



# Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church



Worship With Us  
Sundays at 10 am

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

Pastor Tim Stådem

July 2023

## IN WORSHIP, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, ALL WERE INVITED TO ENVISION GOD'S WORK AMONG US

We were asked to explore something 'not always so clear'. Here's how it started: *"If God were to have God's way with us for 5 years". Then the rest of the questioning continued, "What sort of things would YOU envision?" "What would we look like? – Our sense of identity? Our patterns of life together? Our ministries? and...In what ways would we be interacting with our neighbors—those nearby and in the larger world?" Know what I mean? – probably 'not so clear from today's vantage point'.*



For one, what does that mean...to have God's way with us? and FOR FIVE YEARS? What is it like for all of us to be trusting & receptive to what God gives us and is doing among us? And would we be open to seeing what God is doing 'beyond our congregation'—everywhere and all the time? To see better, would we increase our listening through scriptures, prayer and mutual conversations? Would we welcome everything God invites us to ponder and practice? Does this mean that we Do we ultimately recognize God's authentic voice (in a noisy world of so many voices) and deeply notice the presence and action of God in everyday life? Does this mean we grow to wholeheartedly trust God all the time...for five years? ...with all of our heart, strength, soul, and mind?

Yes, I'm suggesting these questions invite us to 'imagine the unknown'. If God were fully known by us we wouldn't need to wonder. So with these questions—about envisioning outcomes after periods of fully trusting God—of intimacy with God the author, restorer, and guide for all life in this world, how would that shape our choices about our time, our energy, our bodies, our prayers, our gifts & abilities, all our relationships, etc.? These unknowns are the stuff of faithful imagination.

Full Transparency: I love this challenge of the wider and deeper 'stuff of vision'—the vision that God invites us to receive. And this leads to: *How might God, unbind, heal, enhance, transform, and build up the Body of Christ in our time, place, and context as Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church?*

"What do **you** see? ...shall **we** see together? What possibilities is God inviting us to see...that we are not yet seeing very well?

## WE'VE ANSWERED THE INVITATION – Next is our SENSE OF MISSION

On June 4<sup>th</sup> we explored many of these questions. And we produced images on a printout (located in our Fellowship Room). PS: Those who were not able to attend are invited to add to this visionary poster).

Next is language for OUR SENSE OF MISSION—a process of listening (in scripture and prayer and conversation) for *'why is our church here - what is our purpose?'*

As we transition from the 'many images of our faith' to existential questions: why do we exist here? If we were not here, what would be missing? for us? for our neighbors nearby? in this corner of the world? What purposes do we serve?

In July, we step forward to name: We are People in God's Mission. Ultimately, our final step in August—after this year-long work of spiritual, biblical, and religious discernment—will be:

### WHAT WE CHOSE AS OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- where our highest priorities as God's people,
- according to our specific gifts and sense of calling in our context,
- are *'put into dedicated action'* and we do these priorities with excellence.

Thank you for all this work together! God's grace and peace to you, Pastor Tim

### "You're Invited" – NAMING OUR SENSE OF MISSION

Following Sunday's reception  
on July 16 & July 23 – from  
11:30 to 12:30 in the Sanctuary;  
Come to one or both events;  
Small Groups & Whole Group;  
Conversation & Prayer;  
Applying biblical texts and  
visions for ministry; Naming  
who God calls us to be.



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### July 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> <b>Pentecost 5</b> Intergenerational Round Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	3	<b>4</b> <b>4th of July</b> Office Closed AA 6:30pm 	5	6	7	8
<b>9</b> <b>Pentecost 6</b> Intergenerational Round Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Council Meets  Baby Shower for Heidi Schmillen @ Moulders @ 4 pm	10	<b>11</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30 am AA 6:30pm	<b>12</b> Rental - Lifeline Screening	13	<b>14</b> Meal, Play & Pray Brat Night Potluck at 5:30 pm 	15
<b>16</b> <b>Pentecost 7</b> Intergenerational Round Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	17	<b>18</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm	19	20	21	22
<b>23</b> <b>Pentecost 8</b> Intergenerational Round Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	<b>24</b> Rental - JHJC Camp	<b>25</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Rental - JHJC Camp Quilt Group 10:30 am AA 6:30pm	<b>26</b> Rental - JHJC Camp	<b>27</b> Rental - JHJC Camp	<b>28</b> Rental - JHJC Camp	29
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## July Meal, Play & Pray

Our next monthly evening gathering with food, prayer, and play will take place on

Friday, July 14th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

## Brat Night at Church



Brats will be provided;

you are asked to bring brat toppings, a side dish, or dessert and a friend

(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. Please see Brent Schaffer if you have any questions.

To date we  
have received  
**\$2750.00**  
in donations.

**Thank You!**

## Quilt Group Starts Up Again

The Shepherd's of the Cloth Quilt Group will be at it again! The group will resume their quilting projects beginning on Tuesday, July 11th at 10:30 am.

