

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church



Worship With Us
Sundays at 10 am

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

Pastor Tim Stadem

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

April 2024



A Blessed Easter to you all!

We are here already – through our longstanding tradition of Lent and Holy Week—into the season of Easter joy and mission. So that now, in our life together, is this ‘invitation’ to **live into our Easter life**.

It feels quite important (as I shared the Easter sermon) to imagine and to ask—out loud—“*how is Jesus appearing TO US these days?*”



The ‘appearances of Jesus’ is what makes the resurrection real for those first disciples. By way of discovering an empty tomb...isn't so clear—that is more like the shell, an empty container left behind, etc. Their moment of belief and trust begins in the encounter with Jesus – His appearances are what make Easter real and faith-shaping. Of course, next for them comes much more nurture, learning, and growing. And interestingly, Jesus' Easter appearances often open with “Peace be with you,” to fearful friends.

So for us, I suggested (in the Easter Sunday message) that our recent renewal work with one another is the fresh way that God appears among us—where we have been dedicating ourselves to:

- 1) opening the scriptures—listening for the voice of God, seeing Jesus love for the world—and
- 2) committing time for God's Spirit among us through faith conversations, and 3) dedicating ourselves in prayer for our vision of opening mission.

[PS: These steps echo the patterns of the Early Church in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.]

And once we traversed through many questions and into fruitful insights as to the ‘*why our congregation exists*’ in the Jackson community, God has been instrumental in helping us form language for ‘*How we believe God is guiding us in our present setting*’.

Consider this unfolding perspective of our mission: ***Our Strategy is Community.***

This concept means: *as we are called to grow out of the fundamental promise that God's love in Christ is our source and seed, it is this love in Jesus which invites us into a relationship with our neighbor with a courage that knows no boundaries in our care for one another.*

One Recent Example: several weeks ago several of us at our congregation began wondering about ways to support young families during the spring break. (As you know, usually Holy Week Tuesday is quite silent within our church facility) Yet through decisions and planning and teamwork (with a great many in our congregation), on Holy Tuesday we arranged an artistic event and meal for children, parents and grandparents that stretched the seams of our Fellowship Room—around 50 children and 20 adults, (plus all the helpers) filled our place with community nearly to overflowing.

Thanks be to God for our imagination. Thanks be to God for all the delightful children expressing their hands and hearts in artful decorations of eggs and cookies (The appreciation from each generation was spoken often). Thanks be to God for this ‘new story’—a new realization of what can happen out of the invitation to love our neighbor. Easter faith opens doors in surprising ways.

Thanks be to God! Pastor Tim



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April 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Love Where You Live 5:30 pm	2 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	3	4	5	6
7 Easter 2 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Bike Ride w/ Pastor Tim @ 1:30 (weather permitting)	8 Love Where You Live 5:30 pm	9 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	10 Church Rental 6-8 pm	11	12	13
14 Easter 3 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Council Meets	15 Love Where You Live 5:30 pm	16 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	17 Blood Drive 11:30 am 	18 Blood Drive 7:30 am 	19 A Taste of Tradition Potluck Dinner at 5:30 pm 	20
21 Easter 4 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	22 Love Where You Live 5:30 pm	23 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	24	25	26	27
28 Easter 5 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	29 Love Where You Live 5:30 pm	30 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom AA 6:30pm				

Bike Ride in the Tetons



Bike Ride with Pastor Tim

This Sunday, April 7th after your lunch

LET'S GO RIDING -- "the park road has been plowed for us!"

Get your bike and let's meet up at Taggart Lake Parking area meet at 1:30pm at the gate.

Carpool as you will; make sure to invite friends.

We'll postpone if it snows -- Will be announced at church.

April Meet & Eat



Meet & Eat

A Taste of Tradition

Friday, April 19th

5:30 pm

Make your favorite family dish and bring copies of the recipe to exchange with each other

Good Shepherds Among Us



After the community Easter egg & cookie decorating, Bailey, Claire and Devon Morley took the remaining undecorated cookies home event to finish decorating the unused cookies.

The girls brought them, along with handwritten notes, to JHMR ski patrol, Fire Stations 1 and 6, Teton County Sheriff's Office, Jackson Animal Hospital, St John's Emergency Department, and the Senior Center. They distributed roughly 180 cookies throughout our community on behalf of Shepherd of the Mountains Church. Bailey reported that it was so special seeing everyone's faces as we told them what we were doing.

How can you be the face and hands in our community? What does being a good steward mean to you? Please pass along your ideas to Pastor Tim the next time you see him.



Thank You for the Windows

We Did It!

Because of your generous donations, we were able to raise

\$2,243.98,

which covers the cost of replacing 3 windows in our sanctuary and 2 windows in our back storage area.

Thank You so much for your donations to our church!

An Egg stravant Event

Easter Fun

On March 26th approximately 70 moms, grandmas and children showed up to decorate Easter eggs & cookies. Pizza was served after the decorating fun. Thank you to all who helped out! Costs were underwritten by a grant from Advent Lutheran Foundation.



Get Ready for the Synod Regional Gathering

Get ready to learn, reconnect, and build new relationships at the

Synod Regional Gathering taking place on

Saturday, May 4th

at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, ID.

The event will take place from 10 am until 4 pm.

Please register at our sign-up table. Let's get a group to go together.

Regional Gatherings 2024
Funding Forward

NWIM Synod

Spokane Valley Washington April 27

Twin Falls Idaho May 4

Ellensburg Washington May 18

Ezra 3:10-13

Thank You

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



- To everyone who helped to offset the cost of replacing 5 windows in the church, your donations were a blessing!
- To all who donated toward our Easter Lily fundraiser.
- To those who helped with our Easter egg & cookie decorating community event.
- To everyone who helped with the delicious Easter brunch.
- To Bailey, Devon & Claire for bringing cookies to our community.

Prayers & Thanksgivings

- Thanksgivings to Margie Aeckerle and Carolyn Daily who are delivering our blessed quilts to Lutheran World Relief in Indiana.
- Prayers for Margie Aeckerle, health.
- Prayers for Pastor Jon Beake, health.
- Prayers for Rev. Al Bergeron, health.
- Prayers for the Middle East, Ukraine & Haiti



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 (WWTSS).

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



April Birthdays

Edda Grove on April 9th
Lorrie Lee on April 11th
Tom Ninnemann on April 13th

Sascha Mizelle on April 23rd
Rick Hunt on April 26th

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



Above: SMLC has been hosting a "Love Where You Live" series on Monday nights at 5:30 pm.

So much happened in March!

Below: Pastor oversees the quilters as they finish up the last of the quilts that will be driven to Indiana and then shipped to third world countries through the Lutheran World Relief program.



Above: Jim Wells clears the snow and ice off the roof on the north side of our church.
Left: Vivian Moulder, Margie Aeckerle, Brook Redwine and Dave Svendsen catch up during the St. Patrick's Day Meet & Eat.



Left: The quilt ladies come up front while Pastor Tim blesses the quilts.
Right: Dale and Rose Jeske help Pam sew the quilt together.

Bottom Right: Pastor Tim, Carolyn Daily and Karen Schroeder take a moment to discuss all the work the quilt ladies have done.



March Church Council Meeting

Highlight of discussions and planning - keeping our congregation informed.

- 1) Our Renewal Next Steps -- discussion, planning
- 2) Paying bills will need to access our Endowment monies soon -- asking Finance Committee to visit this topic and report to council with recommendations.
- 2) Continuing Resolutions - several are completed; some are still being finalized; may keep filing separate from Constitution and Bylaws because of their present applications and changeability
- 3) Love Where You Live is a central renewal in our congregation
- 4) Egg and Cookie Decorating event for community being organized
- 5) Announce: Regional Gathering in Twin Falls, May 14; Church Outreach in Boise, May 17/18



April Blood Drive



This month our Blood Drive will take place on

April 17th & 18th

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.

Your donation can make a difference. Donating blood saves lives!

Blood Drive Dates for 2024
 April 17 & 18 at SMLC
 June 19 & 20 at SMLC
 August 14 & 15 at SMLC
 October 16 & 17 at SMLC
 December 18 & 19 location TBD
 Your donation matters!

Gathered to Scatter

Everyday Churches Unleashing Hope Among Everyday People

Teaching by Fresh Expressions



Our friends at Summit Church in Boise are aching for the good news of Jesus Christ to be spread to our neighbors.

Summit will host an event on May 17th at 12 pm and May 18th at 2:30 pm that will teach us how God want to empower everyday churches to proclaim the Kingdom in everyday places. Learn how regular congregations are reimagining and reorganizing to bring hope in cafes, schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and common places we spend our days.

Pastor Tim would like to attend with others in our congregation.

For more information go to [Gathered to Scatter](#)
 Summit Church is located at 10375 W. Overland Rd., Boise, ID.

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

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Your financial support is important to us!

Church Office Hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

March 2024

attendance & offering

March 3	18	\$ 1,800.00
March 6 - Lenten Midweek	11	\$ 0
March 10	23	\$ 1,100.00
March 13 - Lenten Midweek	14	\$ 0
March 17	26	\$ 1,915.00
March 20 - Lent Midweek	14	\$ 0
March 24 - Palm Sunday	27	\$ 1,615.00
March 28 - Maundy Thursday	24	\$ 1,012.00
March 31 - Easter Sunday	31	\$ 375.00

\$3,120.00 is needed weekly

your donations matter!

	April 7 Lent 3	April 14 Lent 4	April 21 Lent 5	April 28 Palm Sunday
Preacher	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem
Assistant Minister	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	Jolene Moulder	HELP NEEDED
Reader	David Svendsen	Dale Jeske	HELP NEEDED	Terry Di Mattio
Greeter/Ushers	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Counters	Lorri Lee & Chris Moulder	Mizelles	Rose & Dale Jeske	HELP NEEDED
Altar Minister	Pam Zernis	Rose Jeske	Brook Redwine	Robyn Lunsford
Coffee Hour	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED