

# Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church



Worship With Us  
Sundays at 10 am

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 - 3:30  
Pastor Tim Stådem

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

July 2024

## A SIMPLE TRANSFORMATION STORY

I enjoyed a recent conversation with a friend I've known for years...and learned some new, recreative things. He's one of the most interesting Christians I know (in an inspiring kind of way) —always getting involved in urban church ministries that are quite edgy, like affordable housing (not just an urban issue, as we know), healing ministries (for body, spirit, or community), bridges out of poverty, etc. Alongside this he is a natural – 'compassionate, face to face' kind of guy – people quickly appreciate his listening & caring style.



[How bout that!...he's bold for God's justice AND...nurturing—tender with people (in this disjointed world.) And honestly, in my work as a pastor I constantly envision this goodness among us. I am certain that it changes hearts; changes world, for that matter. Our mission statement, too, has this active love language, right from the get go: "*Sharing Christ's love with all people.*" ]

***Perhaps the questions for many is: where do I restart...in learning to love my neighbor?***

In that conversation with my friend, I heard for the first time: When he was a hurting—a young man struggling with life after his divorce—awkwardly navigating his feelings and quietly seeking after his own healing. Yet, as he puts it, "*I was hiding.*" "*I joined a large Lutheran church in Minnesota; working on what I thought was my essential faith stuff and pretty much 'kept to myself.'*" "*Then someone invited me into a larger world; they invited me to lunch.*" Everything began to change after that. He got to know someone better—someone who simply cared, listened.

For him, this one invitation to '*get to know you better*' was the beginning of a whole new sense of faith and Christian community. This simple gesture from another member of the church, who he knew a little, reached out to befriend and really rocked his boat. And now, on a regular basis (monthly, he told me) he does this with other people in his church – he goes up to someone he's come to know in the church a little, and asks: "*would like to visit sometime?*"

Now, this is this practice: he keeps an eye out for someone that he might invite to lunch, or coffee, or any kind of visit of 'their choice' where a conversation is able to open. He shares about his own life – his present marriage and children and job and family and life in this world. But he intentionally spends most of this sacred time...listening and making a new friend.

Long ago what my friend experienced was a new opening of 'love for your brother and sister'. And since then, he is still transforming how he lives and loves and serves in this world, starting right in his own congregation.

PS: He is also incredible with people he hasn't met before. I wonder if starting small and local is what has been a part of his transformation—reaching in this world of too much separation.

PSS: Thanks be to God! for the ways these kind of things are happening in our congregation.

***"Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love."***



– Ephesians 3:17-



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## July 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10:30 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm AA 6:30pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 4th of July Office Closed 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Pentecost 3 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10:30 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm AA 6:30pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Pentecost 4 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Council Meets	<b>15</b> Building Rental 9-5	<b>16</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Building Rental 9-5 Quilt 10:30 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm AA 6:30pm	<b>17</b> Building Rental 9-5	<b>18</b> Building Rental 9-5	<b>19</b> Building Rental 9-5 Meet & Eat "Summer Picnic" Potluck Dinner at 5:30 pm 	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Pentecost 5 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	<b>22</b> Building Rental 9-5	<b>23</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Building Rental 9-5 Quilt 10:30 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm AA 6:30pm Council Zoom mtg 7:30 pm	<b>24</b> Building Rental 9-5	<b>25</b> Building Rental 9-5 Service for Pastor Al Schoonover @ Star Valley United 11 am	<b>26</b> Building Rental 9-5	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Pentecost 6 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Bishop Meggan Manlove Potluck Bishop's Brunch	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10:30 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm AA 6:30pm	<b>31</b>			

**Funding Forward - Congregational Meeting on June 30th**

Grateful! Grateful! for the good attendance, wise leadership, and fruitful conversations at this hour long+ meeting. Council leaders prayed, presented updated info about our financial unfolding, and primarily shared new ways that our congregation can grow our offerings, outside of our regular giving. The main point: there are resources in synods, and non-profits, and businesses to assist our 'securing financial sources for our church's mission long into the future' Here are some of our talking points:



