



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

June 2024

THE MAKING OF DISCIPLES

"I really enjoy seeing what we are capable of?" (what someone said about our event on Monday)

Last Monday we invited young families to an *Art and Creativity Event* at our church – the painting of small clay pots by both little hands and parent's hands, then filling them with sweet looking flowers; decorating cookies (baked ahead of time by thoughtful helpers) with flashy frosting and sprinkles (cookies and custom-made cards with children's handprints were delivered to places that serve in our community); playing outside games and sidewalk chalk pictures; eating and conversation together with pizza and lots of healthy veggies and fruits; many stories with all who were gathered.



The outcome? that many wonder about: *"so, how many showed up?"* That's usually the first question – and I get it; we hope it is successful; we want to see good use of our time and energy and money and spirit. OK – almost half as many as the first experiment in March. *"Probably too nice outside,"* some suggest. *"The first one in March and Holy Week and Spring Break was such an explosive gathering because it was cold outside,"* said others (that event included egg painting). *"Memorial Day is traditionally with outdoor activity as families and friends, especially as a 'day off' for many; it was a beautiful sunny day to boot,"* are the sentiment of many.

And here's where I also want you to hear, because the most exciting piece for me (when I was able to observe the goings on) is: **what we are capable of.** (I know, "Don't end a sentence with a preposition")

You see, this is some of the most challenging and fruitful stuff of discipleship these days. We are called to be innovators...who are trying, who are experimenting...in order that we keep learning—we learn what works well, what doesn't work, how to improve, how to become good at what we do, etc. [another way to say it is: don't try anything = don't learn anything; a helpful mode of thinking in these days, in which many traditional things are not as dependable as they used to be, is be curious and creative]

We are so capable! Not only bringing together children and families of all ages (that we have never met before) and being a community of fun, creativity, friendship, with lots of potential relationships, on top of that: **WE WERE AN AMAZING MACHINE OF GOODNESS WORKING TOGETHER.** This is what I want you to know.

That's what I saw (from my viewpoint): a well-tuned, sufficiently organized (and spontaneous) group of leaders and helpers (backed up by many who provided resources) who were caring for our guests and **having a great time working together.**

With God's Spirit to guide, it is astounding...what we are capable of!

Pastor Tim

PS: The young family event in March drew approximately 70 people – great timing; and we were overwhelmed. On Monday's event we were quite prepared, and the attendance was 30. And this is an incredible example of the 'body of Christ' reaching out to our neighbors in love. PSS; *Let's continue to see what we are capable of.*



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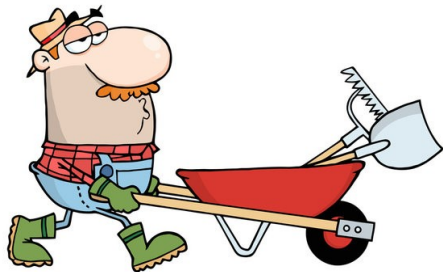
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June 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  Spring Cleanup 9-noon
2 Pentecost 2 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	3	4 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10:30 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm AA 6:30pm	5	6	7	8
9 Pentecost 3 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Council Meets	10	11 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10:30 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm AA 6:30pm	12	13	14	15
16 Father's Day Pentecost 4  Baptism of Bryan Brydges Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	17	18 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10:30 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm AA 6:30pm	19 Blood Drive  11:30 am Worship in the Park w/ New Day Lutheran, Idaho Falls 6 pm	20 Blood Drive  7:30 am	21 Taco "Meet & Eat" Potluck Dinner at 5:30 pm 	22
23 Pentecost 5 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	24	25 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10:30 am Prayer Group 5:30 pm AA 6:30pm	26	27	28	29 Church Yard Sale 9am-1pm 
30 Pentecost 6 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Congregational Conversations 						

Yard Cleanup



Your help is needed

At Our Yard Cleanup

Saturday, June 1st

From 9 am until noon

**Bring your gardening gloves, rakes, lopping sheers
Come one come all. Many hands make light work!
Stay for a light lunch after the cleanup**

June Meet & Eat

Our June Meet & Eat will be

“Taco Time”

Friday, June 21st

5:30 pm

**Bring your favorite taco toppings
A signup sheet is posted in the narthex**



Yard Sale



Yard Sale

Saturday, June 29th

from 9 am - 1 pm

Your gently used donations are needed!

We are now accepting donations of Clothing, Housewares, Sporting Goods, Holiday Items, Tools, Lawn Equipment, Electronics (in working order only), Smaller Furniture, or anything else you would want to donate.

Please - No old TVs, mattresses, large furniture such as hutches or entertainment centers, stained or ripped clothing.

You may leave your donations in the conference room.

You name the price. All donations are accepted!

Congregational Conversations on June 30th

Our Church’s Council announces a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 30th after worship. The agenda is to share information about faithful use of our assets (including land, parsonage, and buildings) as resources for funding our church long into the future. *“Outside of weekly offerings, how might we financially support our church's mission?”* Please plan on attending this hour together for hearing about creative possibilities, sharing ideas, and dialogue. There will not be any final voting at this meeting. Our council wants everyone to be informed and share some initial feedback.



New Prayer Group



Beginning on June 4th, a new Prayer Group will be meeting on Tuesdays from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm. Deepening our prayer life; learning mediation; centering in Christ; Pastor Tim has been trained in Spiritual Direction and would like to help people grow in prayer practices.

Tanzania Flood Relief



The Northwest Intermountain Synod is working to raise \$34,000 to assist our Companion Synod, the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese in Tanzania, as they recover from a severe flood that affected much of East Africa.

