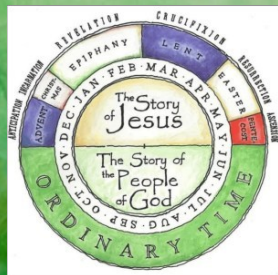


Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

Worship With Us
Sundays at 10 am



Ordinary Time

The Season after Pentecost

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

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

June 2026

During this morning's Bible Study the topic of 'our calling' arose. We were in conversation with the reading in Matthew – the tax collector's call to follow. Next arises this clarity Jesus brings to our calling (with these instructions):

“Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice?’ ” Matthew 9:13

I haven't heard any sure outcomes, so I merely wonder: how often do folks think of religion as primarily **'sacrificial'**. *“After all,”* one may say, *“I could be at the lake instead”* (or hiking, skiing, biking, golfing, home, you name it.) And I wonder: do people think of their efforts with church community as their sacrifice for the sake of the good that is taking place? I even wonder if it could be a normal way of thinking.

Lord knows, a pastor may get that idea in their head sometimes...if they feel overworked—*“I sure sacrifice a lot.”* But, Lord knows, personally I am largely thankful for all of the incredible ways that the people of Shepherd of the Mountains are sacrificially giving their resources of time (especially time) and leadership and treasure and 'heart and soul', so on. Beyond all this, Jesus guides us into another realm of relationship: **with God's mercy**—taking our faith into even deeper and wider places, where we try to BE people of mercy.

When we consider our call to be partners of a nurturing and outreaching community – to take our place in the 'body of Christ' in fellowship and mission – this invitation to a deeper relationship with **mercy** opens refreshing ways to live. In this light, not only are we generous with time, talent, and treasure, we are aligning our hearts to God's core to *“desire mercy and not sacrifice.”* Even more, we practice sharing mercy with another who may not even be aware of the grace of God. Actually, I assume it's prevalent—people assuming God is something other than merciful, including angry. I'm suggesting this: if religious people have a difficult time remembering God's mercy—and default to their side of the relationship as 'sacrifice'—image how non-religious neighbors think of God...as mostly wanting a relationship of sacrifice. Yes, I think grace and mercy get left out of the picture too often. Here is our challenge, on top of 'isolationism'.

Statistics from recent Harvard research point to an isolation crisis among Gen Z. Only 17% of young Americans under 30 report being "deeply connected" to a community, and nearly 1 in 5 feel they don't have a strong sense of community anywhere. Among older adults, the data isn't much better. The American Psychological Association reveals a growing epidemic of disconnection. Notably, 33% of Americans report not relying on people in their community. Furthermore, 54% of adults feel isolated, and 50% report a lack of companionship. Let's repond.

Soon our council leaders are bringing a fresh resource: ***Reaching Out...for Introverts***—to be shared with all of us. And while this title sounds like a good fit for us (and most Lutherans), the invitation from Jesus to learn what it means to receive God's mercy, and to share this mercy with our neighbors, reshapes everything. Could all our future outwardness be grounded in 'being merciful'? – which literally means: lovingkindness, compassion (especially with the vulnerable), and sharing the heart of God. I do wonder if Jesus' idea is the perfect way of being in this world.

Grace to you (and grace to our neighbor), Pastor Tim



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June 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Prayer Group 5:30 pm	2 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm	3	4 Church Rental 6:00pm AA 6:30pm	5	6
7 Pentecost 2 Bible Class 9am Worship 10am Worship Board after worship Church Rental 1-4	8 Prayer Group 5:30 pm	9 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm	10 Blood Drive 11:30am 	11 Blood Drive 7:30am Church Rental 6:00pm AA 6:30pm 	12	13 AA 3:00 - 6:00
14 Pentecost 3 Bible Class 9am Worship 10am Council Meets after worship Church Rental 1-4	15 Prayer Group 5:30 pm Outreach Board 6:22pm	16 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom Quilt 10am Women's Potluck Lunch & Bible Study 11:30am  AA 6:30pm	17 Sprouts 5 pm	18 Church Rental 6:00pm AA 6:30pm	19 Meet & Eat Yard Sale Set Up 5:30 pm 	20 Church Yard Sale 9 - 1 
21 Pentecost 4 Father's Day Bible Class 9am Worship 10am New Member Class 11:15 am Church Rental 1-4 	22 Prayer Group 5:30 pm	23 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10am AA 6:30pm	24 Youth Group - Church Rental 5 pm Sprouts 5 pm	25 Youth Group - Church Rental, out by early morning Church Rental 6:00pm AA 6:30pm	26	27 Church Rental 9-1 pm
28 Pentecost 5 Bible Class 9am Worship 10am Church Rental 1-4	29 Prayer Group 5:30 pm	30 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10am AA 6:30pm				

Yard Sale Donations Needed



Community Yard Sale

Coming on
Saturday, June 20th
 From 9 am - 1 pm

Your gently used donations are needed!

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

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

**We are now accepting donations at the church.
 Please hold on to your larger donations until after the Blood Drive is over.**

Yard Sale Donations & Sorting

Help is needed to get ready for our Yard Sale. We will begin collecting donations at the church on Friday, June 6th. Donations are to be put in the back of the conference room. Please sort the clothing into the appropriate boxes.

After the Blood Drive on June 11th, we will begin setting up tables in the narthex and putting the donations in the appropriate places, your help is needed! Please swing by any time after 1 pm or any day that the church is open to help sort the donated items.

Help will also be needed the day before, the morning of, the day of, and after the sale. Come by when you can. A signup sheet is in the narthex.

Please help us spread the word about donations.



June Meet & Eat



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

Join us at Shepherd of the Mountains Church for an
Yard Sale Setup & BBQ Supper

Potluck Supper

Friday, June 19th at 5:30

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

Come and enjoy a delicious meal while we set up for the Yard Sale

New Member Class



Become a Church Member! - Inquirers Welcome on Sunday, June 21, after worship 11:15 to 12:15. Grab a coffee and snack and meet in the sanctuary.

For all who are interested in a deeper dive into the identity of our congregation, our mission, our history, and possibly becoming a larger part of participation and/or leadership. For any questions contact Pastor Tim at 970-219-2277

Youth Performance

Youth Concert, Friday, June 12th at 6:30 pm

Join us on Friday, June 12th for a concert by “New Wine”, a youth (grades 9-12) drama/musical ministry of Zion Lutheran Church in Cloquet, Minnesota.

This performance will include a joyous and inspirational musical about parents, children and faith, not to mention centuries of unresolved family business!

The group promotes Christian fellowship, friendship, and understanding among the students, who come from varied religious backgrounds and traditions.



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.

Helping Our Tanzanian Friends

Our companion synod in Tanzania, Ulanga Kilombero Diocese, and related Tumaini Seminary has used an outdoor wood and charcoal-fired kitchen for several decades. This system produces unhealthy CO2 emissions which can have detrimental health effects for all the students, teachers and administrators at the school.

NWIM Synod Council has authorized the Companion Synod Team to raise funds towards the purchase of a **Solar Electric Cooking System (SECS)** to replace the hazardous combustion system. In addition to producing on-site electricity for stove-top and oven cooking, the SECS would power a water pumping system and water purification system.

The Cost of the SECS is approximately \$75,000, In addition to your prayers, any donation you and your congregation could provide for this project in 2026 would bring them closer to realizing their dream of having a clean, zero-emission, solar-powered kitchen.

Your donations can help them get a new Solar Electric Cooking System



sponsored by the Outreach Board
Please earmark your donations to
“SECS Project”

To date, we have received \$1,550.00 toward helping our Tanzanian sisters & brothers

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 the dedicated volunteers who came out to help clean up our church grounds at the Spring Cleanup.
- To Chris and Jolene Moulder for hosting our Meet & Eat Movie Night at their house.
- To Pastor Tim and Beverly Charette for their wonderful guitar playing and beautiful singing during our Day of Pentecost service.
- To our amazing volunteers who spoke in different languages during our Day of Pentecost service.
- To Pastor Tim for taking the time teach us during the Narrative HC service.

