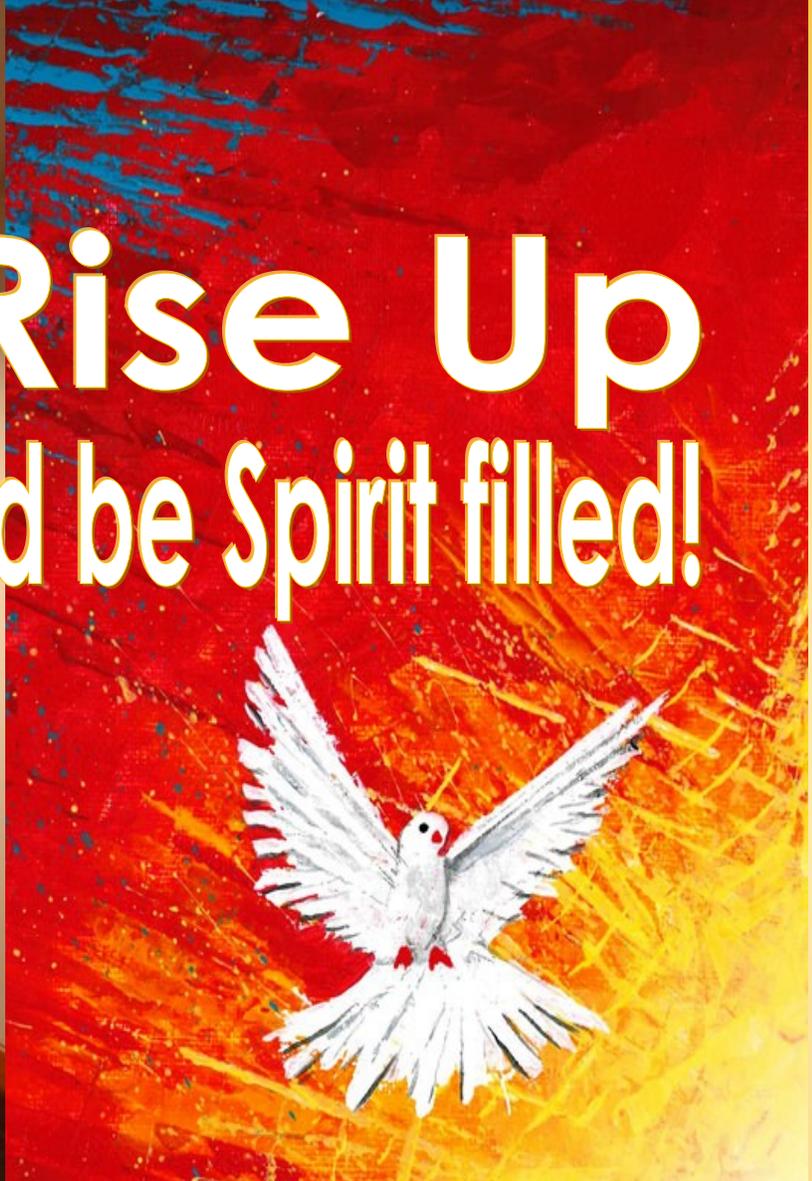


# Shepherd of the Mountains



**Rise Up  
and be Spirit filled!**



**May the Flame of Easter Kindle the Fire of the Spirit of Pentecost**

## May Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00am Spoken Service with Holy Communion  
9:00am Adult Study  
10:00am Worship with Holy Communion

## Sundays in May

May 6th — 6th Sunday of Easter  
May 13th — 7th Sunday of Easter  
May 20th — Day of Pentecost  
May 27th — The Holy Trinity



## Rise Up and be Spirit Filled!

Dear Shepherd of the Mountains,

This year's Synod Assembly theme was "Los Dones del Espiritu / Gifts of the Spirit," so fitting as we continue to celebrate this Eastertide and begin to look towards Pentecost. Bishop Kristen Kuempel brings a frankness and an energy to our synod's work together, and it was again a delight to be among our Lutheran siblings in Christ.

Two resolutions that I think you will find of particular interest:

- 1) We are reinstating the position of Assistant to the Bishop. I know Shepherd of the Mountains cherished their relationship to Rev. Mark Nelson, who served with Bishop Wells years ago, and felt more connected to the region with this model. The Synod Council did some careful work with the budget (eliminating the quarter-time networker positions as well as a communication director role) to make this possible.
- 2) In 2020, we will begin a four year experiment of alternating Synod Assemblies with shorter, more regional meetings in even years. This means more members could attend these festivals and experience the larger church without scrambling to find the time or burdening our budget.

Here at home I hope the emergence of daffodils and spring sunshine is infusing you, too, with new energy. On a deeper level, may this Eastertide help you embrace this new life we have in Christ. Let us rise up and be Spirit-filled! And let us, loving each other, bear fruit that will last. And let us all also celebrate all the different kinds of fruit that we each bring to the table or that might be on the vine! When I think of all the gifts of the Spirit, I think Shepherd of the Mountains has a fruit salad that can so nourish the community.

Thank you for the ways you show God's love to those around you, in truth and in action.

In Christ,  
Pastor Inger

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## RISE UP and Be Spirit-Filled

## Passage

The Spirit's working in us is invisible in much the way divinity in Christ is invisible. The divine in Christ comes with no fanfare, no evident power and glory; what one sees is an obviously human life and really not much more than that. The divinity of Christ appears after the fact, as a kind of inference from this particular human life's effects: "believe me from the works I do," to paraphrase John 14:11...

Sunk as human life has been in sin and death, this renewal of human life is so unexpected that it can have only God for its source ... In virtue of what we know of Christ, we can be similarly confident of the Spirit's invisible efficacy for the good in our own inadequate efforts; we will know it for a fact, however, only after the unheard of and unexpected good happens by way of the Spirit's power...

From the depths of sin and death, out of the very occurrence of conflict, suffering, and loss in our lives together, which all but renders the Spirit invisible, will have to come what one would never expect and could never predict: a new human manner of existence; human lives re-formed, reworked as a whole by the Spirit into a life-giving, Spirit-filled form.

(excerpts from Katherine Tanner's *Christ the Key* 299-300)

## Prayer

*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity.  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;  
May Your joy be seen in all I do—  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude,  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace.  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth;  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see."

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## PSALM 119:25-32

My soul clings to the dust; revive me according to your word.

<sup>26</sup>When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me your statutes.

<sup>27</sup>Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

<sup>28</sup>My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.

<sup>29</sup>Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me your law.

<sup>30</sup>I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your ordinances before me.

<sup>31</sup>I cling to your decrees, O LORD; let me not be put to shame.

<sup>32</sup>I run the way of your commandments, for you enlarge my understanding.

**Tuesdays:** Men's text study 7:00am at the Virginian Restaurant.

**Wednesdays:** Roaming Coffee Hour will be each Wednesday from 8:00am to 10:00am at Picnic during the month of May.

## EVENTS IN MAY AT THE CHURCH

Friday & Saturday, May 4th & 5th ▶



This year the spring yard clean-up will be split into two days, Friday, May 4th from 9:00am to Noon and on Saturday, May 5th from 9:00am to Noon. Tasks to be completed: wash windows (Bill and Nancy Barge), reposition cement parking lot blocks, trim and thin trees, sweep, and remove debris from sidewalk/parking lot. Please bring any gardening tools that would be useful. We hope to see you there—the more hands the merrier, quicker and easier!

Sunday, May 6th ▶



Laura Huckin will be taking a summer sabbatical. Her last day at the piano will be Sunday, May 6th. She will return at the end of September. We pray that Laura has a great time with her family this summer! Thank you, Laura, for blessing us with your time and talent! Can't wait to see you this autumn.

Sunday, May 6th ▶



The May Church Council meeting is Sunday, May 6th following the 10:00am worship service. Council: Holly Luense-President, William Shedd-Vice President, Colleen Thompson-Secretary, Carolyn Daily, Terry Di Mattio, Sherry Kinsella, Chris Moulder, Heidi Schmillen, David Svendsen and Jim Wells.

Tuesday, May 8th & 22nd ▶



Shepherds of the Cloth Quilting Club: Everyone is invited to join the Shepherds of the Cloth Quilting Club on Tuesday, May 8th and Tuesday, May 22nd from 1:00pm to 3:30pm.

Sunday, May 13th ▶



Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 20th ▶



Day of Pentecost: In the spirit of the Day of Pentecost, we encourage you to wear something red to worship service.

Monday, May 28th ▶



The Worship Ministry Board will meet on Sunday, May 20th following the 10:00am worship service.

Memorial Weekend is Saturday, May 26th through Monday, May 28th. The church office will be closed on Monday, May 28th. Praying that all have a wonderful and safe Memorial weekend wherever you might be.

## Other News

**Altar Flower Fund:** If you would like to donate to the Altar Flower Fund, please place your donation (marked "flowers"), in the offering plate. Sherry Kinsella is purchasing flowers and making the arrangements for special occasions.



Thank you Pastor Ben Nardi for your willingness to preach during April.

