

# Shepherd of the Mountains

July 2021

*may God bless you and keep you*



*Worship with us!*

Sundays at 9 am

sotmlcjackson@gmail.com



*a fond farewell*

Dear Shepherd of the Mountains,

As Winne the Pooh puts it, "how lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." How I have been savoring life and ministry with you these past few weeks! I am struggling to find the words. Images and sounds: laughter and listening to each other around a campfire, thought-provoking questions and comments at Bible and book studies, companionship and conversation on hikes, bikes, and floats. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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**Office Hours**

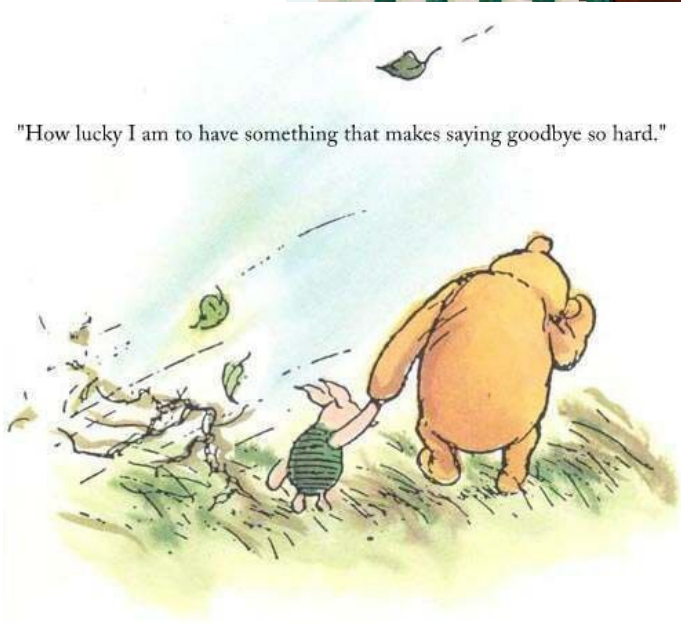
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
8:30 -3:30

God be with you till we meet again.

With love,  
Pastor Inger



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EVERY WEEK

SUNDAY



**In-person Worship at SMLC** We are offering in-person worship options 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 the Scott Daily for the link.



EVENTS IN JULY

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**Sunday Worship is now at 9am.**



**Confirmation of Sascha Mizelle & Alex Shedd** & Pastor's last Sunday worship.

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**Holden Evening Prayer Farewell Service & Reception** for Pastor Inger at 7pm.

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**Church Council** will meet at 4:00 pm. If you have something you would like to be on the agenda, please email a council member.

JULY  
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**Bishop Kristen Kuempel's Visit** and baptism of Jack Crandall.

LOOKING AHEAD



**Altar Ministers Needed**

The current altar set up is very simple and takes little time. We are hoping for additional ministers. If you're willing to help, please email Rose Jeske.

[rosegainesjeske@gmail.com](mailto:rosegainesjeske@gmail.com)

Thank you!



**Pastoral Prayers or Needs**

Pastor Ben Nardi is available for emergency pastoral care during this time For prayers, updates or other needs please contact the church office at

307-733-4382

*distilled from Pastor Phil Misner, Assistant to the Bishop*

**A good goodbye**

These past few weeks we have savored the ministry and life we have shared. Pastor Inger’s Farewell service will be Wednesday, July 7th, at 7 pm.



**What’s next?**

After Pastor Inger departs, we will focus on discernment. As we pull together as a congregation, we will have one 9 am worship service on Sundays. Scott Daily and Terry Dimattio are serving as the council representatives working with the Assistant to the Bishop to appoint an interim pastor. In the meantime, we are looking forward to hearing the good news from guest preachers.

- July 11th**     **Rev. Eric Moehring**
- July 18th**     **Rev. Ben Nardi**
- July 25th**     **Bishop Kristen Kuempel (and Jack Krause Crandall’s baptism!)**
- August 1**     **Rev. Eric Moehring**

During this time, Pastor Ben is available for emergency pastoral care.



## *The Bishop is Coming!*

Paul Revere jokes aside, Bishop Kristen Kuempel makes it a priority to be present with congregations on one of the first few Sundays after a pastor departs.

Bishop Kristen was born and raised in Eastern Washington (with a few years in Montana for good measure). She graduated with a degree in Developmental Psychology from Eastern Washington University, and attended seminary at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. She has worked with congregations in the Twin Cities, North Dakota, Kansas and served as Lead Pastor at First Lutheran Church in Kennewick, Washington before she was elected Bishop in 2017.



## *A baptism!*

It seems fitting that Bishop Kristen will preside over Jack Crandall's baptism—his great grandfather was a Lutheran pastor! Nick and Lindsey (née Krause) completed pre-baptismal counseling with Pastor Inger via zoom in June.





