

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 2026



From early Christianity the faith community observes 50 days of *Easter Celebration*. We dwell in diverse stories of first century followers faced with Jesus' rising from persecution, suffering and death. We share words like **"He is Risen Indeed!"** Resurrection stories are a spectrum of surprise, shock, doubt, curiosity, wonder, exploration, joy, exuberance, TRUST. Ultimately, the invitation is to let the Easter message infuse and inform everything.

And from these encounters and mysteries of resurrection—which leverage the metaphor of 'seed that is sown' in the dark soil, breaking open underneath and rising from the depths—we again are transitioning. So while the arising of Jesus is always a part of our faith and life process, we are now turning pages of our church calendar toward future promises of Jesus to **ascend** from here with instructions about our future:

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever." John 14

The *Ascension of Our Lord* is celebrated 40 days after Easter (May 14th this year) marking Jesus' bodily return to heaven—signifying that Jesus fulfills all things, then and always. Here, our pilgrimage renews from the story of Jesus physical earthly presence into Jesus' spiritual presence among all of us who follow him today.

Which brings us to the Celebration of the *Feast of Pentecost* (Sunday, May 24th)—marking the Holy Spirit's descent upon the Apostles.

On this Pentecost Sunday all are again invited to wear red clothing – the color of the tongues of fire and spirit upon God's people. Again, we will read the scriptures in the various languages people of our congregation know, signifying the hearing and empowerment of everyone.

In this celebration, the wind of the Holy Spirit is both 1) forming the church and 2) urging us outside our walls with the mission of the Living Christ to our neighbor—to the world God so loves. In this transition you and I are invited to be enveloped with an Easter embrace that lifts us from all our dying and propels us with missional hope outwardly (you should know: 'outreach' is a familiar and favorite word in our church council meetings).

While we know weatherwise we will be enveloped in plenty of winter during the emergence of spring and summer, so also are the promises of Easter and Ascension and Pentecost swirling about with God's surprising announcements and presence as love and mercy, embodiment and purpose. Thanks be to God for the gifts and inspiration that take hold in the thick of the sacred swirling.

And as this summer season of Pentecost unfolds, we will hear stories in the gospel of Matthew on Sundays—episodes of Jesus' ministry bringing practical matters of faithful living into clearer focus. We'll gather around the table of Jesus, hearing many parables and often singing classic phrases of faith. And we will praise the divinity of Jesus, who has fulfilled all things...with grace.

Friends in faith, Pastor Tim

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May 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Easter 5 Bible Class 9am Worship 10am Worship Board after worship Church Rental 1-4	4 Prayer Group 5:30 pm	5 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm	6	7 AA 6:30pm	8	9 Spring Cleanup 8am - noon 
10 Easter 6 Mother's Day Bible Class 9am Worship 10am Council Meets after worship Church Rental 1-4 	11 Prayer Group 5:30 pm Outreach Board 6:17pm	12 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom Quilt 10am Women's Potluck Lunch & Bible Study 11:30am AA 6:30pm 	13	14 AA 6:30pm	15 Meet & Eat Movie Night & Finger Foods 5:30 pm @ Moulder's House Church Rental 4 pm 	16
17 Easter 7 Bible Class 9am Worship 10am Church Rental 1-4	18 Prayer Group 5:30 pm	19 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10am AA 6:30pm	20	21 AA 6:30pm	22	23
24 Day of Pentecost "Wear Red" Bible Class 9am Worship 10am Church Rental 1-4	25 Memorial Day Prayer Group 5:30 pm 	26 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10am AA 6:30pm	27	28 AA 6:30pm	29	30
31 The Holy Trinity Bible Class 9am Worship 10am Church Rental 1-4						

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.

Please hold on to your donations until the beginning of June, our space is limited. We will announce soon when we will be available to accept your donations at the church.

Spring Clean-up

Our Annual Church Yard Clean-Up will take place on
Saturday, May 9th from 8 am until noon.

Volunteers are needed to help us get the yard ready for the warmer weather. Just show up and bring your gardening gloves and rakes!



May Meet & Eat & Movie Night



Movie Night & Finger Food

Friday May 15th, at 5:30 pm, show starts at 6 pm

At Chris & Jolene Moulder's House

1910 Buckrail Dr. In Rafter J

Church will supply the popcorn, bring finger food or drink to share

The movie will be "Second Hand Lions"

Feel free to bring a beanbag or blanket to watch the movie on

Women's Bible Study

The April Women's Bible Study will take place on

Tuesday, May 12th from 11:30 to 12:15

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

The group will be continuing the series on Faithfulness



Synod Assembly Recap

On April 24, 25 & 26 the Northwest Intermountain (NWIM) assembly took place at First Lutheran Church, in Kennewick, Washington. Robyn Lundsford, Brook Redwine, and Pastor Tim were delegates of our congregation.

Some highlights of the trip include two 11 hour drives through Idaho – with strategic stops, like the scenic trip to the confluence of the Snake and Columbia rivers.

At the assembly, all delegates voted on leadership in our synod and budget for future years; we heard many updates and stories about congregations and ministries in our synod – some of which are New Starts; we voted on big resolutions. A good highlight of the assembly was the 3 part series of small group gatherings that kindled relationships with other delegates—fruitful ways to be encouraged and inspired by others in ELCA congregations in Washington, Idaho, and Wyoming.

Further reporting will take place in the weeks ahead (also see the council highlights for names of resolutions).

We are thankful for all your support.

Right: Robyn, Brook & Pastor Tim at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia Rivers, near where the Synod Assembly took place.



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

This fundraiser will begin on May 3rd,

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

Below: The existing cooking system



“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God”.

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 leadership and help through Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.
- To John Parisee for cooking the Easter hams.
- To all who came out and brought the delicious foods that helped to make our Easter Brunch a success.
- Pastor Tim for our beautiful Holy Week services.
- To Jolene Moulder for her amazing work running the blood drive
- To our amazing Fellowship Board for a wonderful Meet & Eat in April.
- To Robyn, Brook and Pastor Tim for attending the Synod Assembly in Washington.

Prayers & Thanksgivings



- Prayers for Alois DeVos for health and healing.
- Prayers for Janelle Weber as she continues to heal from her hip surgery.
- 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 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

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Bob Meister on May 2nd

John Parisee on May 11th

Steve Nelson on May 14th

Mary Mello on May 14th

David Svendsen on May 19th

Chris Moulder on May 21st

Rose Jeske on May 25th

Anniversary

Dick & Marylou Klene on May 30th



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

So Much To Be Grateful For!

Holy Week Happenings

Pastor Tim led us in some amazing worship for Holy Week this year. Maundy Thursday with the Presbyterian Church was a special and memorial service. The Agape Meal was perfect for the service, the handwashing and serving ourselves communion, along with the music from Pastor Tim and Pastor Ben made the night one to remember.

The Easter Vigil began with a fire outside, which was brought inside to light our Pascal candle. Beverly Charette & Pastor Tim led us in music that was perfect for the service. Thank you to John Parisee for tending the fire and to Roby Lunsford for her beautiful readings.



Easter Sunday began with our Shepherd Choir singing an Alleluia Chorus, which started off the most beautiful worship service! After worship we had an amazing Easter brunch with a LOT of delicious food. The fellowship was also amazing.



Thank you to all who helped out for Holy Week. Job well done!

May Meet & Eat

Below: Our May Meet & Eat was so much fun! 18 people came for some delicious Italian food, including pizza, lasagna, and some really yummy salads.

Below Left: Pastor Tim, Spencer Parisee, Brook Redwine & Carolyn Svendsen help out in the kitchen.



Above: John Parisee, Edda Grove & Dale Jeske enjoy catching up with each other.

The Quilters are at it again!

Below: 14 gathered for quilting and then a luncheon on April 14th to welcome fellow quilter Edda Grove back for the season. What a vibrant group this turned out to be, these ladies never stop.



Council Highlights – meeting on April 19th

- 1) Inspiring Constructive Change in our congregation – Rusty, Brook, and Pastor Tim attended training; council is exploring best options for our congregation; another training event is May 2 – options decided upon in May 10 meeting of council.
- 2) NWIM Synod Assembly – April 24, 25 Robyn Lundsford, Brook Redwine and Pastor Tim are attending: overview of agenda was shared.
- 3) Lutherans Restoring Creation event – pastor attended April 10-12; an Earth Care resolution at synod assembly will be voted upon; a memorial on responding to Christian Nationalism is also up for a vote at assembly; and will report to congregation results.



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.

Invite a Friend

Inviting a friend or neighbor to church isn't easy. There are many out there who are lonely and need companionship - they need you! Here are 5 helpful ways to invite a friend to church

1. *Pray about who in your life would benefit from belonging to a church family and hearing the word of God..*
2. *Ask them if they would like to go with you. Don't throw an open invite, but instead offer to meet them.*
3. *Explain what the service or event will look like.*
4. *Be by their side as they fearfully step into the unknown*
5. *Follow up with them.*



Sprouts Program - Calling All Volunteers

The Sprout Summer Lunch Program is about to begin. Members of the Outreach board have committed to filling an entire shift this year.

Volunteers support the HFR Lead Cook in preparing 150-300 lunches daily throughout the summer. In 2024, the Sprout Summer Lunch program provided almost 11,000 meals to food-insecure children. The program also partners with other non-profits to provide enrichment activities for children at the distribution locations.

Shepherd of the Mountains' shift is Wednesday from 5-6 pm at the Hole Food Rescue Hub located south of town. The summer distribution is 11 weeks from June 14 through August 28. We have three regular volunteers, but we could use some substitutes in the event one or more of the regular volunteers is unavailable. We'd also like to get more of you involved in this ministry partnership with Hole Food Rescue. Experience is not required and you do not need to be a current HFR volunteer. The shift is short and we have fun.

Contact Robyn Lundsford if you'd like to join in this important ministry.



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



April 2026

April 2 - Maundy Thursday	25	\$50.00
April 4 - Easter Vigil	15	\$0
April 5 - Easter	54	\$4,707.00
April 12	30	\$1,734.00
April 19	33	\$1,665.00
April 26	23	\$635.00

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!

	May 3 Easter 5	May 10 Easter 6	May 17 Easter 7	May 24 Day of Pentecost	May 31 Holy Trinity
Preacher	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem
Musician	Nancy Wilbrecht	Beverly Charette	Ozzy Ucak	Nancy W & Pastor	Xinlu Huang
Assistant Minister	Beverly Charette	Rusty Mizelle	Jolene Moulder	Nancy Parisee	Brook Redwine
Reader	Tim Cline	Christina Mizelle	Jim Wells	John Parisee	David Svendsen
Greeter/Ushers	Robyn Lunsford	John Parisee	Brook Redwine	Karen Schroeder	Tim Cline
Head Offering Counter	Pam Zernis	Sherry Kinsella	Jolene Moulder	Brook Redwine	Lorrie Lee
Altar Guild	Pam Zernis	Rose Jeske	Sherry Kinsella	Pam Zernis	Brook Redwine
Coffee Maker	Lorrie Lee	John Parisee	Jolene Moulder	Pastor Tim	Brook Redwine