

# Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church



Worship With Us  
Sundays at 10 am

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

Pastor Tim Stådem

June 2023



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I've heard the breakneck speed and tone of change in our present world described as a *"profound disorientation"*—about this culture and world, from corrosive politic to cataclysmic climate, to broken sense of connectedness with neighbor. How shall our church respond?

Where we respond...with worship life together, with gatherings of friendship and food (to sustain relationships and start new ones), with leaders planning and all generations of brothers and sisters opening scriptures and hearts in prayer for a life-giving word, and with fresh exploration taking place about the needs and gifts of our neighbors...there is another sense of speed—the speed of trust.

Our present time together—as pastor and congregation—is given the name *Transitional Call*. And I am so thankful how our gifted council leadership arrived at a centering decision "to invite and include everyone" in this process together named Renewal of Our Congregation. Here we are moving at a speed of trust and connectedness that welcomes the Spirit of Christ to guide our collective experience of change. And our speed of trust incorporates the sacred connection of making this spiritual journey together.

*(And let his vital step be noted: that the experience of renewal in a congregation rarely 'takes root' when only a few are commissioned to 'go alone into an upper room'—in prayer, in scripture, bathed in Spirited conversations—to make key decisions about the future and culture of a congregation. Rather, we are trusting that renewal takes place where the whole body is called into this transformative work of God's Spirit—through listening, learning, trusting, discerning, etc.)*

Here, I entrust to you this timely prayer, located in our hymnal, which speaks to our present adventure of transition and trust.

*Lord God, you have called us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,  
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us good courage,  
not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us  
and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

May we all respond with good courage, and with a sense of unity that is central to our understanding of our Triune God, and becomes grounded in a speed of trust that attends to the life and faith of one another through this present adventure and into the next.

Thanks be to God who transforms our thinking and living—who is always raising us to new life in Christ.

Pastor Tim





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### June 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4</b> <b>The Holy Trinity</b> Intergenerational Round Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Stadem	5	<b>6</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Women's Group 10:30 am <b>AA 6:30pm</b>	7	8	<b>9</b> Meal, Play & Pray Taco Night Potluck at 5:30 pm 	10
<b>11</b> <b>Pentecost 2</b> Intergenerational Round Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Stadem <b>Council Meets</b>	12	<b>13</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Women's Group 10:30 am <b>AA 6:30pm</b>	14	15	16	17
<b>18</b> <b>Father's Day</b> <b>Pentecost 3</b> Intergenerational Round Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Stadem 	19	<b>20</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Women's Group 10:30 am <b>AA 6:30 pm</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Blood Drive</b> <b>11:30 am</b> 	<b>22</b> <b>Blood Drive</b> <b>7:30 am</b> 	<b>23</b> <b>Church Rental</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Church Rental</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Pentecost 4</b> Intergenerational Round Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with TBD	26	<b>27</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Women's Group 10:30 am <b>AA 6:30pm</b>	28	29	30	

## June Meal, Play & Pray - Taco Night!

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

Friday, June 9th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

## Taco Night at Church

Taco meat will be provided; you are asked to bring a topping or dessert and a friend  
(sign up at church)

Outdoor games will take place (weather permitting)

*Don't miss the fun!*



## Remembering the Emanuel 9 In Our Prayers

### A REMEMBRANCE...ABOUT RACE, VIOLENCE, AND OUR CALL TO RESTORATION

*This remembrance will be included in our worship on Sunday, June 18th*

**Emanuel Nine, martyrs, 2015** As part of the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, voting members adopted a resolution designating June 17 as a commemoration of the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9—the nine people shot and killed on June 17, 2015, during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.

Two of the slain were pastors who graduated from our Lutheran seminary. The shooter was a young Lutheran and self-professed white supremacist; he said he wanted to spark a ‘race war’.

Our relationship to the shooter, as well as two of the slain, reminds us of both our complicity and our calling. Together we name the trauma of generations of racism and white supremacy and, at the same time, we rejoice in the freedom that is ours in Christ Jesus who “has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us” (Ephesians 2:14). May God continue to guide us as we seek repentance and renewal, and racial justice and reconciliation among all God’s precious children.

## PRAY

*Prayer: Immanuel - God with us - you embrace in love those who cry out to you. Lift up all whom hatred has cast down; embolden those who need courage to speak and act against oppression; sustain those who are weary from efforts that bring no end to injustice. Comfort parents weeping for children, children who have been separated from parents, and families in crises of any kind. Restore hope where it has been lost, so that all may trust your love that reaches to the depths of pain and suffering. In your great mercy, Amen.*

## Piano Player Needed



We are still searching for a pianist for our worship services.

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.

## Synod Assembly Update

Dear members of SOTM. Dale and I wish to thank you for sending us to the assembly, we had an amazing journey.

Thankfully Pastor Tim invited to carpool with him. We left early Friday morning and made the 10 hour drive in good time. The Snake River gave us breathtaking sights for a good part of the day. For those of you who haven't had the privilege of attending a synod assembly, you need to know that the worship services fill a person to the brim. 200 plus voices raised in singing and praying give one a real sense of belonging to God's large family.



Saturday was a busy day for all. Bible Study (Luke 24) was led by Reverend Barbara Rossing. It's the story Jesus meeting two of his disciples as they journeyed to Emmaus. They didn't recognize Jesus until later in the day when He broke the bread. My notes: we are the same as the disciples in that we may not recognize Jesus in people who may not look or act like us. We are called to be an outpost of compassion...to love, mend and send.

The ELCA church wide representative, Deacon Sue E Rothmeyer addressed the assembly with news of how the church is working in our world. Some stats: \$20 million towards world hunger initiatives, 23 million in Lutheran disaster support, 11 new start up ministries, 87,000 in Grants given out this year

The General Secretary of the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese was in attendance and shared news from our companion synod. There are 65 million Lutherans in Tanzania. We are a part of God's larger family !!

During the day, elections were held. The election for bishop narrowed the field from 6 candidates to one. Our new bishop is Rev. Meggan Manlove from Trinity Lutheran in Nampa, Id. She was ordained in 2004. One of her favorite Bible verses comes from the book of Revelations: The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nation."

Pastor Tim was elected to a 6 year term on the discipline committee. 5 resolutions were voted on. Resolution 1 centered on a constitutional amendment. Resolution 2 was an amendment to change the SHARE fund policy. Resolutions 3, 4 and 5 are attached along with this page. Sunday morning was: breakfast, elections of synod wide reps and ending with worship. Since we had another 10 hour drive ahead of us, we left after breakfast.

The good old Snake River led us home with more gorgeous views.

Whew, what a weekend! Rose Jeske

Invite: Discussion of resolutions –  
Sunday, June 18 after worship.

## Synod Resolutions

- Resolution 3 was a resolution to **encourage the development and support of diaper banks** within our communities.

- Resolution 4 was a **resolution in support of the dignity, honor, and rights of transgender humans**. This came about largely in response to the legalized discrimination of trans folk in Idaho (part of our synod), and many other parts of our country. The resolution asks that we proclaim God's love for trans folk; declare our intention to love them unconditionally; encourage our congregations to welcome trans folk, affirm their humanity and dignity, and joyfully receive them into membership and into the mission we share; encourage congregations to pray publicly in Sunday worship for the well-being of trans folk; and encourage congregations to study and gain knowledge of challenges facing trans folk, enter into dialogue "with holy curiosity" regarding trans experience, and speak and act in ways that honor the lives of transgender people. This resolution passed unanimously, with no dissenting votes or comments.

- Resolution 5 was to **condemn the use of the firing squad as a method of execution** in the state of Idaho, and condemn the use of capital punishment in all forms.

## Thank You

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



- To Rose & Dale Jeske and Pastor Tim for their time going to the Synod Assembly.
- To all who helped make our May Meal, Play & Pray such a hit.
- To all who helped with our church spring cleanup.
- For all who read in tongues at our Pentecost Sunday service.
- To Dale Jeske for his help in getting bids to paint the church.

## Prayers

Scott Daily, healing from knee replacement surgery.  
 Rick Thompson, healing from colon surgery.  
 Janell Weber, healing from heart surgery.  
 Robyn Lunsford, healing from surgery.  
 Chuck & Carolyn Hast, (friends of Mary Lou Klene), health & caregiver



*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



### 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.





## Women's Group

Left: Pastor Tim, along with the women in the parish, discuss the bible reading for that week. Our weekly Women's Group meets on Tuesdays at 10:30 am. There are no rules to participate, just come and join the fun!



## Pentecost Sunday

Below: Pastor Tim and Robyn Lunsford have fun with Claire during the Pentecost Sunday service.

Right: Members of the congregation show off their talents by speaking in different languages (tongues) for Pentecost Sunday.



## Church Cleanup

Below: Dale Jeske threatens to cut off Pam Zernis' head with his chain saw if she doesn't get her work done faster!

Right: Pam Zernis laughs because Rose Jeske is clearly confused as to what season it is – the snow has melted Rose!



## May Church Council Meeting

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

### May 21 Church Council Meeting Highlights

- 1) Scripture, prayer, and discussion of ch. 6, Renewing Our Congregation: 'Developing and Using a Purpose Statement. And we have begun to draft wording for our mission statement.
- 2) Assembly report, including important resolutions, were discussed. Rose will present to congregation Sunday, June 18th with conversation after worship for those interested.
- 3) Mutual Ministry Discussion – members are Scott Daily, Pastor Tim, Robyn Lunsford, and Terry DiMattio
- 4) Parking Lot crack sealing underway; getting bids on church exterior painting

## Pastor Schoonver Celebrates 55 Years

Members of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Lake Havasu City, AZ had a celebration at the Friendship Café honoring 55 years of service to others in honor of Pastor Al Schoonver.

Pastor Al and his wife Dee will be moving to Legacy Village in St. George, Utah this year.



## June Blood Drive

This month our Blood Drive will take place on

**June 21st & 22nd**

(the dates have changed from when originally posted)

**Blood donors are always needed.** If you don't have an appointment for the next blood drive and want to donate please go the 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 2023

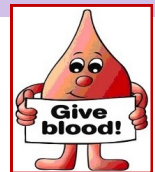
June 21 & 22 at SMLC

August 16 & 17 at SMLC

October 18 & 19 at SMLC

December 20 & 21 location TBD

**Your donation matters!**



## 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

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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**

## May 2023

attendance & offering

May 7	18	\$ 515.00
May 12—Meal/Pray/Play	23	N/A
May 14	27	\$ 855.00
May 21	24	\$ 2,060.00
May 28	27	\$ 960.00

	June 4 Holy Trinity	June 11 Pentecost 2	June 18 Pentecost 3	June 25 Pentecost 4
Preacher	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	TBD
Assistant Minister	HELP NEEDED	Rusty Mizelle	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Reader	HELP NEEDED	Terry Di Mattio	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Greeter/Ushers	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Counters	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Altar Minister	Rose Jeske	Pam Zernis	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Coffee Hour	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED