

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
March 2024



OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES: *We are rooted in Christ. We know all people are of great value. We serve our neighbors in all their needs. We nurture faith among all the generations.*

Our Lenten season is something of an echo of the 40 days of Jesus going into the wild. Early in his public ministry he entered the dangerous, threatening and deceptive desert. At that place he is the embodiment of the Good News – “this is my Beloved” – on ‘the way of the cross.’ In this journey of Jesus and us, temptations and affirmations are the hallmarks of what it means to be ‘wrestling in the wilderness.’



Have you seen? In the rooms of our church are newly created Centerpieces – on each fellowship table and near our communion table – they portray the images of ‘bringing the wilderness in’ (Thanks to the artistry of Pam). In these images and our language we disclose how the wild-ness of our experiences in this world are the very location we might take seriously our call to follow. Ultimately, therein is an invitation to pay deeper attention to our present scandals and the divine claim on us there – *You are mine; I am with you to make all things new.*

So I wonder about your personal wilderness...and also our wilderness as a community of faith. We are invited to become more attentive. Where are you threatened and deceived, child of God? And where do we struggle to be a faithful congregation? What are we learning from God through the various dangers and ditches? And what are the new shapes of our trust in God’s guidance...where faith and life is ‘born even in barrenness’, nurtured, challenged, and resurrected by the unwavering love and mercy in Jesus?

We are experiencing exciting developments at Shepherd of the Mountains:

Love Where You Live – on Monday evenings (see page 4)

Please come when you can; We are at the beginning stages;

An intentional effort of letting God get through to us;

Not merely intellectual work, but hearing God in the shaping of our hearts;

The invitation of Jesus is to pay attention to our quiet inner work too;

To love our neighbor as ourselves – akin with loving God with heart, strength, soul, mind

Lenten Meals – what are an incredibly gracious event for our faith community;

AND FOR THE WIDER COMMUNITY – great soups and fixins provided; 5:30 to 7:00pm

Our challenge is TO INVITE and ACCOMPANY our neighbors;

Where conversations flow freely; a poem and brief discussion is added;

We are paying attention to ‘the wild’ in our daily lives.

Our Guiding Principles (above) are channeling our community toward mission, though the wild is constant with danger and lies and doubling down. Christ promises to reshape us by giving us what we need to be the children of God. In all our wilderness experiences...is the presence of God.

Your Partner in Mission,
Pastor Tim



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March 2024 Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Lent 3 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim | 4 Love Where You Live 5:30 pm | 5 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom AA 6:30pm | 6 Lenten Service & Soup Supper at 5:30 pm | 7 | 8 | 9 Daylight Savings Turn clocks ahead tonight |
| 10 Lent 4 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Council Meets | 11 Church Rental 8-5:30 pm Love Where You Live 5:30 pm | 12 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30 am AA 6:30pm | 13 Lenten Service & Soup Supper at 5:30 pm | 14 | 15 Potluck St. Patrick's Day "hors d'oeuvres" at 5:30 pm | 16 |
| 17 Lent 5 St. Patrick's Day Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim | 18 Love Where You Live 5:30 pm | 19 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt Group 10:30 am AA 6:30pm | 20 Lenten Service & Soup Supper at 5:30 pm | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Palm Sunday Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim | 25 | 26 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Easter Egg Decorating 10:30 am AA 6:30pm | 27 | 28 Maundy Thursday Service at 6 pm | 29 Good Friday Service at Presbyterian Church JH at 6 pm | 30 |
| 31 Easter Sunday Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Easter Potluck Brunch after church | | | | | | |

Holy Week

Holy Week - Easter

Palm Sunday

March 24th at 10 am

Mauudy Thursday

March 28th at 6 pm

Good Friday

March 29th at 6 pm
at the Presbyterian Church of JH

A combined service for
both churches
at 1251 S. Park Loop Road,
Jackson, WY

Easter Sunday

Service

March 31st at 10 am

You are invited for a potluck Easter
Brunch after the 10 am service

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Lenten Services with Soup Supper



“Friends around the Table”

During Lent we gather around tables for friendship, faith, and a meal

February 21st - March 20th

Taking place each Wednesday during Lent beginning at 5:30 pm
At our supper on March 20th we will be singing *Holden Evening Prayer*

- 5:30 pm begins with a meal together of fantastic soups and the extras.
- 6:15 pm is an informal time of brief conversation, prayer, song, and faith.

Our Lenten Theme: *God Meeting Us in Our Wilderness*

We will be back on the road by 7:00 pm.
Please see the ‘sign up’ sheet to help with the meal and hosting.



Love Where You Live

Love Where You Live is a centerpiece of our renewal at SMLC is 'Heart Work' letting God help us to love people.

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE is a series of gatherings...from the Practical - 'How to actually connect with our neighbors?' to the Spiritual - 'How to deepen my prayers and relationship with God?'

Please plan to come to our gatherings on **Mondays at 5:30pm.** Bring a brown bag meal if you wish. There will be 'heart & home-work' to take with you. ALL are invited—so we are also inviting people in the community and anyone willing to learn how to 'love where they live.'

sponsored by the **Outreach Board of SMLC.**



March Meet & Eat

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**St. Patrick's Day
Hors d'oeuvre Night
Friday, March 15th
5:30 pm**

**Bring your favorite finger food
& your neighbor
for a night of fun fellowship
Wear green!**



Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Coloring



**An Easter Egg Painting Community Event
Tuesday, March 26th at 10:30am**

There will be several stations of egg coloring and painting. Please spread the word to everyone you know. All ages and generations, including the public are invited.

A meal of pizza and healthy snacks will be provided
Helpers are needed - especially adoptive grandparents
Cookie decorating and baking will be included.

Get Ready for the Synod Regional Gathering

Get ready to learn, reconnect, and build new relationships at the **Synod Regional Gathering** taking place on **Saturday, May 4th**

at **Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, ID.**

The event will take place from 10 am until 4 pm. Please register at our sign-up table. Let's get a group to go together.



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 have donated to help replace some of our windows.
- To Carolyn Daily for keeping our quilt ladies sewing.
- To those who bring soup to our Lenten suppers.
- To those who serve on our church boards.
- To our Altar Ministers for their dedicated service.

Prayers & Thanksgivings

- Prayers for Chris Moulder, healing after surgery.
- Prayers for Margie Aeckerle, health
- Prayers for Steffan Freeman and his family, loss of his Aunt.
- Prayers for the family of Joseph Durfor
- Prayers for Alan Bergeron, pastor of The Jackson Hole Church of Christ, health.



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



March Birthdays

- Jolene Moulder - March 3rd
- Deb Johnson - March 9th
- Scott Schmillen - March 12th
- Colleen Thompson - March 22nd

Please call or email the church office and tell us when your special day is.



Nikki Thompson Is the Big 4-0!

On February 3rd, friends and family of Nikki Thompson gathered together at church to celebrate her 40th birthday. Our narthex was packed with purple people who came to be with Nikki on her special day.



Shrove Tuesday Fun



13 came out to enjoy Pastor Tim's Norwegian pancakes for our Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras luncheon.



Left: Pastor Tim serves the crowd in his Mardi Gras mask.

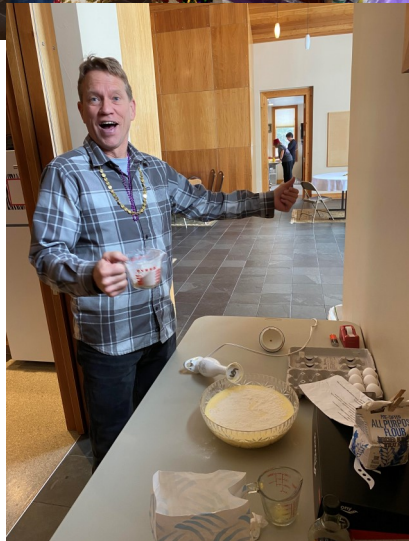
Right: Chris Moulder and Dick Klene take some time to catch up.



Bottom Left: Pastor Tim makes the pancake batter.

Bottom Middle: Steffan Freeman and Karen Schroeder enjoy the lunch.

Bottom Right: Pastor Tim along with Nancy Parisee & Jolene Moulder get ready to feed everyone.



February Church Council Meeting

Highlight of discussions and planning - keeping our congregation informed.

Council meeting highlights – Feb 11, 2024

- 1) Taking Action on our Guiding Principles – especially reaching out, for example: *Love Where You Live* program, starting on Feb 26th
- 2) Roles / Liaisons as Council Leaders with boards and ministries
- 3) Update with Jewish Community inquiry about our lot #63 – no new developments; Our congregation will need to have future conversations about ‘our larger plan about the lot, our parsonage, etc’ -- Long-Term Plans
- 4) Another Action Plan regarding marketing, networking, becoming known in Jackson, etc.



Guiding Principals

Guiding Principles - In our work together for ‘Renewing Our Congregation’...we lifted this process in our prayers, we listened to the scriptures, and we engaged in conversation – all of this together to search out ‘WHY?’ we are a church here and now.

At our annual meeting on January 28th, our language for our Guiding Principles was shared:

Our Guiding Principles

The core values that we seek to live into:

- We are rooted in Christ*
- We know all people are of great value*
- We serve our neighbors in all their needs*
- We nurture faith among all generations*



This means we grow out of the foundational message that God’s love in Christ is our source and seed, where Christ helps us to see that each person is “created in the image of God.” Our calling is to live into this promise that God’s grace has no boundaries so we strive to nurture life and faith among each generation and we strive to form a community of care for one another and for our neighbors.

Our Strategy is Community

Following the example of Jesus, our strategy is to practice authentic community that cultivates an inviting and welcoming people of faith.

NEXT STEPS: Putting more details to our strategy and actions. Our goal is to name specific actions that inform our whole congregation about primary directions we are called go.

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>

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



February 2024

attendance & offering

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| February 4 | 15 | \$ 2,365.00 |
| February 11 | 23 | \$ 955.21 |
| Shrove Tuesday Luncheon | 14 | N/A |
| February 14 - Ash Wednesday | 12 | \$ 0 |
| February 18 | 18 | \$ 740.32 |
| February 21 - Lent Midweek | 15 | \$ 0 |
| February 25 | 18 | \$1,520.00 |

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.

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

| | March 3 Lent 3 | March 10 Lent 4 | March 17 Lent 5 | March 24 Palm Sunday | March 28 Maundy Thursday | March 31 Easter Sunday |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Preacher | Pastor Tim Stadem | Pastor Tim Stadem | Pastor Tim Stadem | Pastor Tim Stadem | Pastor Tim Stadem | Pastor Tim Stadem |
| Assistant Minister | HELP NEEDED | Mizelle | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED |
| Reader | HELP NEEDED | Mizelle | HELP NEEDED | Terry Di Mattio | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED |
| Greeter/Ushers | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED |
| Counters | Lorrie Lee & Mary Lou Klene | Brook Redwine & Sherry Kinsella | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED |
| Altar Minister | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED |
| Coffee Hour | Brook Redwine | Lorrie Lee | HELP NEEDED | HELP NEEDED | N/A | HELP NEEDED |
| Pianist | | | Xinlu Husng | | | |