

Shepherd of the Mountains

August 2021

The Journey Begins...



Worship with us!

Sundays at 9 am

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Dear Shepherd of the Mountains,

“Okay, now what do we do?”

The Reverend Jon McRae Beake and I slumped down in the new cushy chairs in the back row of our brand-spankin’ new Church worship space. The loyal congregants of Shepherd of the Mountains had fought long and hard, first to obtain the land in this resort community, then for the actual building. There was a collective sigh of relief for, after much prayer and sweat and tears – and thousands of little crosses sold – we had a Church building!

Beake and I looked at each other and almost simultaneously asked each other “Okay, NOW what do we do?” We at Shepherd of the Mountains find ourselves asking the same question once again as we begin our search for a new pastor as well as try to figure out what a service looks like in this ‘new normal’ era of pandemics and virus variants. Fortunately, someone has our backs...

ELCA’s Northwest Intermountain Synod, of which we are a member, will be walking along with us on this path. As Bishop Kristen Kuempel so aptly reminded us in her visit in late July, “our God is a God of abundance,” and there are many resources from which we can draw from our Synod sisters and brothers in Christ.

Pastor Phil Misner, whom many of you have met in his visits to Jackson, is Assistant to the Bishop and is shepherding us (pun intended) thru this process. Terry DiMattio, Council VP, and I as Council Secretary, are meeting with him often via Zoom and email, and the process is well underway. As of this writing we do not yet have a firm timeline of events but it is comforting to know Shepherd of the Mountains is not alone during this time of discernment – we have the hard work of Pastor Phil and the Synod staff as well as the prayers of everyone in the Synod proceeding with us.

So, in answer to the question posed twenty years ago, pray and reflect on how and where we see the Church moving forward to be “God’s Work. Our hands” in Jackson. Feel free to contact me or any other Council member with any questions you might have.

Blessings,

Scott Daily, Council Secretary



Every Week

SUNDAY



In-person Worship at SMLC We are offering one in-person worship service each week. Join us on Sunday mornings at **9 am**. *For now, we are offering communion in one kind (bread).*

Sign up to assist or read via our "Sign Up Genius" volunteer system (email Tanya Shedd (thobbs6@hotmail.com) for more details). The many voices of Christ's body make each service special.



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)

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)**. Grab a cup of coffee and join us! Email Scott Daily at scott@hoback.org for the link.

Events in August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship at 9am with Rev. Eric Moehring	2	3 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	4	5 AA 6:30pm	6	7
8 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi Church Council after church 	9	10 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	11	12 Office Closed Nancy Away AA 6:30pm	13	14
15 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi	16	17 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	18 Blood Drive 11:30am - 6pm 	19 Blood Drive 7:30am - 12:30pm  AA 6:30pm	20	21
22 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi	23	24 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	25 Meet & Eat Potluck Supper 5:30 - 7pm 	26 AA 6:30pm	27	28
29 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi	30	31 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm				

Meet & Eat Comes to SMLC

*Do you need a night off from cooking and in need of some fellowship?
Then please join us each month for a warm and hearty meal with some fun conversation.*

SMLC will be hosting a “Meet & Eat’ potluck supper on the last Wednesday of each month from 5:30 —7:00pm. All are welcome for this free meal. Come with a dish to share and bring a friend or neighbor, the more the merrier!

Our first potluck began in July, Jolene Moulder sponsored a “Baked Potato Buffet”, she provided the baked potatoes and asked that people help donated the fixings for the potatoes as well as salads and dessert. Our next Eat and Meet will be in August, your help is needed. We are looking for a sponsor the for the August event. Also needed will be donations of food that go along with the theme to help make our potluck dinner a success.

If you wish to help or would like to donate please contact Jolene at 307-413-4561 or call the church office.



A fun time was had by all at our July Meet & Eat.
Don't miss next month's potluck supper!



Quilting News

The Shepherds of the Cloth Quilting Group is in need of boxes so they can send their beautiful quilts out to where they are needed most. If you have any cardboard boxes in good condition to donate please bring them by the church during office hours or leave them in the church office.

The group will resume their meetings again in September, please watch your emails for date and time.

If you would like more information on this group please see Carolyn Daily.



Altar Ministers Needed

Volunteer Sign Up



An Altar Minister is an important part of our worship service at SMLC. We currently have only one Altar Minister, more volunteers are needed!.

The current altar set up is very simple and takes little time, it can be done in a few minutes before each service. If you're willing to help, please email Rose Jeske at rosegainesjeske@gmail.com or speak with her after the church service.

This is a great way to serve the church, please consider donating your time and talents. We need you!

Sharing Our Space Through Rentals

We were blessed this month to have the Jackson Hole Jewish Community rent the church for their Spirit of the Mountains Youth Camp. Shepherd of the Mountains was able to provide a beautiful space for our neighbors in faith, while providing us with some rental income.

The church welcomes renting to members of our community for meetings as well as those searching for a wedding venue. If you know of a group in need of somewhere to meet or to hold a special event please be sure to have them reach out to our church office.



Above: Spirit of the Mountains campers learn about bike safety before going on a bike ride.

Hebrews 13:16

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Assistant Minister Training



Have you been thinking about getting more involved in worship services but don't know how?

Scott Daily will be holding an Assistant Minister training class on Wednesday, September 1st, for those interested in helping out on Sunday mornings, the class will take place at 7pm. This is a great opportunity to get more involved with our worship services while giving back to your church family.

