

# 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 2025

In this Lenten Season, you're invited into the theme: **Unbroken: A Living Faith**

When so many people identify themselves as Christian how can we spend some time thinking deeply about what we really believe? What is the what? What are the foundational beliefs and how are they living and moving with us as we change and grow? And how does our relationship with God guide us through our present day challenges, even scandals, into loving God and loving our neighbor?



Faith is passed down from generation to generation - it's an unbroken line of ancestry that connects us all the way back to Jesus. The powers of the world wanted to break Jesus and yet this faith that we rest on is strong enough that they couldn't do it. We are a part of this great tradition that will not and cannot be broken.

**SUNDAYS IN LENT** – exploring how we are, and always have been, 'both/and' people

- We value both *Wisdom* and *Innovation*.
- We are *Individuals with gifts and unique abilities* and *we are a part of a Community that is much larger than any one of us*.
- We are *Rooted* and *Growing*.
- We are Grounded in *Tradition* and *always Reforming*.

**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT** – come together in quiet and prayer

(Two of those evenings we worship; the others include a brief topic, then quiet & prayer)

- ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP** 6:00pm March 5<sup>th</sup>
- 'God Speaks to us Through Scripture & Spirit' 5:30 to 6:15pm March 12<sup>th</sup>
- 'God becomes human for us in Jesus Christ' 5:30 to 6:15pm March 19<sup>th</sup>
- 'God feels our pain and suffering' Potluck Meal – 5:30pm Worship – 6:15pm March 26<sup>th</sup>
- 'God compels creation toward mercy' 5:30 to 6:15pm
- 'God delights in our goodness and judges sin' 5:30 to 6:15pm

**HOLY WEEK 2025**

Maundy Thursday – April 17<sup>th</sup> – at Jackson Presbyterian, 6:00pm

Good Friday – April 18<sup>th</sup> - at Shepherd of the Mtns, 6:00pm

Easter Vigil – April 19<sup>th</sup> - at Shepherd of the Mtns, 6:00pm

[this vigil is ancient tradition; begins at an outdoor fire, then continues in our sanctuary]

In Lent we are setting aside time to explore the **unbroken** love of God for this world, where sacred promises are holding us together in life-giving community – the communion of all God's people are learning to participate with 'the One who holds all things together'.

Partners with you in the Good News,  
Pastor Tim



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## March 2025 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> <b>Last Epiphany</b> Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship 10 am Worship Board meets	<b>3</b> Prayer Group 5:30 pm	<b>4</b> <b>Shrove Tuesday</b> Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch @ 12 noon  Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	<b>5</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Ash Wednesday Worship @ 6 pm 	6	7	8
<b>9</b> <b>Lent 1</b> Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship 10 am Council Meets	<b>10</b> Prayer Group 5:30 pm	<b>11</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	12	13	14	15
<b>16</b> <b>Lent 2</b> Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship 10 am	<b>17</b> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> Prayer Group 5:30 pm 	<b>18</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	19	20	<b>21</b> Meet & Eat "Luck of the Irish" Potluck Meal at 5:30 pm 	22
<b>23</b> <b>Lent 3</b> Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship 10 am	<b>24</b> Prayer Group 5:30 pm	<b>25</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	<b>26</b> Lenten Worship & Soup Supper @ 5:30 pm 	27	28	29
<b>30</b> <b>Lent 4</b> Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship 10 am March Music Concert 3:00 pm 						

## Shrove Tuesday Brunch

On Tuesday, **March 4th**, we will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Potluck Brunch for all. Your donations of fruit, syrup, milk, orange juice, bacon and sausage will be needed. Cooks in the kitchen will be needed too!

Come at 12:00 noon and let Pastor Tim entertain you on Shrove Tuesday while he flips flapjacks in the kitchen!

A sign-up sheet for the lunch is posted. Bring a neighbor or friend.



## Ash Wednesday Worship



Our Ash Wednesday service will be held on **March 5th** at 6:00pm.

Ash Wednesday is about beginning anew. We begin the 40 days of Lent – from the Latin word for “spring” – a leaning into *life thru winter, hope in the midst of the dark*. Our hearts are turned toward Christ who raises us above the powers of destruction.

On this night, we mark our forehead in a cross shape; we remember both our *Mortality & Forgiveness* with songs, readings, prayer, and ‘*the Lord’s Supper*’.

## Lenten Worship with Soup Supper

### “Friends around the Table”

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

**March 26th at 5:30 pm**

- 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.

We will be back on the road by 7:00 pm.

Please see the ‘sign up’ sheet to help with the meal and hosting.



