

# 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

August 2025

#### AN INCREDIBLE TIME OF REUNITING - Our 40th Anniversary Weekend

I have heard a full range of expressions of gratefulness:

being with previous pastors Beake & Hanson, and with old & new friends, the pastor's opportunities to reunite with Shepherd & Jackson friends again, (I heard Pastor Jon's and Pastor Inger's deep gratitude for this time together) our 3 gatherings around tables & chairs of food and being together, telling and reliving stories of the origin and growth of our faith community the rich music and liturgy and message at Holden Eve Prayer a Sunday of worship, remembrance, and rekindling relationship with God & us



"Lord, do you not care that <u>my</u> sister has left <u>me</u> to do all the work by <u>myself</u>? ...Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

(from story in Luke 10:38-42)

Do you notice?: with so much meaning and value God sets the table before us, even when at first it may not be obvious. In that Sunday's gospel, I'm reflecting on the famous story which includes:

Mary sitting still'—listening at the feet of Jesus—"the better part", which is always there; while 'Martha is doing <u>all</u> the heavy lifting' at the moment...<u>by herself</u>, stressed, disconnected; though I assume 'the Martha and Mary team' would usually work quite well together; I also wonder what Martha absorbed and practiced of Jesus' teaching about 'taking-in the moment', receiving meaning and value by paying attention to those deeper things in life.

A lovely image that will stay with me from our anniversary: Our Sermon Together In The Circle.

All who were present were instructed to locate and stay at their place in the circle according to 'when they became connected to this congregation'. Here's the image: at one side of the Lord's Table began the circle with the earliest community—(incl. Jackson 5) who first envisioned and nurtured our congregation's birth and beginnings. And this timeline continued around the circle—with Pastor Beake as mission development pastor, then Pastor Hanson, then Pastor Stadem…as markers around our congregation's life (PS: while trying to be aware that there are so many additional pastors and persons who contribute deeply to our life's story). Then finally, at the other side, we completed our circle at the other side of the Lord's Table with those who have been a part of our congregation most recently—full circle around the table that Christ has set before us and this world. Full circle around the promises of presence and purpose, with mercy and grace as God's ultimate style. Full circle.

I am grateful for all our teamwork (though any one of us will become distracted and worried by all sorts of things). We celebrate the body of Christ around God's Table. In active hope, we continue to remember and rekindle for the sake of the passions of Jesus: to reach out to all, to heal, to serve, to bring new life.

So grateful for our call to be in this world, Christ in you, Pastor Tim



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## August 2025 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	Grand Teton Music Festival at SMLC 11:00am
Pentecost 8 Around Coffee Table 9 am Welcome New Members Worship 10 am Reception of New Members Worship Board Meets Management Board Meets Church Rental 4pm	4 Prayer Group 5:30 pm	5 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am Church Rental 6pm AA 6:30pm	6	7	8 Church Rental 12pm	9
Pentecost 9 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship 10 am Council Meets	Prayer Group 5:30 pm	Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am Women's Potluck Lunch & Bible Study @ noon AA 6:30pm	Blood Drive 11:30 am	Blood Drive 7:30 am	Old Bills Giving Begins Meet & Eat Summer Potluck at 5:30 pm location TBD Church Rental	16 Church Rental 1-5
17 Pentecost 10 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship 10 am	18 Prayer Group 5:30 pm Outreach Board Meets	19 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm	20 Fellowship Board Meets	21	22	23
24 Pentecost 10 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship 10 am	25 Prayer Group 5:30 pm	26 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm	27	28	29	30
31 Pentecost 11 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship 10 am						

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## 40 Years of Love, Fellowship & Worship

The Party at the Parsonage

33 attended the Party at the Parsonage for a fun night of good food, great conversation, and some amazing fellowship. Chris Thompson tended the fire, while many caught up with each other's lives while enjoying a beautiful night.





Holden Evening Prayer & Cookout



The music was delightful and the service was very special. Holden Evening Prayer was such a beautiful service.

After the service, most of the 44 who attended gathered outside for a delicious cookout. John Parisee and Pastor were

the masters at the grill while everyone enjoyed the vast amount of food made by members of the congregation.

## Sunday Worship & Quiche Brunch

Sunday's worship and the Quiche Brunch was the icing on a celebratory weekend. 64 gathered for the fun, an interactive sermon during worship, as well as a trip down memory lane with the Jackson 5 and Pastors Beake and Hansen.

Afterwards, all spent hours enjoying mimosas and quiche while they took time to visit with the pastors and each other. Everyone went away with a smile and some wonderful memories of the day.



## Grand Teton Music Festival - On the Road



The Grand Teton Music Festival is coming to our church tomorrow,

## Saturday, August 2nd at 11 am.

This will take place n the Narthex/Fellowship Room in all it's beauty. Maurice Ravel's stirring and groundbreaking string quartet is paired with poetry readings for a unique musical experience in the beautiful setting of our church.

For more information on musical events with GTMF go to <a href="https://gtmf.org/impact/on-the-road">https://gtmf.org/impact/on-the-road</a>

## Old Bills Giving Begins August 15th!

Old Bills giving time will soon be here! We have registered for 2025 and are now ready to GO.

This year, we will kick it up a notch and participate with the event day by **hosting a booth** at the fun run. Many volunteers will be needed, including you!

Old Bills giving begins on August 15th and runs through September 12th. We hope you can help others in our community, through giving in the name of Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, by making any donation, big or small.

This year our outreach team will be thinking of new ways to help those in need. Watch for your flyer in the mail or go to <a href="https://www.oldbills.org/donate">https://www.oldbills.org/donate</a> for more information.

Watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to help.

## August Meet & Eat



Need a night off from cooking, some fun fellowship & a delicious meal?

This month's Meet & Eat will be a

## Last of Summer Blast

Potluck Supper Friday, August 15th at 5:30

#### Bring summer salad or dessert to share if you can

Location TBD, please call the church if you would like to host the event at your house.

## Reception of a New Member



We hope you will join us this Sunday, August 3rd when we celebrate an Affirmation of Baptism of Kris Landrum, when she joins our church family.

Affirmation of Baptism is a special rite in the Lutheran church to celebrate and affirm the on-going work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of disciples that began in their baptism. In baptism, we are known and claimed by God as beloved children. We are surrounded with

prayers, promises and a community to help us grow in faith as our disciple identity develops.

If you are not a current member, but are interested in joining Shepherd of the Mountains through Affirmation of Baptism, please talk to Pastor Tim.

## Thank You

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



- To Lorrie Lee and Pastor for organizing our wonderful 40th Anniversary weekend.
- To all who brought delicious food to our parsonage party, cookout and Sunday fellowship during the anniversary weekend.
- To John Parisee & Pastor Tim for their talents on the grill at the Saturday cookout.
- To all of our quests who came to worship with us for our 40th anniversary.

## **Prayers & Thanksgivings**



- Prayers for Edda Grove while she heals from knee surgery.
- Prayers for Carolyn Svendsen, health.
- Prayers for Brook Redwine as she continues to heal from a broken foot.

For prayers or prayer updates please email or call the church office.

- Prayers for Christina Mizelle as she continues to heal from fractured vertebrae from a horse riding accident.
- Prayers for Steffan Freeman while he undergoes treatment for a health issue.
- Prayers for Robyn Lunsford while she undergoes treatment with her battle with cancer.
- Prayers for Susan, Jack and Steven, friends of Mary Lou Klene,
- Prayers for those suffering with depression, anxiety, and all other mental health ailments.

## **Church Council**

# 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.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries



## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Inger Kirkegaard, birthday on August 1st

Tom & Nancy Ninnemann, anniversary on August 12th Joe & Sherry Kinsella, anniversary on August 26th Please contact the church office if you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in our newsletter.

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#### July Church Council Meeting

#### Council Meeting Highlights - from Sun, July 13

- 1) Preparing for our 40th Anniversary
- 2) Joining our synod and churchwide in 'Pray Without Ceasing'
- 3) Outreach is planning a booth at Old Bills Run Day Sat Sept 6
- 4) Flood Restoration is nearly complete -- panels and insulation next
- 5) Planning for Synod Partners from Tanzania as our guests Oct 18, 19



## Silence is Golden

It seems that we have been getting a bit chatty at the beginning of worship on Sundays. The Worship Board would like to invite you to prepare your hearts and minds **during the prelude music** at the beginning of each service. When you enter the sanctuary at the beginning of the service, please take this time to sit in silence and prepare yourself for worship.



## Quilt Group Take a Break



The quilt group had a wonderful time together for a potluck luncheon on July 29th. During the luncheon, they thanked Patty, sister-in-law of Caroline Daily, who has been so generous in providing beautiful cut fabrics, to make the quilts.

The quilt group will not meet during August, taking a well deserved hiatus. They will meet again on September 2, and on September 9 they will have a potluck and devotional led by Pastor Tim. All are invited to join them!

## A New Addition



Dan and Abbie (Moulder) Hutchins are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Dorothy Jean Hutchins. Dorothy was born on July 22nd in Portland, Oregon, she weighed 6lbs 10oz. Grandparents Chris and Jolene Moulder are as proud as could be. Dorothy Jean is named after Dan's grandmother Dorothy & Abbie's grandfather Jean Moulder.

Our amazing Quilt Group made a beautiful quilt for baby Dorothy. Abbie and Dan would like thank the gals in the Quilt Group for making such a beautiful gift for her, it will be loved and cherished for years to come.

## Parisee Happenings

Julienne Parisee, daughter of John & Nancy Parisee, celebrated getting her white coat on July 12th in Harrogate, Tennessee. Julie is a student at Lincoln Memorial University pursing her Physician Assistant Masters Degree. Julie is currently doing rotations in Tennessee and Georgia, she will graduate August 1, 2026 when her rotations are completed.

John & Nancy took grandma, Vivian Moulder, on the trip. Vivian had a wonderful time visiting her granddaughter, eating southern food, and buying antiques to bring back to Wyoming.



### 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

## 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

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Your financial support is important to us!

Church Office Hours Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

July 2025							
July 6	36	\$3,957.00					
July 13	43	\$1,844.00					
July 18 - Meet & Eat Party at the Parsonage	33	N/A					
July 19 - Holden EP	44	\$40.00					
July 20 - 40th Anniversary	64	\$2,956.00					
July 27	27	\$1,797.00					

\$3,275.00 is needed weekly your donations matter!

	August 3 Pentecost 8	August 10 Pentecost 9	August 17 Pentecost 10	August 24 Pentecost 11	August 31 Pentecost 12
Preacher	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem
Assistant Minister	Nancy Parisee	Rusty Mizelle	Jolene Moulder	Help Needed	Help Needed
Reader	David Svendsen	Mizelles	Jim Wells	Jolene Moulder	Jim Wells
Greeter/Ushers	John Parisee	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
Head Counter	Sherry Kinsella	Brook Redwine	Jolene Moulder	Pam Zernis	Lorrie Lee
Altar Minister	Sherry Kinsella	Pam Zernis	Rose Jeske	Help Needed	Help Needed
Coffee Hour (Setup & Cleanup)	Setup - Lorrie Lee Cleanup -	Setup- Cleanup -	Setup- Cleanup -	Setup- Cleanup -	Setup- Cleanup -