Please contact the church office or email Scott Daily at scott@hoback.org for more information or to sign up.

August Blood Drive



Add a little awe to your day, and someone's life

Jackson Community Blood Drive

AUGUST 18, 11:30AM - 6:00PM
AUGUST 19, 7:30AM - 12:30PM
LOCATION: SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The awesomeness of life, of being, is inexhaustible. It can be realized in an instant or a lifetime."

Dr. Kirk Schneider

Donors must be well and healthy and able to make the drive home. Please sign up TODAY! For appointments go to donor.vitalant.org Blood Drive Coordinator or call 877-827-4376. To learn about our programs or how we can help your transfusion service, call 877-827-4376 or visit us at www.vitalant.org



The August Blood Drive for Shepherd of the Mountains is coming up on Wednesday and Thursday, August 18th and 19th. Help is needed at the registration desk, if you think you would like to help please contact Jolene Moulder at 307-413-4561. Your help is always needed, these drives can not get pulled off without you.

Flyers are available at the church for this drive. If you have any place that you can post a flyer, please feel free to take one from the church foyer.

There will be a post of the drive on Facebook's Teton County CAREmongering page and on Jolene Moulder's own page, please feel free to share the post to help get the word out.

To sign up to give blood please go to www.vitalant.org or call 1-877-827-4376.



The Bishop's Visit, Baptism, and Fellowship

Bishop Kristen Kuempel led a beautiful service at our church on August 25th. 45 people attended the Sunday service while they witnessed the baptism of Jack Michael Crandall, the son of Nick and Lindsey Crandall and the grandson of Bob and Patty Krause.

A wonderful fellowship hour took place after the service, the event was hosted by our hard working Fellowship Committee.

Help is always needed for special events like these. If you would like to be part of our amazing Fellowship Committee please contact Jolene Moulder after any church service or call the church office.



what's next?

We will now focus on discernment. We will utilize supply pastors and have emergency pastoral care arranged for about a month as the council works with the synod to arrange an interim pastor.

discernment begins in earnest: who we are

Self-reflection *Who are we? Who are our neighbors? Where is God leading us next?*

The congregation forms a Call Committee to work closely with the Interim Pastor to engage these questions and prepare an updated Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The call committee will then use the MSP and our stated needs to find our next pastor.



discernment continues: who we hope for

Call Committee & Candidates

- The call committee reviews prospective candidates with the synod office, conducts interviews, and hosts final candidate(s) for an on-site visit and interview.
- If in this process, it seems like a candidate will not meet the needs of the congregation after all, their name is returned and these steps are repeated with new candidates.
- If the Council agrees with the Call Committee recommendation, a special meeting of the congregation is arranged.
- If the congregation votes to move forward, a letter of call shall be sent to the synod office for attestation by this bishop.
- The pastor usually decides to accept the call within a few weeks.



A warm welcome

Once a call has been accepted, starting dates and an installation service are planned!

The Call Committee or another task group appointed by Council may be charged with the tasks of helping the new pastor settle into the community (finding a doctor, bank, schools, vet, etc).

JULY REVIEW

Our Last Moments With Pastor Inger Hanson

A Beautiful Holden Evening Prayer Service



A Blessed Friend and Pastor

Left: Pastor Inger leads the congregation in the Holden Evening Prayer service.

Above Right: Pastor reads a book to the youth at the service.

Below Left: Pastor and Tracy Welch share a special moment.

Below: Ron Fabry, Dick Klene, and Chris Moulder have fun getting together for a chat.

Right: A heartfelt farewell reception after the service.



Right: Colleen Thompson & Marilyn Maier enjoy the festivities.



Right: Berit Amundson with daughters Olive & Ruthie.



Left: Chris Moulder & Robyn Lunsford take time to catch up with each other.



Below Left: Pastor Inger with the Hull family.



Left: Pam Zernis and a neighborhood friend join the fun.

Right: Pastor Inger with her congregational gift made by the Quilting Group.



Left: Pastor Inger and her mother Kristen share a last cup of coffee the next morning with Jolene Moulder, Nancy Parisee & Vivian Moulder at Vivian's house.



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>

You may also mail in 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

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
4. Finish the process.



JULY 2021

Week of 4th	40	\$ 2,420.00
July 7th (pastor's last service)	60	\$ 314.00
Week of 11th	21	\$ 1,146.40
Week of 18th	27	\$ 1,460.00
Week of 25th	45	\$ 1,454.84

Total 193 \$ 6,794.84

Note: Weekly budget needs: **\$2,976.00**

August Birthdays

August 1st - Inger Kirkegaard

	August 1 Pentecost 10	August 8 Pentecost 11	August 15 Pentecost 12	August 22 Pentecost 13	August 29 Pentecost 14
Preacher	Rev. Eric Moehring	Rev. Ben Nardi	Rev. Ben Nardi	Rev. Ben Nardi	Rev. Ben Nardi
Assistant Minister	Mary Lou Klene	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Reader	Jolene Moulder	HELP NEEDED	Rose Jeske	HELP NEEDED	Sherry Kinsella
Ushers	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	Rose & Dale Jeske	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Counters	Jolene Moulder	Sherry Kinsella	Rose & Dale Jeske	HELP NEEDED	Sherry Kinsella
Council Greeter	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Altar Minister	Tanya Shedd	Sherry Kinsella	Rose Jeske	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Piano	Andrew Clark	Andrew Clark	Andrew Clark	Andrew Clark	Andrew Clark