## Music Concert Series



### A Spring Music Concert for the Community

featuring

**Xinlu Husng**

**Sunday, March 30th at 3:00 pm**

Sponsored by Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church Outreach Board

Please consider who to invite to this special musical event; we are reaching out to the community

A biography and photo of Xinlu will be posted soon, please watch our bulletin boards and weekly emails for more information

Donations toward our Music Concert Series are greatly appreciated

## The Seven Teachings of A Living Catechism



Join us during the weeks of Lent for a study of “A Living Catechism”, the seven teachings of The Living Catechism Project.

The concept of a Living Catechism flows from the fundamental idea that as God’s beloved people, we are always discerning, always reforming, always leaning into what it means to be the people of God in each unique time and place. A Living Catechism asks how do we articulate the core understandings of a Lutheran perspective and take seriously the complex realities of life – today. Martin Luther was responsive to the particularities of life in his time, while seeking to be faithful to the Christian Scriptures. A Living Catechism seeks to do the same in our time – be faithful to the Christian Scriptures and be responsive to the unique realities of our time and place.

More information is located on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please speak to Pastor Tim for more information.

## Meet Our Newest Members

During the worship service on February 16th, our church family welcomed it’s newest members, Di & Bob Meister and Mary Mello. All three members travel to join us on Sundays from Victor, Idaho.

Both Di and Bob are natives of Crystal, Minnesota where they attended the local Lutheran Church.

Mary is a native of Harlowton, Montana, she also attended Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Casper, Wyoming. For those of you who don’t know, Mary is the sister of Kari McCreedy and daughter of Dale & Elaine Skatrud, former members of this church.

We hope you take a minute to welcome these newest members of our church family.



## March Meet & Eat



Our March Meet & Eat will be  
**“The Luck of the Irish”**  
**Friday, March 21st at 5:30 pm**

**Bring a green dish to share in honor of St. Patrick’s Day**

A signup sheet is posted in the narthex

## Vote for Lola Mizelle Today!



Our own Lola Mizelle has been nominated to Jackson Hole News & Guide's Annual Valley Volunteer Next Generation Award.

'Lola has been volunteering with Teton County Parks and Recreation for over 6 months. They have been involved in assisting with our youth tennis lessons by providing one on one coaching and peer mentorship, offering her guidance and advice to the younger players. While doing so they have displayed exceptional responsibility, kindness and initiative consistently going above and beyond and serving as a role model for the younger children in tennis lessons. We are very grateful to have Lola as a part of the Parks and Recreation tennis community.'

To vote for Lola, please go to [https://www.jhnewsandguide.com/.../valley\\_volunteers\\_voting/](https://www.jhnewsandguide.com/.../valley_volunteers_voting/).

**Hurry and vote by tomorrow, March 1st !**

Thank You

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



- To Jim Wells for his time and talents around the church.
- To all our board members and leaders for taking the time to meet, as well your thoughts, ideas, and input to helping our church grow.
- To our Fellowship Board for their fabulous Meet & Eat in February.
- To our Assistant Ministers for assisting Pastor Tim each Sunday.

Prayers & Thanksgivings

- Prayers for those who suffer from violence, poverty, and environmental disasters throughout the world.
- Prayers for the families of those who lost their lives in the fires in California.
- Prayers for those who lost their homes or belongings or whose lives were impacted by the fires in California.
- Thanksgivings for our church family.
- Thanksgivings for those who provide love and guidance in our lives.
- Thanksgivings for our amazing musicians!



For prayers or prayer updates please email or call the church office.

Church Council

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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.

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	Pastor Tim Stadem pastor.tim@sotmlc.org

Birthdays & Anniversaries



March Birthdays

- Jolene Moulder - March 3
- Collin Grande - March 6
- Deb Johnson - March 9
- Beverly Charette - March 11
- Scott Schmillen - March 12
- Colleen Thompson - March 22

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

# So Much To Be Grateful For!

## An Amazing Church Council

Below: Pastor Tim installs our 2025 Concil members, Steffan Freeman, Pam Zernis, Nikki Thompson, John Parisee, Brook Redwine, Lorrie Lee, Chris Moulder, & Rusty Mizelle.

Grateful for our church leaders!

## New Members

Right: Mary Mello, along with Di & Bob Meister join our church family in the February 16th worship service.

Grateful for our church family!



## Pastor Phil Visits

Left: Pastor Phil Misner, Assistant to the Bishop, delivers the sermon at his visit on February 16th.

Grateful for our Synod!



## Busy Quilting Bees

Left: Pam Zernis, Vivian Moulder, Carolyn Dailty, Nancy Wilbrecht, Karen Shroeder & Rose Jeske show off all the quilts they made in a booklet made by Gwen Mann.

Grateful for our fabulous Quilters!



