

Shepherd of the Mountains

September 2021

Ordinary Time



Worship with us!

Sundays at 9 am

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Dear Shepherd of the Mountains,

“But we’ve always done it that way!”

Pastor Ben’s sermon on August 29 hit home for me, as he talked about change within the general “church” community. The stories of a couple of his congregations in Montana really illustrated what resistance to change can bring about – one is still around, the other no longer exists. Service clubs such as Rotary, Lions, and JC’s have similar issues. They all exist to “do good things” in the community and many have had tremendous success in the past. Now, faced with older folks in their clubs with many resistant to change, they are shrinking or dying (see Jackson Hole JC’s). The ones that are surviving are changing their ways and getting younger members to infuse their ranks. They still “do good things” in the community, even with their internal changes.

The advantage we at Shepherd of the Mountains has over service clubs is the bedrock of our beliefs; we confess Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and know that it is our loving God’s grace that saves us. All the rest is window dressing. We come together at church to celebrate these beliefs. Our liturgical tradition is comforting to us, as are hymns, reading of the Gospel, and other traditions of our service. But we might wish to think about different ways of sharing our beliefs with others.

Don’t get me wrong – I love liturgy. Let’s not throw the baby out with the bathwater. The day Shepherd stops offering regular Communion is the day I wander off to other pastures in search of a new church home. Communion is very personal to me, and sometimes I feel like I can see Jesus, smiling, sitting in a chair at the front of the church, and other times it’s just bread and wine. I live for those days I feel the real presence of Jesus.

Let’s at least entertain new ways of being Lutherans. Keep what we’re doing well now but explore ways to bring more people to the Word. I’m certainly not the expert on how that might look, but let’s talk together about future possibilities, eh? Remember, we’re all family here.

Our Synod is supporting us in so many ways as we go along the dusty trail to get a new minister. For many years there has been a clearly defined path to follow – I won’t bore you with the details, check one of our bulletin boards. Key to this is getting an Interim Pastor, someone that can come in and help us through this process. They themselves cannot become our next pastor but will help us find one after we do a study, the Synod finds some candidates, and we start interview, and so on. But here is also a new concept the Synod is presenting for our consideration. (“But we’ve always had an interim, yada, yada, yada...”)

A Transitional Minister can be appointed to us, with our agreement, that will stay for two years, and after that first year, we can mutually agree to either continue the relationship long term – they’d become our pastor – or they’d become our Interim and guide us through the call process for their final year. The Council is exploring this new procedure along with the traditional Interim Pastor route with Pastor Phil Misner, Assistant to the Bishop. No decisions have been made, but the Council is open to talking about change.

As ever, please direct any questions or comments to a Council Member – we’re all family.

Scott

Every Week

SUNDAY



In-person Worship at SMLC We are offering one in-person worship service each week. Join us on Sunday mornings at **9 am**. *For now, we are offering communion in one kind (bread).*

Sign up to assist or read via our "Sign Up Genius" volunteer system (email Tanya Shedd (thobbs6@hotmail.com) for more details). The many voices of Christ's body make each service special.



Hole Food Rescue - On Sunday mornings, volunteers pick up bread and baked goods from Persephone & Picnic to be distributed to those in need. Would you like to help? Talk to Robyn Lunsford (rlunsford@jorgeng.com). Please check our weekly email for new opportunities at Hole Food Rescue.

TUESDAY



Bible & Breakfast, our coed group that looks at the lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday, meets via ZOOM from **8 - 9 am (Jackson time)**. Grab a cup of coffee and join us! Email Scott Daily at scott@hoback.org for the link.

Events in September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Adele Thompson service on Facebook at 10am Assistant Minister Training 7pm 	2 AA 6:30pm	3	4
5 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi Council meets after church 	6 Labor Day 	7 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	8	9 AA 6:30pm	10	11
12 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi	13	14 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	15	16 AA 6:30pm	17	18
19 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi	22	21 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	22	23 AA 6:30pm	24  Meet & Eat Potluck Supper 5:30 - 7pm (will not take place if we are still in red)	25
26 Worship at 9am with Rev. Ben Nardi	27	28 Bible & Breakfast 8am on Zoom AA 6:30pm	29	30 AA 6:30pm		

Call Process Update

Pastor Ben Nardi will be our “stated supply” pastor the next few of months. Terry DiMattio and Scott Daily continue to work with Pastor Phil Misner, Assistant to the Bishop, on the call process, and no decisions have yet been made.

Pastor Ben will have office hours for pastoral care, he will be here on Mondays from 8-11am. Please feel free to stop by to talk to him, or you can make an appointment by emailing him at nardib@yahoo.com.



Mask Mandate for Church Services



Council has decided that since Teton County is in the RED, has an increasing number of Covid-19 cases (including among some vaccinated individuals), we have members at high risk should they become infected, and the highly transmissible Delta variant is in Teton county; that, we return to a mask mandate during worship for both the vaccinated and unvaccinated. This is to protect you, your church family, and those you love. Thank you for caring!

Assistant Minister Training



Have you been thinking about getting more involved in worship services but don't know how?

Scott Daily will be holding an Assistant Minister training class on **Wednesday, September 1st**, for those interested in helping out on Sunday mornings, the class will take place at 7pm. This is a great opportunity to get more involved with our worship services while giving back to your church family.

Please contact the church office or email Scott Daily at scott@hoback.org for more information or to sign up.

September Meet & Eat

The September Meet & Eat will not take place if Teton County is still in the red for Covid.

Please watch your church emails for updates on the Meet & Eat and other church functions at SMLC.



New Church Directories



The office is currently working on a new church directory for 2021. Directories will soon be available in the church narthex for you to take home. PDF versions will also be available for you to download. Watch your emails for news on when the church directory is ready.

Service for Adele Thompson

Don't miss the memorial church service for the beloved Adele Thompson, mother to Rick & Colleen Thompson. The service will take place on Wednesday, **September 1st** at **10:00 a.m. Mountain Time**. It will be streamed from Christ the King Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN on Facebook. Pastor Inger will be singing at the service.

To view the service please search for Christ The King Lutheran Church in Mankato.



Help For Haiti



Lutheran Disaster Response

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Lutheran Disaster Response supports relief for Haiti.

A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti on Aug. 14. Over 1,400 people were killed, and that number is expected to increase as search-and-rescue efforts continue. Blocked roads are delaying the delivery of vital supplies to hospitals, which are overwhelmed with more than 6,900 injured people. At least 26,000 homes were damaged or destroyed, but the full extent of damage is still unknown. Haiti is also suffering through a political crisis and was hit by Tropical Storm Grace, which caused severe flooding in communities already damaged by the earthquake.

For over two decades, the ELCA has maintained a presence in southern Haiti through support for agricultural and sustainable development work. To continue our engagement with those communities, Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with partner organizations in the communities to meet relief needs, including food, water, medical supplies and temporary shelter. In the future, other areas of support will include psychosocial care, water and sanitation, and creating sustainable livelihoods through agriculture and livestock. We also stand with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti as it assesses damage and impacts on churches and church life.

If you would like to help with the disaster in Haiti, you can donate through Partners in Health, an established organization with a presence in Haiti or the Red Cross. You can also donate through the Lutheran Disaster Response. Please click on any one of the links if you wish to help.

Partners in Health

pih.org



Red Cross

redcross.org



Lutheran Disaster Response

[Lutheran Disaster Response](http://LutheranDisasterResponse.org)

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response

P.O. Box 1809

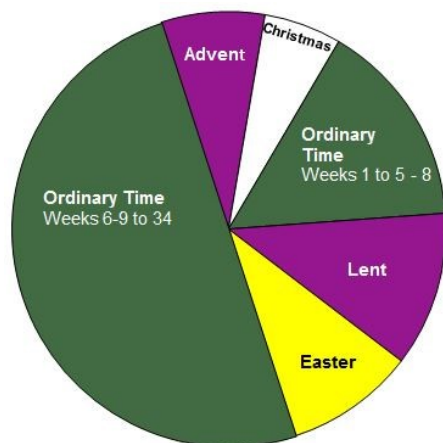
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "Haiti Crisis" on your check memo

What is "Ordinary Time"?

Ordinary time isn't a season; it is just a way to describe the weeks between the seasons. The word "ordinary" means regular or plain but it also means "counted." Ordinal numbers are 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and so on; and this is the meaning of "Ordinary Time" since we count the weeks between the Church's seasons in ordinal numbers.

The weeks of Ordinary Time number thirty-three or thirty-four depending on the year and are divided into two parts of the liturgical year. The first part of Ordinary Time begins on the Sunday after Epiphany (although the first Sunday is perpetually impeded by the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord) and continues until Ash Wednesday. With the date of Easter varying every year, this first part of Ordinary Time may include as few as four weeks and as many as nine weeks. Part II of Ordinary Time begins the day after Pentecost and continues to the Saturday before the 1st Sunday of Advent.



Each year during Ordinary Time we read through one of the Gospels. One year we read cycle A which concentrates on readings from the Gospel of Matthew. The next year we turn to Cycle B the focus of which is Mark's Gospel, and the third year we turn to readings from Luke's Gospel until we repeat the cycle again.

The sanctuary color for Ordinary Time is green. Green is used for its symbolism of our growth in Christ. Green, in a sense, is a "neutral color," used when more festive or more somber color is not appointed.

Prayers

Dale Jeske, healing prayers after two cataract surgeries.
Dine Dellenback, Dine is currently in ICU at St. John’s hospital, healing prayers for her while she battles Covid.
Patty Krause and family, as they mourn the death of Patty’s mother.
Patrick Corun (son of Dan & Kay Corun) healing prayers while his body adjusts to his new heart.
Lars Schou, healing after a climbing accident. Update – Lars is in a holding pattern and doing some serious healing. The next step is removal of all of the external hardware on his left leg. There will not be a surgery on his right heel, it may be more beneficial to just let it heal as is. His right knee repair will have to wait until the plate and screws have more of a chance to heal. His spirits are good and he is incredibly grateful and humbled by all the love and support everyone has given him.
Becky Sprunger (friend of Jolene Moulder), stage IV cancer.
Robyn Lunsford, who is navigating health issues.
Malissa Mejia (friend of Karen Schroeder), cancer.

Serenity Prayer

*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
the courage to change the things I can;
and the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him Forever in the next.
Amen*

For prayers or prayer updates please email or call the church

Church Council

While we are in transition please know that your Church Council is always here to serve you and listen to your questions and concerns.

Please feel free to contact a member of the Church Council or chat with them after church on Sundays.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

September Birthdays

September 6th - Betsy Grande
September 6th - Kim Hunt
September 9th - Christopher Thompson
September 13th - Pam Zernis

Please call or email the church office and tell us when your special day is. Your church family would like to wish you birthday or anniversary greetings.



A Volunteer With a Passion for Quilts



Left: Carolyn Daily smiles as she packs up the last box full of quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Thirteen quilts were made by our Shepherd of the Mountains Shepherds of the Cloth quilting group over the last two years. Due to covid, the quilts took longer than expected to finish.

Thank you to all our Shepherd quilters for your time and dedication toward this much needed gift, your stewardship is a blessing. And thank you Carolyn, for your steadfast stewardship and love.

Pastor Ben Delivers!

Right; Pastor Ben Nardi has really stepped up to the plate for us at Shepherd. His enthusiasm and love for our parish has been a blessing to all of us. We will be lucky enough to have Pastor Ben, at least through the month of September, while we await a new Pastor.

Pastor Ben will be holding office hours on Mondays from 8-11am, for those in need of Pastoral Care.



Blood Drives - Your Help is Needed

The blood drive, sponsored by SMLC, needs your help! Volunteers are needed to help work the front desk during the blood drives and also to give blood.

Blood donors are needed now more than ever. Why should people donate blood? **Safe blood saves lives.** ... A decision to donate your blood can save a life, or even several if your blood is separated into its components – red cells, platelets and plasma – which can be used individually for patients with specific conditions .



For more information you can speak with Jolene Moulder after church or call her at 307-413-4561. You can also visit the Vitalant website at

<https://www.vitalant.org> to make an appointment to give blood in October.



Above Left: Everyone's friend Wayno, takes time to donate.

Left: Jolene Moulder shows how easy it is to give blood.

Blood Drive Dates Remaining for 2021

Your help is always needed in our blood drives. To give blood please go to <https://www.bloodhero.com>

**October 20 & 21
December 15 & 16 (at Presbyterian Church)**

Your donation matters!

Online Giving



Have you ever thought about giving your offering online but don't know how?

You may sign up to give one time, weekly, monthly, or yearly .

You can give by text (307-207-3866), by credit or debit, or by online checking. Go to this link and you're on your way!

<https://sotmlcjackson.breezechms.com/give/online>

You may also mail in 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

Help the church while you buy your groceries

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**
4. Finish the process.

August 2021		
Week of 1st	19	\$ 2,044.00
Week of 8th	16	\$ 1,892.00
Week of 15th	19	\$ 652.00
Week of 22nd	22	\$ 1,202.00
Week of 29th	23	\$ 1,864.00
Total	99	\$ 7,654.00
Note: Weekly budget needs: \$2,976.00		

Signing up is easy - visit **Sign Up Genius** at [Sign Up Genius](#) to volunteer.

	September 5 Pentecost 14	September 12 Pentecost 15	September 19 Pentecost 16	September 26 Pentecost 17
Preacher	<i>Pastor Ben Nardi</i>	<i>Pastor Ben Nardi</i>	<i>Pastor Ben Nardi</i>	<i>Pastor Ben Nardi</i>
Assistant Minister	<i>Scott Daily</i>	<i>Mizelle Family</i>	<i>Mary Lou Klene</i>	HELP NEEDED
Reader	<i>Mary Lou Klene</i>	<i>Mizelle Family</i>	<i>Rose & Dale Jeske</i>	HELP NEEDED
Ushers	HELP NEEDED	<i>Mizelle Family</i>	<i>Rose & Dale Jeske</i>	HELP NEEDED
Counters	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Council Greeter	<i>Scott Daily</i>	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Altar Minister	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	<i>Rose Jeske</i>	HELP NEEDED
Piano	<i>Andrew Clark</i>	<i>Andrew Clark</i>	<i>Andrew Clark</i>	<i>Andrew Clark</i>