



Trinity Sunday

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

May 2024

I encourage your gratefulness...that together we have given language to **Our Mission**—with *inspiring Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles*. Now our ongoing process is the *inner/heart work and the deliberate actions/ministries which put into motion spirit-driven steps for who we are called to be*.

One new conversation is steadily coming into view. On Saturday, May 4th is the Synod Regional Gathering; several from Shepherd will attend in Twin Falls this event titled **Funding Forward**. Based on sound biblical, theological and congregational research we will be trained in Luther Seminary's *Stewardship Leaders Program*, by director Grace Pomroy.



[Our council leaders have briefly addressed this topic in monthly meetings. Now we are preparing for and inviting our congregation to an informational and conversational event on Sunday, June 30th.]

The broad category is stewardship, but the more pointed resolve is for us to explore how God is calling Shepherd of the Mountains to use 'the assets entrusted to our care' to create a more sustainable and faithful future—and to move forward in joy, and not fear'. Here, I appreciate the reflections of a Pastor Jeffrey Macdonald who is engaged in this process:

"When I read scripture and church history, I see God working through adversity so often and calling people to abide in faith when outcomes are not certain and when the winds of the world feel like there's no way forward.

...I believe that God is using constraint in churches all over. That financial constraint is compelling congregations to pick up their feet and do more of what they've been called to do all along. ...Could God not use financial constraint to generate creativity?

When you have a power outage and everything in the refrigerator goes bad, you start getting creative about what's in the pantry and discover you can make some pretty great things. That's when the creativity happens, not when you just go to the refrigerator anytime you want and pull out something that's ready to eat

...And that's where I feel like there's really God's genius at work in this because it's not even just creativity for its own sake or meeting the needs of the world, it's also compelling a greater fidelity to the New Testament vision of the spirit working through many members.

You can't be dependent on one professional Christian to do it all for the people anymore. There has to be more collective effort. There has to be more trust in this. There has to be more relevance. You have to have missional impact. You can't be an island. And the economic constraints are forcing all of this to be born. And it's good for the churches to have these constraints because...when you start talking about money, people do notice. People take their budget seriously. If that's what the people need to get them going on a path of faith, let it be so.

At the base of this new conversation is OUR MISSION – *"identifying more economically sustainable models for ministry that emerge organically from our mission", sighs Pomroy. I look forward to future conversations of our congregation together.*

Partners in Christ, Pastor Tim



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May 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Synod Regional Gather in Twin Falls 
5 Easter 6 Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	6 Love Where You Live 5:30 pm	7 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Bible Study & Walk 10:30 am AA 6:30pm	8	9	10	11
12 Easter 7 Mother's Day  Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim Council Meets	13	14 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Bible Study & Walk 10:30 am AA 6:30pm	15	16	17 Taste of Home Potluck Dinner at 5:30 pm 	18
19 Day of Pentecost Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	20	21 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Bible Study & Walk 10:30 am AA 6:30pm	22	23	24	25
26 Holy Trinity Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship at 10 am with Pastor Tim	27 Memorial Day  Art With Kids 10:30 - 12:30 	28 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Bible Study & Walk 10:30 am AA 6:30pm	29	30	31	

Bible Study & Walks on Tuesdays

The Quilt Group will be engaging in 4 sessions of bible study - The Book of Galatians
beginning on
Tuesday, May 7th

The group will begin at 10:30 am with the bible session
and then they will walk or quilt at 11:15 am.

Invite friends; lets enjoy some scripture, prayer, and gifts of friendship.

Bible
Study



May Meet & Eat



We will replay the April Meet & Eat theme

A Taste of Tradition

Friday, May 17th
5:30 pm

Make your favorite family dish
and bring copies of the recipe to exchange with each other

Love Your Neighbor Tree



How have you loved your neighbor recently?

We have posted our "Love Your Neighbor Tree" on the bulletin board in the church narthex, please take a moment and write down on a leaf how you loved your neighbor this week and then add the leaf to the tree on the bulletin board. We would like to watch our tree grow as we learn ways that we can love and help those in our community.

Instructions are posted on the board. We also welcome your ideas, actions and heart work on how to love your neighbor, please take a moment to write them on the list that is posted near the tree.

"In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' " Acts 20:35

Memorial Day Painting Fun for Kids

Art With the Kids

Monday, May 27th

10:30 - 12:30

Bring the kids for some fun art projects.
Pizza will be served at noon.



We are asking for many helping hands and hearts. Please sign up at the ministry table.

Congregational Conversations on June 30th

Our council leaders are inviting the congregation to a conversation:

Funding Forward – based on sound biblical, theological and congregational research by Luther Seminary’s *Stewardship Leaders Program*

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Spring Cleanup



We will be cleaning up the church yard on a Saturday, date TBD, in May.

Please watch our weekly emails and church announcements for the exact date.

Back to the Basics With Bishop Manlove

In the April E-News edition Bishop Meggan Manlove wrote about how we are called to be the church, the Christian community gathered and sent week after week. We gather around Word and Sacraments and that is unique. Bishop Manlove suggests that we would do well to get back to basics, this means to...

1. Read scripture well
2. Create worship experiences that are faithful to the tradition and our local contexts
3. Love and care for our neighbors



In the Revised Common Lectionary, Easter 4 is commonly known as Good Shepherd Sunday. I think if we spend time on these basics, we will be able to hear Jesus, the Good Shepherd’s voice and follow him. The ELCA’s [Book of Faith Initiative](#) grew out of memorial from the North Carolina Synod Assembly in 2005, becoming a resolution at Churchwide Assembly in 2007. The initiative encouraged us to read scripture with four particular lenses: devotionally, historically, literarily, and with the Lutheran theological lens. [Dwelling in the Word](#), a practice central to the Faithful Innovation rhythm adapted by congregations in our synod, either grew out of or was amplified by the *Book of Faith Initiative*. These tools are named because how we read scripture matters and these tools can help.

Besides Bible Studies and devotional reading of scripture, the other place we learn the faith is in worship. In fact, even though our hymnals do not have margin or footnotes to noting it, a great deal of our liturgy and hymns are scripture (turn to page 1154 in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* for scriptural material that informs our liturgy).

For more information on how you can be called back to the basics, please visit the synod website at <https://nwimsynod.org/blog/202442/back-to-the-basics>.

Thank You

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



- To Brook Redwine and Robyn Lunsford for volunteering to go to the Synod Regional Gathering in May with Pastor Tim.
- To Jolene Moulder for organizing and advertising another successful blood drive at Shepherd of the Mountains.
- To all who helped with the potluck dinner in April.
- To those who have posted how they helped their neighbor on our giving tree in the narthex.

Prayers & Thanksgivings

- 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



May Birthdays

- Steve Nelson on May 14th
- David Svendsen on May 19th
- Chris Moulder on May 21st
- Rose Jeske on May 25th

May Anniversary

Dick & Mary Lou Klene will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on May 30th



Farewell Bert Mount!

Above: The ladies of the congregation gathered at Big Hole BBQ to say farewell to long time member Bert Mount. Bert was back to sell her condo in Jackson; she will now reside full-time in Illinois.



A Good Day For a Walk

Left: Jolene Moulder, Steffan Freeman, Pastor Tim and Robyn Lunsford enjoy a walk after the church service. Watch for more fun events of hiking, biking, or kayaking this summer with Pastor Tim.

Gathered to Scatter

Everyday Churches Unleashing Hope Among Everyday People

Teaching by Fresh Expressions

Our friends at Summit Church in Boise are aching for the good news of Jesus Christ to be spread to our neighbors.

Summit will host an event on May 17th at 12 pm and May 18th at 2:30 pm that will teach us how God want to empower everyday churches to proclaim the Kingdom in everyday places. Learn how regular congregations are reimagining and reorganizing to bring hope in cafes, schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and common places we spend our days.

Pastor Tim would like to attend with others in our congregation, please contact Pastor if interested.

For more information go to [Gathered to Scatter](#)
Summit Church is located at 10375 W. Overland Rd., Boise, ID.



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.



April Church Council Meeting

Highlight of discussions and planning - keeping our congregation informed.

- 1) Discussion about Revitalization...into our community – making our church more public to the Jackson community; a task force is underway
- 2) Reporting that our new bishop will be our guest this summer – to be determined
- 3) 'Love where you live' will wrap up their study in May; they set up a visual tree of loving our neighbor...for encouragement and ideas
- 4) From Finance Committee – Counting of weekly offerings procedure approved – for safety and trust
- 5) Secured a schedule for 'discussion with congregation about our assets' – date set for June 30th



Fighting World Hunger

DID YOU KNOW? 

The world produces more than enough food to feed every person, yet the number of hungry people has grown since 2019. More than 2 billion people around the world aren't sure where their next meal will come from.



Thanks to generous donors, all gifts to ELCA World Hunger as part of Generation Zero-Hunger will be matched - dollar for dollar - until we reach \$250,000. That means your gifts will go twice as far in the work to end hunger!

Generation Zero-Hunger is a youth-driven fundraising challenge to support the programs of ELCA World Hunger, our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. Many groups will bring their offerings to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, La. Congregations can join youth across the ELCA and commit to being part of the generation that takes action, ushering in a world without hunger.

Ways to Give

<p>Online ELCA.org/GenZeroHunger</p>	<p>By mail ELCA P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009</p>	<p>By Phone Call 800-638-3522 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Central time.</p>
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Please make checks payable to "ELCA World Hunger" with "Generation Zero-Hunger" in the memo line.

Click below to **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT**

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

**April 2024
attendance & offering**

April 7	19	\$ 460.00
April 14	23	\$ 1,860.00
April 19th - Meet & Eat	8	N/A
April 21	20	\$ 7,015.00
April 28	17	\$ 1,385.00

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

	May 5 Easter 6	May 12 Easter 7	May 19 Day of Pentecost	May 26 Trinity Sunday
Preacher	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem
Assistant Minister	HELP NEEDED	Rusty Mizelle	Jolene Moulder	HELP NEEDED
Reader	Sherry Kinsella	Mizelle	Sherry Kinsella	Terry Di Mattio
Greeter/Ushers	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Counter	Pam Zernis	Brook Redwine	Jolene Moulder	Sherry Kinsella
Altar Minister	Pam Zernis	Robyn Lunsford	Brook Redwine	Sherry Kinsella
Coffee Hour	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED