the Hills

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING WORSHIP.

TODAY’S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY Dick and Jerrie Eicher in celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary.

GRIEF GROUP meets Tuesday, July 11, in the church library from 5:30-7 p.m. In August we return to the regular schedule of the first Tuesday of the month. The group is led by professional counselor Todd Kemp, whose office is located here at Shepherd. This group is open to anyone experiencing the grieving process. Registration and previous attendance is NOT required, so feel free to join the group at any point.

MEET THE AUTHORS / BOOK EVENT — Tuesday, July 22, at 2 p.m. in Charter Hall: Come and meet these published authors from Shepherd of the Hills who will tell about their books and their writing experiences: Rev. Les Avery, Laurel Becker, Rev. Dr. Dan Dolquist, Rev. Jane Hays, Allihad Hicks, Laura Padgett. Their books will also be for sale. Light refreshments will be served.

RESPONSES TO THE CONGREGATIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS are compiled and printed copies are available at the Welcome Center.

DIRECTORY PICTURES: Due to the response of those wanting pictures we hope to have them edited and ready for viewing by early fall.

THE ACTION CENTER offers Opportunities to Help Students and Families:

Donate School Supplies: For the basic supplies needed look for flyer in the SOTH Narthex or at www.theactioncenter.org. Bring your donations to the school supply tub in SOTH narthex from July 2-23.

Help Pack or Distribute Backpacks: Join a group of SOTH folks packing backpacks every Tuesday, July 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kids as young as 6 are welcome if accompanied by an adult. We also need help distributing backpacks Tuesday, August 8, from 12-3:45 p.m. Kids 12 and older are welcome. Other dates are available.

Stop by the Action Center table in the narthex after worship to sign-up and talk to Sue Osborn. Thank you so much for helping our neighbors in need!

FOLLOW, LIKE AND SHARE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS ON FACEBOOK:

Invite your friends, too https://www.facebook.com/sothdotnet.

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER: Join us in prayer Sunday mornings in the Library at 9:30 a.m.

WEEKLY PRAYER GATHERING: Every Thursday at noon we gather to pray for our lives and our congregation. All are welcome to join us in the sanctuary for 30 minutes of prayer, discussion, and scripture reading. It will change your life; it will change our church!

MEN’S RITES OF PASSAGE — Wednesday-Saturday, September 13-17 at Sky High Ranch in Woodland Park, CO. For more information, or to register, go to illuminadoolorado.org.

REWILD the masculine self— Friday-Sunday, October 13-15, at Joshua Tree National Park, near Palm Spring, California. For more information go to wild-village.org or contact Dr. Dan.

Soularize: Raising up Elders — Thursday-Sunday, October 26-29, a Men’s Conference at Tamaya Resort, Albuquerque, NM. For more information talk to Dr. Dan.

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Sunday Discussion — 101 Faith Flavors
In a Global Village, we’re forced to acknowledge the variety of religions claiming to be, The Truth. How do we deal with this overload of ‘faith flavors”? This spring we’ll explore several major world religions. As we compare them to a life spent following Jesus, we’ll reflect on intriguing similarities and differences.

Tuesday 6:30-8 p.m.
Young Adults — Led by the Heimers; contact Mindy at mheimer@soth.net

Thursday 8:30-10 a.m.
Men’s Companions in Christ — Enthusiasm is so great we meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in Sweet Chapel. Join us for Bible study, fellowship and coffee. See you then.

JOIN A LIFE GROUP! ATTEND A BIBLE STUDY.

WALTER LOVES TO indicate with a green dot that he is open to hosting a life group. If you would like to be in a life group, meet new people, study the Bible, get involved and have fun. Questions? Contact Andy at 303-238-2482 or ahameer@soth.net.

WEEKLY KNECT IS ON SUMMER BREAK but we still have a lot of fun going on during the summer. Talk with Nathan for a summer schedule!

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS MINISTRIES

WHAT IS STUDIO LOVE? It’s the Health and Fitness Ministry at Shepherd of the Hills. Studio Love offers a variety of classes that encourage you to love your body, love your self, and love your life because God loves you first!

FITNESS MINISTRY CLASS SCHEDULE:
Sunday: REFIT @ 2 p.m. (Dance Fitness) Free childcare offered.
Holy Yoga @ 3:15 p.m. (Yoga) Free childcare offered.
Tuesday: REFIT (Lite) @ 9 a.m. (Gentle Dance Fitness)
Wednesday: Seated Fitness @ 9:30 a.m. (Gentle Strength/Toning)
REFIT @ 6 p.m. (Dance Fitness)
Thursday: Holy Yoga @ 10:30 a.m. (Yoga) Free childcare offered.
Friday: REFIT @ 7 p.m. (Dance Fitness) Free childcare offered. KNECT Coffee Bar Open