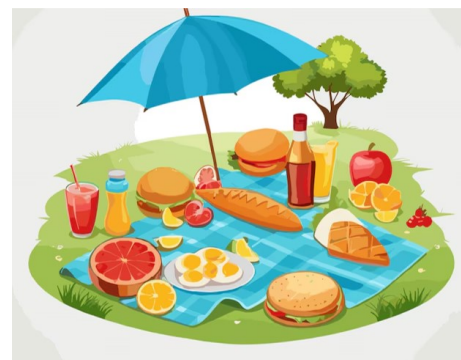
- 1) Overall everything, living our renewed mission as a body with our neighbors, and with potential partnerships in this community.
- 2) Potentially expanding rental arrangements with other faith communities, non-profits, or businesses.
- 3) Potentially leveraging our owned assets of land, church building, and the parsonage in lease arrangements, renting, etc.
- 4) Possibilities of constructing on our church property for other lease or renting arrangements, pastor housing, or a bundling of these, etc.
- 5) Creative arrangement for pastor's compensation through sharing hours with another church, housing in an other location (and rent parsonage for total value), bi-vocational pastor (with 2<sup>nd</sup> job that reduces congregation's salary obligation), etc. (PS: many of these are Pastor Tim's ideas)

Because this was 'an informational meeting', our council invites these conversations to continue freely; all are invited into this exploration together. Please contact your council leader(s) and pastor if you would appreciate more info and/or share insights. More information will come your way in a timely manner; no voting will take place until all are fully informed. Thank you!

**July Meet & Eat**

Our July Meet & Eat will be  
**“A Summer Picnic”**  
 Friday, July 19th  
 5:30 pm

**We are looking for donations of fried chicken, pasta salad, tomato salad, cucumber salad, chicken salad, deviled eggs and desserts. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.**



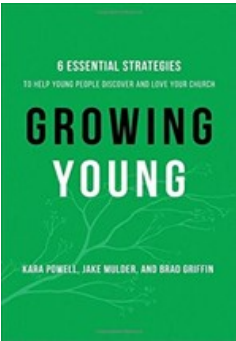
**The Bishop's Visit & Brunch**



Bishop Meggan Manlove is coming to visit and preside on Sunday, July 28th. We will be having a potluck finger food fellowship time that day so you can grab a plate of food and spend some time chatting with the bishop. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex.

We hope you can take time from your busy schedule to come and meet Bishop Meggan.

**Congregational Conversations Report**



The people of Shepherd of the Mountains are invited to book study with Pastor Tim entitled *Growing Young*. Beginning in August, we will enter an adventure of opening conversations and minds and church culture to an area of outreach we may not have known are in our reach.

In the midst of our recent Congregational Meeting June 30th (see previous page: *FUNDING FORWARD*, pg. 3) many thoughtful insights emerged about our ‘reaching out to young persons and families’. With our new language and commitment to our mission this *Growing Young* study is a timely, practical resource to carry us forward. Let’s empower our own body to begin branching out into the lives of our neighbors.

***“All Churches grow old. Strategic churches grow young.”***

Book Promo: Across the United States, churches are losing both members and vitality as increasing numbers of young people disengage. Based on groundbreaking research with over 250 of the nation’s leading congregations, *Growing Young* provides a strategy any church can use to involve and retain teenagers and young adults. It profiles innovative churches that are engaging 15- to 29-year-olds and as a result are growing—spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically. Packed with both research and practical ideas, *Growing Young* shows pastors and ministry leaders how to position their churches to engage younger generations in a way that breathes vitality, life, and energy into the whole church.

*“Growing Young carries an urgent message. Young people need the body of Christ—and vice versa. This book is theologically informed, research savvy, and pragmatically outstanding. Read it now, before you get any older.”*  
John Ortberg

PS: Get your book now and begin reading; let’s begin this new movement in our church.

Starting in August: (every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun; 11:15am; bring your refreshments)

Chapter discussions with Study Guide:

- Aug 4 – ch 1     *What Congregations are Doing Right*
- Aug 18 – ch 2    *Sharing Power with the Right People at the Right Time*
- Sept 1 – ch 3     *Empathize with Today’s Young People*
- Sept 15 – ch 4    *What’s Young about the Good News?*
- Oct 6 – ch 5      *Warm is the New Cool*
- Oct 20 – ch 6     *From Rhetoric to Reality*
- Nov 3 – ch 7      *Loving and Shaping Your World*
- Nov 17 – ch 8    *Growing Young in Your Context*

**Funeral Service For Pastor Schoonover**

Allan Jay Schoonover passed away Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at Intermountain Hospital in St. George, UT. There will be a funeral service for Pastor Al at Star Valley United Church in Thayne, WY on Thursday, July 25th at 11 am. Cards may be sent to Pastor Al’s wife De Schoonover at 1379 W Sky Rocket Rd. #349, St. George, UT 84770.