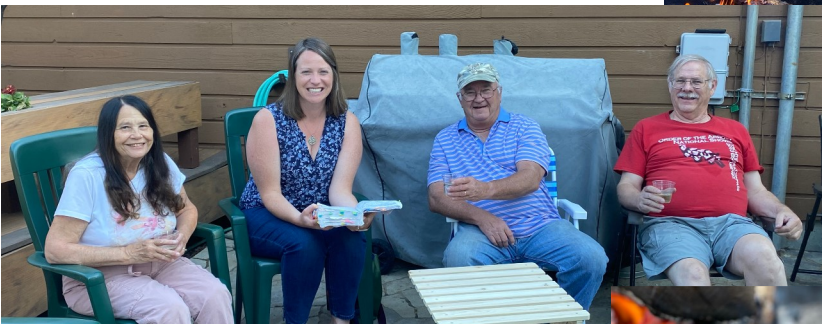
We had a beautiful day for our biking fellowship. Brent, Marilyn, Carolyn and Pastor Inger biked to the Bird, and Steffan met us there!



Quilts lovingly crafted for Lutheran World Relief by Carolyn, Bert, Karen, Rose, Sherry and others graced our sanctuary and marinated in our prayers before being formally blessed at the end of June.



Tom and Nancy hosted "Bible & Campfire." We remembered God's presence in the pillar of fire by night and cloud by day and enjoyed SMLC signature bacon s'mores!



Kari, Susan and Pastor Inger enjoyed an Adams Canyon to Josie's point-to-point hike.



St. John's is bringing back "Walk and Worship" this summer! Pastor Inger led the first post-covid hike to Phelps Lake.



## A Passage

SENDING

## God Be with You Till We Meet Again 536



1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; by good coun-sels guide, up-hold you,  
 2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; ho-ly wings se-cure-ly hide you,  
 3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per-ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en-fold you;  
 dai-ly man-na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.  
 put un-fail-ing arms a-round you;

## A Prayer

*God of history and of my heart,  
 so much has happened to me  
 during these whirlwind days:  
 I've known death and birth;  
 I've been brave and scared;  
 I've hurt, I've helped;  
 I've been honest, I've lied;  
 I've destroyed, I've created;  
 I've been with people, I've been lonely;  
 I've been loyal, I've betrayed;  
 I've decided, I've waffled;  
 I've laughed and I've cried.*

*You know my frail heart and my frayed history—  
 and now another day begins.*

*O God, help me to believe in beginnings  
 and in my beginning again,  
 no matter how often I've failed before.*

*Help me to make beginnings:  
 to begin going out of my weary mind  
 into fresh dreams,  
 daring to make my own bold tracks  
 in the land of now.*

*Help me to be a beginning for others—  
 to become a beginning of hope  
 for the despairing,  
 to become a beginning of freedom  
 for the oppressed,  
 to become a beginning of beauty  
 for the forlorn.*

*Help me to believe in beginnings,  
 to make a beginning,  
 to be a beginning,  
 so that I may not just grow old,  
 but grow new  
 each day of this wild, amazing life  
 you call me to live  
 with the passion of Jesus Christ.*

- modified from Rev. Ted Loder's  
 "Help Me to Believe in Beginnings"  
 in *Guerrillas of Grace* (Luramedia, 1984)

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>

**Thank you to those of you who have already donated; your gifts to the church are a blessing!**



SMLC is happy to support the wider faith community and is renting to the Jackson Hole Jewish Community for their "Spirit of the Mountains Day Camp" July 19-23, 2021. Wise and wonderful Kalen Kleyman is the camp director. Although the

schedule and activities change each year, campers often enjoy exploring a camp theme, water play, singing, playing games and Jewish-inspired projects. The camp will be held Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church. On Friday, there is an optional extended day until 6:30 p.m. if attending Shabbat service. COVID safety precautions will be in place, and the plan is to spend a lot of time outside, and focus on having FUN! The camp welcomes children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade, and is open to any child - non-Jewish campers welcome!

You may also mail in 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**

JUNE 2021		
Week of 6th	26	\$ 1,640.00
Week of 13th	28	\$ 945.00
Week of 20th	40	\$ 718.00
Week of 27th	30	\$ 3,140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>\$ 6,443.00</b>
Note: Weekly budget needs: <b>\$2,976.00</b>		
* Recently updated to reflect 2021 budget		

	July 4 Pentecost 6	July 11 Pentecost 7	July 18 Pentecost 8	July 25 Pentecost 9
<b>Preacher</b>	<i>Rev. Inger Hanson</i>	<i>Rev. Eric Moehring</i>	<i>Rev. Ben Nardi</i>	<i>Bishop Kristen Kuempel</i>
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	<i>William Shedd</i>	<i>Scott Daily</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>Scott Daily</i>
<b>Reader</b>	<i>Tanya Shedd</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>Dale &amp; Rose Jeske</i>	<i>Sherry Kinsella</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>Mizelle Family</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>Dale &amp; Rose Jeske</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>
<b>Counters</b>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>HELP NEEDED</i>	<i>Dale &amp; Rose Jeske</i>	<i>Sherry Kinsella</i>
<b>Piano</b>	<i>Andrew Clark</i>	<i>Andrew Clark</i>	<i>Andrew Clark</i>	<i>Andrew Clark</i>