



# 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

September 2025

## THE VARIOUS FACES OF MINISTRY AND MISSION AT SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS

On Saturday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, our congregation will take our place among the whole Teton County, WY non-profits and agencies that serve local people. Our fantastic booth will be ready by 8:30am. Then the Fun Run/Walk and Adaptive Run begins, then the band plays (see/hear the Ninnemanns in the band), and finally the spontaneous parade of people among the 125 booths for Old Bills bursts open. PS: it is a really good time to walk all about to see, to visit, to learn about our community.



Many thanks go out to all of the volunteers from our congregation, plus all the coordination among leaders in our church's Outreach Board. Now, please do come and be a part of the joy as 'this village of interaction' takes place. Clearly, an important part of our church's mission is to both: 1) serve our neighbor as we are able, and 2) to collaborate with others – churches, non-profits, agencies – as God leads us to 'team up' and serve the world.

Another meaningful dimension of our missional life will be experienced soon: two guests will with us from Tanzania, October 17 through 19<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Wilson Nyakachewa and Pastor Ezekiel Mwambungu will join us for our 'Meet and Eat' on Friday, visit ministry and life in the Jackson area on Saturday, and be together with us in worship on Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. "We're in for great experiences!"

For over 35 years, our synod – Northwest Intermountain Synod, NWIM – has had a growing relationship with the people of the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese (UKD) of Tanzania. I think it is every 3 years that each synod will send ambassadors to one another's churches. The next group from our synod that will go to Tanzania takes place in June, 2026 – <https://nwimsynod.org/tanzania-companion-synod-ukd> Perhaps you are interested? I know 'I am'.

Spending time in the UKD is a life-changing experience. It is heart-warming, enlightening, and fulfilling. The journey is not easy, but the joys received do outweigh the burdens! If you are willing to be a bit adventuresome, please consider participating. The Synod trip to the UKD is a chance to learn more about our companions. We then ask that you come home as an ambassador of our NWIM-UKD relationship, spreading the news about our companions.

Yes, life is active and fascinating as we balance our many faces of mission – from 'parades of interaction' with 125 other active servers (plus hundreds of people in our community) to 'sharing stories of ministry and inspiration' with brothers and sisters across the oceans.

Simultaneously, may we both: 1) *lean forward* to hear and understand God's voice that is calling us into the lives of one another, and 2) *lean back in prayerful and patient receptivity* to the challenges and rewards of being a modern follower and disciple of Jesus.



Partners in Christ, Pastor Tim



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## September 2025 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>Labor Day</b> Prayer Group 5:30 pm 	<b>2</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> AA 6:30pm	<b>5</b> Old Bills Set Up 4:30 - 5:30 pm	<b>6</b> Old Bills Fun Run 8:30 - 12 
<b>7</b> <b>Pentecost 8</b> Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship 10 am Worship Board Meets	<b>8</b> Prayer Group 5:30 pm	<b>9</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am Women's Potluck Lunch & Bible Study @ noon Finance Board meets 3:30 pm Stewardship Board Meets 4:00 AA 6:30pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> AA 6:30pm	<b>12</b> Cooking Club "Pizza Night" 5:30 pm @ Jeske's  Old Bills Giving Ends 	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Pentecost 9</b> Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship 10 am Council Meets	<b>15</b> Prayer Group 5:30 pm Outreach Board meets at 6:17 pm	<b>16</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> AA 6:30pm	<b>19</b> Meet & Eat "Tailgate Time" Potluck Dinner at the parsonage @ 5:30 pm 	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Pentecost 10</b> Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship 10 am	<b>22</b> Prayer Group 5:30 pm	<b>23</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> AA 6:30pm Nominating Committee Meets 4:00 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>Pentecost 10</b> Around Coffee Table 9 am Worship 10 am	<b>29</b> Prayer Group 5:30 pm	<b>30</b> Bible & Breakfast 8 am on Zoom Quilt 10 am AA 6:30pm				

## Old Bills



Old Bills giving is currently accepting your generous donations until September 12th. The Fun Run race day is on Saturday, September 6th, we have a booth booked and are ready to GO. Please help us to help others in our community by giving in the name of Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church. Your donations, big or small, can really make a difference to those in need among us.

This year we will be hosting a booth on race day. We will be needing your help at the booth, on Friday from 4:30 - 5:30 and on Saturday beginning at 8 am, we hope you can come and help. Many volunteers will be needed, including you!

We use our Old Bills money to reach out to our neighbors through providing rental assistance, grocery cards, or any assistance that stays within our community. This year our Outreach team will be thinking of new ways to help use those funds for those in need.

Watch for your flyer in the mail or go to <https://www.oldbills.org/donate> to donate.



## Cooking Club Fun!



Do you enjoy cooking and want to share your kitchen experiences with others wishing to learn? Are you eating too many frozen pizzas and other processed foods? If so, we would love for you to either help out in getting our new Cooking Club up and running, or being a participant.

