



Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church



July 2022

Worship with us!
Sundays at 9 am

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LOVING WITHOUT LIMITS

The Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost offers the familiar story of the good Samaritan. It's a story about loving beyond our comfort zone, extravagantly loving those who stand in need and loving without limits.

This story flips the idea of greatness on its head. Greatness isn't defined by the in-crowd or someone's role. The religious leader and priest aren't the ones who come out of this story smelling like a rose. Instead, greatness is defined by who loves. In this story, it's the Samaritan—the one outcast by the community—who shows love without limits.

What does this mean for us today? It means we can't settle for a world where anything less than love and compassion is accepted as the standard. We have to keep reminding our leaders to see those who are lying on the side of the road, bleeding. We have to keep calling for justice, demanding change until it comes. We can't be content with silent voices.

We love by continuing with the relentless pursuit of better and by not settling for less.

Martin Luther King Jr. talked about the good Samaritan in his last sermon, "I've Been to the Mountaintop," the day before he was assassinated. He compelled his listeners to employ a dangerous unselfishness. Speaking of the Jericho road, King said: "It's a winding, meandering road. It's really conducive for ambushing. You start out in Jerusalem, which is about 1,200 miles, or rather, 1,200 feet above sea level. And by the time you get down to Jericho 15 or 20 minutes later, you're about 2,200 feet below sea level.

"That's a dangerous road. ... So the first question that the priest asked, the first question that the Levite asked was, 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?'"

But then, King continued, the good Samaritan came by and reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

To his congregation, King said: "That's the question before you tonight." That was the question before those present with King on April 3, 1968, and that is the question before us today. If we don't stop to help our neighbor, what will happen to them?

Every day we have opportunities to be like the good Samaritan. There are people hurting around us—some bleeding from the body, like the man in the text, but likely many more who are bleeding from the soul. We can extend God's grace to a hurting world. And when we're the one hurting, the one bleeding on the side of the road, God's grace will reach us too. Through the love of others, we receive the love of Christ—holding us, wiping us clean, healing us. We get to return the favor by loving without limits.

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Every Week

SUNDAY In-person Worship at 9 am.

Hole Food Rescue - On Sunday mornings, volunteers pick up bread and baked goods from Persephone & Picnic to be distributed to those in need. Would you like to help? Talk to Robyn Lunsford (rlunsford@jorgeng.com). Please check our weekly email for new opportunities at Hole Food Rescue.

TUESDAY **Bible & Breakfast**, our coed group that looks at the lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday, meets via ZOOM from 8 - 9 am (Jackson time). Email Scott Daily at scott@hoback.org for the link.



Events in July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Pentecost 4 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi	4 4th of July 	5 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	6	7 AA 6:30pm	8	9
10 Pentecost 5 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi	11 Council meets on Zoom 6 pm	12 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30am  AA 6:30pm	13	14 AA 6:30pm	15	16
17 Pentecost 6 Worship at 9am with Rev. Eric Moehring	18 JHJC Youth Camp 9-4	19 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom JHJC Youth Camp 9-4 Quilt Group 10:30am  AA 6:30pm	20 JHJC Youth Camp 9-4	21 Office Closed - Nancy Vacation JHJC Youth Camp 9-4 AA 6:30pm	22 JHJC Youth Camp 9-4	23
24 Pentecost 7 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi	25 JHJC Youth Camp 9-4 AA 6:30pm	26 Office Closed - Nancy Vacation Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom JHJC Youth Camp 9-4 Quilt Group 10:30am  AA 6:30pm	27 JHJC Youth Camp 9-4	28 Office Closed - Nancy Vacation JHJC Youth Camp 9-4 AA 6:30pm	29 JHJC Youth Camp 9-4	30
31 Pentecost 8 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi						

Parsonage Update Project

Along with the excitement of a new pastor comes a lot of work and preparation. Work that needs to be done so that our future leader will have a comfortable and safe place to live.

Over the past two weeks, a crew of SMLC volunteers have been very busy at the parsonage. First, the volunteers had the task of emptying a house full of items left there by others; this required renting and filling up a 16 yard dumpster. Once the house was emptied, Brent Schaffer and Jim Wells sprang into action by pulling up the carpeting in the dining area, living room, back bedrooms, and hallway. After the carpet was removed in the living room Jim & Brent detected some water damage at the back door, damage had also appeared at the outside deck and runs the length of the deck against the house.



Above: The rotted rim joist that was found when the carpeting was pulled up at the back door.

Beginning the last week of June, Dale Jeske and crew began painting the inside of the house. A fresh coat of paint is needed in every room, which requires many hands.

Once the painting, the repairs to the inside ledger, as well as the replacement of the rim joist is done then we will swing back to the flooring. Brent will install new flooring in all but the master bedroom and office - a big job!

Other expenses that we anticipate are a new front door, professional carpet cleaning, new lighting, new bathroom fixtures, LED lightbulbs for the whole house, cedar decking for the front

walkway and deck, new blinds for the windows, more flooring, as well as other miscellaneous items that will pop up as we go along.

Thank you to all who have already given so much time and talent toward this project. Do you have a gift to give? Please talk to Scott Daily if you wish to contribute in any way.



Above: A damaged ledger that will need replacing. This runs the entire length of the back deck and caused the deck to pull away from the house in one area.

Stewardship - Can You Give More?



As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as "Good Stewards" of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:10

What gifts do you have to give God and our church family? Are you a good painter, can you help with painting the parsonage? Is your gift carpentry, can you help to repair and update what is needed for our new pastor? Maybe you are a good gardener who can help with the weeding at the parsonage and at the church. Is your calling washing windows? then you are desperately needed to clean windows at the parsonage. Perhaps you cannot help physically but you have the money to help support the parsonage update project. Whatever your talents and gifts are - God is calling you to help!

Helping to update our parsonage, as well as donating to our church General Fund is an important part of being a "Good Steward" of our flock. Your gifts are needed to keep our doors open and to help support our new pastor.

Please donate today!

Left: Rose and Dale Jeske show us the meaning of being a "Good Steward" to God and their church.

In Loving Memory of Elaine Skatrud

Elaine Ruth (Larson) Skatrud, age 91, passed away peacefully on June 12, 2022, at Sage Living in Jackson, Wyoming, where she resided the last three year allowing her to live close to her daughters and their families.

Elaine officially joined Shepherd of the Mountains Church in January 2020. While living at Sage, Elaine loved her visits from Pastor Inger as well as receiving communion weekly.



Elaine was the wife of Rev. Dale Skatrud, an ELCA Lutheran Pastor who passed away in 2012. She was also the mother of Kari McCreedy, David Skatrud and John Skatrud as well as a grandmother to many grandchildren.



A graveside funeral service will be held at the West Valders Cemetery at noon, Saturday, July 30, 2022. Lunch will follow at 1 PM at Faith Lutheran Church, Valders, WI. All are welcome to both the graveside service and the lunch. In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to ELCA World Hunger (elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger) or donor's choice.

On To New Adventures

After many years in this valley, the Shedd family has decided to move back to Kansas.

We will miss them as members of our congregation and are thankful to them for all their support of the Church. Tanya headed the Youth and Education Board for many years and also helped organize volunteers for Sunday mornings. William served as Council President for 2 ½ years, his presence at Council meetings will be missed. They promised to be back in the area from time to time and will stop by to see us.



Tanya, William & Alex Shedd

With the Shedd's departure Scott Daily was named new Council President at the Council Meeting on Monday, June 13.

Helping Ukraine Through Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. **Your gifts will support people impacted by this crisis. Gifts designated to "Eastern Europe Crisis" will be used in full (100%) for direct response to assist those affected.**

Give Now

You can also send a check in the mail

Make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response. Write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on your check's memo line and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



Thank You

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



- To William Shedd for the time he put in as our Council President.
- To Scott Daily for jumping in as our new Council President.
- To Brent Schaffer for taking on the parsonage project.
- To Dale Jeske for leading the painting for the parsonage project.
- To all who are helping update the parsonage.

Prayers

- The family of Elaine Skatrud.
- Nikki Thompson, healing from fractured ribs.
- David Svendsen, strength as he heals from back surgery.
- Robyn Lunsford, who is still navigating health issues.
- Don Corun (brother to Dan Corun), hospitalized with cancer.
- Patrick Corun (son of Dan & Kay Corun) healing prayers.
- Ann, (friend of Margie Aeckerle), diagnosed with cancer.



For prayers or prayer updates please email or call the church office.

Church Council

While we are in transition please know that your Church Council is always here to serve you and listen to your questions and concerns.

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

Shepherd of the Mountains

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

July Birthdays

- Bob Krause - July 2nd
- Marilyn Maier - July 5th
- Stephanie Ninnemann - July 30th

July Anniversaries

None

Please call or email the church office and tell us when your special day is. Your church family would like to wish you birthday or anniversary greetings.



Quilt Ladies



Above: The quilt ladies just can't stop sewing! They have begun some new quilts to send to LWR. Pictured are Margie Aeckerle, Edna Grove, Carolyn Daily, Rose Jeske, and Karen Schroeder.

Above Right: Jim Wells is always ready when needed to make repairs around the church building. Thank you Jim!

Always Ready to Help



Parsonage Update Project



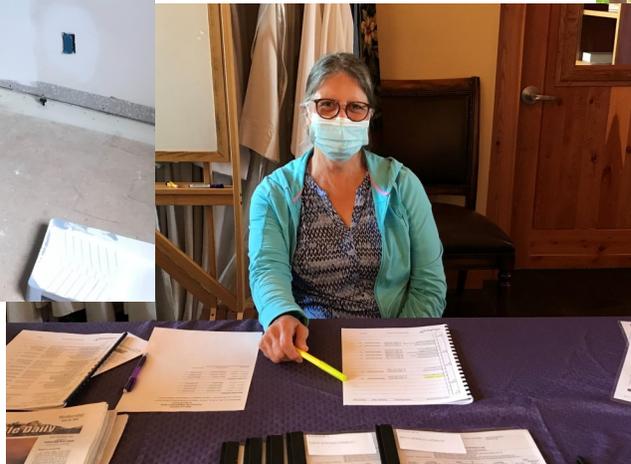
Left: Terry Di Mattio shows off his painting skills in the parsonage.

Below: Colleen Thompson volunteers at the front desk for the Blood Drive in June.



Middle & Above: Dale Jeske, Brent Schaffer, Jolene Moulder, Sherry Kinsella, as well as others like Lorrie Wells, took time from their day to sort through items that were left in the parsonage. Over the course of two days volunteers filled a dumpster with items that were not salvageable.

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS



Report Coming Soon



Giving



You may sign up to give one time, weekly, monthly, or yearly .

You can give by text (307-207-3866), by credit or debit, or by online checking. Go to this link and you're on your way!

<https://sotmlcjackson.breezechms.com/give/online>

You may mail your donations to
 Shepherd of the Mountains
 P.O. Box 3257
 Jackson, WY 83001
 Your financial support is important to us!

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."
3. Look for our organization number—YJ339



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

June 2022 attendance & offering		
June 5th	26	\$663.00
June 12th	22	\$817.00
June 19th	17	\$1360.00
June 28th	18	\$560.00

Volunteering Each Week

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Sign up to assist or read via our "Sign Up Genius" volunteer system

Signing up is easy - [sign up here](#) to volunteer.

	July 3 Pentecost 4	July 10 Pentecost 5	July 17 Pentecost 6	July 24 Pentecost 7	July 31 Pentecost 8
Preacher	Pastor Ben Nardi	Pastor Ben Nardi	Pastor Eric Moehring	Pastor Ben Nardi	Pastor Ben Nardi
Assistant Minister	Jolene Moulder	HELP NEEDED	Scott Daily	HELP NEEDED	Scott Daily
Reader	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Ushers	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Counters	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Altar Minister	HELP NEEDED	Pam Zernis	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Council Greeter	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED