



Fall 2022



“When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality”. *Romans 12:13*

This is one verse which underscores what Shepherd’s Canyon Retreat is all about. “God’s people” (translate that as “church workers”) are in need and we are ready to help them. We also put a high priority on “hospitality”. We “roll out the carpet” when burned out church workers show up at the Standing Stones Retreat Center. We exercise lavish hospitality in terms of accommodations and meals on hurting people.

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INTRODUCING KEVIN & TAWN BUELTMANN

Shepherd's Canyon Retreat is announcing something new! We will no longer have "Site Managers," but instead, are welcoming Rev. Kevin & Tawn Bueltmann in new roles! Kevin and Tawn will be serving year-round beginning in September. Kevin will be our Director of Operations and Tawn will be our Director of Hospitality. Part of their job will also be to visit various churches and conferences to share the mission of Shepherd's Canyon Retreat with others.

Kevin and Tawn come to us with a vast amount of experience in LCMS church and camp ministries. Kevin has served as a pastor/DCE/camp director in LCMS churches and camps in Montana, Nebraska, and Illinois. Tawn has served alongside him as a Lutheran teacher, Director of Music, & organist/keyboardist at many churches. She has also served as food service director at outdoor ministries, and as hostess for their guesthouse and car rental business. Tawn has also served in administrative positions at churches and camps.

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The Bueltmanns (pronounced BILT man) gained first-hand experience with Shepherd's Canyon Retreat when they came for a counseling retreat in February 2021. Kevin was burned out from covering the jobs of two men during COVID.

Kevin has a huge passion for music, especially leading groups in song with his guitar. He's led thousands of kids, youth, & adults in worship & praise to God at various churches, schools, & camps. He also enjoys writing music, including worship songs that are being sung around the world. He has written dozens of VBS

songs published by CPH. Kevin also has experience editing video and managing websites for various ministries.

Kevin and Tawn are blessed with four grown children who live in Illinois, Minnesota and Ohio.

Kevin and Tawn look forward to meeting you! They love people and serving in a Christian environment, where they can share with others the hope we have in Jesus.

You may contact them at:
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SHEPHERD'S CANYON RETREAT MINISTRY NEWS

OUR NEW CHEF

Matthew Dancer is the new Chef at Standing Stones. Matthew cooked and chef-ed at the busiest restaurant in Alaska and at a popular restaurant in Wickenburg, Arizona. His cooking has resulted in "rave reviews" from retreat clients and outside groups who have come to use our facilities. Matthew's father, Raine Salin, has been in charge of maintenance at Standing Stones for nine years.



THE COMMERCIAL KITCHEN

Many ministry friends know that Maricopa County demanded that Standing Stones Retreat Center includes a Commercial Kitchen. After months of permitting headaches, construction, and construction delays, this long-awaited kitchen will launch in October, 2022. We are grateful for the many gifts which have allowed us to build this kitchen. We are excited that the new fancy dish-washer will wash and dry a tray of plates in 90 seconds! We still have \$20,000 to raise to finish the kitchen. Pictures of the new kitchen and pantry will be in our next Newsletter.

FRIENDS OF THE MINISTRY WEEKEND

A "crowd" of fourteen people gathered September 9-10-11 for our first-ever "Friends of the Ministry weekend". Who were these friends? Recent and long-time supporters of the ministry and people that have been encouraging and praying for Shepherd's Canyon Retreat for years.

The weekend began with dinner on Friday evening and concluded with lunch on Sunday.

We listened to a SCR board member, Rev. Dominic Rivkin, lead in devotions and he also made a Saturday afternoon presentation. Dave Anderson and Roger Walck led music along with Kevin and Tawn Bueltmann. We had a screening of the Glass Walls movie. Kevin Bueltmann led the morning worship service. Dave Anderson spoke about the history and the future of the Shepherd's Canyon Retreat ministry. An offering was received. A similar weekend—which is full—is scheduled for November 18-20. Friends of the Ministry weekend gatherings are planned for:

January 20-22; February 24-26; and April 28-30.
Email Dave@ShepherdsCanyonRetreat if you would like to be invited to one of these great events.



THE IMPORTANCE OF A WISH LIST

Our last Newsletter included a small “Wish List”. One ministry friend called to say that he and his wife decided to cover the cost for exercise stations on our half-mile walking path at Standing Stones Retreat Center. I said “thank you”. The exercise stations are being installed!

Another ministry friend who receives our Newsletters, now living in a nursing home in Sioux Falls, called about the “used 7-passenger car” on the Wish List. She said, “I am not driving any more and I want to give you my 2016 Chrysler Town & Country van....and by the way, the mileage is only 16,000 miles”. We are so blessed to be able to use this excellent car!