This month, the group will be working on a cross quilt for the narthex. Your help is needed to help put this special project together. All are invited to join this group for fun conversation and great fellowship. Please talk to Carolyn Daily if you have questions.



## Piano Player Needed



We are still searching for a pianist for our worship services. Nancy Wilbrecht is willing to accompany on the piano once a month - for this we are grateful! While we are searching Pastor Tim will continue to accompany our singing on the guitar.

Please let pastor know if you know someone who plays the piano that can help us each Sunday.

## 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 DEVELOP OUR SENSE OF PURPOSE**



## Updated Church Directories Are Out



Our church directories have been updated for 2023 and are available in the entry to the sanctuary. If you notice anything that needs correcting in the directory, please contact the church office or leave a note on the office desk.

## 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. We will get a sign-up sheet posted to see who may want to go; hope we can represent our congregation well!

Please see Pastor Tim for more information.



## Bishop's Installation



Save the Date!

For the Installation of Bishop-Elect Rev. Dr. Meggan Manlove

Our next Bishop of the Northwest Intermountain Synod

On Saturday, October 7th

At 1:00 pm

Taking place at the Cathedral of the Rockies

717 N. 77th St. Boise, Idaho



## Thank You

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



- To Pam Zernis for taking our old computers to recycling.
- To Pastor Tim and Jolene Moulder for another great Meal, Play & Pray.
- To Pastor Tim for leading our Women's Bible Study.
- To Dale Jeske for his work in finding and securing a painter for the church.
- To Carolyn Daily for leading our Shepherd's of the Cloth quilt group.

## Prayers

Robyn Lunsford, recovering from surgery  
Lucas Moulder, recovering from surgery



*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).

### President:

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### July Birthdays

Bob Krause – July 2nd  
Marilyn Majer – July 5th  
Margie Aeckerle – July 18th  
Stephanie Ninnemann – July 30th

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





## Meal, Play & Pray Taco Night

Left: Members of the congregation gathered together on June 9th for another successful pot-luck dinner and service, organized by our Fellowship Board.

Members and friends enjoyed a night of good food, singing, and prayer led by Pastor Tim.

## Blood Drive

Right: Mary Lou Klene spent part of her day volunteering at the Vitalant Blood Drive that takes place at our church.

When back at home, Mary Lou also volunteers for the Red Cross drive in her home town. Way to go Mary Lou!

Blood Drive coordinator, Jolene Moulder, shows us that giving blood can be easy.

**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!





## June Church Council Meeting

### *Highlight of discussions and planning - keeping our congregation informed.*

- 1) Dale Jeske reported on painting bids for church exterior bids – recommended painter who's bid to stain is \$11,000. Discussion included contacting references, check on insurance, and going forward if all things check out. Also, council recommends a way for our congregation to financially contribute to our painting project if they would like.
- 2) A reminder that a congregational discussion regarding Resolution 4 from our Synod Assembly (about 'loving transgender persons') will take place after worship on June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) 'One to One' faith conversations took place in our meeting, plus a brief conversation about our next Renewal steps that guide our congregation toward a Mission/Purpose Statement, followed by the final step of identifying Guiding Principles together.

## Mutual Ministry Committee in motion



The Mutual Ministry Committee is a team with a purview that includes the relationship between Pastor and Congregation, with special attention to *how we work together mutually*. Leaders of the team are: Council Pres Terry DiMattio, Scott Daily, Robyn Lunsford, and Pastor Tim. We are also in contact with Rev Phil Misner of the NW Intermountain Synod ELCA about some of our best steps in our Transitional Call. You are welcome to contact any of these leaders for more information.

## Baby Shower

The ladies of the congregation are invited to  
a Baby Shower

For Heidi Schmillen and her daughter Ellie Jo

On Sunday, July 9th at 4 pm

at the home of Jolene Moulder, 1910 Buckrail Dr. in Rafter J.  
Please rsvp to Jolene at 413-4561 or [jolenemoulder@gmail.com](mailto:jolenemoulder@gmail.com)

Let's celebrate our newest addition to our church family.



## 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

Jackson, WY 83001

**Your financial support is important to us!**

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

### June 2023

attendance & offering

June 4	25	\$ 1,350.00
June 9—Meal/Pray/Play	24	N/A
June 11	29	\$ 1,490.00
June 18	23	\$ 300.00
June 25	18	\$ 1,700.00

	July 2 Pentecost 5	July 9 Pentecost 6	July 16 Pentecost 7	July 23 Pentecost 8	July 30 Pentecost 9
<b>Preacher</b>	<i>Pastor Tim Stadem</i>	<i>Pastor Tim Stadem</i>	<i>Pastor Tim Stadem</i>	<i>Pastor Tim Stadem</i>	<i>Pastor Tim Stadem</i>
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
<b>Reader</b>	<i>Robyn Lunsford</i>	<i>Terry Di Mattio</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
<b>Greeter/Ushers</b>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
<b>Counters</b>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
<b>Altar Minister</b>	<i>Rose Jeske</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>Pam Zernis</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>