Prayers & Thanksgivings



- Prayers for Alois DeVos for health and healing.
- Prayers for Robyn Lunsford as she continues on her health journey.
- Prayers for Doug McAvay, brother-in-law to John Parisee, healing from cancer.
- 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

June Birthdays & Anniversaries



BirthDay

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

Anniversary

- Terri & Joann Di Mattio on June 16th
- Chris & Jolene Moulder on June 20th

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

So Much To Be Grateful For!

Spring Cleanup

Many hands made light work for our Spring Cleanup on May 9th.

Below: John Parisee, Pastor Tim, and Rusty Mizelle work on getting the tractor going after winter.



Right: Jolene Moulder & Brook Redwine show off their trimming skills.



Below: Steffan Freeman tackles cutting the grass.



Right: Pastor Tim wrestles putting the trimmings in the lawn bags.



Left: Tim Cline is the master of the weed trimming!

Teton County Fair Ribbon Gala

Below: Nancy Ninnemann, Margie Aeckerle, Edda Grove, and Brook Redwine have been working on their ribbon entry for the Teton County Fair.

Meet & Eat Movie Night

“Second Hand Lions” did not disappoint for our Movie Night at Chris and Jolene’s house.



The Moulders went out of their way to help make our Meet & Eat Movie Night a ton of fun. The popcorn and finger food were enjoyed by all!



Margie Invades Canada!

Below: Margie Aeckerle and her friend spent some time in May driving up the coast of Maine and into Quebec City. The girls had a great time on their adventure!



Council Meeting Highlights (from May 10 meeting)



- 1) The NWIM Synod Assembly highlights were shared -- by Brook Redwine and Pastor Tim
- 2) In addition, the two assembly votes on Earth Care and Christian Nationalism were discussed; encouragements for congregations is included in these resolutions; our council will have further discussion as needed.
- 3) 'Our Thriving Congregation' initiative next steps is a training June 13: 'Reaching Out for Introverts'; council will discuss application of this training at next mtg

Women's Bible Study

The June Women's Bible Study will take place on

Tuesday, June 16th from 11:30 to 12:15

The women will focus on God's Name, God's Promise - Book of Exodus and John's Gospel.



Old Bills



Old Bills giving time will soon be here! We will be registering for 2026 on May 1st and then will be ready to GO.

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.

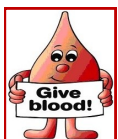
News From Council



Coming this Summer: 'Our Thriving Congregation' initiative is led by our congregational council. The next step is a training on June 13th named: 'Reaching Out for Introverts'.

It doesn't include knocking on doors, talking to strangers or holding up "John 3:16" signs. Instead, as we ground actions in our mission statement and guiding principles, we discover more about the people who live and work near our church building and begin to see possibilities for partnerships. Future Training: *Neighbors Together--Partners for Innovation*

June Blood Drive



This month our Blood Drive will take place on

June 10th & 11th

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

Blood Drive Dates for 2026

June 10 & 11 at SMLC
August 12 & 13 at SMLC
October 14 & 15 at SMLC
December 9 & 10 at Comm. Bible Church

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



May 2026

May 3	31	\$2,705.00
May 10	34	\$3,886.39
May 17	25	\$3,463.00
May 24	34	\$1,010.00
May 31	33	\$3,369.00

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!

	June 7 Pentecost 2	June 14 Pentecost 3	June 21 Pentecost 4	June 28 Pentecost 5
Musician	Beverly Charette	Ozzy Ucak	TBD	TBD
Assistant Minister	Nancy Parisee	Rusty Mizelle	Brook Redwine	Jolene Moulder
Reader	Jolene Moulder	Christina Mizelle	David Svendsen	Chris Moulder
Greeter/Ushers	Nikki Thompson	Robyn Lunsford	Karen Schroeder & Edda Grove	Brook Redwine
Head Offering Counter	Pam Zernis	Sherry Kinsella	Jolene Moulder	Brook Redwine
Altar Guild	Brook Redwine	Robyn Lunsford	Rose Jeske	Pam Zernis
Coffee Maker	Lorrie Lee	John Parisee	Brook Redwine	Jolene Moulder