Join us as we learn more about how to create healthy, quick and delicious options for busy lifestyles. We will begin with a pizza night soon. If you are interested in either helping or taking part in our Cooking Club, please email John Parisee at [jparisee1@yahoo.com](mailto:jparisee1@yahoo.com) to join us.

## Pizza Night



The SMLC Cooking Club is Hosting

"Pizza Night"

Friday, September 12th at 5:30

At Rose & Dale Jeske's House, 2250 Coyote Loop, Wilson

Come for some cooking fun!

Learn how to make pizzas with John and our Cooking Club

The pizza dough will be provided, please see the sign up sheet to bring a topping  
Bring your own beverage!

## Church Volunteers

Over the past two weeks we hosted meetings for those who chose to help with some of our Sunday volunteer opportunities. The meetings helped to train us with guidelines so that we will be able to perform our duties with ease and confidence.

If you signed up to be a volunteer, watch your emails for revised guidelines and proposed schedules for your volunteer groups. Beginning in October, we will begin scheduling volunteers on a monthly basis. If you would still like to volunteer, but have not done it yet, we would still love to have you. Please email the office if you are interested.



## September Meet & Eat



Need a night off from cooking, some fun fellowship & a delicious meal?

This month's Meet & Eat will be a  
**"Tailgate Time" Potluck Supper**  
**Friday, September 19th at 5:30**

At Pastor Tim's House  
 1675 W Quarter Horse Dr., in Rafter J

**Bring tailgate finger food**  
**wings, meatballs, nachos, chili, etc.**

## Getting to Know Our Talented Musicians

This month we bring you a little more information about the wonderful musicians that we have entertaining us each Sunday. They all bring so many gifts to us!



### Beverly Charette

I grew up in Wisconsin and arrived in Teton Valley by way of Minnesota, Colorado, and New Mexico. I have been and still am a naturalist hiking guide and wildlife touring guide with Hole Hiking Experience in Jackson Hole, leading hikes in summer and snowshoe hikes in winter in the National Forests. I also am a Reiki practitioner offering hands-on healing sessions. I have 2 sons and their partners and a 16-year-old granddaughter.

### Ozzy Ucak

I'm originally from Turkey and have been living in Jackson for the past two years. I not only play piano for the church, but also teach it. I enjoy spending time outdoors. Climbing, playing basketball, and hiking are some of my favorite activities, especially with the beautiful mountains and trails around Jackson.



### Pastor Tim Stadem



I was born in Platte, South Dakota. As a Lutheran pastor, I have had callings in places such as Mitchell, Rapid City & Piedmont, South Dakota as well as Las Cruces, New Mexico, Fort Collins, Colorado and Alliance, Nebraska. In my spare time I like to hike, kayak, garden, Nordic ski, among other various activities. I have two sons, Lee & Jase. The most favorite thing I have done is horseback riding, for 4 summers, along the bank of the Grand River, at Klein Ranch Church Camp, in South Dakota. I used to own my own horse when I lived in Black Hills.

### Nancy Wilbrecht



I grew up in Knowles, Wisconsin. In my younger years I played piano in a Polka band on Saturday nights and then had to get up and play piano at church on Sunday mornings. Nancy is married to John Wilbrecht, they have been living in Jackson since 1977. Nancy's hobbies are knitting, sewing, music, ushering at the Music Festival and hiking.



Polka playing Nancy Wilbrecht, far right



## Thank You

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



Thank you to Scott Schmillen for making 5000 crosses for us to sell!!  
 Thank you to those who helped us sponsor the Grand Teton Music Festival.  
 Thank you to all who volunteer to help make our worship services so wonderful.  
 Thank you to our Outreach Board for their work with Old Bills and the many other Outreach events that they put together.  
 Thank you to all our church boards that continue to meet regularly.

## Prayers & Thanksgivings



Edda Grove – Prayers for healing from her knee surgery.  
 Robyn Lunsford – Prayers for health.  
 Steffan Freeman – Prayers for health.  
 Vivian Moulder – Prayers as she prepares herself for valve

replacement surgery in Salt Lake City on October 1st.

Rev. Ben Nardi – Currently in the hospital.

Prayers for those suffering from depression, anxiety, and other ailments.

Prayers for our children going back to school, may they be safe while they are learning.

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

## Church Council

### 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.

#### President:

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### September Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Kim Hunt birthday on September 6

Betsy Grande birthday on September 6

Dianne Meister birthday on September 7

Christopher Thompson birthday on September 9

Steffan Freeman birthday on September 10

Pam Zernis birthday on September 13

Pastor Tim birthday on September 30

John & Nancy Parisee anniversary  
 on September 11





## So Much To Be Grateful For!



### The Stadem Family

Above: The week of August 17th Pastor Tim's family came to visit for their annual visit. That Sunday, Pastor's brothers blessed us with their gift of beautiful music



### Grand Teton Music Festival

Above Right & Right: On August 2nd we hosted the Grand Teton Music Festival - On the Road at our church. Many came out for a delightful afternoon of classical music and poetry. Members of the Outreach Board provided some delicious refreshments for those who came to the event..



### Worshipping in the Narthex

Left: The day after the Grand Teton Music Festival, we thought it would be fun to leave the chairs in the narthex and worshipped while we gazed at the beautiful scenery that God provided us with out our window.

### A HUGE Thank You

To Scott Schmillen, for making 5000 wooden crosses for us to sell!



Scott also made a bunch of larger crosses, 8 3/4" x 12 3/4" that can be hung on a wall. Those crosses will be available, for a donation, in the narthex. Please leave your donations in the box by the crosses.

Thank You Scott & Jo!



## August Church Council Meeting

Council Meeting, August 10, 2025 highlights:

- 1) Reviewing our 40th Anniversary Celebrations
- 2) Discussion/Planning with unfolding details of hosting Tanzanian missionaries
- 3) Conversations of boards and ministries - summer projects and accomplishments
- 4) Funding Forward (leveraging assets) & Revitalization (going public) efforts are ongoing



### Luncheon & Bible Study

This month, the Women's Group will meet for their monthly Luncheon & Bible Study on Tuesday, September 9th at noon, instead of the regularly scheduled second Tuesday of the month. This meeting will take place in addition to the weekly Women's Quilt Group meetings that take place each Tuesday at 10:00 am.

All are invited to come and join these ladies any Tuesday, there is always room for one more. Just show up, no experience in quilting or having fun necessary!



### Uganda Missionaries Come to SMLC



(left to right) Bishop Emeritus Abel Mwambungu, Pr Wilson Nyakachewa, Pr Ezekiel Mwambungu, and Bishop Renard Mtenji

The time is soon upon us when our Tanzanian guests, Pastor Wilson Nyakachewa and Pastor Ezekiel Mwambungu will be here! Please keep them in prayer as they wrap up their jobs for being gone for 7 weeks and then travel the many hours to churches they are visiting, including Shepherd of the Mountains Church.

Pastor Wilson Nyakachewa, 57 years old, was born in Mt. Meru, Tanzania. He has studied in many places throughout Tanzania as well as 6 months at University of Copenhagen. He received his Bachelor of Divinity in 2007 and his Masters Degree of Theology in Gender and Health in 2015. Pr Wilson was ordained on November 13, 2003. He has served as a District Pastor for the UKD; Secretary of Christian Education, Youth, and Higher Learning; Principal of Tumaini Lutheran Bible School; General Secretary of the UKD; as well as multiple leadership positions within several church, school, and community organizations. He is currently the Assistant to the Bishop for the UKD. Pr. Wilson is married to Christina. They have 3 adult children, James, Nelson, and Miriam Esther. Their first born, Richard, passed away in 2019. Nelson has completed his diploma and is looking at further studies in architecture. Miriam

Esther is in university.

Pastor Ezekiel Mwambungu, 53 years old, was born in Kilombero Tanzania. He received his Diploma in Theology in 2001 and his Bachelors of Divinity in 2009. Pr. Ezekiel did a one year internship at Grace Lutheran in Wenatchee in 1999-2000. He was ordained on August 26, 2001 and has served as a Pastor in the ELCT-Ulangu Kilombero Diocese for 24 years. He has taught at the Tumaini Lutheran Bible School and served as the principal of that school. He has been the UKD Director of Christian Education, Youth, and Learning; and the Acting General Secretary twice. He currently serves as the Director for Planning and Development for the UKD and as the Chaplain of the Cathedral of the UKD. Pr. Ezekiel is married to Genrose Matimbwi and they will celebrate their 25th anniversary this December. Genrose is the Treasurer of the UKD. They have 3 children, Joyce, Nathan, and Joseph. Joyce is attending special vocational training, Nathan and Joseph are both students at the Strobelt Pre and Primary School, a school of the UKD.

## 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



## 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.

## August 2025

August 3	43	\$5,560.00
August 10	45	\$1,330.34
August 15 - Meet & Eat	15	N/A
August 17	38	\$1,808.00
August 24	39	\$1,835.00
August 31	34	\$2,823.00

**\$3,275.00** is needed weekly  
your donations matter!

	September 7 Pentecost 13	September 14 Pentecost 14	September 21 Pentecost 15	September 28 Pentecost 16
Preacher	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem	Pastor Tim Stadem
Assistant Minister	Brook Redwine	Rusty Mizelle	Nancy Parisee	Jolene Moulder
Reader	David Svendsen	Christina Mizelle	John Parisee	Tim Cline
Greeter/Ushers	Tim Cline	Edda Grove & Karen Schroeder	Help Needed	Help Needed
Head Counter	Jolene Moulder	Sherry Kinsella	Pam Zernis	Brook Redwine
Altar Minister	Pam Zernis	Sherry Kinsella	Colleen Thompson	Brook Redwine
Coffee Hour (Setup & Cleanup)	Setup- Cleanup -	Setup- Cleanup -	Setup- Cleanup -	Setup- Cleanup -