

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

November 2025



Church life has been 'a whirlwind of goodness' in the many month's past. And that's all great! Yet we're still in 'high gear' since it was announced: "We were calling-off the Summer Slump" – a sentiment spoken because of a full church summer calendar: incl. a giant yard sale, our 40th Anniversary Celebrations, an Old Bills booth, community concerts (GTMF), training worship leaders, hosting 'Meet & Eats'—and many others, including our boards who plan and deliver much ministry and programming.



Recently, on Oct 17th we began to know two pastors from Tanzania, in the NWIM Synod as guests in our Companion Synod relationship. Previously our council determined to host them for 4 days of their 6 week tour—being with many congregations plus synod events. From now on our Outreach Board will keep you informed of future possibilities with them, including a 'solar power project'.

On that Friday Pastors Wilson and Ezekiel were introduced to us at our delicious meal and they shared a video with inspiring conversation, mostly regarding the preschool and elementary school under the wings of their congregations. On Saturday Lorrie and Brook took them on a tour of this place we call home, including (of course) a drive into the park. Earlier Sunday morning (class before worship) they told several unforgettable stories of their 'home-church' models, then in worship Pastor Wilson preached and both pastors led lively singing of hymns in Swahili.

One highlight for me was experiencing Pastor Ezekiel at the Communion Table, sharing the 'words of institution' in Swahili. And at the 'sending', his benediction in Swahili enlivened the bridges and unity we share in Christ, across language and continents.

Yes, the musical energy lifted us high as we sang two familiar hymns from Africa (which helps explain 'why' they are in our hymnals, you may know): we often sing the songs of our brothers and sisters from around the world.

Imagine 'their models of faith in their homes'—where many of their people invite neighbors (weekly) to group conversations and prayer where they live. Our churches in America are seeing less growth; Tanzania is bursting. Faith in our homes began as the style of the earliest people of God in the Old Testament. I know we can grow into a relationship with God like that.

I am so pleased they visited, not only be 'with us' but also to be missionaries 'to us'. They inspired me, our congregation, and they invite 20+ from our synod to visit Tanzania in June, 2026 (more info to come soon).

Thanks be to God for this *whirlwind of goodness*. And I gladly see no slowdown in sight.

Pastor Tim



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November 2025 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 All Saints' Sunday  Bible Class 9 am Worship 10 am Worship Board Meets	3 Prayer Group 5:30 pm	4 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm	5	6 AA 6:30pm	7 It Takes a Valley Crockpot Soup at Fairgrounds @ noon	8
9 Pentecost 22 Bible Class 9 am Worship 10 am Council Meets	10 Prayer Group 5:30 pm	11 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am Women's Potluck Lunch & Bible Study 11:30 am Fellowship Mtg 5:30 pm AA 6:30pm	12	13 AA 6:30pm	14 Art, Play & Eat 10 am - noon 	15
16 Pentecost 23 Bible Class 9 am Worship 10 am	17 Prayer Group 5:30 pm Outreach Mtg 6:17 pm	18 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm	19	20 AA 6:30pm	21 Meet & Eat Potluck Dinner Canceled 	22
23 Christ the King Bible Class 9 am Worship 10 am Thanksgiving Potluck Meal after church 	24 Prayer Group 5:30 pm	25 Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm	26	27 Thanksgiving Office Closed AA 6:30pm 	28	29
30 Advent 1 Bible Class 9 am Worship 10 am Greening of the Church 						

All Saints' Sunday



On Sunday, November 3rd, we will celebrate All Saints' Day. During worship, you are invited to light a candle of remembrance during communion, 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.

Thanksgiving Potluck Meal

Please join us on Sunday, November 23rd 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 "Generosity" 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 will be posted in the narthex.



We hope you will continue to be "Growing in Generosity & Rooted in Faith" throughout 2026!

Stewardship & You

Beginning on October 26th, our 2026 Stewardship Series began focusing on

"God's Generosity - Changes Everything"

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 23rd.

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

2026 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 2026 is

\$ _____ (monthly or annually)

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



Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

Children's Community Event



Art, Play & Eat

Fri, Nov 14th at 10 am

Hands on Crafts, healthy food, friendship with the neighbors, fun for all ages

We hope you can help with the event.

Talk with Pastor Tim or sign up in the fellowship room

Sunday Bible Classes



Bible Basics Classes in November

Each Sunday in November we will focus on "Bible Basics: True meaning of Incarnation, according to Luke". This will be a series in November that gets us ready for Advent. Please join us at 9 am each Sunday for the class.

Women's Bible Study



The next Women's Bible Study will take place on Tuesday, November 11th, from 11:30 until 12:15 pm. The topic of conversation for this class will be "Faithfulness". Come and join the group as they engage in a study of the book of Ruth, led by Pastor Tim.

A brown bag lunch will follow the study, bring a lunch if you wish.

Old Bill's

Thank you to all who generously donated to the Old Bill's Fun Run, through either your time, your generous donations, or both. Money received through Old Bill's helps us to support those in need within our community. Some examples of how we help is through money through rental assistance, food & gas assistance through Smith's gift cards and utility assistance.

On October 22nd we received a check in the amount of **\$5585.00**, well done and thank you!



Crock Pots of Soup Needed



Once again, "It Takes a Valley" is helping to redistribute clothing and gear to families in our area. SMLC is helping with this event by providing 5 crock pots of soup on Friday, Nov 7th for those volunteering at the event on Saturday. If you are able to provide a soup, please sign up at the volunteer table or email the church office. Please bring your crocks of soup to the Fairgrounds on Friday at noon (please note this time has changed).

Greening of the Church



Please join the congregation on

Sunday, November 30th

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!

Thank You

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



- To everyone who helped our Tanzanian guests feel comfortable during their stay here.
- Thank you to Pastor Tim for blessing all of our furry friends at the Blessing of the Animals.
- Thank you to all who donated toward Old Bill's.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with our annual Trunk or Treat.

Prayers & Thanksgivings



Prayers for Vivian Moulder, health
 Prayers for Steffan Freeman, health
 Prayers for Robyn Lunsford, health
 Prayers & Thanksgivings for our Tanzanian brothers and sisters

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

in faith.

Prayers for all those suffering in body, mind, soul, and strength.

Prayers for the multitude who are living with loneliness.

Prayers for those who suffer from armed conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Syria, and all around the world.

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



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Sherry Kinsella on November 12
- Eduardo Lindenmeyer Toso on November 19
- Vivian Moulder on November 29

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

So Much To Be Grateful For!

Blessing of the Animals

Right & Below: On St. Francis Day/Blessing of the Animals, members of the community and our congregation brought their beloved furry friends for a blessing by Pastor Tim.



Happy Birthday Pastor Tim!

Below: Pastor Tim receives a birthday card from the congregation, along with birthday trees and a shrub for his yard. The generosity from the congregation was so great that we also were able to give Pastor money so he can choose more wonderful gifts for his birthday. Happy Blessed Birthday Year!



Our Tanzanian Guests

On October 19th we welcomed Pastor Ezekiel and Pastor Wilson from our companion Synod in Tanzania. The Pastors joined us on Friday for our Meet & Eat, on Saturday they took a tour throughout Jackson, and then worshiped with us on Sunday. During their visit, they enlightened us on a solar panel project they are working on for their school in Africa. Stay tuned for more information on this program as it develops in 2026.



October Church Council Meeting

Council Highlights from Oct 12th meeting:

- 1) Final plans for our guests from Companion Synod in Tanzania
- 2) Final plans for our Council Retreat on Oct 24th
- 3) Flood repairs are nearly complete--thanks to John and Spencer
- 4) Plans for outdoor shed (built by Management Bd; date to be determined)
many donated materials; additional expenses to be covered by Flood Fund balance



Prayer Class & Practice

Takes place here on Mondays 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.



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 2026 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 in soon in the narthex. Please take this time to think about how you can serve the church.

Meet & Eat



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. Watch your weekly emails and monthly newsletters for updates on events taking place in 2026.

Community Choir Concert



Our Common Ground Community Interfaith Choir Concert & Creche Display

at Shepherd of the Mountains Church

December 14th at 4 pm.

Come and enjoy the music

Come to see the amazing creche displays in our narthex

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



October 2025

October 5	44	\$4,167.00
October 12	24	\$2,250.00
October 17 - Meet & Eat	24	N/A
October 19	45	\$2,347.00
October 26	30	\$965.00

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!

	November 2 All Saints' Day	November 9 Pentecost 22	November 16 Pentecost 23	November 23 Christ the King	November 30 Advent 1
Preacher	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem
Musician	Beverly Charette	Nancy Wilbrecht	Ozzy Ucak	Pastor Tim	TBD
Assistant Minister	Nancy Parisee	Rusty Mizelle	Nancy Parisee	Brook Redwine	Jolene Moulder
Reader	Jim Wells	Christina Mizelle	John Parisee	David Svendsen	Tim Cline
Greeter/Ushers	Tim Cline	Robyn Lunsford	Nikki Thompson	John Parisee	Lorrie Lee
Head Offering Counter	Pam Zernis	Sherry Kinsella	Jolene Moulder	Brook Redwine	Lorrie Lee
Altar Guild	Sherry Kinsella	Pam Z./Karen S	Pam Zernis	Robyn Lunsford	Brook Redwine
Coffee Maker	Pastor Tim	Brook Redwine	John Parisee	TBD	Jolene Moulder