

March 2026



## **UNBOUND – LONGING FOR WHOLENESS**

Our Lenten season in 2026 begins with this challenging and life-giving question:

***What if the opposite of being bound is being whole?***

Our world is filled with things that hold us captive. These things that bind us prevent us from living the whole, abundant life that God is giving us. We gather as a community that trusts in the transforming work of God among us and in our relationships—especially in care for our neighbors.

**DAILY DEVOTIONS ONLINE** *“Lord, when did we see you?” is the theme from this Matthew 25 devotional. This Lent enter into a daily discipline of hearing the heart of Jesus for our neighbor. (see page 7 to register; begin now this practice of scripture, prayer, and faithful response).*

**WEDNESDAYS** *“Come to the Table” series is sharing a meal & telling a story – where people meet Jesus at the table. What a great event to invite friends!! PS: this year we will rotate meals on the Idaho side. (see schedule on page 3)*

### **SUNDAYS**

Through the stories of regular people encountering Jesus, and being drawn to the wholeness that Jesus provides, we are learning about our own longings. Please read these stories at home as your preparations and patterns of being made whole – for ourselves and care of one another.

Lent 1 (February 22) - *Longing for Wholeness* - Matthew 4:1-11

Lent 2 (March 1) - *Longing for Mystery* - John 3:1-17

Lent 3 (March 8) - *Longing for Relationship* - John 4:5-42

Lent 4 (March 15) - *Longing for Community* - John 9:1-41

Lent 5 (March 22) - *Longing for Authenticity* - John 11:1-45

Palm Sunday (March 29) - *Longing for Courage* - Matthew 21:1-11

**HOLY WEEK** Maundy Thursday & Good Friday continues our tradition of sharing our worship with Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole.

Maundy Thursday (April 2) will take place at Shepherd – the complete worship around the tables in the Fellowship Room with light foods shared. A washing, hearing scripture, singing, inspiring music and sharing Holy Communion.

Good Friday (April 3) is at the Presbyterian church – a contemplative time of listening and singing messages of Jesus and followers around the rugged cross.

Easter Vigil (April 4) Saturday night begins at the outdoor fire (from ancient tradition), then we process with the new Christ light into our sanctuary. Epic scripture stories, singing, and Holy Communion is shared.

**EASTER SUNDAY** (April 5) - *Longing for New Life* - John 20:1-18 *Swing wide the doors of our hearts and lives to proclaim the mystery and promise of Christ—always giving new, whole life.*



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## March 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Lent 2</b> Bible Class 9 am Worship 10 am Greeter/Usher, Reader & Counter Training Worship Board Meets	<b>2</b> Prayer Group 5:30 pm	<b>3</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm	<b>4</b> Lenten Worship & Meal Roundtable at 28 Moulton Ln, Victor, ID at 5:30 pm 	<b>5</b> AA 6:30pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> ...a likely story Writers & Music Event 11 - 2 
<b>8</b> <b>Lent 3</b> Bible Class 9 am Worship 10 am Assistant Minister Training Council Meets	<b>9</b> Prayer Group 5:30 pm	<b>10</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am Women's Potluck Lunch & Bible Study 11:30 am  Fellowship Board 5:30 pm AA 6:30pm	<b>11</b> Lenten Worship & Meal Roundtable at church at 5:30 pm 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Lent 4</b> Bible Class 9 am Worship 10 am St. Patrick's Day Potluck Fellowship after Church 	<b>16</b> Prayer Group 5:30 pm Outreach Board 6:17 pm	<b>17</b> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm	<b>18</b> Lenten Worship & Meal Roundtable at church at 1238 River Meadows Dr. Victor, ID 5:30 pm 	<b>19</b> AA 6:30pm	<b>20</b> Meet & Eat Potluck Dinner Cancelled	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Lent 5</b> Bible Class 9 am Worship 10 am	<b>23</b> Prayer Group 5:30 pm	<b>24</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm	<b>25</b> Lenten Worship & Meal Roundtable at church at 5:30 pm 	<b>26</b> AA 6:30pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> Bible Class 9 am Worship 10 am 	<b>30</b> Prayer Group 5:30 pm	<b>31</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm				

*Lenten Worship with Soup Supper*

**“Come to the Table”**

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

**Each Wednesday during Lent at 5:30 pm**

5:30 pm begins with a meal together of fantastic soups and bread  
with guided conversations of 'stories about Jesus at the table'.



- February 25th at church
- March 4th at 28 Moulton Ln. Victor, Idaho
- March 11th at church
- March 18th at 1238 River Meadows Dr. Victor, Idaho
- March 25th at church

Please see the 'sign up' sheet to help with soup and bread each week

*St. Patrick's Fellowship*

We will be celebrating the “Luck of the Irish” with a potluck brunch after worship on

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

This event will take the place of our monthly March Meet & Eat. Join us after church for a delicious brunch of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and all the St. Patrick's Day fixins. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to bring a dish to share. Wear green!



*Holy Week*

**Holy Week - Easter**

**Palm Sunday**

**March 29th at 10 am**

**Maundy Thursday**

**April 2nd at 6 pm**

**Good Friday**

**April 3rd at 6 pm**

at the Presbyterian Church of JH  
A combined service for both churches  
at 1251 S. Park Loop Road, Jackson, WY

**Holy Saturday Vigil**

**April 4th at 6 pm**

**Easter Sunday  
Worship**

**April 5th at 10 am**

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



Writers Guild Music Event

...a likely story  
and where stories take us



Saturday, March 7th  
from 11 am - 2 pm

Hosted by Jackson Hole Writers  
& Shepherd of the Mountains Church  
750 Seneca Lane, Jackson, WY

Join us for a journey in stories, writing & music

- 11:00 - A journey with words, paper, scissors and glue.
- 12 noon - A celebration of Teton County Young Authors
- 1:00 - A piano concert featuring Xinlu Huang
- In Between - Moments to delight in vittles and in each other.

Bring your friends for this community event!

Bring a Friend!

Why invite someone to church or one of our events? Inviting someone is a fundamental way to build relationships, combat loneliness, and foster community, offering both emotional warmth and cognitive benefits. It communicates that you value someone, want to spend time with them, and brings joy through shared experiences. It transforms casual acquaintances into closer connections. We challenge each of our members to invite just one person to one of our many church events coming up, Worship, Meet & Eat, Lenten Meals, Easter Brunch, etc. By extending one invitation, you can open up a new world to someone that may be looking for more in their life.



Meet Our Congregational Council



**President: Rusty Mizelle**  
Rusty came on to Council in 2022, he is currently serving his 5th year. This is his 1st year as President, he previously served 2 years as Secretary. Rusty is married to Christina, they are the proud parents of Sascha & Lola. Rusty is also an avid horse lover.



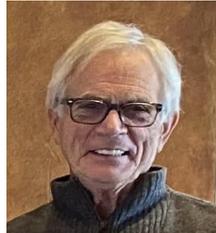
**Vice President: Steffan Freeman**  
Steffan came on to Council in 2024 when he finished a term for a past member. Steffan is currently serving his 3rd year; this is his 1st year as Vice President. When not at church, you can find Steffan riding his bike throughout Jackson and the parks.



**Secretary: John Parisee**  
John came on to Council in 2025, he is currently serving his 2nd year. This is his 1st year as Secretary. John is married to church Administrator Nancy, they are the parents of Dylan, Julianne & Spencer. John enjoys cooking and entertaining.



**Brook Redwine**  
Brook came on to Council in 2024 when she finished a term for a past member, she is currently serving her 3rd year. Brook is involved in so much at church, she is always ready to jump in and serve.



**Tim Cline**  
Tim is one of the original "Jackson 5" at Shepherd. He came back to us a couple of years ago after being away for a while. Tim enjoys his kids and grandkids, as well as helping out around the church. This is Tim's 1st year on Council.



**Di Meister**  
Di and her husband Bob are natives of Minnesota, they joined Shepherd a couple of years ago. Most of the time you can find Di having fun with her bestie Mary Mello. This is Di's 1st year on Council.



**Pastor Tim Stadem**  
Pastor Tim came to us in the summer of 2022. He is a native of South Dakota but has spent time in different parishes all over the west. He enjoys anything outdoors. He has two sons, Jace and Lee.

Thank You

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

- To our amazing Fellowship Board for organizing our Valentine’s Meet & Eat and our Shrove Tuesday pancake brunch.
- To Pastor Tim for flipping yummy Norwegian pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.
- To our amazing quilters for their time and talents in making so many beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief.
- To those who volunteer for our church boards and volunteer positions, your time and talents are a treasure!



Prayers & Thanksgivings



Prayers for Janelle Weber who I still hospitalized as she recovers from surgery for her broken hip.  
 Prayers for Tim Cline while he recovers from surgery.  
 Prayers for Carolyn Svendsen while she recovers from a fall.  
 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 in this country.

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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Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jolene Moulder on March 3rd  
 Collin Grande on March 6th  
 Deb Johnson on March 9th  
 Beverly Charette on March 11th  
 Scott Schmillen on March 12th

Colleen Thompson on March 22nd

Anniversary

Leland & Diane Brendsel on March 2nd



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

# So Much To Be Grateful For!



## Shrove Tuesday

Below: Pastor Tim and Gwen Mann take turns flipping flapjacks and Norwegian pancakes while Pam Zernis waits for some hot pancakes.



Right: Pastor Tim shows off his flapjack skills. The pancakes were in abundance and were especially delicious!



Below: Vivian Moulder, Steffan Freeman, John & Nancy Wilbrecht enjoy some lively conversation at the Shrove Tuesday luncheon.



## Quilt Group

Below: Those quilt ladies are at it again! Our sanctuary is almost full of beautiful quilts that these ladies have made for Lutheran World Relief. We invite you to come on March 7th from 11 - 2 to view all the quilts during the Writers/Music event, then they will get packed up so they can get dispersed throughout the world to those in need.

Below: Nancy Wilbrecht, Brook Redwine, Nancy Ninnemann, Vivian Moulder & Rose Jeske finish off another amazing quilt.



## Eduardo Blessing

Right: Members of the congregation take a moment during the service to bless Eduard Lindenmeyer Toso on his new journey to California, where Eduardo will be begin his new job. We will surely miss Eduardo!



## Souper Bowl of Caring

Above Right: Robyn Lunsford, Christina Mizelle and Lola Mizelle count the donations given by church members during the Souper Bowl fundraiser.



Right: Baily, Claire & Devon Morley gather the food donated to the fundraiser so it can be dropped off at Whole Food Rescue

## February Church Council Meeting

Council Highlights at Feb. 8 meeting: (first meeting of our new council)

- 1) Review of Annual Meeting – plus visions for our congregation, in unity & outreach
- 2) Election of officers and liaisons to boards:
  - President – Rusty Mizelle
  - Vice Pres – Steffan Freeman
  - Secretary – John Parisee
  - Worship – Brook Redwine
  - Education – Tim Cline
  - Outreach – Di Meister
  - Fellowship – Steffan Freeman
  - Finance – John Parisee
  - Property Management – Rusty Mizelle
- 3) Sharing personal stories of life and faith and ‘adventures’
- 4) Overviews – ‘anatomy of a healthy board’, role of liaisons, council leader roll
- 5) Upcoming training series in ‘26: Our Thriving Congregation - Sat. March 14 zoom training, 11am to 2pm



## Lenten Challenge - Devotions Online



We are offering an online resource for Lenten devotionals this year.

**The theme, "Lord, When Did We See You?"**

**based on Matthew 25:37-40 inspired this year's Lenten devotionals.**

Participants who subscribe receive a short devotion by email each of the 40 days of Lent 2026, plus 7 days of Holy Week. From bishops to pastors to lay leaders and ‘just regular folks’, these short reflections represent diverse voices and circumstances across our church.. Pastor Nelson Rabell of Santa María Peregrina (Lodi, CA) will be the editor and curator of the devotionals. To register for Lenten Daily Devotional online please go to [www.lentenchallenge.org/matthew-25-toolkit/daily-devotions](http://www.lentenchallenge.org/matthew-25-toolkit/daily-devotions)

## Souper Bowl Donations

Thank you for your generous donations at our Souper Bowl of Caring

Thanks to your caring, we raised

**\$425.10 and 85 food items**

for Hole Food Rescue

**Thank You!**



## Women's Bible Study



The March Women's Bible Study will take place on

**Tuesday, March 10th** from 11:30 to 12:15

The women will focus on

***Faith Risks: Jairus and the faithful women (Mark 5:21-43)***

The group will be continuing the series on Faithfulness

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 2026

February 1	29	\$4,290.00
February 8	37	\$1,575.00
February 15	24	\$2,018.17
February 18 - Ash Wednesday	12	\$.00
February 22	30	\$1,920.00

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 1 Lent 2	March 8 Lent 3	March 15 Lent 4	March 22 Lent 5	March 29 Palm Sunday
Preacher	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem
Musician	Ozy Ucak	TBD	Beverly Charette	TBD	TBD
Assistant Minister	Beverly Charette	Rusty Mizelle	Nancy Parisee	Brook Redwine	Jolene Moulder
Reader	Jim Wells	Christina Mizelle	Jolene Moulder	David Svendsen	Chris Moulder
Greeter/Ushers	Karen Schroeder	Brook Redwine	John Parisee	Nikki Thompson	Robyn Lunsford
Head Offering Counter	Pam Zernis	Sherry Kinsella	Brook Redwine	Jolene Moulder	Lorrie Lee
Altar Guild	Pam Zernis	Sherry Kinsella	Robyn Lunsford	Brook Redwine	Pam Zernis
Coffee Maker	Lorrie Lee	Brook Redwine	John Parisee	Pastor Tim	Jolene Moulder