

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

*Alleluia,
He is Risen!*

April 2026



HELPING CONGREGATIONS THRIVE

In the months ahead our church is exploring 'how we can more fully participate in the mission of God in our neighborhood'. Council leaders and Pastor Tim recently attended the first training of *HELPING CONGREGATIONS THRIVE*—our focus in 2026 with many congregations in two synods. Next are 'person to person' conversations with our whole congregations.

Here are the Three Key Questions we will be asking each person in our congregation. (And it is helpful to begin to ponder your thoughts about these questions.)

Tell me about an experience that illustrates what you love most about our congregation.

Tell me about a time you engaged in God's work.

What do you think God hopes the future holds for our congregation? (Paint a picture with words, or describe what you think God hopes in us)

Your answers are meant to be about what is familiar to you—to your experiences and to your hopes. And in the process of listening to everyone, leaders will be generating wonderful dialogue with you about: what we value, what we are seeing in our mission together, and what we envision for our next steps in being faithful to God as the body of Christ in our place in the world.

BECOMING EASTER PEOPLE

Now in the meantime we have just entered Holy Week. And our church's life is filled with the passion stories of Jesus who "*emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself, and became obedient to the point of death—even death on the cross*". Philippians 2:7-8

Then just around this corner is this transforming way of God: the entry of Easter joy in Jesus' resurrection—God's power and authority over death and evil itself—and the presence and promise of the Living Christ always with us.

So...how are you managing these two seemingly 'opposites in our faith'? For on one hand we are invited into Jesus' self-emptying holiness, including His execution. Then in nearly the next frame are events where Jesus is appearing to his followers—life and invitation is experienced which disempowers violence, death, and the grave.

Truth is: we often perceive life as an **either/or** proposition—(as in this context) **either** about God's weakness, suffering and betrayals, darkened with crucifixion, **or** about God who is victorious and powerful, ever living beyond any and all death-dealing.

Yet might we perceive God in a **both/and** trust—where Jesus is **both** embodied in Easter joy **and** Good Friday, where the proclamation is **both** "Christ is Risen" **and** that Jesus died, was buried in a tomb—from death He rose. Here our trust is both/and—weakness **and** the depth of God's transforming love for us. Easter people include suffering **and** joy; hope **and** doubt; death **and** new life.

May this Easter empower us to Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. God the First **and** the Last is with us...now **and** always. Amen

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April 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Maundy Thursday Maundy Thursday Worship at 6pm AA 6:30pm ? 	3 Good Friday Good Friday Worship at 6pm @ Presbyterian Church 	4 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Worship at 6pm 
5 Easter Bible Class 9am Worship 10am Easter Potluck Brunch after Church Church Rental 1-4 	6 Prayer Group 5:30 pm	7 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm	8	9 AA 6:30pm	10	11
12 Easter 2 Bible Class 9am Worship 10am Council Meets after worship Church Rental 1-4	13 Prayer Group 5:30 pm Outreach Board 6:17pm	14 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom Quilt 10am Women's Potluck Lunch & Bible Study 11:30am AA 6:30pm 	15 Blood Drive 11:30am 	16 Blood Drive 7:30am AA 6:30pm 	17 Meet & Eat Potluck Italian Dinner @ 5:30 pm 	18
19 Easter 3 Bible Class 9am Worship 10am Church Rental 1-4	20 Prayer Group 5:30 pm	21 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10am AA 6:30pm	22	23 AA 6:30pm	24 Synod Assembly Kennewick, WA	25 Synod Assembly Kennewick, WA
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Holy Week

Holy Week - Easter

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd at 6 pm

'Around the Table'

Good Friday

April 3rd at 6 pm

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

Holy Saturday Vigil

April 4th at 6 pm

Begins with an outdoor fire

Easter Sunday
Worship

April 5th at 10 am

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

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Easter Sunday Potluck Brunch



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After the 10am Easter worship service

Sunday, April 5th

Bring a friend for worship and an Easter meal with fun fellowship

A sign-up sheet is posted if you would like to bring a dish or help out

Easter Lilies & Flowers

The annual Easter lily fundraiser is taking place at church. The cost for one lily is \$15 or two for \$25. You may sign up on the sheet in the narthex and leave your money in the envelope. We will also be asking people to bring spring flowers for the altar on Easter Sunday, tulips, daffodils, etc., which will help to brighten up our Easter altar. All Easter flowers may be taken home after the service on Easter Sunday, or you can leave them for the Easter season and take them home by May 24th.



April Meet & Eat



April Meet & Eat

Friday April 17th, from 5:30 - 7:00pm

Come & enjoy favorite foods from Italy

Sign up to bring your favorite Italian dish.

Casseroles, salads and desserts are needed.

Bring a dish to share or just bring yourself

Shepherd Makes the News!

Our Shepherd of the Mountains Outreach members have made it to the volunteer section of the Jackson Hole News and Guide on March 11th. Two different stories were featured in the edition showcasing our outreach efforts for both the Blood Drive, sponsored at our church, and the quilts that we make for Lutheran World Relief.

There was a huge feeling of pride at our worship service on March 15th, as members of the congregation announced that we had made the paper.

So much love from our little church!



Our Sister Jannell



Our beautiful sister, Jannell Weber, was finally well enough to fly home to Minnesota on March 25th. Jannell had broken her hip in her home last month. Once Jannell got back to Minnesota her daughter took her to the Emergency Room where they admitted her and checked her heart, kidneys, liver and removed fluid, she is hoping to get into a rehabilitation facility within the next day or two.

Jannell said she is extremely grateful for the kindness that her church family has shown while she has been hospitalized. She commented that "she has so much love for our church, everyone has been so good to me and I appreciate all the visits". She also said "she will remember all of us when she returns to Minnesota".

May God bless you and keep you happy & healthy Jannell, we will miss you!



Right: Jannell's quilt friends made her a special quilt as a gift for her to take on her journey, may it embrace her with love and warmth every time she uses it.



Praying for You - For Everyone

Our Prayer Group that meets on Mondays, 5:30pm is walking through our church directory each week...and praying for you, in addition to all of our other praying. (Thought you might like to know). Join us any Monday. We appreciate learning: how we stay in relationship with our good and gracious God.



Our New Friends



On March 22nd we began renting our church to another faith-based congregation who will meet each Sunday from 1 until 4 pm. The Apostolic Assembly church is a small group that is hoping to grow in this area. We hope you can take the time to welcome our new neighbors if you see them.

Thank You

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

- To John Parisee for cooking the main meal for our St. Patrick's Brunch.
- To all who came out and brought the delicious foods that helped to make our St. Patrick's Brunch such a success.
- To Mary Mello and the Parisee's for hosting the Lenten Soup Suppers & worship for our members who live over the hill.
- To the volunteers who helped with all of our fellowship events in March.
- To our amazing Altar Guild for their dedication and hard work.
- To the Quilting Group at the 80th anniversary of quilt making in the Lutheran church.



Prayers & Thanksgiv-



Prayers for Janelle Weber who I still recovering from her broken hip. Janelle is now home in Minnesota healing while her family is close by.
 Prayers for Robyn Lunsford as she continues on her health journey.
 Prayers for the Parisee's and their dog Sydney while she recovers from surgery.
 Prayers for those suffering with loneliness, depression, mental illness or ill health.
 Prayers for those who are affected by the political uprising around the world.
 Prayers for those affected by wars throughout the world.

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. Please let us know if you would like people to return to the list for another 3 weeks. Please email the church office with your prayers.

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.

Church Council

President: Rusty Mizelle

Vice President: Steffan Freeman

Secretary: John Parisee

Council Members:

Brook Redwine

Tim Cline

Di Meister

Pastor Tim Stadem

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| Edda Grove on April 9th | Nancy Parisee on April 17th |
| Lorrie Lee Wells on April 11th | Jake Grande on April 18th |
| Tom Ninnemann on April 13th | Leland Brendsel on April 22nd |
| Bailey Morley on April 13th | Sascha Mizelle on April 23rd |
| Kris Landrum on April 15th | Rick Hunt on April 26th |

Anniversary

Bob & Di Meister on April 30th

Please contact the church office if you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in our newsletter.



So Much To Be Grateful For!

Mid-Week Lenten Worship

Below: Our congregation enjoyed worshipping mid-week 'Around the Table' on Wednesdays during Lent. Pastor Tim alternated leading us in worship at church and over the hill in Victor, Idaho. Left: Mary Mello offered her house for our first over-the-hill worship service. Right: on March 4th, John & Nancy Parisee hosted the second over-the-hill worship on March 18th, also in Victor. The other three mid-week services took place at the church around tables in the narthex. Thank you to everyone who helped make our Lenten worship so special!



Meet & Eat Fellowship Bunch

On Sunday, March 15th the congregation enjoyed a huge spread of Irish food for the March Meet & Eat. The food was plentiful and the fellowship was so much fun!

Below: BJ & Marius Hanford, Lorrie Lee & Jim Wells, John & Nancy Wilbrecht and Colleen & Nikki Thompson enjoy chatting at the get-together.



Above left: John & Nancy Wilbrecht take a moment to decide what to eat from the huge selection of food.

Above right: Dale Jeske & John Parisee take a moment to catch up during the brunch.



Visitors

Right: A moose takes her time strolling through the church parking lot while looking after her baby.



March 8th Church Council Meeting

- 1) Our Thriving Congregation – beginning with leader training March 14th. Next are interview/conversations with each person in our congregation.
- 2) Facility Use – new beginning for Apostolic Assembly Church. Approval for use - \$200/Sunday worship 1:00 to 4:00pm.
- 3) Thankful for Lenten Meals on Wednesdays, Sunday St Patrick’s Feast, plus ‘A Likely Story’ Community event that lifted up Quilting Ministry, 80th Anniversary, with Jackson Hole Writers (children’s awards), community concert with Xinlu – all on March 7th.
- 4) Using guidelines from Thriving Congregation – about communication strategies.



Synod Assembly



Pastor Tim, Brook Redwine, and Robyn Lunsford will be attending our Synod Assembly April 24 - 26 at First Lutheran Church in Kennewick, Washington. The theme for this years Synod assembly is “Peace at the Now”. The Synod Council has designated the 2026 Synod Assembly offering to support Holden Village to assist in recovering from December storm damage. You can get updates about the recovery effort through Holden Village’s official social media pages, and via their website.

Bwana Yesu Asifiwe - A Thank You From Our Friends in Africa

WOW! Bwana Yesu Asifiwe (which is Swahili for Praise the Lord). The very generous gifts for scholarships for Tumaini Lutheran Secondary School have been received. It will make a huge difference for the school and for the many students who will benefit from your contribution. Asante Sana (Thank you very much!)

Many of the students at Tumaini Lutheran Secondary School come from families who are subsistence farmers. Paying school tuition is not possible when you are barely able to feed your family. Yet, the students at Tumaini go on to many wonderful careers that help their country, the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese, as well as their families. Your gifts matter! They change lives!

Please read Pr Moses Nwaka’s letter of appreciation that will be found in the early April Synod ENews. As he says, he has a difficult time putting into words the deeply felt gratitude of our gifts.

Finally, your funds will be sent to Tumaini in July. This is mid-year for the school, and a new influx of funds is very appreciated to help them catch up with families who have fallen behind in their tuition payments.



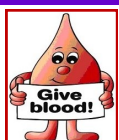
The Yard Sale Date is Set



Community Yard Sale

The Shepherd of the Mountains Annual Yard Sale date has been set for Saturday, June 20th. Keep us in mind when doing your spring cleaning, your gently used treasures are needed! Please try to hold on your donations until the beginning of June, our storage is limited. Watch for more information on the Yard Sale coming soon!

April Blood Drive



This month our Blood Drive will take place on

April 15th & 16th

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.

Blood Drive Dates for 2026

- April 15 & 16 at SMLC
- June 10 & 11 at SMLC
- August 12 & 13 at SMLC
- October 14 & 15 at SMLC
- December 9 & 10 at Comm. Bible

Giving



Welcome to our 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>

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

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



March 2026

March 1	29	\$3,585.00
March 4 - Lenten Service	9	N/A
March 8	33	\$1,940.00
March 11 - Lenten Service	11	N/A
March 15	29	\$2,018.00
March 18 - Lenten Service	8	N/A
March 22	32	\$1,223.00
March 25 - Lenten Service	14	N/A
March 29 - Palm Sunday	32	\$785.00

\$3,275.00 is needed weekly

your donations matter!

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.

	April 2 Maundy Thursday	April 4 Easter Vigil	April 5 Easter Sunday	April 12 Easter 2	April 19 Easter 3	April 26 Easter 4
Preacher	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Ben Nardi	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Eric Moehring
Musician	Pastor Tim	Pastor Tim	Nancy Wilbrecht	TBD	TBD	TBD
Assistant Minister	N/A	Nancy Parisee	Nancy Parisee	Jolene Moulder	Brook Redwine	Rusty Mizelle
Reader	N/A	Robyn Lunsford	Christina Mizelle	Chris Moulder	David Svendsen	Jim Wells
Greeter/Ushers	TBD	Brook Redwine	Tim Cline	Robyn Lunsford	Karen Schroeder	Nikki Thompson
Head Offering Counter	TBD	TBD	Pam Zernis	Sherry Kinsella	Brook Redwine	Lorrie Lee
Altar Guild	Pam Zernis	Rose Jeske	Robyn Lunsford	Brook Redwine	Brook Redwine	Sherry Kinsella
Coffee Maker	N/A	John Parisee - Fire Tender	John Parisee	Jolene Moulder	Pastor Tim	Lorrie Lee