FRIENDS OF THE MINISTRY CELEBRATION

Our next annual Friends of the Ministry celebration at Standing Stones Retreat Center is scheduled for noon, March 25, 2023. The gathering begins with lunch at noon and then a 90-minute program of music and inspiration. Make plans now to join our annual celebration

THE WISH LIST

- A new or used pickup
- A commercial washer/dryer set \$2500 each
- Shade Sails for the eight Fellowship House patios \$1500
- New pots and pans for our brand new Commercial Kitchen \$1000
- A gently used or nearly new travel trailer (for volunteer housing when they don't have their own RV)

THE THREE QUESTIONS

Group counseling at each Shepherd's Canyon Retreat includes a focus on three important questions—all three based in Scripture.

The questions are: Where Are You? Based on Genesis 3:9; What Is Your Preferred Future? Based on Jeremiah 29:11; and Do You Want To Be Healed? Based on John 5:6.

At a recent retreat one of the counselors suggested that a retreat client had an idea she wanted to share with us. She said, “I think the ‘three questions’ ought to be in the Prayer Garden.

Now you will find the three questions engraved in rock and placed on a path toward the Outdoor Chapel.



MEMORIALS

Thank you for making Memorial gifts to Shepherd's Canyon Retreat. We may have lost track of some Memorials and if that is the case, please don't hesitate to tell us about it.

Memorials were received from loved ones of Jan Cook, Milton Frank Dahlke, Richard Borchard, Paul Rogers, Gary Lohmeyer, and Lea Kohlmeyer.

DAVE ANDERSON'S AND ROGER WALCK'S CONCERT MINISTRY CONTINUES

After 36 years and 5,600 concerts Barb Anderson decided that "living out of a suitcase would have to end". Kelly Patten joined Dave for two years and then Roger Walck began ministry with Dave almost ten years ago. They have been in 775 congregations in America and Australia.

Dave and Roger's ministry will take them to western Iowa September 35-October 2. If you receive this Newsletter in time for their Iowa schedule please call Dave at 602-538-4066 for specific times and places.

Future ministry will include North Dakota November 5-14, Arizona January 4-12, TBD March 11-19. Dave and Roger are ambassadors for the Shepherd's Canyon Retreat and they have, between them, 100 years of music ministry experience!

Dave Anderson & Roger Walck



UPCOMING SHEPHERD'S CANYON RETREATS

October 10-17, November 7-14, January 9-16, February 6-13, March 6-13, April 17-24.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Standing Stones Retreat Center, the home of Shepherd's Canyon Retreats, needS volunteers for serving meals, housekeeping, maintenance, building, fixing, painting, and landscaping. We have RV hookups but we also have other housing. We need volunteers to help us for weeks and/or months at a time....at all times of the year. For volunteer information, please call 928-865-5211 or Email Tawn@ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org.

WE NEED DONORS!

We see monthly donor ads on television every day. \$11 /month for one \$19 /month for another. The Shepherd's Canyon Retreat needs monthly donors in ANY amount. Right now we receive \$5 /month from one donor; \$500 /month for another...and everything in between. Would you consider a monthly gift to Shepherd's Canyon Retreat? They can be received via a credit/debit card account or from your bank account. Please call 480-588-8837 for information about how transactions can be made.

We are grateful for occasional and annual gifts! We are grateful for gifts from women's groups and congregations who believe in this ministry. We are grateful for friends who include Shepherd's Canyon Retreat in their estate plans. We would not have survived in the aftermath of Covid shutdowns without an estate gift from a ministry friend in Oregon. The timing of that gift was absolute miraculous!

GOT THRIVENT? Thrivent allows members to receive two "Thrivent Action Team" grants each year of up to \$250 each. Pastor Kevin & Tawn have MANY ideas and would love to work with you to see how you could help us at Shepherd's Canyon Retreat whether you are near or far! Call them at: 928-865-5211

Right now...please put a gift in the mail to Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, P. O. Box 51510, Phoenix, Arizona 85076 or call the SCR office at 480-588-8837 to make a credit or debit card donation.

TWO GROUP TOURS IN '23

Dave Anderson is planning two group tours in 2023—June 4-21 in Denmark, Sweden, and Norway and October 3-18 in Australia. Dave has traveled to Scandinavia thirty-one times and to Australia twenty-seven times. Scandinavia includes castles, museums, cathedrals, and fjords. Australia includes Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney plus country towns. Both tours include some home-stays with Christian friends. Call Dave at 480-838-8500 for tour prices and more information or Email Dave@ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org.

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____ Please send me information about Dave Anderson's June, 2023 tour in Scandinavia.

____ Please send me information about Dave Anderson's October, 2023 tour in Australia.

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