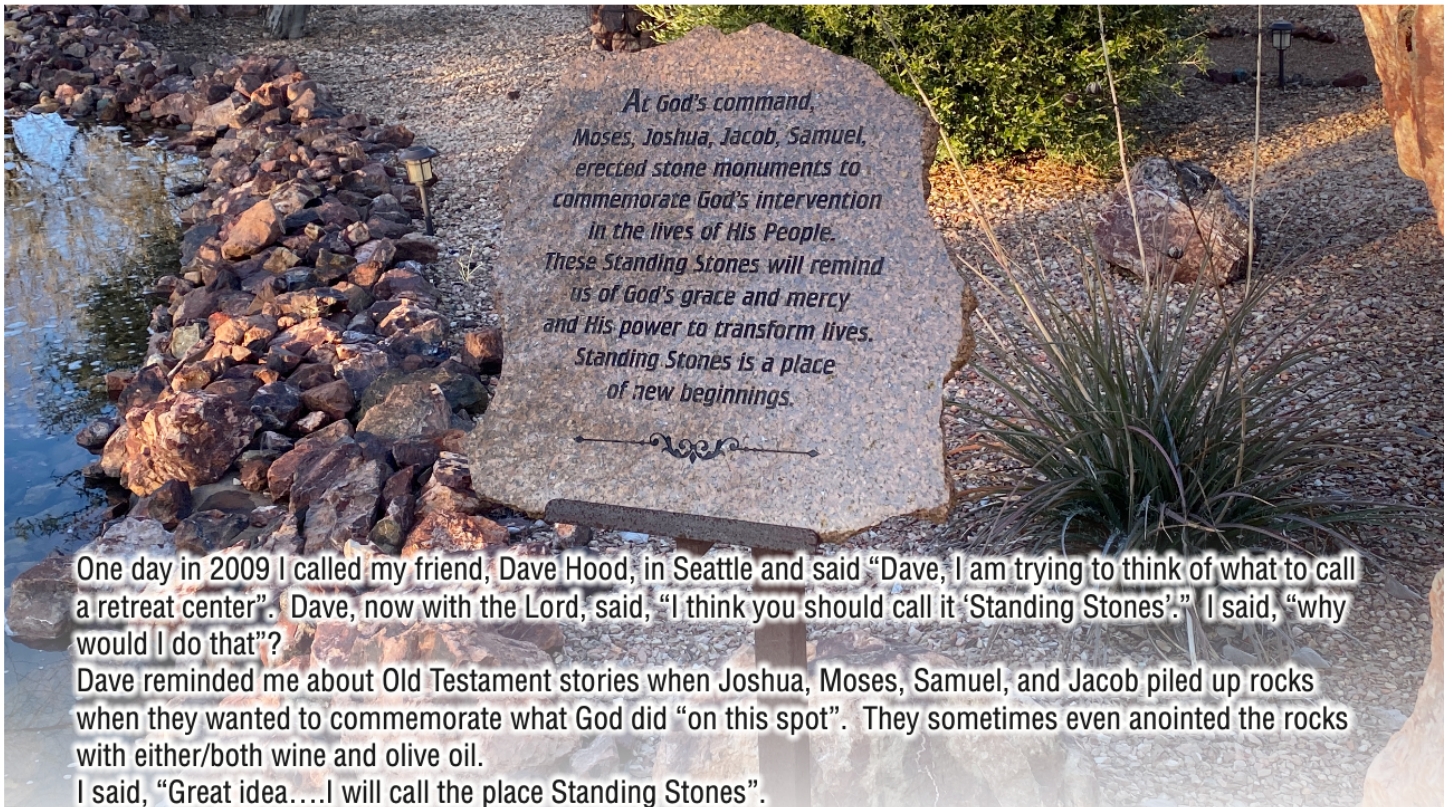




Winter 2023



One day in 2009 I called my friend, Dave Hood, in Seattle and said "Dave, I am trying to think of what to call a retreat center". Dave, now with the Lord, said, "I think you should call it 'Standing Stones'." I said, "why would I do that"?

Dave reminded me about Old Testament stories when Joshua, Moses, Samuel, and Jacob piled up rocks when they wanted to commemorate what God did "on this spot". They sometimes even anointed the rocks with either/both wine and olive oil.

I said, "Great idea....I will call the place Standing Stones".

"So Jacob took a stone and set it up as a monument. Then he told his family members, 'Gather some stones.' So they gathered stones and piled them in a heap....Laban called the place legar-sahadutha (which means 'witness pile' in Aramaic) Genesis 31: 45-47".

Another Jacob story: "Jacob set up a stone pillar to make the place where God had spoken to him. Then he poured wine over it as an offering to God and anointed the pillar with olive oil". Genesis 35:14

"Take twelve stones from the very place where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan. Carry them out and pile them up at the place where you will camp tonight....We will use these stones to build a memorial....what do these stones mean? They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the Lord's Covenant went across. These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever". Joshua 4:3-7.

"Joshua also set up another pile of twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, at the place where the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant were standing. And they are there to this day". Joshua 4:9

Now you know why the home of Shepherd's Canyon Retreat is called Standing Stones Retreat Center.

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A MESSAGE FROM KEVIN BUELTMANN

"It wasn't until two of the church elders saw me in my office between services with tears welling up in my eyes that they finally realized and believed me that something was very wrong. I was burned out and needed help."

This is one example from one of the many pastors and church workers we help here at Shepherd's Canyon Retreat. I know this is a true story...because it happened to me.

I am so glad that I get to be a part of this ministry that helps so many other church workers who are struggling in their ministry like I was.



Since being here, I've even had a few people tell me maybe this wasn't the kind of ministry that I planned to serve in, but it's one that God wanted me to do. It seems that God has been preparing me for this role for a long time. I've been serving as director at various Lutheran camps. I've served as a DCE and pastor at different LCMS churches. I have video editing and musical skills that are being used here as well.

My wife, Tawn, and I have always enjoyed being partners in ministry and we get to use that teamwork here as she uses her life experiences and God-given gifts as Director of Hospitality here. Tawn is a Synodically-trained church worker as well.

One of our favorite things we enjoy here is working with the amazing staff and awesome volunteers. Right now, we are especially looking for more volunteers to help us during April and May with construction, cleaning, landscaping, serving meals, and more! Do you have a week or two to share? If you want to see what projects we have been doing or would like to volunteer, go to this link: www.ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org/volunteer

Rev. Kevin Bueltmann, Director of Operations & Marketing

SPECIAL INVITATIONS

Our third and forth "Friends of the Ministry" weekends are coming February 24-26 and April 18-30. These weekends of comfortable accommodations, devotions, fellowship, fun, music, a Saturday evening worship service led by Rev. Kevin and Tawn Bueltmann, and great food begin with dinner on Friday evening and conclude with breakfast on Sunday morning. The February weekend will feature devotions and a presentation by of our friend, Rev. Dr. Bill Knippa from Texas and the April weekend will include devotions and a presentation by another friend, Rev. Jerry Kosberg. No cost. Please register at Office@ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org or call 928-685-5211.

Our annual gathering of as many as one hundred ministry friends will be March 25. The event will begin with a noon lunch followed by a program including testimonials from previous retreat clients, music by Dave Anderson and Roger Walck and Kevin and Tawn Bueltmann, a greeting from Shepherd's Canyon Retreat board chair, Tracy Uffelman, news about the Shepherd's Canyon Retreat ministry, and three surprise guests. This is an "anniversary" event....the 15th anniversary of Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, the 60th anniversary of Dave Anderson's lay ministry, and the 30th anniversary of The Rescue. The program will be again livestreamed for friends around America and abroad. Registration at Office@ShepherdCanyonRetreat.org or by calling 928-685-5211.

THE BILL AND LUCILLE SAPP LODGE

In January 2019 we received a gift from our friends, Bill and Lucille Sapp, from Ashland, Nebraska, for a 12-bedroom building which we decided to call the "Bill and Lucille Sapp Lodge". Several permitting issues + skyrocketing construction costs prevented us from building at that time.

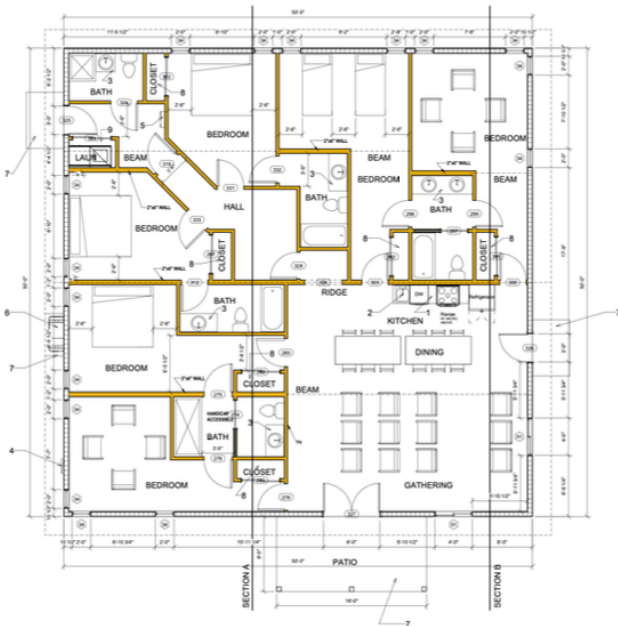
With Shepherd's Canyon Retreat clients, counselors, the retreat chaplain, and volunteers who come without RVs, we are out of room!

The Lodge has been redesigned with six bedrooms. During counseling retreats two bedrooms will be used as private counseling rooms; three bedrooms

will house retreat counselors and the chaplain. One bedroom will be reserved for volunteers. The meeting room will be equipped with a small kitchen for use by volunteers. The building's floor plan has been carefully designed by Kevin Buelmann.

The Lodge will be built by professional workers with the interior finished by volunteers.

We are now raising \$150,000 which will be added to the Sapp's gift in order to cover construction and finishing costs. The Lodge will be built in the Winter and Spring of 2023.



THE STANDING STONES CAMPUS “NEW AND IMPROVED”

After two years and many thousands of dollars and man-hours, the Standing Stones Retreat Center Commercial Kitchen is finally finished! After Maricopa County demanded that we build a commercial kitchen, SCR board member, Dennis Westlind, met with SCR/SS leaders for a “where should we build this kitchen”? After the decision was made work began in a former garage-turned-dining room and a former small kitchen. Chef Matthew Dancer has begun to outfit and work in the new kitchen. Thanks to friends of the ministry who donated funds to this important project. (When you come for our March 25 gathering you can tour the new kitchen).

The Standing Stones dining room has just been expanded. The double barn doors open up to an overflow dining room.



MEMORIALS

We are including several memorials which are not necessarily recent... to catch up on unnoted Memorials.

IN MEMORY OF....

Thelma Breen in Memory of James J. Breen
Marian Streich in Memory of Howard Streich
Sandy Rades in Memory of Bill Rades
Michael & Nancy Dyer in Memory of Milton Frank Dahlke
Lois Brown in Memory of brother, Milton Dahlke
Peace Lutheran Church in Memory of Jan Cook
Dave & Barb Anderson in Memory of Rev. Ron Rehner
Jolene Gosling in Memory of Paul Rogers
Mark Keil in Memory of Dick Borchard
Betty Borchard in Memory of Dick Borchard
Linda Griffin in Memory of Gary Lohmeyer
Daniel Myers in Memory of Dick Borchard
Shirley Jabben in Memory of Dick Borchard
Custer Road UMC in Memory of Gary Lohmeyer
David Gythiel in Memory of Dick Borchard
Dave & Barb Anderson in Memory of Gary Lohmeyer
Dave & Barb Anderson in Memory of Dick Borchard
Dave & Barb Anderson in Memory of Eileen Izzard
Dave & Barb Anderson in Memory of Miriam Aaland Gould
Rev. Doug & Vicki Nicely in Memory of Clyde Brasher



IN HONOR OF....

Judy Niederwimmer by Rev. Doug and Vicki Nicely

2023 SCHEDULE OF SHEPHERD'S CANYON RETREATS

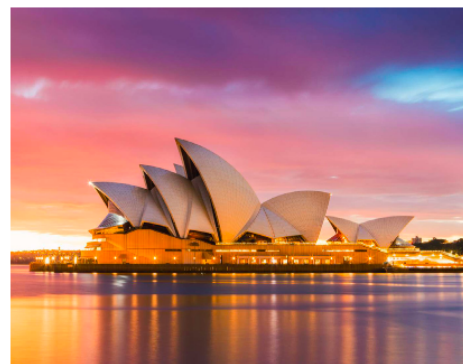
January 9-16, February 6-13, March 6-13, April 17-24, May 15-22, June 19-26, July 10-17, July 31- August 7, September 18-25, October 9-16, November 6-13. Please pray for the men and women who come to these retreats.

NEW COMMERCIALS

Kevin Bueltmann has taken footage from the film we were making this past year and he has created four Shepherd's Canyon Retreat "commercials". These commercials can be found at www.ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org/videos. Please show one or more of these videos to your next adult Bible Class....or send this link to someone in ministry who is hurting.

DAVE ANDERSON'S OCTOBER 3-18 TOUR IN AUSTRALIA

Dave Anderson is inviting you to join his small (total of 20 people) group going to Australia October 3-18. The tour includes visits to Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney, plus small country towns. Tour members will stay in homes four or five nights....as guests. Sites will include museums, vineyards, animal parks, shops, churches, Australia's Parliament Building, and sights in Sydney including the Opera House, and a Harbour Cruise. Cost for airfare from LAX, meals (except noon lunch), coach, motels, and sightseeing is \$5995 p/person. Interested? Call Dave for more information at 480-838-8500 Dave@ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org. This will be Dave's 28th trip to Australia since his first visit in 1974.



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OR please use your own reply envelope.**

Dear friends at Shepherd's Canyon Retreat and Standing Stones Retreat Center

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

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