Thank You

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



- To all who came out and helped with our church Yard Sale.
- To the volunteers who helped to make our June Meet & Eat night fun.
- To our congregation for coming out on June 30th to have some great conversations after worship.
- To everyone who helped haul off the remaining clothing and items left over from the Yard Sale.

Prayers & Thanksgivings

- Thanksgivings for our newly baptized, Bryan Brydges and Tatum Park.
- Thanksgivings for our wonderful church family.
- Thanksgivings for reaching out to the young children and families in our community with the flower pot/pizza event.
- Prayers for those struggling with addiction.
- Prayers for the losses in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Haiti.
- Prayers for those in prison.



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 (WWTS).

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



July Birthdays

- Bob Krause on July 2nd
- Marilyn Majer on July 5th
- Margie Aeckerle on July 18th

### Yard Sale Success!

Many hands made light work! So many volunteers and so much fun. Throughout the week help came in droves to sort and organize the many donations that we received from members of our church and the community. Friday night a huge crew came to put the items out in our parking lot so we could get ready for the sale. Even more came early Saturday to finish setting up, work during the sale, and then clean up afterwards. Tuesday, many came back to bag all the clothing so that the Jeske's could take it to Idaho Falls. Thank you everyone for your tireless devotion to this wonderful outreach project for our community. We recycled, we had fellowship, we gave back to our friends and neighbors, we made friends, and we made **\$4,040.62** while doing it. Job well done!



June Church Council Meeting

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS IN JUNE – June 9, 2024 meeting

- 1) Remain Centered Around Our Mission – discussion and prayer
- 2) Going Public – beginnings; marketing, networking, and partnering in our community  
Jolene, Robyn, and Pastor Tim are leading this campaign
- 3) Expanding our reaching into community – Outreach Bd
- 4) FUNDING FORWARD - Synod Resources (from Luther Seminary) and webinar discussion
- 5) Preparations for our Congregational Meeting – June 30th



We Are Serving Our Neighbors...With The Summer Sprout Program



We have joined Hole Food Rescue packing lunches for children's free and healthy lunch program. Robyn serves late afternoon Wednesdays and Pastor Tim serves on Sunday early evenings. Are you able to help for an 1 1/2? There are options. See Robyn or Pastor Tim.

Reflections of a Busy Month

Baptisms

In the month of June we celebrated two baptisms.

On June 16th, Bryan Brydges became a baptized member of our church family during the service. Bryan's parents came out to witness his blessed day.

Right: On June 23rd, Tatum Park, granddaughter of Mary (Skatrud) & the late Frank Mello, was baptized by Pastor Ben Nardi.



Flower Pot Painting

Left: Children from the community came out to paint their flower pots and plant a flower in their pots on Memorial Day. The kids also enjoyed a pizza lunch after their project. Watch for more children's events throughout the year at SMLC.



Meet & Eat

Right: Tacos were the theme of our June Meet & Eat. 17 came out to enjoy a beautiful day, some delicious food and some fun fellowship.



**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

Jackson, WY 83001

Your financial support is important to us!

**Church Office Hours**

Tuesdays & Thursdays

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

**June 2024**

attendance & offering

July 2	27	\$ 2,425.00
July 9	26	\$ 1,328.00
July 16	25	\$ 1,457.00
July 21 - Meet & Eat	17	N/A
July 23	31	\$ 1,735.00
July 30	37	\$ 815 .00

**\$3,120.00** is needed weekly  
your donations matter!

	July 7 Pentecost 7	July 14 Pentecost 8	July 21 Pentecost 9	July 28 Pentecost 10
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Bishop Meggan Manlove
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	HELP NEEDED	Mizelle	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
<b>Reader</b>	Sherry Kinsella	Mizelle	Terry Di Mattio	HELP NEEDED
<b>Greeter/Ushers</b>	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
<b>Head Counter</b>	Sherry Kinsella	Brook Redwine	Jolene Moulder	Pam Zernis
<b>Altar Minister</b>	Pam Zernis	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	Sherry Kinsella
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED