

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

Worship With Us
Sundays at 10 am

Office Hours:
Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 - 3:30

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

July 2026



WE'VE RECEIVED A GIFT

Right amid research and training for 'Reaching Out to Our Neighbors' – recently begun in our congregational council – appears this incredible gift from an anonymous giver:

***a high level concert piano that will serve to enhance our worship experience
and our outreach to the community.***

FIRST IS STUDYING 'OUTREACH ANEW'

Early in 2026 our council agreed to begin thoughtful training (and very affordable) with a group named Living the Resurrection. Their expertise is with insightful, theological, and practical training, along with expert coaching and relationships with other congregations on board:

Beyond the Bulletin – this training springs various particulars for applying the work of '*inspiring congregations to change*' and is built upon the core values that enlighten our congregation's mission—three years ago, our whole congregation worked alongside one another to give language to this ground of our identity as 'people of Christ in this world'. This next step of learning to move 'at the speed of trust' and good leadership began in March, 2026.

Evangelism for Introverts (isn't that a fun title) – this training took place on June 13th. As you may imagine, we are still processing these fresh guiding directions: observing the dynamics of our '3 mile circumference neighborhood' (demographics, characteristics, etc.)—noticing who lives in close proximity, what resources are needed and exchanged around us, and rethinking the ways we might connect and mutually serve...because people are looking for meaning and looking for community – including all of the challenges for our neighbors in finding purpose, discovering faith and joy, finding friends, seeking new direction and healing, etc.

Neighbors Together: Partnering for Innovation – this online workshop will take place in October. And I wonder if many of you are curious about this title. As you know, our work is already underway for applying a multitude of activity for connecting with our neighbors and wider community. I am looking forward to this topic with our congregation, to purposefully get involved deeper and deeper in our neighborhood of influence in this changing world. More on this later.

THEN; "HERE IS THE GIFT"

I am always amazed at the timeliness of things. While our Outreach Board is building upon both newly developed and forthcoming, creative ideas for being outward with our mission – like the Community Concerts – and as our council president, Rusty Mizelle shares "*how can we help our congregation go 'all in' with outreach?*", out of the blue arrives this offer of musical excellence for our weekly praise and for the ways of kindred connection in our neighbor's love of music.

Of course, our council first responded to this offer with inquiry into the ongoing care of this gift (including insurance and maintenance). Then we voted assuredly that we would love to become the new home of this abundant gift. "*Thanks be to God*" for this incredibly generous surprise, and for this fruitful addition to our mission. This piano is set to arrive by Sunday, July 26. *The Givers* wish to remain anonymous. And God's Spirit again and again is astounding us with abundant life pouring into this world. (more info to come)

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July 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Sprouts 5 pm	2 Church Rental 6:00pm AA 6:30pm	3	4 4th of July 
5 Pentecost 2 Bible Class 9am Worship 10am Worship Board meets after worship Church Rental 1-4	6 Prayer Group 5:30 pm	7 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am Church Rental 5:30 pm AA 6:30pm	8 Sprouts 5 pm	9 Church Rental 6:00pm AA 6:30pm	10	11
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19 Pentecost 4 Bible Class 9am Worship 10am Church Rental 1-4	20 Prayer Group 5:30 pm Outreach Board 6:22pm	21 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10am AA 6:30pm	22 Sprouts 5 pm	23 Church Rental 6:00pm AA 6:30pm	24	25
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Grand Teton Music Festival - On the Road

GTMF On the Road returns to Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church for an afternoon of music performed by Festival musicians.

Saturday, August 1 at 1:00 pm

Free and open to the public
Featuring



Stephanie Key on the clarinet, Connor Chaikowsky playing the violin, Ling Ling Huan also on the violin, Grace An on the cello, and Yvonne Chen on the piano

This concert will feature Fairy Tale Flights: The stunning acoustics and view set the stage for a world premiere by GTMF's own Jose Gonzalez Granero and a musical retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's The Nightingale by this season's featured composer, Kevin Lau.

On the Road brings live classical music to audiences in Teton County and surrounding communities through free concerts performed by Festival Orchestra musicians and hosted by our community partners.

A Gift From Heaven

Our blessed church will soon be receiving another generous gift from an anonymous donor. On or around July 22nd we will be receiving the gift of a 2010 Mason & Hamlin, model BB, semi-concert grand piano. This piano will allow us to offer a new level of music, not only for us but also to pianists within our community for our Outreach Music Concerts.

Thanks be to God for this beautiful and thoughtful gift and our generous donor!



More Music Concerts Coming This Fall



Join us on **Sunday, August 30th** for another spectacular Music Concert featuring classical pianist Xinlu Huang. Xinlu will be playing pieces by various composers such as Beethoven on our soon to be newly donated concert piano. Xinlu Huang is a classical pianist and an avid chamber musician, performing in diverse venues ranging from private gatherings to the Bing Concert Hall at Stanford University. She has performed with members of the St Lawrence String Quartet and appeared in masterclasses with Leon Fleisher and Richard Goode. She holds Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in piano performance from the Peabody Conservatory. In a parallel universe, she also holds a PhD in theoretical particle physics from Stanford University, and these days, you can find her teaching skiing at the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort.



On **Sunday, September 27th** we will sponsor another piano concert featuring Will Perkins. Will will have us tapping our toes and dancing in the isles to his amazing assortment of Jazz piano music. Will Perkins, RPT, is East Idaho's leading piano expert and a graduate of the prestigious North Bennet Street School in Boston. While completing the school's renowned two-year piano technology program, he served as a technician for the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Tanglewood, apprenticing with professionals from Juilliard, the Royal Conservatory, the Peabody Conservatory, and Steinway & Sons. After completing his training, Will returned to Idaho Falls, where he now provides expert piano tuning, voicing, and re-pair throughout East Idaho and Jackson Hole, Wyoming. In 2019, he was personally chosen by Roger Baker, RPT, to continue his legacy upon retirement—a testament to Will's skill, professionalism, and commitment to excellence.

Free-will donations from these performances will go toward future concerts and Outreach Ministries

Yard Sale Recap



Above: The quilt ladies sorting in the narthex, Pastor Tim looks on while Chris Moulder contemplates bringing the drafting table back to his office, Devon squeezing lemons for lemonade, Rusty Mizelle & Chris Moulder work on solving the world’s problems, Bailey Morley, our volunteer extraordinaire, Claire & Devon at their lemonade stand, Steffan Freeman showing off a fun & furry vest, Vivian Moulder looking like a fashionista for the sale, Claire having fun trying on some of the donations while mom sorts.

Another successful Yard Sale is in the books! The donations from our church members and the community, once again, surpassed expectations. It was hard to believe that we were able to accept the number of donations we did, have it sorted out and then brought outside for Saturday morning, all within a week. A HUGE thank you to Bailey for her endless energy sorting every day during the week, to Claire and Devon for your yummy lemonade stand, to John Parisee for cooking our Meet & Eat and Yard Sale food, to our Quilt Group for helping sort clothing, to Jolene Moulder & Nancy Parisee for organizing the event, to Nikki Thompson for heading up the cashier booth, to all those who donated items for the sale, to everyone else who helped each day to sort and organize items, to those who worked the day of the sale, to those who brought donations to recycling and to those who have generously to help make our sale a huge success through your generous donations – you all rock!!

To date we have raised **\$4,551.86** – Thank you all for a job well done!



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 of our hard working volunteers who helped with our Yard Sale.
- To everyone who donated their treasures for the Yard Sale.
- To all who bought items at the sale.
- To all who gave to the Tanzania Solar Panel Project.
- To Jolene Moulder and those who worked the Blood Drive.
- To all our volunteers who bring the yummy food for fellowship each Sunday.
- To God and our generous donor for the gift of our soon-to-be concert grand piano for our church.

Prayers & Thanksgivings



- Prayers for Marylou Klene, health and healing.
- Prayers for Andrew Clarke, our former piano player, hospitalized.
- Prayers for Alois DeVos for health and healing.
- Prayers for Robyn Lunsford as she continues on her health journey.
- 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



July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthday

Bob Krause on July 2nd

Margie Aeckerle on July 18th

Lola Mizelle on July 19th

Anniversary

Rose and Dale Jeske on July 12th

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

So Much To Be Grateful For!

Youth at Shepherd

Right: A Youth Group from a Lutheran Church in Minnesota performed a concert for the community at Shepherd on June 12th.

Right Below: Another Youth Group from First Presbyterian in Houston, Texas stayed overnight on June 24th. The group's flight got changed and they had nowhere to stay for their last night; they were here for a week camping in the mountains. Go to our Facebook page for two empowering videos of the youth worshipping before they left for the airport.



Above: An epic battle of good vs. evil. Jim Wells & Leland Brendsel arm wrestle during fellowship for the last brownie .

Yard Sale Meet & Eat

Many hands made light work at our Meet & Eat potluck dinner on June 19th. Members of the church came out to help set up for the Yard Sale in our church parking lot, and then afterwards, enjoy a delicious BBQ meal while enjoying some fun fellowship. Thank you all for your yummy food!



Council Meeting Highlights (from June 14, 2026)



1) Overview of the training event: Evangelism for Introverts (we've renamed: Outreach for Introverts). Our Council will continue this conversation – it includes research of nearby demographics, etc.

2) Offer of Piano – discussed many details of the generous gift from an anonymous giver. Will continue with decision making after some responsibilities and care costs are further identified. PS: our council voted the 4th week of June – to accept and share the joy of this gift (see pastor's letter, page 1)

3) Discussions of next steps for our congregation in 'Mission Work and Outreach', plus upcoming Funding Forward meeting – about new development for leveraging our assets of land and building for growth

July Meet & Eat



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

Join us at Shepherd of the Mountains Church for a

Taco Time Potluck Supper

Friday, July 17th at 5:30

Bring a side dish, salad, or a dessert to share if you can

Come and enjoy a delicious meal

Old Bills



This year, we will once again participate on the event day by hosting a booth at the fun run on September 12th. Many volunteers will be needed, including you!

Old Bills giving begins on August 14th and runs through September 18th. 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.

2026 Church Directory



The office has launched a new church directory for 2026. Hard copies are now available in the narthex. PDF versions will be available, for those who want their directory online.

Solar Panel Project Update

Our Synod has received our donations of **\$1750.00** toward their Solar Electric Cooking System for our companion synod in Tanzania, Ulanga Kilombero Diocese, and related Tumaini Seminary. We will continue to collect money for school tuitions and the cooking system throughout the year. When donating please make a note on your donation as to where you would like the donation to be applied.



Thank You for Your Donations!

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



June 2026

June 7	32	\$3,150.00
June 14	30	\$4,015.00
June 21	29	\$1,110.00
June 28	37	\$4,275.00

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.

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

	July 5 Pentecost 6	July 12 Pentecost 7	July 19 Pentecost 8	July 26 Pentecost 9
Musician	Nancy Wilbrecht	Ozzy Ucak	Beverly Charette	Xinlu Huang
Assistant Minister	Beverly Charette	Jolene Moulder	Rusty Mizelle	Brook Redwine
Reader	Jim Wells	John Parisee	Tim Cline	Robyn Lunsford
Greeter/Ushers	Tim Cline	Brook Redwine	Robyn Lunsford	Karen Schroeder & Edda Grove
Head Offering Counter	Pam Zernis	Jolene Moulder	Brook Redwine	Sherry Kinsella
Altar Guild	Sherry Kinsella	Brook Redwine	Robyn Lunsford	Pam Zernis
Coffee Maker	Lorrie Lee	John Parisee	Pastor Tim	Brook Redwine