## Fellowship Meet & Eat

On February 19th fun was had by all at our "Taste of Italy" Meet & Eat potluck dinner.

Far right middle: Pastor Tim leads the prayer with his guitar.

Middle: Dick Klene & Dale Jeske enjoy the festivities.

Far Right: Brook Redwine & Margie Aeckerle sharing a fun moment while enjoying the delicious food.

Below: Some of our helpers in the kitchen included Jolene Moulder, Mary Lou Klene, Nancy Ninnemann, Colleen Thompson, Pastor Tim & John Parisee.

Far Right: Jolene Moulder and Nancy Ninnemann have fun while enjoying their beverages during the dinner.

Grateful for our yummy and fun fellowship events!



## February Church Council Meeting Council Meeting Highlights – February 9, 2025

- 1) Discussion of returning 'the cross project' - to financially support our church with congregational-wide participation
- 2) Outreach, Management, Fellowship, Worship, Education – all are redeveloping well
- 3) Appointed Liaisons to our various boards – Finance-Pam Zernis; Outreach-John Parisee; Fellowship-Nikki Thompson; Worship-Brook Redwine; Stewardship-Lorrie Lee Wells; Property Management-Rusty Mizelle and Steffan Freeman; Education-Pastor Tim
- 4) Funding Forward – after Jewish Community purchased property of their own, we return 'to drawing board' for next steps to leverage our property, building, parsonage for financial strengthening



### Community Wide Event Coming Soon



Mark your calendars for children and families of our wider community - *Art, Play, Eat – an event of friendship and creative fun* – Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 to 2:00pm. Congregational support is needed in this Outreach Event (last year 50 children & 20 adults attended during Spring Break). We'll need a big team of help! More info to come soon.

### Prayer Class & Practice

During Lent, this group will meet on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:15.

Explore 'how to pray' while we deepen our relationship with God; reducing obstacles and practicing the presence of Christ.



### Helping the California Wildfires

There are two ways to help with the California wildfires through the Lutheran church.

**Lutheran World Relief** offers a giving platform to give through their website, you can go to [LWR Wildfire Relief](#) to give directly.



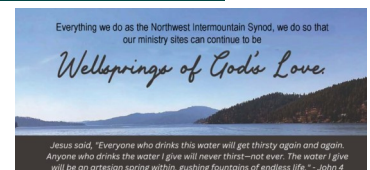
**Giving through Thrivent** – Through the Thrivent's website you can make a donation; **Thrivent will boost – up to \$500,000!** Thrivent has partnered with six organizations who are actively responding to the crisis in California. Donate online today to one of these partnering organizations, and Thrivent will boost your donation. For every \$2 donated through Thrivent's [online giving platform](#) or through a Thrivent Charitable Impact and Investing® Donor Advised Fund, **Thrivent will add \$1**. The match will run until the \$500,000 cap is met, or March 10, 2025, whichever comes first. Thrivent pays all the processing fees so 100% of your donation will go directly to the cause.

### Synod Assembly

On May 3, 2025, our synod will host "Wellsprings of God's Love", a synod assembly including prayer, learning, elections, budgets, memorials and resolutions. This meeting will take place on Zoom.

Synod Assembly voting members include Congregation members elected by their congregation, as well as other members of clergy, the Synod Council, and other rostered leaders. Our church allows 2 members of our church to attend the meeting, if you are interested please speak with Pastor Tim.

For more information please go the Northwest Intermountain Synod website at <https://nwimsynod.org>



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



February 2025 attendance & offering		
February 2	20	\$ 3,225.00
February 9	26	\$ 2,808.69
February 21 Meet & Eat	19	N/A
February 16	35	\$ 1,247.00
February 23	30	\$ 1,495.00

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!

	March 2 Last Sunday after Epiphany	March 5 Ash Wednesday	March 9 1st Sunday of Lent	March 16 2nd Sunday of Lent	March 23 3rd Sunday of Lent	March 26 Lenten Service	March 30 4th Sunday in Lent
Preacher	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem
Assistant Minister	Help Needed	Help Needed	Brook Redwine	Nancy Parisee	Brook Redwine	Help Needed	Help Needed
Reader	Nancy Parisee	Brook Redwine	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
Greeter/Ushers	Help Needed	Brook Redwine	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed
Head Counter	Sherry Kinsella	N/A	Brook Redwine	Jolene Moulder	Pam Zernis	N/A	Help Needed
Altar Minister	Rose Jeske	Pam Zernis	Help Needed	Help Needed	Brook Redwine	N/A	Help Needed
Coffee Hour (Setup & Cleanup)	Setup- Cleanup -	N/A	Setup- Cleanup -	Setup- Cleanup -	Setup- Cleanup -	N/A	Setup & Clean- up- Brook Redwine