


Shepherd of the Mountains

November 2021



Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good
- Psalm 107:1 NIV

THANK YOU, LORD!

Worship with us!

Sundays at 9 am

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Dear Shepherd of the Mountains,

I have a very dear friend, Derf Bergman, who was a mentor to me when I started out in my journey into ministry. One of the things, Derf, helped me with, was finding a Daily Devotional that spoke to me. He introduced me to a number of different styles, and formats. And over the last 20+ years I have tried many of them. But the ones, I keep coming back to, are published by the UpperRoom Books. They are the "Guide to Prayer", series (There are 3 books in the series) written by Ruben P. Job, and Norman Shawchuck. My reason for sharing this bit of information with you, is to share a brief essay that has spoken to me the very first time I read it (25 years ago) and still speaks to me today. The is, "I Stand at the Door", By Sam Shoemaker....Please enjoy

"I Stand at the Door",

By Sam Shoemaker (from the Oxford Group)

I stand by the door.

I neither go to far in, nor stay to far out.

The door is the most important door in the world -

It is the door through which men walk when they find God.

There is no use my going way inside and staying there,

When so many are still outside and they, as much as I,

Crave to know where the door is.

And all that so many ever find

Is only the wall where the door ought to be.

They creep along the wall like blind men,

With outstretched, groping hands,

Feeling for a door, knowing there must be a door,

Yet they never find it.

So I stand by the door.

The most tremendous thing in the world

Is for men to find that door - the door to God.

The most important thing that any man can do

Is to take hold of one of those blind, groping hands

And put it on the latch - the latch that only clicks

And opens to the man's own touch.

Men die outside the door, as starving beggars die

On cold nights in cruel cities in the dead of winter.

Die for want of what is within their grasp.

They live on the other side of it - live because they have not found it.

Nothing else matters compared to helping them find it,

And open it, and walk in, and find Him.

So I stand by the door.

Go in great saints; go all the way in -

Go way down into the cavernous cellars,

And way up into the spacious attics.

It is a vast, roomy house, this house where God is.

Go into the deepest of hidden casements,

Of withdrawal, of silence, of sainthood.

Some must inhabit those inner rooms

And know the depths and heights of God,

And call outside to the rest of us how wonderful it is.

Sometimes I take a deeper look in.

Sometimes venture in a little farther,

But my place seems closer to the opening.

So I stand by the door.

There is another reason why I stand there.

Some people get part way in and become afraid

Lest God and the zeal of His house devour them;

For God is so very great and asks all of us.

And these people feel a cosmic claustrophobia

And want to get out. 'Let me out!' they cry.

And the people way inside only terrify them more.

Somebody must be by the door to tell them that they are spoiled.

For the old life, they have seen too much:

One taste of God and nothing but God will do any more.

Somebody must be watching for the frightened

Who seek to sneak out just where they came in,

To tell them how much better it is inside.

The people too far in do not see how near these are

To leaving - preoccupied with the wonder of it all.

Somebody must watch for those who have entered the door

But would like to run away. So for them too,

I stand by the door.

I admire the people who go way in.

But I wish they would not forget how it was

Before they got in. Then they would be able to help

The people who have not yet even found the door.

Or the people who want to run away again from God.

You can go in too deeply and stay in too long

And forget the people outside the door.

As for me, I shall take my old accustomed place,

Near enough to God to hear Him and know He is there,

But not so far from men as not to hear them,

And remember they are there too.

Where? Outside the door -

Thousands of them. Millions of them.

But - more important for me -

One of them, two of them, ten of them.

Whose hands I am intended to put on the latch.

So I shall stand by the door and wait

For those who seek it.

'I had rather be a door-keeper'

So I stand by the door.

Grace and peace to you all,

Pastor Ben

Every Week

SUNDAY In-person Worship at 9 am.

Adult Education- Stay after church with Pastor Ben for a discussion about passages in the bible.

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 November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom  Quilting Group 10:30am  AA 6:30pm	3	4 JHJC rental 4-6pm AA 6:30pm	5	6
7 Pentecost 24 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi Adult Education after church 	8	9 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom  Quilting Group 10:30am  AA 6:30pm	10	11 JHJC rental 4-6pm AA 6:30pm	12	13
14 Pentecost 25 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi Adult Education after church  Council meets after church 	15	16 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom  Quilting Group 10:30am  AA 6:30pm	17	18 JHJC rental 4-6pm AA 6:30pm	19	20
21 Christ the King Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi Adult Education after church 	22	23 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom  AA 6:30pm	24	25  Thanksgiving Office Closed JHJC rental 4-6pm AA 6:30pm	26	27
28 Advent 1 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi Adult Education after church 	29	30 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom  AA 6:30pm				

Call Process Update

The Church Council will be having Zoom meetings with potential candidates for a Transitional Minister in the next few weeks. Watch this space for more information in the future!



Stewardship and You



In the bible Jesus teaches us that we cannot serve two masters (Matthew 6:24). Giving should be tied to our spiritual lives, not something that is apart from it.

One biblical indication of the spirit of giving is the story of the widow's offering (Mark 12:41-44), where Jesus sat with his disciples in the temple courts and witnessed many wealthy people contributing large amounts. He points out the small gift made by a poor widow, emphasizing that she gave all that she had. We too can give from our hearts, regardless of the amount.

Consider a bible story found in Mark, where a woman anoints the feet of Jesus with expensive perfume. The disciples are indignant at the apparent waste, suggesting that it could have been sold and the money given to the poor. But Jesus encouraged them to focus on the heart of the woman and her extreme act of selfless giving.

Your donations through this pledge drive, big or small, are an important investment to our church. You are a steward of the property and the building that we use for our worship services, and soon you will soon be the steward of the new pastor that will walk through our church doors come the new year.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help your church family during these unsettling times. Your financial help, your time and your talents are needed now, not only through our Stewardship/Pledge Drive but also through the many volunteer opportunities that we have at Shepherd of the Mountains, such as our church committees.

For more information please talk to any of the Council members or call the church office at 307-733-4382.

Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God. – 1 Peter 4:10

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

2022 Pledge Campaign

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

**Our/my total annual pledge
for 2022 is**

\$ _____

This estimate of giving may be revised
by calling the church.

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



Name: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

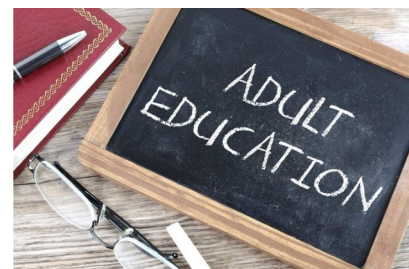
**Thank you for your commitment to
Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church!**

Adult Education

Join Pastor Ben Nardi on Sunday mornings after the 9am church service for a look at "Apostolic Fathers", a book about the books that didn't make it into the bible.

The Apostolic Fathers were a group of early Christian leaders believed to know the Apostles personally. The term also refers to the collection of Christian writings attributed to these men from the late first century C.E. and the first half of the second century C.E.

Anyone is invited to join this group at any time.



Calling All Quilters



Above: Vivian Moulder helps with the ironing.

The Quilting Group has been given a generous donation of different fabrics; they would love your input to help them design creative quilt tops for Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

If you are not blessed with a flair for design, don't despair, your help is still be needed, there is much to do.

The group will be meeting the first three Tuesdays in November, We hope you make time to join in on this fun ladies fellowship group, all are invited!

For more information please talk to Carolyn Daily.

Below: Rose Jeske, Vivian Moulder, Carolyn Daily, Pam Zernis, and Margie Aeckerle enjoy some quilting fellowship.



Beginning the New Church Year With Advent



This year we will begin the new church year on November 28th, with the celebration of the beginning of Advent.

Advent is the first season in the church year, comprising the four weeks before Christmas. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin, "to come," and

the church has observed Advent as weeks of preparation since the fifth century with themes of watchfulness, preparation, and hope infusing this season. Together we both anticipate the celebration of God's coming in the form of the Christ child and the final coming of Christ in the time to come. Blue or purple is the appointed color for the season.

To celebrate Advent this year, SMLC will be collecting food for our community. Each day in Advent simply put away the designated food item for that day and on Christmas Eve bring the box of food to church and leave it in the church foyer.

There are copies of the Reverse Advent Calendar located in the church foyer and a copy on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please talk to Jolene Moulder.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

December 1 - box of cereal
December 2 - peanut butter
December 3 - stuffing mix
December 4 - boxed potatoes
December 5 - macaroni and cheese
December 6 - canned fruit
December 7 - canned tomatoes
December 8 - canned tuna
December 9 - dessert mix
December 10 - jar of applesauce
December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
December 12 - cranberry sauce
December 13 - canned beans
December 14 - box of crackers
December 15 - package of rice
December 16 - package of oatmeal
December 17 - package pasta
December 18 - spaghetti sauce
December 19 - chicken noodle soup
December 20 - tomato soup
December 21 - can corn
December 22 - can mixed vegetables
December 23 - can carrots
December 24 - can green beans

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Prayers

Lorrie Lee Wells, health.

Jim Wells, accident, surgery was needed on his finger.

The family of Nancy Ninnemann's brother-in-law, who passed away.

David Svendsen, strength as he prepares for back surgery on November 11th.

Lucas Moulder, healing from back surgery and surgery due to complications from diverticulitis.

Lars Schou, who continues to heal and prepares for another 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.

Becky Sprunger (friend of Jolene Moulder), stage IV cancer.

Cecelia Bellinghiere (friend of Mary Lou Klene), fall & health issues.

Betsy (friend of Di Mattios), diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease.

Lorna Reed (friend of Klene's), bad fall and surgery for broken hip.

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

November Birthdays

November 12th - Sherry Kinsella

November 29th - Vivian Moulder

*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.*



Being Good Stewards of Our Parish

Christian stewardship means
using the gifts that God has given each one of us to fulfill His purpose,
to care for each other and all of His creation
with love and respect.

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

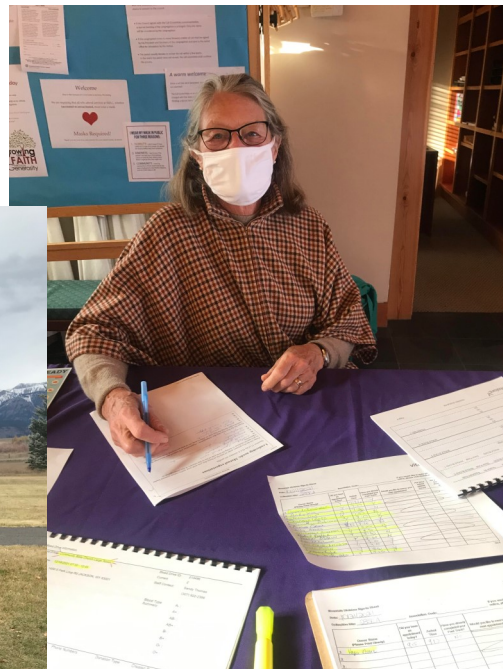


Below: Pam Zernis and Carolyn Daily
show off their painting talents by being
good stewards of the playground
equipment. What a thoughtful and
generous use of their time and talent.
Thank you for your stewardship!



Above: Brent Schaffer's stewardship is
represented through the fabrication of a new
stand for our pascal candle. The stand was
hand crafted from mahogany that was left
over from when the church was built. A
generous gift made from the hands of
cherished member of SMLC.

Thank you for your gift!



Above & Below: Carolyn Daily and Jolene
Moulder show their stewardship by
volunteering for our community blood
drives.

Jolene has been donating her time to the
blood drive for 10 years now.

Thank you for all that you both do!

Right & Below: SMLC
celebrated Reformation
Sunday with a Cake Walk
last Sunday. Proceeds
from the cake walk will
go to help Afghan
Refugees through LIRS.



Online Giving



Have you ever thought about giving your offering online but don't know how?

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>

Giving While You Shop at Smith's

Help the church while you buy your groceries

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



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.

You may also mail in 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

October 2021

Week of 3rd	24	\$2,838.00
Week of 10th	20	\$1,102.00
Week of 17th	20	\$182.00
Week of 24th	15	\$2,673.83
Week of 31st	25	\$5,253.00

HELP NEEDED!

	November 7 Pentecost 24	November 14 Pentecost 25	November 21 Last Sunday/Christ the King	November 28 Advent 1
Preacher	Pastor Ben Nardi	Pastor Ben Nardi	Pastor Ben Nardi	Pastor Ben Nardi
Assistant Minister	Mary Lou Klene	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Reader	Rose & Dale Jeske	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	Sherry Kinsella
Ushers	Rose & Dale Jeske	Sherry Kinsella	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Counters	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	Sherry Kinsella
Altar Minister	Rose Jeske	Pam Zernis	Sherry Kinsella	HELP NEEDED
Piano	Andrew Clark	Andrew Clark	Andrew Clark	Andrew Clark
Council Greeter	HELP NEEDED	Sherry Kinsella	Sherry Kinsella	HELP NEEDED