Successive heavy rainstorms between March and early May 2024 led to “loss of lives, livelihoods, massive displacements, evacuations and destroyed homes, roads, school buildings, power outages, and outbreaks of disease.” (Report from Bishop Renard Mtenji) Crops are destroyed by floods, following two years of crop failures due to drought. The \$34,000 is based on a budget proposed by the UKD.

Congregations are asked to consider a special offering on June 9, earmarked “UKD Flood Relief”. Individual donations can be made through our congregation or on the [Synod website "Donate" button](#). Congregations may forward the designated funds for flood relief along with their regular mission support.

What these funds will do: the region faces many challenges in fixing severe damage. This proposal focuses on several goals. Funds will help pastors replant crops next growing season. Funds will help schools retain students whose parents have no resources including food. Funds will also help the Lugala Lutheran Hospital resupply, fix inaccessible roads accessing the hospital, and provide water treatment for nearby communities .

More information is on our website at [Tanzania Companion Synod UKD](#) .

Worship in the Park in Idaho Falls



New Day Lutheran Church in Idaho Falls invites the people of Shepherd of the Mountains to an evening in the park led by Luther Heights Bible Camp Staff on Wednesday, June 19th, 6:00pm at Liberty Park (next to New Day). We will enjoy great friendship and lively worship with several other sister congregations. And if you aren't already aware of Luther Heights,

and the many opportunities they offer, they'll take a moment to share about their mission to be one with God and creation in the Sawtooth Mountains.

Bring lawn chairs for the outdoor service. If there is inclement weather, we will move into the church. Refreshments will follow. Register at the sign up table if you are interested in attending.

June Blood Drive



This month our Blood Drive will take place on

June 19th & 20th

Blood donors are always needed. If you don't have an appointment for the next blood drive and want to donate please go the the Vitalant website at <https://www.vitalant.org> to make an appointment.

Your donation can make a difference. Donating blood saves lives!

Blood Drive Dates for 2024

- June 19 & 20 at SMLC
- August 14 & 15 at SMLC
- October 16 & 17 at SMLC
- December 18 & 19 location TBD

Your donation matters!

Thank You

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



- To Robyn Lunsford for the beautiful flowers at our front door.
- To all who helped with our children’s community event on Memorial Day.
- To the ladies who participated in the Quilt Group Bible Study.
- To those who helped with “Love Where You Live”.
- To Chris and Jolene Moulder for hosting our May “Meet & Eat”.
- To Pastor Tim for hosting the Women’s Bible Study during the month of May.

Prayers & Thanksgivings

- Thanksgivings for Bryan Brydges’ baptism on June 16th
- Prayers for Ileana Centeno, friend of Brooke Redwine
- Prayers for Pastor Jon Beake, health.
- Prayers for Thatcher Skolout, friend of Jolene Moulder, who was hospitalized for a traumatic brain injury from an accident.
- Prayers for the Middle East, Ukraine & Haiti



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 (WWTSS).

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



June Birthdays

- Karen Priebe on June 1st
- Patty Krause on June 7th
- Rick Thompson on June 26th

June Anniversary

- Chris & Jolene Moulder on June 20th



Women's Bible Study

Pastor Tim entertains the Bible Study group meeting on Tuesdays in May.

Left: Brook Redwine, Caroline Daily, Margie Aeckerle, Janelle Weber, Nancy Wilbrecht, Pam Zernis & Pastor Tim.



Children's Moment

Right: Pastor Tim shows Devon and Claire how to sprout seeds so they grow into plants during worship on May 5th.



Pentecost Sunday

Left: On Pentecost Sunday Pastor Tim, along with Jolene Moulder, Bailey, Devon & Claire Morley, show us their version of fire during the worship service.

May Church Council Meeting

Highlight of discussions and planning - keeping our congregation informed.

Highlights of Council on May 12th

- 1) Updates on renewing our mission – especially efforts of ‘going public’
- 2) Children and Young Family Event, May 27 – update on preparation; future possibilities
- 3) Love where you live (study group) – review of our findings, recommending future plans for incorporating into congregation
- 4) Funding Forward – report from Regional Synod Gathering – This is an excellent, timely resource for our congregation, especially for the Congregation Meeting on Sunday, June 30th
- 5) Internal Audit – Pam Zernis will conduct
- 6) Planning for June 30th meeting – announcements in bulletin and newsletter; task force of Chris, Rusty, and Pastor Tim



Help Us Spread the Word About Our Rental Space

Commercial Space For Rent

at Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church
750 Seneca Lane, Jackson, WY

Two large rooms, one small conference room, & beautiful grounds with a view are available

Perfect for meetings, clubs, worship services, community events, choir/musical practices, or whatever your needs are

Please email office@sotmlc.org for more information
Affordable pricing & special pricing for non-profits



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

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Your financial support is important to us!

Church Office Hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

May 2024

attendance & offering

May 5	27	\$ 1,709.00
May 12	29	\$ 2,429.11
May 17 - Meet & Eat	9	N/A
May 19	25	\$ 1,415.00
May 26	29	\$ 3,270.00

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

	June 2 Pentecost 2	June 9 Pentecost 3	June 16 Pentecost 4	June 23 Pentecost 5	June 30 Pentecost 6
Preacher	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Rev. Ben Nardi	Pastor Tim Stadem
Assistant Minister	Jolene Moulder	Rusty Mizelle	Brook Redwine	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Reader	HELP NEEDED	Mizelle	Brook Redwine	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Greeter/Ushers	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Head Counter	Sherry Kinsella	Brook Redwine	Jolene Moulder	Pam Zernis	Lorrie Lee
Altar Minister	Pam Zernis	Brook Redwine	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Coffee Hour	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED