



Loaves & Fishes

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church



Worship With Us
Sundays at 10 am

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 - 3:30

Pastor Tim Stadem

August 2023



"Come to the Feast"

In our worship on August 6th I will happily introduce you to several members of my family who will join us – share some singing, perhaps some reflections. They are quite musical and one is a pastor; and some piano and guitar. Let's celebrate together around the Lord's Table.

The seven of us will begin backpacking the following day upward the Teton Canyon Trail, over Alaska Basin into Death Canyon, through to Teton Crest, then ending at Teton Village—"over the river and through the woods". And we begin this adventure...worshipping with you – around the Feast of Christ's Table. Actually, the gospel story Sunday is: The Feeding of the 5,000.

This Feast is a lifelong way of giving language and meaning to **God's Love That Overflows**. In the ancient Hebrew scriptures 'the feast' is the primary image for God's abundance for called people. In many contexts, like Psalm 23, the feast is this image of trusting God in times of scarcity—"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies...my cup overflows". Likewise in this Matthew story is the abundant nourishment for a seeking crowd (sometimes named 'sheep without a shepherd') who are fulfilled in the midst of the threatening, often dangerous, un-sustaining wilderness.

Made known to the people of Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church is the promise that God's power is quite different than the empire's power. Many of today's powers resemble the Herod of Jesus' day—where deceit and oppression plague us and our neighbor—life under threat, not whole, and resources are hoarded (thus scarce). In contrast, Jesus' power is so different, where the images include: "he saw the crowd; and he had compassion" and he "blessed and broke and loaves, ...and **ALL** ate and were filled". This presence and love of Jesus fills up, overflows. And here also is the unique promise of God: Everybody eats at God's Feast. You can hear of sustenance and safety for the life of your neighbor...as people are influenced by 'the Feast of Abundance'? What Good News and generosity we have to share!

As we studied the Psalm for this Sunday, we also read what is often shared as a table blessing.

Perhaps you will incorporate this into your next meal:

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord. And you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Psalm 145:8-9 – A TABLE PRAYER

And upon this table is spread this ancient promise in Psalm 145:15-16—made full, clear, and real in Jesus, where we are invited to bank our whole lives. At this table of abundance is where we are fulfilled, with plenty to pass on to our loved ones, neighbors, and strangers:

*The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

*Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.*

The Lord bless and sustain you! Pastor Tim



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August 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30 am AA 6:30pm	2	3	4	5 Meet the New Bishop 11 am in Firth, ID
6 Pentecost 6 Coffee Table Bible Study 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	7	8 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30 am AA 6:30pm	9	10	11 Meet & Eat American Cookout Potluck at 5:30 pm at Shepherd's Park 	12
13 Pentecost 7 Coffee Table Bible Study 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Council Meets	14	15 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm	16 Blood Drive 11:30 am 	17 Blood Drive 7:30 am 	18	19
20 Pentecost 8 Coffee Table Bible Study 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	21	22 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30 am AA 6:30pm	23	24	25	29
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August "Meet & Eat"



Our next monthly evening gathering will take place on
Friday, August 11th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

All American Cookout

Hotdogs, Hamburgers with Picnic Food

Let's meet our neighbors while we picnic in Shepherd's Park
Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert and a friend if you can

(sign up at church)

Outdoor games will take place (weather permitting)

Don't miss the fun!

Help Us Paint the Church



**Your help is needed in funding
 the painting of the exterior of our church building!**

It has been 13 years since our building was last painted, so we will be hiring a professional painter to get the job done. To help pay for this we have started a designated Church Painting Fund that you can contribute to. The fund will help us offset the \$11,000 cost.

Donations can be accepted via check or cash in the offering plate on Sundays, or they can be accepted online through Realm by going to <https://onrealm.org/ShepherdMountainJH/Give>. When giving in the plate, please be sure to write "Church Painting Fund" on your check or envelope. When giving online, make sure you pick "Church Painting Fund" in the dropdown box on Realm. The church will be painted the first week of August.

To date we
 have received
\$7,000.00
 in donations.

Thank You!

The Big Bench Blessing

Our new to us Big Bench, now located near the swing set in Shepherd's Park received it's 'Big Bench Blessing' during the July Meet & Eat get together. The bench will be getting a facelift in August with some paint that will match the new church paint.

Our hope is that many in the community will be able to use the bench while they watch their children on the swing set or just relax while enjoying the day on the grounds of Shepherd's Park, the area located on the east side of our church building.

Weather permitting, our outdoor potluck meals will now be held in the area of Shepherd's Park, in hopes that our neighbors who may be walking their dogs or biking on the bike path, will want to stay and join us for some great food and neighborly hospitality. Do you have some neighbors that you would like to invite? Please consider bring at least one friend who might enjoy a night off from cooking as well as a free meal.



Above: Jo Schmillen shows us how comfy our new Big Bench can be.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. [Hebrews 13:16](#)

Renewing Our Congregation

Renewing Our Congregation— where each person is invited into this process

Part 1) **OUR 'WHY'** – because our world is radically changing—"a profound disorientation"—we seek to respond well, faithfully. God summons our congregation into a hopeful future where we follow the Spirit, even not knowing exactly where.

Part 2) **OUR CALL** – we 'find our voice' by listening: to God, to one another, and to our neighbor. All are invited to 'dwell in the word' – deeply rely on God. And with a faithful curiosity, we explore what God wants us to become.

Part 3) **GOD'S DREAM** – God is committed to giving life and love to 'all nations'—this is the Living Christ, "*full of grace and truth*"...in this world. To see what God is up to, we look at much more than inside the church—we refocus outward.

Part 4) **THE HOW** – Let's say it with one word: *RELATIONSHIP*. With all power to 'do it alone', God's choice is to include you—to work with us. Our invitation is 'take part in God's Dream'—the action of Christ to bless and save, to heal and restore.

Part 5) **LOOKING FOR A VISION**. God transforms our ways of seeing, giving us a vision.

Part 6) We give language and commitment to: **OUR MISSION**.

Final Step) **CHOOSING GUIDING PRINCIPALS** - Specific action steps that carry out our sense of purpose as God's people.



Upper Snake River Cluster Event in August

The next event in our cluster is a picnic event for all congregations that will take place on Saturday, August 5th at 11 am at Bethel Lutheran in Firth, ID. There will be a potluck meal "Meet & Greet" with newly elected Bishop, Rev. Meggan Manlove. Last call if you want to go; hope we can represent our congregation well!

Please see Pastor Tim for more information.



Mutual Ministry Committee



This winter the Church Council appointed members to the Mutual Ministry committee, a group to provide support to the congregation, Council, and Pastor by facilitating communication between these groups and individuals. The members are Terry DiMattio, Robyn Lunsford, Scott Daily, and Pastor Tim Stadem. The group meets on an as-needed basis.

Serving Our Neighbors in Faith



The Jackson Hole Jewish Community utilized our church building and grounds in July for their youth summer camp called "Spirit of the Mountains Camp".

One way of being "good stewards" of our property is to share it with those who are in need of a beautiful place to practice their faith.

Having the children play, sing, and learn about their faith in this building was a blessing to all.



Above: Judd Grossman leads the children in a song.

Left: The children have a great time in our church yard.

Thank You

This month we will recognize a few of our church heroes for their steadfast fellowship and love to our church family.



- To those who showed up to help with repotting the indoor plants, weeding, grass cutting, spraying, and misc. yard work.
- To our Fellowship Committee for their fabulous Friday potluck dinners.
- To Cathy Barr for helping out as an Assistant Minister while she was here.
- To Sherry Kinsella for looking out for those in need in our community.

Prayers & Thanksgivings

Thanksgivings for our members Cathy Barr, Edda Grove & Janell Weber who have returned to us after a long hiatus.

Prayers for Cathy Barr's husband, healing.

Prayers for Janell Weber while she continues to heal.

Lifting others in our prayers.

Individuals will remain on our Prayer List for a period of 3 weeks.

Please continue to hold them in your prayers after that.

You are welcome to let us know if you would like people to return to the list for another 3 weeks.



For prayers or prayer updates please email

Church Council

Please know that your Church Council is always here to serve you and listen to your questions and concerns.

Feel free to contact a member of the Church Council or chat with them after church on Sundays.

Shepherd of the Mountains

Church Council

God's Vision for Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church: A family of faith, living our beliefs by Welcoming, Worshipping, Teaching, and Serving (WWTS).

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

August Birthdays

Inger Kirkegaard - August 1st

August Anniversaries

Tom & Nancy Ninnemann - August 12th

Joe & Sherry Kinsella - August 26th

Please call or email the church office and tell us when your special day is.





Happy
Birthday
Margie!



Left: The ladies at the Quilt Group take a moment to throw a birthday party for Margie Aeckerle during their Tuesday gathering. Margie was very surprised by the outpouring of love from her church family.

Bring the Food and They Will Come

Members of the church came out for another wonderful potluck meal, sponsored by our amazing Fellowship Committee. Our newly named "Meet & Eat" dinners take place on the second Friday each month.

Below Left: Sherry Kinsella and Jim Wells were the team to beat in cornhole.

Below Middle: Pastor Tim shows off our newly acquired Big Bench.



Left: Playing cornhole was a ton of fun!

Below Left: 21 came out for some good food and fellowship.

Below Middle: Jo and Scott Schmillen show off their new granddaughter Ellie Jo.

Below Right: Lorrie Lee enjoys watching the games.



July Church Council Meeting

Highlight of discussions and planning - keeping our congregation informed.

- 1) Pledged Offerings are doing great; Loose Offerings are lower than usual
- 2) Decision to move our payroll service from Harris CPA to ADP – includes monthly savings
- 3) Study with scriptures, prayer, conversations and “Developing Guiding Principles”
- 4) Painting contract set; 2nd water meter installed; furnace maintenance soon
- 5) Recent ‘Meet & Eat’ included *Outreach to our Neighbors*; also part of August ‘Meet & Eat’
- 6) Mutual Ministry Committee met with Pr Phil Misner (Bishop’s Assistant) – we are on track
- 7) Constitution Revisions Approved; Bylaws are under review.
- 8) Congregation will be included in giving language for our Purpose Statement – Sundays in July



August Blood Drive

This month our Blood Drive will take place on

August 16th & 17th

Blood Drive Dates for 2023

August 16 & 17 at SMLC

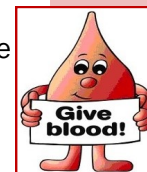
October 18 & 19 at SMLC

December 20 & 21 location TBD

Your donation matters!

Blood donors are always needed. If you don't have an appointment for the next blood drive and want to donate please go to the Vitalant website at <https://www.vitalant.org> to make an appointment.

Your donation can make a difference. Donating blood saves lives!



Supporting Our Neighbor Drive

Our Outreach Ministry is asking for everyone to help serve our neighbor through these specific needs - a list of items from One22 Resource Center. Please bring an item or more to the baskets at the church entry when you arrive at worship. We will deliver these items to the resource center.

“Thanks be to God for these ways of making a difference.”



Unopened, full-size items
are needed

Laundry Detergent
Dish Soap
Hand & Body Soap

Body Lotion
Deodorant
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Tissues

Shampoo
Conditioner
Razors
Q-Tips
Pads & Tampons

Chapstick
Diapers (size 4, 5, 6)
All purpose cleaner
Toothbrushes (individual or
small quantities)
Toothpaste



Giving



Welcome to our new online Giving platform.

Through online giving you can pay by credit, debit, or by online checking. You can also give by texting SMLCJH to the number 73256

To give or set up payments online, simply click on the link below and you're on your way!

<https://onrealm.org/ShepherdMountainJH/Give>

Giving While You Shop at Smith's

Link your Smith's card to Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church.

The church will receive a check for .5% of your purchases!
It's easy:

1. Sign in to your account and choose "My Account" in the top right corner.
2. This brings up a list on the left. Choose "Inspiring Donations."



Volunteering Each Week

Sunday Servants

Sign up to assist or read

There is now a physical sign-up sheet in the church narthex.

You can also call the church office if you wish to sign up.

You may mail your donations to

Shepherd of the Mountains

P.O. Box 3257

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Your financial support is important to us!

Church Office Hours
Tuesdays & Thursdays
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

July 2023

attendance & offering

July 2	25	\$ 2,464.00
July 9	30	\$ 1,062.00
July 14—Meal/Pray/Play	21	N/A
July 16	22	\$ 1,070.00
July 23	22	\$ 1,600.00
July 30	33	\$ 1,220.00

	August 6 Pentecost 10	August 13 Pentecost 11	August 20 Pentecost 12	August 27 Pentecost 13
Preacher	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem
Assistant Minister	Jolene Moulder	Brent Schaffer	HELP NEEDED	Brent Schaffer
Reader	Rose Jeske	Terry Di Mattio	HELP NEEDED	Marilyn Maier
Greeter/Ushers	Rose & Dale Jeske	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Counters	Jolene Moulder	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Altar Minister	Rose Jeske	HELP NEEDED	Pam Zernis	Pam Zernis
Coffee Hour	Jolene Moulder	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED