

# Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church



Worship With Us  
Sundays at 10 am

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

Pastor Tim Stadem

April 2023



*“It all smells like a big ‘set up!’” It’s like: God has ‘set us up’ for all sorts of things—set us up for changes. Does this have you wondering “what kind of changes?”*

And don’t we know: this feels threatening. Intrusive. Yet it makes perfect sense: that our merciful and gracious God who has created us for healthy relationship with all this world (stewardship) and relationship with God’s very being (which is, by the way, a ‘Creator-Created’ union) has fundamentally grafted into this design (namely, sacred partnership with humanity) *Our Transformation*. *I don’t imagine any better way to effectively pull it off; there will be changes.*



Probably look like a big ‘set up’ to you, too. Actually, how else are we going to become better at taking care of ourselves and those around us...and better at loving God with our heart, strength, soul and mind...than ‘with the ongoing, transforming presence of God’. We are invited we take into our life’s liturgy the listening to God’s patterns to restore, reshape, make new, make different ...make whole, again and again and again. This forgiving heart...is setting us up...because this heart is HERE.

It’s a big set up...that turns out to be Good News. So I wonder how this is all wrapped up in God’s ultimate authority and preference to resurrect life. And here, we lean our big selves into Easter utterance—into resurrection joy and bewilderment.

What a fascinating Sunday, March 26 while we experienced *Renewing Our Congregation again in worship (Chapter 4—God’s Dream)*. *I remember an awkward moment, simply waiting there, listening to you. You shared in small group conversations examples of God’s pleasure and God’s sadness, that you could see taking place in our big world and in our close neighbors. This is now a forever favorite memory, hearing you give voice to God’s dream, then hearing you pray out loud in your small group for one another.*

I could see, so obviously, how we are living out the previous chapter’s topic—*Finding Your Voice*. *We were practicing, strengthening the language of faith...for your sake, and for the sake of our neighbors and loved ones. You see: God sets us up to be the church of God’s Dream in this world. We can follow this.*

On that Sunday we read the story of Ezekiel’s dry bones—scorched death, hopelessness, emptiness—rising up. And we read from Acts—two stories of God’s promised Spirit: to guide God’s people into reborn ministries. And then we sang that song...about the church. Its poetry is forged into my soul:

*The church of Christ, in every age beset by change, but Spirit led,  
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.*

We may not fully understand this ‘set up’ of God—to transform and raise us up. Yet shall we then continue in trust, and renewed hopefulness, to be the church of the Living Christ—to follow, well.

*Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ’s sacrifice, and clothed in Christ humanity.*

Partners in the Living Christ, Pastor Tim

PS: The hymn, *The Church of Christ, in Every Age* ELW 729



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April 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> Intergenerational Round Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Stadem Blessing the Quilts 	3	<b>4</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	5	<b>6</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Service at Presbyterian Church JH at 6 pm 	<b>7</b> <b>Good Friday</b> Service at 6 pm 	<b>8</b> Holy Saturday
<b>9</b> <b>Easter</b> Intergenerational Round Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Stadem Easter Potluck Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt 	10	<b>11</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Women's Group 10:30 am AA 6:30pm	12	13	<b>14</b> Meal, Play & Pray Potluck at 5:30 pm 	15
<b>16</b> <b>Easter 2</b> Intergenerational Round Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Stadem Council Meets	17	<b>18</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Women's Group 10:30 am AA 6:30 pm	<b>19</b> Blood Drive 11:30 am 	<b>20</b> Blood Drive 7:30 am 	21	22
<b>23</b> <b>Easter 3</b> Intergenerational Round Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Stadem	24	<b>25</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Women's Group 10:30 am AA 6:30pm	26	27	<b>28</b> Synod Assembly Pasco, WA	<b>29</b> Synod Assembly Pasco, WA
<b>30</b> <b>Easter 4</b> Intergenerational Round Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Rev. Ben Nardi Synod Assembly Pasco, WA						

Holy Week Services

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Maundy Thursday

April 6th at 6 pm

at the Presbyterian Church of JH  
A combined service for both churches  
at 1251 S. Park Loop Road, Jackson, WY

Good Friday

April 7th at 6 pm

at Shepherd of the Mountains Church  
A combined service for both churches  
at 750 Seneca Lane, Jackson, WY

Easter Sunday Service

April 9th at 10 am

Easter Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter egg hunt for the children will take place after the 10 am service. Bring your Easter baskets!

Easter Sunday Brunch

You are invited for a potluck Easter Brunch after the 10 am service ser

Easter Egg Hunt

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

After the 10 am Easter Sunday service on April 9th.

Bring your friends and neighbors!

Candy donations (small enough to fit in plastic eggs) are still needed, please bring them to church asap.



Easter Potluck Brunch



Please join us for an Easter potluck meal

after the 10 am Easter Sunday service

The church will provide the ham, side dishes and desserts are needed.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex

Meal, Play & Pray Potluck



Our next monthly evening gathering with food, singing, friendship, and prayer will be Friday, March 14th from 5:30 to 6:45pm.

All are invited to bring a food item to share (potluck) and feel free to invite a friend - we will take good care of all our guests of every age. Come for an informal and light time to listen for God and have some fun, then be out the door at a good time; feel free to remain for a bit longer if you wish.

Women's Group

What will they do next?  
Women's Fun!

Coming Soon...  
A Tuesday Women's Group  
Every Tuesday at 10:30 am  
Beginning in April

A new chapter begins after the season of quilting...

Stay tuned and watch your weekly emails for more information



Networking ... To Serve



Your small task force on networking in our community is organizing: so that we may hear how God wants us to serve and partner in Teton County. The team thus far is made up of Lorrie Lee Wells, Robyn Lunsford, and Pastor Tim.

We will be in conversation with community leaders in civil leadership, local education, local agencies, children and youth efforts, etc. to find where we might further develop the partnership of our gifts with others. Much more information will come your way – about our findings.

Synod Assembly To Vote On Next Bishop

Many thanks to Dale and Rose Jeske and Pastor Tim for attending as delegates of Shepherd of the Mountains to the Synod Assembly on April 28 – 30<sup>th</sup> in Pasco, WA. This gathering is slated for many presentations of faith and life in congregations of the NW Intermountain Synod, showcasing how ministry really is about being "bega kwa bega" – shoulder to shoulder as we are on the way together.



The obvious highlight of the assembly, however, is the election of a new bishop. Candidates for the bishop election are: Rev. Barbara Harrison Condon, Rev. Kristen Kuempel (possible re-election), Rev. Matthew Larson, Rev. Liv Larson Andrews, Rev. Meggan Manlove, Rev. Kimmy Meinecke. Dale, Rose, and Pastor Tim invite your prayers with us.

Non Cash Gifts to SMLC



Did you know that gifts of appreciated property (stocks, mutual funds or real estate, can be transferred to Shepherd of the Mountains by your broker or investment advisor?

Make a bigger impact by donating long-term appreciated securities, including stock, bonds, and mutual funds, directly to our church. Compared with donating cash, or selling your appreciated securities and contributing the after-tax proceeds, you may be able to automatically increase your gift and your tax deduction.

It's simple and easy. When you donate stock to church, you'll generally take a tax deduction for the full fair market value. And because you are donating stock, your contribution and tax deduction may instantly increase over 20%. Would you prefer to donate bonds or mutual funds? The same benefits apply.

For more information on donating to SMLC please call the office or talk to your financial advisor.

**Thank You**

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



- To Jim Wells for spending the day on our snow packed church roof, cutting out ice dams and removing the snow that had accumulated.
- To Carolyn Daily and "The Quilters" for their hard work on all the beautiful quilts that will be sent to those in need.
- To all of the cooks and those who setup and organize for our fellowship events, meals, and faith together.

**Prayers**

Sherry Kinsella health.  
 Joanne Di Mattio healing from back surgery.  
 Robyn Lunsford, health.  
 Bill Doyle, (friend of Pam Zernis) cancer not responding to chemo.  
 Rebecca & family, (friend of Margie Aeckerle) health.

*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 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.

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**



**April Birthdays**

Lorrie Lee on April 11th  
 Tom Ninnemann on April 13th  
 Rick Hunt on April 26th

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

St. Patrick's Day Shenanigans



Above: Claire, Devon & Kyrie entertain the St. Patrick's potluck dinner crowd with their musical talents.

Above Right: Colleen Thompson, Bailey Morley and kids have fun eating Irish food.

Right: Terry Di Mattio fills his plate with delicious food at the St. Patrick's potluck dinner.



Pastor Tim is at it again!

Below: Pastor Tim joined the Quilt Group in March. Here he is showing Vivian Moulder how quilting mends the soul!

i love my church family



Winter Volunteer

Above & Right: Jim Wells shows us his amazing talents once again as he spends the day on our church roof removing layers of ice and snow that had accumulated over the winter months.



**March Church Council Meeting**

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



Because we postponed our St Patrick’s Dinner to this Sunday (due to ‘ANOTHER snow storm’ on Friday, we abbreviated our meeting somewhat. Here are some highlights:

- 1) Prayer, then tabled discussion about our Designated Account (more details to be discussed in April)
- 2) Approval of reinvestment of CD’s – we will purchase \$10,000 CD (one per month) with maturity of each at three months. CD’s will be successively reinvested, under council’s monitoring from month to month.
- 3) Management board priorities to be reviewed and approved in April meeting
- 4) Church constitution has been reviewed by Terry, Robyn and Brent. Formal approvals to be made in the future, with final ratification by the congregation (perhaps at our 2023 Annual Meeting).
- 5) Lenten Bags (especially for Young Families) announced—and encouragement to help distribute.
- 6) Worship Board meeting minutes presented and endorsed.

**April Blood Drive**



This month our Blood Drive will take place on

April 19th & 20th

Don't forget to sign up!

**Blood donors are always needed.** If you don't have an appointment for the next blood drive and want to donate please go to 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**  
 April 19 & 20 at SMLC  
 June 15 & 16 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



