



# Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church



June 2022

Worship with us!  
Sundays at 9 am

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## WINDS OF CHANGE, FIRE OF PASSION

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit showed up with sound and force like the wind. Those present saw what seemed to be tongues like fire. In this powerful way, the Spirit brought unity among the people. When the Holy Spirit showed up, the people could understand each other. Although they were from all over the world, they were able to speak each other's languages and understand each other for the first time. God did a new thing.

God is still doing a new thing in our lives today, still firing us up. The Holy Spirit remains with us, still burning like a hot flame and blowing like wind, opening our ears to hear and understand the people around us, empowering us for the rest of our days so we might share the story of Jesus.

What would happen if even more we started really hearing and understanding the language spoken by our neighbor — not just the spoken language of our geography but the language of our lived experiences?

As we go through life, do we hear our neighbor crying for help? Do the rich hear the voice of the poor? Do those with jobs hear the voice of those without? Do those with homes hear the voice of those who live on the street? Do adults hear the voice of youth? Do those who do not have physical mobility issues hear the voice of those who do?

In our church, do we hear the voice of people with a different lived Lutheran experiences than our own? Do Lutherans who are white hear the voices of people of color? Do lifelong Lutherans hear the voices of new Lutherans? Do Lutherans from one locale hear the voices of Lutherans from another locale? Do those who are already active Lutherans hear the voices of those who are visiting, hoping to find their place?

Do we not only hear but understand? Do we hear the story of Jesus in the stories of those all around us? The Holy Spirit is blowing among us, sparking a fire within us, opening our ears to hear the voices that go unheard among us, inviting us to move beyond hearing and understanding to action — to be the hands and voice and feet of God in the community.

Understanding each other's language was just the beginning for the people gathered in that room on Pentecost. They left there and went all over the world to share the good news of Jesus' love and salvation. Understanding each other is just the first step. Next we are led by the Spirit into mission to bring about change.

This Pentecost, may the Holy Spirit blow us out of our comfort zones into new places and new spaces to engage people we have never engaged before. May we be ignited with new ways to serve to bring about the mission of God in our communities.

May the winds of the Holy Spirit lead us to break down boundaries that divide. May the fire of the Holy Spirit ignite us to speak life to a broken world.

Come, Holy Spirit. Come!

*This article was written by Tiffany Chaney and appeared in the May 2016 issue of Living Lutheran*



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.

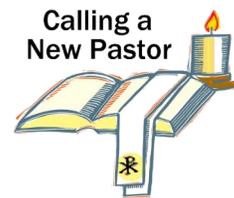
**TUESDAY** **Bible & Breakfast**, our coed group that looks at the lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday, meets via ZOOM from 8 - 9 am (Jackson time). Email Scott Daily at scott@hoback.org for the link.

Events in June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 JHJC rental 4-6pm AA 6:30pm	3	4
5 <b>Day of Pentecost</b> Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi	6	7 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	8	9 JHJC rental 4-6pm AA 6:30pm	10	11
12 <b>Trinity Sunday</b> Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi	13 Council meets on Zoom	14 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30am AA 6:30pm	15	16 JHJC rental 4-6pm AA 6:30pm	17	18
19 <b>Pentecost 2</b> <b>Father's Day</b> Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi 	20	21 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30am AA 6:30pm	22 Blood Drive 11:30 am  Parsonage Painting Prep Party 	23 Blood Drive 7:30 am  JHJC rental 4-6pm AA 6:30pm Parsonage Painting Prep Party 	24 Parsonage Painting Prep Party 	25
26 <b>Pentecost 3</b> Worship at 9am with Rev. Eric Moehring	27 Parsonage Painting Party 	28 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30am AA 6:30pm Parsonage Painting Party 	29 Parsonage Painting Party 	30 JHJC rental 4-6pm AA 6:30pm Parsonage Painting Party 		

**Pastor Search Update** by Scott Daily

With the help of Pastor Phil Misner, assistant to the Bishop, the Council identified a candidate for Transitional Minister. The candidate visited Jackson and attended a Meet and Greet with the congregation at the Moulder's house.



We will continue to work with the candidate on discerning the future pastor for Shepherd of the Mountains.

**Parsonage Painting Party**

Come and join the painting fun!



Your help is needed in getting the parsonage ready for a new pastor. On June 22nd, 23rd, & 24th we will be prepping the walls and doing a little demolition on the parsonage so that it can be ready for paint.

A Painting Party will take place the week of June 27th, time TBD. Bring your painting clothes and paintbrush and help us give the parsonage a fresh new look.

Please email the office or talk to Brent Schaffer if you can help.

**Synod Gathering Review** by Rose Jeske

*The Northwest Intermountain Synod Regional Gathering took place on May 14 in Burley, Idaho.*

Reflections from the day:

Dale, myself, and Sherry Kinsella were glad we could represent SOTM at this event.

We met as a large group and also as small groups of 3 or 4 during the day.

We were led through God's story of Paul and Timothy's travels as recorded in Acts 16: 1-15. They had made a travel plan that God changed. They would go, then get stopped by the Spirit, turn around and go forward. The Spirit continued to intervene until they arrived in Macedonia.

Our large group was identified by the generation we were in. No surprise, the baby boomer generation was the largest one represented !

All of the generations were asked to reflect on life changing events of those times. This led us to break into small groups to share our story and listen to other's stories. For me, this small group time was very meaningful. The last two years were identified as being life changing for all. The COVID pandemic caused most of the people I talked with to stop, turn around, try going forward, only to have to do it over and over.

We found common ground in listening and finding that we aren't alone in our feelings. The journey is continuing. We're all weary. The Synod staff shared that they have those same feelings. We're in uncharted territory, similar to Paul and Timothy's journey. We can be assured that as we step forward to where we feel we need to be, we're not alone. God is with us.

SOTM is part of God's plan. Through the years, we've had to stop, turn around, go forward, then stop AGAIN, turn around and go forward.

I believe that as we continue to take time to listen to each other, affirm one another as beloved children of God, and pray for one another, we'll trust that we're not alone. God is with us as we travel SOTM's journey together.



**Shepherd's of the Cloth Meets in June**



The quilt ladies area at it again. They will be meeting in June on the 14th, 21st, and 28th at 10:30 am.

This group is open to anyone who is looking for some fun fellowship while they make quilts for LWR (Lutheran World Relief). During the summer the group would like to meet on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays of the month. If you would like to join the group but cannot meet on a Tuesday please talk to Carolyn Daily, the group is willing to change the day and times they meet.

**Blood Drive**



This month our Blood Drive will take place on

**June 22nd & 23rd**

Don't forget to sign up!

**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!

**Blood Drive Dates for 2022**

June 22 & 23

August 24 & 25

October 19 & 20

December 21 & 22 (other location)

**Your donation matters!**

**Donate to Update the Parsonage**

Your financial help is needed so we can get the many updates that are needed done to the parsonage in time for our minister candidate to move in.

A box is located in the narthex that you can place your designated donations in. If you wish to write a check please be sure to write "parsonage update" on your check.



**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.



Chris & Jolene Moulder for hosting the Greet & Meet for our pastor candidate.  
 Brent Schaffer his help getting the parsonage ready for updating.  
 Scott Daily for leading our Bible & Breakfast group.  
 Our Church Council for the time that they give to our church.  
 Rose & Dale Jeske and Sherry Kinsella for attending the Synod Gathering

**Prayers**

Nikki Thompson, healing from fractured ribs.  
 David Svendsen, strength as he heals from back surgery.  
 Patrick Corun (son of Dan & Kay Corun) healing prayers while his body adjusts to his new heart.  
 Robyn Lunsford, who is still navigating health issues.  
 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.



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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**June Birthdays**

Karen Priebe - June 1st  
 Patty Krause - June 7th  
 Rick Thompson - June 26th

**June Anniversaries**

Chris & Jolene Moulder—June 20th

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.



Transitional Minister Candidate "Meet & Greet"



Above: The pastor candidate & Jim Wells.



Above Middle : Colleen Thompson, Jolene Moulder & Christopher Thompson.



Above Right: Terry Di Mattio & Lorrie Lee Wells enjoy the day.



Right: Siblings Nikki & Christopher Thompson.

Below: Rose Jeske, Scott Schmiller and Chris Moulder take time to catch up.

Right: The pastor candidate & Margie Aeckerle.

Below: Approximately 30 gathered at the Moulder house to meet the pastor candidate.



Right: Jo Schmillen, Sherry Kinsella, Nikki Thompson, Vivian Moulder & Nancy Ninnemann enjoy getting together by the fire.



Helping Others Through Old Bill's

Left: Our Old Bills angel, Sherry Kinsella, shows off gift cards that the church purchased to help those in need.



Attending: William Shedd, Terry DiMattio, Scott Daily, Pam Zernis, Sherry Kinsella, Brent Schaffer, Jolene Moulder (guest)

## Opening Prayer by Brent

## Treasurer's Report – Jolene

Status of funds: \$15,700 in checking available, income for April \$437 over 2020 (good news).

### Key Expenses

April had a large church LVE bill (\$790) vs \$698 in 2020.

Parsonage maintenance - shower improvement deposit \$1000.

Overall, expenses are pretty much on track with budget.

### Key Income

Offerings are down about \$8k compared to budget disregarding endowment fund. Likely catch up in summer.

Report Approved: Brent / Terry

## Treasurer Analysis of Proposed Compensation for Pastor Tim

For background, the 2022 budget assumed \$200/week supply pastor thru June, half year full pastor salary at the rate for Pastor Inger.

Jolene's proposal includes \$58k base annual salary plus medical/retirement, social security, utilities (not compensation - comes direct from Church budget), mileage, education.

Jolene proposed various options including different assessments of the value for the parsonage. As the housing value changes, it affects the 'taxable compensation.'

Jolene also compared the proposed salary to Pastor Beake in American Falls. The salaries are comparable.

Council asked Jolene to develop an additional option assessing the parsonage value as \$4000 per month as market rental value.

[Note discussion continued under Transitional Minister Update below].

## Education Board – no new activity.

## Fellowship –

Potluck party at Moulder's with Pastor Tim next Wed 25 May 5:30 - 7:30 - bring wine or hors d'ouuvres.

## Management

Bath Fitter deposit for parsonage. Work pending material delivery. Brent purchased flooring for delivery based on June 15 move out.

Painting party coming up at parsonage June 20 - was discussed at church 15 May.

## Outreach –

Circle of Care continues support - always looking for help (see Carolyn Daily).

## Worship Board –

Scott is working to find best location for service streaming camera. Audio equipment inbound.

## Transitional Minister –

Scott, Terry, and Brent continue to coordinate with Pastor Tim on logistics support for his trip to Jackson. He arrives Tues night (24 May). On Wednesday, he will take a tour of the area/church/parsonage. Scott and Brent leading tour.

Wednesday night meet and greet potluck.

Scott moves that compensation with Pastor Tim commence using Option 2 (assess parsonage values at \$2500 per month) as a starting point for negotiation. Pam Z seconds. Motion passes after discussion on the housing value assessment.

## 3d Lot

Zoning research ongoing. No response from JH Jewish Community on whether it will undertake and pay for a Zoning Compliance Verification..

## Facility Use Policy

Terry - Management board has reviewed, no comments on policy. Motion to approve policy - William / Scott. Additionally, the fee schedule was discussed, specifically to raise fee for two-hours wedding block from \$200 to \$500. This matches current market rates. Council concurred.

## New Business

Council discussed publication of council meeting minutes. Council supports publication of Meeting Minutes in the monthly newsletter, and posting financial updates on the bulletin board in church. Scott / Brent.

Council also discussed adding a summary at the beginning of each published minutes.

Council discussed developing a policy for parsonage use. Scott / Pam.

**Date for June council meeting:** Sunday, June 12

**Closing with the Lord's Prayer** 7:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Rusty Mizelle



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!

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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

May 2022		
May 1st	17	\$2,770.00
May 8th	17	\$760.00
May 15th	13	\$1,905.84
May 22nd	18	\$890.00
May 29th	17	\$ 2,038.00

Volunteering Each Week

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

Sign up to assist or read via our "Sign Up Genius" volunteer system (email Tanya Shedd (thobbs6@hotmail.com) for more details).

Signing up is easy - visit **Sign Up Genius** at [Sign Up Genius](#) to volunteer.

	June 5 Day of Pentecost	June 12 Holy Trinity	June 19 Pentecost 2	June 26 Pentecost 3
Preacher	Pastor Ben Nardi	Pastor Ben Nardi	Pastor Ben Nardi	Pastor Eric Moehring
Assistant Minister	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Reader	Terry Di Mattio	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Ushers	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Counters	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Altar Minister	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Council Greeter	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Piano	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD