

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church



New Worship Time!
Sundays at 10 am

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

Pastor Tim Stadem



Pastor Tim's trip in the Grand Canyon

November 2022

For 6 months my family (incl. my boys, Lee & Jase) planned a trip to the Grand Canyon. And in late Oct. seven of us ventured down. It was all magnificent! 24 hours after driving back, I left for our Bishop's Convocation in Coeur d'Alene. All was great; finally getting back home to Jackson was really great.

Traveling those many highway miles, one of my podcasts described the distinct perceptions people acquire of 'the future'. One view is molded by continuous response to immediate challenges: the tasks of the day, urgent response to 'what just happened' or 'what is coming up soon', things to resolve ASAP, urgent matters in our hearts and on our agendas.

Broad perceptions of the future are different – call them The Long View. This way of seeing considers what is now being set up for the months, years, decades, even millennia that will unfold. Time is dedicated to explore into the generations that will follow mine. And we are thoughtful for the kind of future we want to create.

Almost sounds like there are 'more than one possible future' to envision. Often my Grand Canyon trip felt like the Long View—plenty of time for the big picture. Literally! I walked down & then up an archeological museum...slowly – quiet times to ponder, talk with family, and imagine dimensions of 'the big picture'. The Bishop's Convocation was different, more immediate: meeting new colleagues/neighbor pastors and deacons, great workshops on applying discipleship models for these urgent times, keeping to a schedule while examining how to bring back fresh tools to Shepherd of the Mountains.

I am deeply engaged in this call with you. And our future together is neither short nor long, but both something of an omni-generational view together. We need both: the short and long view, while we also see that we have a healthy assessment of our valued past.

I'm excited for all of our conversations, scriptural stories, and prayers together around *Renewing Our Congregation study*. All will be invited/included in our steps together...toward a fresh vision of our mission.

Partners in Christ, Pastor Tim



You are invited

Service of Installation for
Pastor Tim Stadem

at Shepherd of the Mountains will be on

Friday, November 4th at 5:30pm.

Hors d'oeuvres & wine celebration is planned following worship



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November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Pastor Tim's Installation & Reception 5:30 pm 	5 Daylight Savings— Turn Clocks back tonight 
6 All Saints' Day Stewardship Sunday New Worship Time Worship at 10am with Pastor Tim Stadem 	7	8 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	9	10	11 Evening Prayer & Potluck Meal - Meal, Pray, Sing & Play at 5:30 pm 	12
13 Pentecost 23 Worship at 10am with Pastor Tim Stadem	14	15 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom Potluck Luncheon 12:30 pm AA 6:30pm 	16	17	18	19
20 Christ the King Worship at 10am with Pastor Tim Stadem	21	22 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	23	24 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed 	25	26
27 Advent 1  Intergenerational Round Table 9am Worship at 10am with Pastor Tim Stadem Hanging of the Greens 	28	29 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	30 Advent - Holden Evening Prayer - Details Coming Soon! 			

November News

Sunday Worship Begins at 10:00AM

We enter this new chapter. After surveys and prayers, a new schedule is chosen: Sunday Worships at 10:00 am, starting the first Sunday of November.

(Also, beginning on Advent 1 – November 27th – an **Intergenerational Round Table** at 9:00 am with scriptures, conversation, pray & play – strengthen faith, have fun, All AGES TOGETHER)

All Saints Sunday – November 6TH – 10:00am Worship and Meal



Worship: You are invited to Light a Candle of Remembrance; Gather around the Lord’s Table; Celebrate God’s Promises for ‘ALL the generations of saints’ – images of All Saints Sunday.

Meal: after worship we launch the season of Stewardship Emphasis with a delicious meal; everything is provided – “Come be our guest”.

2nd Monthly Evening – Friday, Nov 11th – meal, friends, songs, nurture, laughter, prayer

Last month schedule of 5:30 to 6:45 pm worked well. Let’s do: same time and a potluck again – it’s always a delicious surprise (and who knows, this may develop into a regular thing). Please do invite or bring along a friend. It’s informal, around the tables, very playful, and finishes on time – for those who need to leave for other things. Or stay for a while to be with friends.



Christ the King Sunday – Nov 20

As we gather around the Lord’s Table; celebrate the everlasting Kingdom of Christ.

First Sunday in Advent – Nov 27

We begin lighting the Advent wreath, warming our hearts to the promise of the Nativity.

Intergenerational Round Table begins at 9:00am

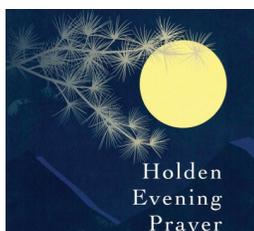
Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00

Hanging of the Greens begins at the reception after worship.



Worship Board News

Many thanks to our board for guiding the survey through the month of October. With many conversations and prayers, ultimately our congregational council decided on the new worship time for Sundays at 10:00am.



On November 6th, worship and fellowship boards will briefly meet after the Stewardship meal to make final arrangements for our mid-week Advent Worship – **Holden Evening Prayer** is our musical liturgy. These future decisions include: our setting/room, the best evening in the week, ways to invite our neighbors, and if we want to have a meal before or after. Stay tuned.

Potluck Luncheons

Taking place on
 The 3rd Tuesday of the month
 at 12:30 pm
Potluck Luncheons for all

Bring a dish to share or just bring yourself



Stewardship and You



Stewardship

Join us on Sunday, November 6th for the ‘kick off’ of our Stewardship Series: **Growing in Faith Through Generosity** – with a festive reception following worship.

Jesus teaches us that living generously is interwoven with every part of our everyday lives— with our heart and soul and strength and mind given sustenance and guidance in relationship with our Living God.

In SOTM’s next chapter of faithful growth in our sense of community and mission, led by our new pastor and council and ministry leaders, let us take to heart in the story of the Widow’s Offering (Mark 14:41-44)—where gratefulness takes shape in what may appear a mini gift or mini ability. We also take to heart: our most intimate and intentional giving is ‘out of awareness and joy in God’s Boundless Giving.’

Through this series we will hear stories in worship from our own people, pay attention to ‘why’ we exist in this time and place, and ground all of our commitments of our time, ability, and treasure...in the reality that all these are “signs of God’s gracious love”.

(You will have opportunities through November, and onward, to complete a Commitment Card of financial giving as we are mapping the reach of our ministries for 2023. Also, in January we would like to begin focusing more on ‘your gifts in this world’—your vocation in daily life, as God is at work in you, and through you, ‘in every season.’)
 –Your Stewardship Team

Please feel free to cut out the pledge card below and mail it in to the address listed on the card.

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

2023 Commitment of Giving

In gratitude for all of God’s Blessings in our lives we respond by helping our church family’s mission.

Our/my total pledge for 2023 is

\$ _____
 (monthly or annually)

Please mail this pledge card to SMLC
 PO Box 3257
 Jackson, WY 83001



Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Thank you for your commitment to
 Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church!

Thank You

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



- To the Worship Board for their work on our new service times.
- To our Fellowship Committee for their hard work on all our new fellowship events.
- To Pastor Tim for his contagious enthusiasm toward our church.
- To all who brought food for our first Potluck Luncheon.
- To Sherry and Rose for their help with the Blessing of the Animals bags.

Prayers

Patrick Corun (son of Dan & Kay Corun) healing prayers.
 Robyn Lunsford, who is still navigating health issues.
 Ann (friend of Margie Aeckerle), cancer.
 Don Corun (brother to Dan Corun), cancer.
 Janelle Weber, surgery.
 Cecillia, (friend of Mary Lou Klene), cancer.
 Chuck & Carolyn Hast (friend of Mary Lou Klene), health.
 C.T. (friend of Margie Aeckerle), cancer.
 Jimmy O.M., (friend of Margie Aeckerle), cancer.
 Ken S., (friend of Margie Aeckerle), cancer
 E & N, (friends of Margie Aeckerle), health



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

Church Council

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

November Birthdays

Sherry Kinsella on November 12th
 Vivian Moulder on November 29th

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.



Blessing of the Animals

In October Pastor Tim expanded our Blessing of the Animals event to include our friends and neighbors who bring their pets for a walk on the bike path.

The event was a big success with the blessings of numerous dogs, cats, rabbits, but no salamanders.



Above: Pastor Tim blesses Brent Schaffer's dog Henry.

Far Left: Tom Ninnemann looks on while Scamp gets his blessing.



Our Newest Member

Right: Edda Grove smiles while her family (Christiana, Rusty, Sascha, and Lola Mizelle) support her as the newest member of Shepherd of the Mountains.



Potluck Lunches

On October 18th, 14 people showed up for our first Potluck Lunch.

The lunches will take place on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 12:30 pm. All are welcome!



Edda and Her Incredible Journey

At the October 9th service, Pastor Tim received the newest member of Shepherd of the Mountains, Edda Grove.

As I sat down with Edda, my intent was to write a little blurb for the newsletter so we could all get to know the newest member of our church family, I had no idea what I was in for! “Can you tell me a little about yourself” I asked her as we sat down at the Quilt Club luncheon, soon I would hear a tale of intriguing adventure and hardship from this beautiful lady with the German accent and the piercing blue eyes, sitting across the table from me.



“Do you want me to start with my full name?” she replies, of course I said, (I should have sharpened my pencil). “I was born Edda Heide-Ria Friedel Blankensee, in a town called Landsberg-Warthe, Germany”. She went on to say that although the town was in Germany when she was born, it was now within the borders of Poland. As Edda was reminiscing about where she came from, she also proclaimed that she also once lived in a town that was 20 miles from where Martin Luther stayed during his trial at Worms, Germany in 1521.

Edda went on to say that during World War II, when she was approximately 3 years old, the Russians chased the Germans out of Landsberg-Warthe. Edda and her family fled their town with all their belongings in a backpack to Berlin, where they thought they would be safe. In 1945 the Americans invaded Berlin and Edda and her family were attacked in a raid on the city so they tried to survive in a bunker. Edda, her mother, aunt, and her grandparents were all captured and taken as prisoners of war.

Her father Alfred had been a German soldier, he was taken prisoner during the war and wound up spending time in a prison camp in Virginia Beach, Virginia. While imprisoned there, he made a suitcase of wood so that he could go back to Germany when released; Edda still has that suitcase today. In 1946, through the Red Cross, her father went back to West Germany and found his family, they were together once again. Edda recollected that when he returned she had no experience of a father figure in her family, she didn't even know who he was.

In 1947 her family tried to visit her grandparents who were living in East Germany; “At that time, you could get into East Germany but you could not get out”. Edda and her mother had to secretly paddle across the Elbe River in a cow trough to see them. Her aunt also attempted to see them but was caught by the Russians and taken prisoner. A year later her aunt escaped while being moved by jumping into a ditch during a commotion.

Edda went on to share that as a young child, fugitives like her were disliked by others living in West Germany. They were very poor. In school, she was the only fugitive child in her class that had meals made and brought to her from Quakers living in the area.

Fast forwarding Edda's life, as a young adult she was still living in Germany. She met her soon to be husband Ronald Grove at a German/American ice-skating club. Edda remarked that “he was tall and handsome with skates slung over his shoulder.” He brought her a coffee and she soon realized that he was someone that “she could hold on to”. They were soon married in Germany in 1965 in the same church where her daughter Christina and husband Rusty Mizelle were married years later.

In 2004 Edda and her daughter Christina visited the town where Edda was born, in what is now Poland, in an effort to obtain Edda's birth certificate. She was 62 years old when she finally received her birth certificate for the first time.

When asked how she wound up in Jackson, Wyoming Edda replied that she wanted to be closer to Rusty and Christina so she followed them here. Edda now divides her time between her house in Chincoteague, Virginia and Jackson, Wyoming.

As I listened to Edda's story this week, I reflected on how grateful I was to have been part of her amazing story and how blessed I feel to have gotten to know this beautiful member of Shepherd even better. - Nancy Parisee

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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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

October 2022 attendance & offering		
October 2	23	\$ 2,970.00
October 9	30	\$ 1,434.00
October 16	17	\$893.00
October 23	18	\$ 308.00
October 30	24	\$ 2,604.00

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.

	November 6 All Saints' Sunday	November 13 Pentecost 23	November 20 Last Sunday after Pentecost	November 27 Advent 1
Preacher	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem
Assistant Minister	Scott Daily	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Reader	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	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	Pam Zernis	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Coffee Hour	Stewardship Brunch	HELP NEEDED	Pam Zernis	HELP NEEDED