



Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church



Worship With Us
Sundays at 10 am

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

Pastor Tim Stådem

Our Purpose: Receiving God's grace. Sharing Christ's love with all people

YOU'RE INVITED!! IT'S A 'Storyline' PARTY

When? **REFORMATION SUNDAY**, October 29th, 10:00am

Where? After worship, in our Fellowship Time (refreshments too)

What is A Storyline Party? Charting our congregation's history;
everyone can contribute — "When did you arrive?"

"What events do you remember?" "What's next for us?"

Why? Coming to terms with our past, present, and future church
...stories include laughter, tears, joy, awe, loss, etc.

Who? Everyone please come to hear & share stories; invite friends!



October
2023

FROM YOUR PASTOR & CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT

Dear fellow members of Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church:

Your pastor and president are writing to you in review of a challenging matter for us: our church is in a precarious financial situation. We've been aware that in calling a Transitional Pastor our expenses would exceed our giving for some time while we gradually grow. Likewise, we've known that in order to keep up with our ministry expenses, we will borrow from our own savings on a monthly basis.

Overall these savings would be able to sustain us through approximately 3 1/2 years at our present pace (and thus far we have not drawn from our endowment account). And here is great news about our financial giving: in 2023, we have been faithful and strong in our giving to the level of an increase compared to previous years. The point here is: We are a generous and resourceful people.

At the same time we've been listening together about our call to grow—grow in our ministries and mission, grow in our financial giving and creative resourcing (for example, other sources of funding: partnerships, renting our facility, etc.), and grow in daily relationship with Christ with us.

This is true: we don't know what kind of growth will become our new story, but we are listening to *God's voice among us with dreams and visions—for the past 9 months we have been earnestly dedicated to hearing the scriptures, conducting many faith conversations (often in worship), and opening our "heart, mind, strength, and soul" in prayer about what God wants for our church.*

Receiving God's grace. Sharing Christ's love to all people is our new sense purpose. And in the next weeks we are choosing Guiding Principles which aim our lives to excel in key values we share.

Please join together in prayer for a new mindset in becoming more of Christ's church. We will continue to inform you on developments in our life together. God bless all our renewing work.

Your partners in Christ, Pastor Tim and Congregational President Terry DiMattio



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October 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pentecost 18 Coffee Table Bible Study 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	2	3 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30 am AA 6:30pm	4 St. Francis Day/Blessing of Animals 8 am - 7pm 	5	6	7 Installation of Bishop Meggan Manlove in Boise
8 Pentecost 19 Coffee Table Bible Study 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Council Meets	9 Columbus Day	10 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30 am AA 6:30pm	11	12	13 Meet & Eat Oktoberfest Potluck at 5:30 pm 	14
15 Pentecost 20 Coffee Table Bible Study 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	16 Bishop's Convocation, Clarkston, WA	17 Bishop's Convocation, Clarkston, WA Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm	18 Bishop's Convocation, Clarkston, WA Blood Drive 11:30 am 	19 Blood Drive 7:30 am 	20	21
22 Pentecost 21 Stewardship Sunday Coffee Table Bible Study 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	23	24 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30 am AA 6:30pm	25	26	27	28
29 Reformation Sunday  Storyline Party Coffee Table Bible Study 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	30	31 Halloween Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30 am AA 6:30pm 				

Blessing of the Pets



Blessing of the Pets & St. Francis Day celebration

Don't miss a blessing for your beloved family pet!

Wednesday, October 4

8am - 7pm

Make plans to bring your 'extended family' for this blessing – last year we had many dogs, cats, rabbits; horses, goldfish and boas welcome too. A station will be set up at the church parking lot, your help is needed with the station. Please see the sign-up sheet in the church narthex.

October "Meet & Eat"

Our next monthly evening gathering will take place on
Friday, October 13th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Oktoberfest



Featuring bratwurst, cabbage and beer

Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert and a friend if you can (sign up at church)

Don't miss the fun!

Our Vision

Our Recent Vision Statement

CHURCH CULTURE & CHARACTER

1. A welcoming, fun, caring fellowship.
2. An intergenerational spirit, with diverse backgrounds.
2. Worship that is meaningful for our variety of people.
3. A people centered on Christ in our actions.
4. Caring for one another (with kindness, with assistance).

CONGREGATIONAL STRENGTHENING & GROWTH

1. Increase in the size of our community.
2. Expanse in music (choir, ensembles, instrumental, etc.).
3. Effective teaching & learning for all ages (incl. Children/Youth, Sunday School, VBS, etc.).

MINISTRIES OF JUSTICE & MERCY

1. A congregation that champions justice and mercy in society.
2. Servant focus (where each individual is learning to serve).
3. Becoming sanctuary (safety, healing, and nurture for the oppressed)

ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS

1. Partnerships with other churches (incl. youth ministry).
2. Study groups with other churches

OUTREACH

1. Love that reaches out in our neighborhoods.
2. Creative connections in our community (serving, growing faith).
3. Strong emphasis on reaching young families



October Blood Drive



This month our Blood Drive will take place on **October 18 & 19**

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.

Our Outreach Board

The Outreach Board would like to expand our congregation's involvement with Hole Food Rescue. They are presently looking for 4 more individuals who will join our team that picks up food items on Sunday mornings. Commitment could be once every 8 weeks. Are you interested? Talk with Robyn Lunsford or Lorrie Lee Wells.



Stewardship 2024

Join us Sunday, October 22nd for the "kick off" of our Stewardship Series:

Receiving God's grace. Sharing Christ's love for all people.

So, where have you heard such language before? – It's the new Purpose Statement of our congregation. We want this year's stewardship emphasis to be centered on the source of our generosity. In everything, our giving and sharing of gifts is because of originally receiving from God's hand and heart and will to provide us abundant life—"signs of God's gracious love". *Thus we give out of an awareness of receiving; we reflect the generosity of the author and giver of life.*

In these 4 weeks we will be hearing stories from our own people, paying attention to their experiences of 'God with us' and receiving encouragement to enhance our participation in God's generosity for this world.

(You will have opportunities through November 12th to complete a Commitment Card of financial giving as we are planning the reach of our ministries in 2024)

Please feel free to cut out the commitment card below and mail it to the church at the address listed

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

2024 Commitment of Giving

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

**Our/my total commitment
for 2024 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 all who helped to sponsor our "Church Painting" project, your generous gifts were a blessing!
- To those who came out to help with the Fall Cleanup at church.
- To Janelle Weber for hosting the Ladies Quilt Group meetings at her house.
- To those who help with the Outreach Board.

Prayers & Thanksgivings

Margie Aeckerle - health
The family of Ed & Trettel (friend of Colleen Thompson)



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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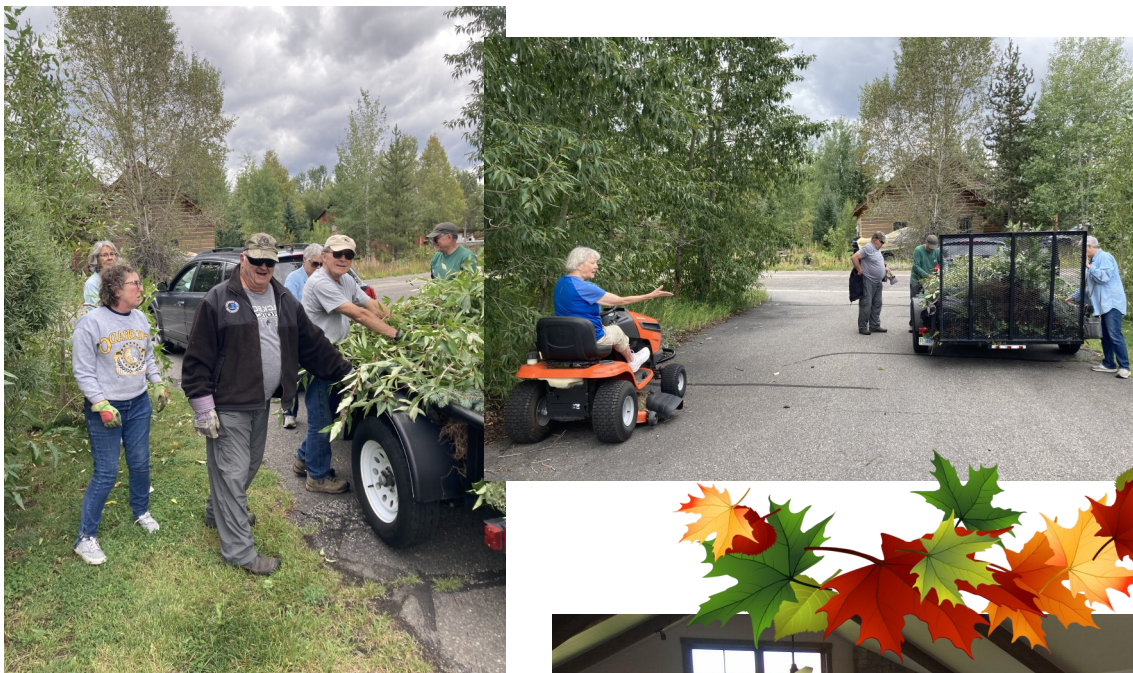
Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Birthdays

Susan Freeze on October 2nd

Please call or email the church office and tell us when your special day is.





Fall Cleanup

Left: The cleanup crew, led by Dale Jeske, came out on a beautiful fall day to do some hedge trimming and maintenance around the church grounds.

Those Quilting Girls!

Right: The ladies are at it again. This month they have been working at the home of Janelle Weber. Shown at right are Margie Aeckerle, Sherry Kinsella, Nancy Wilbrecht, Janelle Weber, Karen Schroeder, Carolyn Daily, Rose Jeske, and Vivian Moulder.

Right Below: Janelle Weber hosted the last few quilt meetings at her house. Here the group makes time for a delicious lunch after working on their quilt



The Church's New Look

Left: Our beautiful church received a fresh coat of paint in August. Thank you to all who donated to help paint the church. Because of your generous donations, we were able to cover the entire bill from the contractor!

September Church Council Meeting

Highlight of discussions and planning - keeping our congregation informed.

- 1) Our new Purpose Statement accepted and to be carried forward to the congregation for a final approval: *Receiving God's grace. Sharing Christ's love with all people.*
- 2) Possible class by Youth & Education, for young children during sermon. Worship Bd is aware.
- 3) Fun point: our neighbors enjoy stopping by our outdoor 'Meet & Eat' Step in reaching out.
- 4) Brainstorming ideas for increasing attendance and revenue; tabulation and more discussion to come.
- 5) ByLaw changes to be sent & reviewed, then approved in October council meeting.
- 6) Council met with Jewish Community in informal talks (Aug 27th); there are no specific items or actions at this time. Future conversations may take place.



Grief Support Groups Being Offered



Pastor Barbara Condon and her co-facilitator, Tami McLaughlin, will be offering Grief Support groups again this fall.

Each group is grief-specific and will run for twelve weeks. The groups being offered are: Loss of Spouse or Life Partner, Loss of Child, Loss of Parent, Loss of Sibling or Close Friend. A Divorce Support groups may also be offered if there is enough interest. We need a minimum of five people for a group to form. All groups will be held via Zoom. Dates and times for the group to meet will be determined once enough have signed

up for that group. Please email Barbara Condon at barbarajhc@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

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."
3. Look for our organization number—YJ339



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

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

September 2023

attendance & offering

September 3	20	\$ 2,365.00
September 8 Meet & Eat	13	N/A
September 10	31	\$ 573.00
September 17	22	\$ 1,920.00
September 24	28	\$ 1,475.00

\$3,087.00 is needed weekly

your donations matter!

	October 1 Pentecost 18	October 8 Pentecost 19	October 15 Pentecost 20	October 22 Pentecost 21	October 29 Reformation Sunday
Preacher	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem
Assistant Minister	Mary Lou Klene	Rusty Mizelle	Sherry Kinsella	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Reader	Terry Di Mattio	Mizelle	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Greeter/Ushers	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Counters	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Altar Minister	Sherry Kinsella	Rose Jeske	Pam Zernis	Robyn Lunsford	Sherry Kinsella
Coffee Hour	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED