Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

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Stewardship
a way of life

Receiving God's grace. Sharing Christ's love with all people

Worship With Us
Sundays at 10 am

Office Hours:
Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 - 3:30
Pastor Tim Stadem

November 2026



Are we REALLY putting such attention on having a Halloween Party at our church again?

I suppose you do know that the language of *Halloween* arrives from the historic event: ***All Hallow's Eve*** – the night before *All Saints' Day*. Originally, there was a feast for all Christian martyrs celebrated in May. Then in the 8th and 9th centuries, popes were instrumental in a shift and expansion of the celebration to November 1st – to honor 'all saints' in heaven, known and unknown. In medieval Christianity major feast days like this began with a sacred evening worship or vigil the night before.

Hence, we come to All Hallow's Eve, where "hallow" means a holy person…and we are hearing in the scriptures: the communion of saints includes ALL the baptized into Christ; ALL are holy. Herein, we celebrate ALL the generations (omni-generational)— both the living and the dead—who are considered saints through God's grace.

So, here I invite you into the adventure of seeing the theology of Halloween—which is the good, creative stretch in our sense of God in our world.

Of course, Halloween is a carnival-like inversion of All Hallows Eve that celebrates the weird and shadowy sides of life sometimes – of ghosts and ghouls and such. Traditionally, this night at our church gather neighbors and strangers in our town in a spirit of play and community for a 'Trunk or Treat' – and we keep adding food to the festivities (because people seem to come hungry and chilly)…where now has become not only hot chocolate and a warm fire, but also with delicious chili and toppings, plus now it's hotdogs and 'who knows'.

All this, the night before our celebration of the saints on Sunday, November 1st – an emphasis in this worship of remembering loved ones who have died both in the past year and in our longer memories, honoring the lives of those who have gone before us in faith.

So, how is Halloween theological? Oh yes, it is easy to be cynical or grumble about *"all that sugar"* and *"marauding teenagers"* or *"a waste of time".* But let's consider this: when else do we intentionally spend this kind of time together as friends in the local community? And when else are we acting like this in our neighborhoods with all the generations – oh yes, all the generations show up at our party.

I wish you could have seen the groups of young people who came and sat down for a moment inside to rest & visit; they were perfectly respectful. And I overheard one of them say he had never been in a church before; we talked a brief moment. I observed last year as a teenager ate 3 bowls of chili – "Poor child was starving!" He'll probably be back; we'll look for him.

Yes, the theology of All Saints, and our weird Halloween stuff, are about the surprising and joyful reach of Christ into our church and into our neighborhoods. And God is reaching across barriers like race and class, even life and death, to shape community – to create loving relationships…that last A LONG TIME.

Thanks be to God, Pastor Tim

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November 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints' Day Book Study 8:45am Worship 10am Worship Board meets after church Church Rental 1-4	2	3 Election Day Bible & Breakfast 9am on Zoom Book Study 5:30 pm @ church AA 6:30pm	4 Book Study 5:30 pm in Victor	5 Church Rental 6:00pm AA 6:30pm	6	7 Church Rental 6:00pm
8 Pentecost 24 Book Study 8:45am Worship 10am Council meets after worship Church Rental 1-4	9	10 Veteran's Day Bible & Breakfast 9am on Zoom Quilt 10 am Book Study 5:30 pm @ church AA 6:30pm	11 Book Study 5:30 pm in Victor	12 Church Rental 6:00pm AA 6:30pm	13	14 Church Rental 6:00pm
15 Pentecost 25 Worship 10am Church Rental 1-4	16	17 Bible & Breakfast 9am on Zoom Quilt 10am AA 6:30pm	18	19 Church Rental 6:00pm AA 6:30pm	20 Meet & Eat Canceled for November	21 Church Rental 6:00pm
22 Christ the King Worship 10am Thanksgiving Meal after worship Church Rental 1-4	23	24 Bible & Breakfast 9am on Zoom Quilt 10am Women's Bible Study 11:30am AA 6:30pm	25	26 Thanksgiving Office Closed Church Rental 6:00pm AA 6:30pm	27	28 Church Rental 6:00pm
29 Advent 1 Worship 10am Greening of Church Church Rental 1-4	30					

All Saints' Day



On Sunday, November 1st, we will celebrate All Saints' Day. During worship, you are invited to light a candle of remembrance or place a memento on the table in the narthex before worship, as you gather around the Lord's Table and Celebrate God's Promises for 'ALL the generations of saints' who have gone before us.

We hope you will bring a friend for this special day of remembrance.

Thankful & Grateful Thanksgiving Meal



Please join us on Sunday, November 22nd for a Stewardship Thanksgiving meal after worship. We will be "Giving Thanks" for all who have helped to grow our church, through our mission and our financial giving. This meal will bring our stewardship "Investing in God's Reign - God's Kingdom is Here" drive to a close.

The church will provide the turkey for the meal, we hope you can bring a side dish or dessert. A sign up sheet is posted in the narthex, please help if you can.

We will also be bringing meals to those who are homebound; please contact the church if you know of someone who needs a meal.

Stewardship & Giving Our Gifts

Our 2027 Stewardship Series is focusing on

"Investing in God's Reign - God's Kingdom is Here"

We are focusing on how the biblical messages on Sundays are guiding us, these will include: We are free in Christ, who is making everything new, God's mercy has a way of turning things 'upside down', We experience God who raises up new life, God helps turn our fears into strength and Our God is holding 'all this together'.

Each Sunday during Stewardship, we will focus on how God's generosity affects our own lives. This focus will end with a Thanksgiving potluck dinner on November 22nd.

Please feel free to cut out the commitment card below and mail it to the church at the address listed

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

2027 Commitment of Giving

In gratitude for all of God's Blessings in our lives and in response to the mission that we share.

Our/my total commitment for 2027 is

$_____

(monthly or annually)

Please mail this pledge card to SMLC
PO Box 3257
Jackson, WY 83001

God's Generosity - Changes Everything

Name: _____

Address: _____

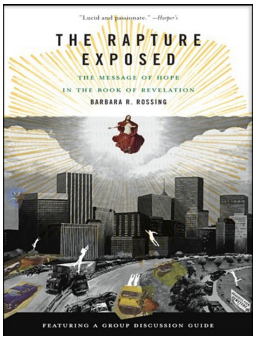
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Thank you for your commitment to Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church!

Book Study - The Rapture Exposed



We hope you can join us for a new and exciting Book Study, continuing for two weeks in November. The group will be reading ***The Rapture Exposed – The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation.***

New Testament scholar Dr. Barbara Rossing guides us to explore God's vision for our world… considering both faithful and unfaithful interpretations of Revelations. Beginning Oct 25th you are invited to gather in conversation about these messages. You may order and read the book ahead of time (used books a cheap). *Three weekly options* for fruitful discussions take place on: Sundays at 8:45am, Tuesdays at 5:30pm at church, and Wednesdays at 5:30pm on the Idaho side at the home of Di & Bob Meister at 45 Moulton Ln, Victor, ID on November 4th.

Please see the signup sheet in the narthex if you would like to attend.

Greening of the Church

Please join the congregation on
Sunday, November 29th
to help us decorate our building for Christmas.
We will be gathering after the 10 am service to put up decorations and finish the Christmas tree.
Your help is needed!



November Meet & Eat Takes a Break



Our Meet & Eat events in November and December will be taking a break, due to other holiday events taking place. The monthly get-together will be back in January. In December we will be planning a Cookie Swap in place of an Meet & Eat meal. Watch your weekly emails and monthly newsletters for updates on events taking place throughout the holiday season and after.

Cookie Swap Coming in December



Our Fellowship Board is planning a
Cookie Swap with Hot Cider and Christmas Carols
This event will take place during Fellowship Time, after church on
Sunday, December 20th.
We are looking for volunteers who can bring a dozen cookies or more to share.

Old Bill's Gratitude

Thank you to all who helped with outreach for SMLC this year through Old Bill's.

The final amount that we received with the match totaled

$4,275.00

Your donations are a blessing to those in need throughout our community!

Thank You

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



Thank you to Jim Wells for getting the narthex ready for the Blood Drive.
Thank you to all who helped with the Halloween Trunk or Treat.
Thank you to the volunteers who helped set up for All Saints' Day.
Thank you to those who helped with the Blessing of the Animals.
Thank you to Jolene Moulder and the volunteers at the October Blood Drive.
Thank you to our Fellowship Board for hosting the October Meet & Eat.
Thank you to Di & Bob Meister for hosting the book meeting at their house in Victor.

Prayers & Thanks



Prayers for Carolyn Daily as she travels to Africa in November.
Prayers for those on new health journeys.
Prayers for Robyn Lunsford as she continues on her health journey.
Prayers for Tom Russ, health.
Prayers for peace during our elections.
Prayers for those suffering with loneliness, depression, mental illness or ill health.
Prayers for those affected by the devastating wild fires in the west.

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

November Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

Sherry Kinsella on November 12th
Eduardo Lindenmeyer Toso on November 19th
Karen Schroeder on November 23rd
Vivian Moulder on November 29th

Please contact the church office
if you would like your birthday

So Much To Be Grateful For!







Left: Members of the Ladies Quilt Group presented baby quilts to new grandma Robyn Lunsford during the worship service. Pastor Tim blessed the quilts as well.

In October, Robyn's daughter Morgan and her husband Spender were blessed with a baby girl, who they named Scotland.



Left: During our October Blood Drive donors that came in early got to witness a bull moose walking in front of the church window. A few minutes after the sighting his girlfriend came across the lawn as well, she stopped to eat some low branches on one of the trees in our yard.



Right: Jolene Moulder, Vivian Moulder & Nancy Parisee treat Pastor Tim to the play Camelot at the Jackson Hole Playhouse for his birthday. They were also cexcited to experience pianist Joseph Olson's piano playing. The acting and singing were amazing and Joseph's piano playing was spectacular!





Right: Playground Fun! A group of daycare children take some time to enjoy our Shepherd's Park Community Playground. Stay tuned for updates on the playground during the year, our Outreach Board has plans for some upgrades.

Daylight Savings



Don't forget to turn your clocks back when you go to bed on Halloween Night.
You wouldn't want to be late for church on Sunday!

Council Highlights from Oct 18th monthly meeting:

1) Our Thriving Congregation Initiative -- final training event is Sat. Oct 26th named **Neighbors Together: Partnering for Innovation**; council leaders and Outreach Board leaders have been attending these events.

2) Funding Forward Committee -- Rusty Mizelle, Chris Moulder, Tanya Beder, and Pastor Tim -- council discussion about conversation with HOA as next step before scheduling larger Weddings for next year.

3) Annual Meeting Preparations -- set for Sunday, Jan 31st; budget planning through Finance Committee, Annual Reports by boards and ministries; and Nominating Committee beginnings.



Tanzania 2027



Have you wondered about visiting our companions in Tanzania? Here is another opportunity to do so! The Companion Synod Team is beginning our planning for the next trip, which will take place from October 26 to November 11, 2027. More details can be found on the synod website under the tab Tanzania Companion Synod. Please consider participating in this life-altering experience.

For detailed information and costs, see:

https://nwimsynod.org/blog/2026925/synod-trip-to-our-companion-synod-2027

Our Church Boards Need You!



Do you have some time or a talent and passion that you could give to your church family or the community? Now is the time to think about how you can be good stewards at Shepherd of the Mountains and those who live among us.

Boards where help is needed in 2027 include **Fellowship, Management, Outreach, Worship, Youth & Education & Stewardship**.

Where do your talents lie? Descriptions of each board, along with an opportunity to sign up, will be posted soon in the narthex. Please take this time to think about how you can serve the church.

Women's Bible Study

The next Women's Bible Study will take place on

Tuesday, November 10th *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

Call to All Singers



Our Common Ground Community Interfaith Community Choir

Rehearsals are held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

420 E. Broadway Ave., Jackson, WY

Sundays at 1 pm

The Concert will take place on Sunday, December 13th

at St. John's Episcopal Church

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

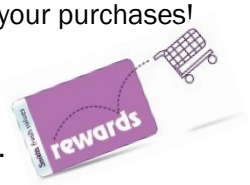
Shepherd of the Mountains
P.O. Box 3257
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Your financial support is important to us!

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**

October 2026

October 4	33	$3,144.00
October 11	19	$468 .00
October 18	27	$3,547.00
October 25	23	$3,940.00

$3,275.00 is needed weekly
your donations matter!

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.

	November 1 All Saints' Day	November 8 Pentecost 24	November 15 Pentecost 25	November 22 Christ the King	November 29 Advent 1
Musician	*Nancy Wilbrecht*	*Joseph Olson*	*TBD*	*Beverly Charette*	*TBD*
Assistant Minister	*Nancy Parisee*	*Rusty Mizelle*	*Brook Redwine*	*Nancy Parisee*	*Jolene Moulder*
Reader	*Jolene Moulder*	*John Parisee*	*David Svendsen*	*Robyn Lunsford*	*Jim Wells*
Greeter/Ushers	*Robyn Lunsford*	*Brook Redwine*	*Tim Cline*	*Nikki Thompson*	*Karen Schroeder*
Head Offering Counter	*Jolene Moulder*	*Sherry Kinsella*	*Pam Zernis*	*Brook Redwine*	*Lorrie Lee*
Altar Guild	*Brook Redwine*	*Brook Redwine*	*Pam Zernis*	*Robyn Lunsford*	*Sherry Kinsella*
Coffee Maker	*HELP NEEDED*	*Brook Redwine*	*Pastor Tim*	*Jolene Moulder*	*Lorrie Lee*