**Anonymous Donation:** An anonymous donor gave a one-time gift of \$3,000.00 to be split as follows:

- \$1,500.00 – Parsonage Roof Replacement
- \$ 600.00 – Youth Scholarships
- \$ 600.00 – Church Door Staining
- \$ 300.00 – General



Thank you to all who donated blood or their time during April's blood drive.

Next blood drive: June 13th and 14th.

The church is very grateful for this generous donation and example.

CHURCH NEWS



The members of the congregation in attendance on Sunday, April 22nd, unanimously voted to approve the changes to the Constitution.



The members of the Management Board met on Tuesday, April 24th to discuss several pending parsonage and church maintenance and repair issues as follows:

- 1. Parsonage Roof** – The 1st half of the deposit has been paid to the roofing contractor in the amount of \$6,953.00. The roofing contract is in the amount of \$13,906.00. To date, a total of \$12,345.00 has been collected for this project which leaves a shortfall of \$1,561.00. If you would like to contribute to the Parsonage Roof Fund, please place your check in the offering noting Parsonage Roof on the memo line. In addition, a “Roof” donation box will be set-up for cash donations.
- 2. Church Water Fountain** – Per Teton County building codes, the water fountain will need to be replaced. This is in the works and hopefully we will have flowing water again soon.
- 3. Church Front Door Staining** – Mitzi Cook tried to contact the person that stained the front doors several years ago to see if he was willing to submit a proposal (still waiting on a response). If you are aware of any company or individuals that would be willing to submit a proposal for this work, we welcome your suggestions.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Snapshots from Synod Assembly  
 Search Facebook for #ewaid to see more!



1. Corinth = Vegas

After opening worship on Friday (complete with a bluegrass band!), church wide representative, Rev. Ron Glusenkamp, Director of The Campaign for the ELCA, led the assembly in a Bible study focused in part on 1 Corinthians. Pastor Inger was very amused by this particular slide!

2. Deliberations

Weighing some of the resolutions can be a rollercoaster of emotions and energy. Sometimes a lollipop is needed.

3. Unanimous

The synod welcomed a congregation in Ontario, Oregon (just across the border from Boise). Trying to incorporate "Oregon" and "Wyoming," or come up with a new name that captures the region, is often a topic for small-talk. Fun to see all those green cards!

4. Meghan & Kiah

SMLC representative Meghan McCreedy roomed with Kiah Miller, representative for Peace Lutheran in Colfax, WA. Grateful to see these young leaders of the church ponder and participate.

5. Meghan, Bishop Kristen, Kari

Catch up with Kari (or Meghan when she's back for the summer) about their favorite parts of Synod Assembly!



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 25th

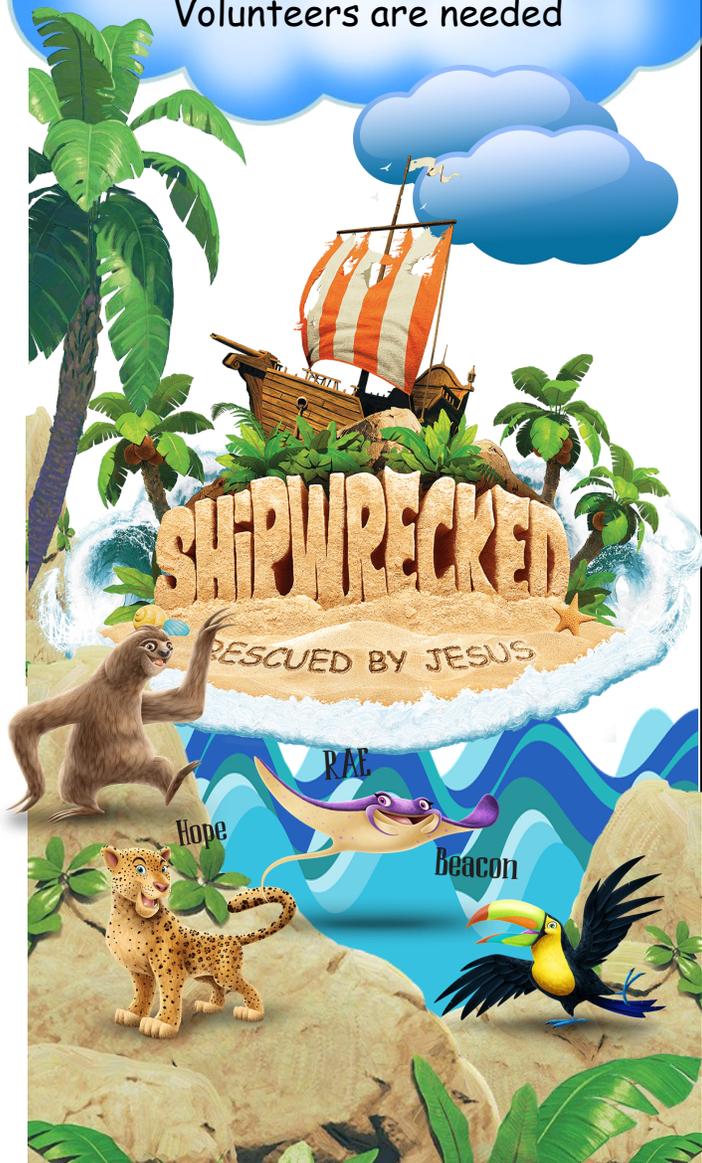
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Friday June 29th

8:45am to Noon

Registration is open

Volunteers are needed



## Why we do it!



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

**Council Members in Attendance:** Holly Luense, Heidi Schmillen, Terry Di Mattio, Chris Moulder, William Shedd, Sherry Kinsella, Carolyn Daily and Colleen Thompson.

**Council Members Absent:** Pastor Inger Hanson, Jim Wells, and David Svendsen.

**Others Present:** Christina Mizelle, Treasurer

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor at continuing education. No report.

**President's Report:** Holly opened the meeting with prayer. New council members were welcomed: Carolyn Daily, Heidi Schmillen and Terry Di Mattio. Church maintenance items were discussed, such as painting the church and staining the church front doors. Money has not been allocated in the budget for these costs. Holly will communicate with Mike Eden and Jim Wells regarding these management items and the topic will be discussed at the March council meeting.

**Financial Report:** Christina stated that we need two more council members to sign church checks besides herself and Pastor Inger. Holly Luense and Carolyn Daily agreed to become signators.

**Other Business:** The council voted William Shedd as the new Vice President.

**Council Board Liaisons:**

- Fellowship: Chris Moulder and Colleen Thompson
- Youth & Ed: William Shedd and Heidi Schmillen
- Worship: Sherry Kinsella and Terry Di Mattio
- Outreach: Carolyn Daily
- Management: David Svendsen and Jim Wells

**Next Council Meeting:** Sunday, March 11, 2018 following the 10:00am worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Thompson  
Secretary

MARCH 11, 2018

Council Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2018 are still awaiting council approval so are not available at this time.

INSTALLATION OF 2018 CHURCH COUNCIL

The Installation of the 2018 Church Council was Sunday, April 15th during the 10:00am worship service.

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March 2018			April 2018		
4th	31	\$4,204.18*	1st (Easter)	64	\$4,990.83*
11th	36	\$1,488.00	8th	28	\$1,330.00
18th	32	\$2,245.00*	15th	45	\$2,028.86*
25th	46	\$1,289.00	22nd	38	\$1,537.17
			29th	28	\$ 272.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>\$9,226.18</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>\$8,130.00</b>

Note: Weekly budget needs: \$3,330.48

\*Includes Simply Giving (1st & 15th)

FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR TO DATE THROUGH MARCH 2018	
Receipts/income through 03-31-18	\$ 29,760.35
Disbursements/expenses through 03-31-18	\$ 39,949.99
Net deficit through 03-31-18	\$ (10,189.64)
2018 Budgeted Expenses	\$ 173,185.00



**Worship Ministers for MAY 2018**

	MAY 6 6TH EASTER	MAY 13 7TH EASTER	MAY 20 PENTECOST	MAY 27 THE HOLY TRINITY
	<i>Ps. Inger Hanson</i>	<i>Ps. Inger Hanson</i>	<i>Ps. Inger Hanson</i>	<i>Ps. Inger Hanson</i>
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	<i>Holly Luense</i>	<i>Scott Daily</i>	<i>Rusty Mizelle</i>	<i>Tanya or William Shedd</i>
<b>Altar Minister</b>	<i>Rose Jeske</i>	<i>Sherry Kinsella</i>	<i>Jo Schmillen</i>	<i>Diana Eden</i>
<b>Lector</b>	<i>Jolene Moulder</i>	<i>William Shedd</i>	<i>David Svendsen</i>	<i>Dale Jeske</i>
<b>Greeter</b>	<i>Chris Moulder</i>	<i>David Svendsen</i>	<i>Sherry Kinsella</i>	<i>Jim Wells</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>Sherry Kinsella Kimberly Brandt</i>	<i>Kim Hunt Tracie Welch</i>	<i>Mizelle Family</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>
<b>Counters</b>	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>
<b>Piano</b>	<i>Laura Huckin</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>

**Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church**