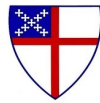




August 2023



The Flock

The Printed Voice of St. Francis of the Tetons Episcopal Church

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Monday & Wednesday 9am - 3pm
Friday 9am - noon

The Voice

So here we are at August. I would like to just take a moment to recognize what a busy and productive month July was for us. I would also like to welcome back all of the folks that we haven't seen for a while.

Firstly, I would say the visit from Canon Emily Van Hise was a very good one. During her visit I was able to spend some time with her discussing some of the concerns which we have at Saint Francis; I feel we will work together toward addressing these concerns while finding ways to improve who we are. My feeling is that she has the experience and enthusiasm to be successful; we are very much looking forward to being a part of her successes. It is my hope that together we can begin to grow and develop programs to sustain growth for some time.

We also saw the church being used in in order to facilitate a couple of events in July. The memorial service for Skip Dempsey was well attended, well planned, and a complete success. I'm sure Skip's family is comforted knowing his legacy will endure with gratitude and love, and that his craftsmanship will be appreciated long after we are all gone.

Last weekend's wedding was a bit more challenging, we have learned some valuable lessons concerning these types of events. Sometimes life events gets a bit chaotic, but we all get through it with the help of our friends, family, and our Creator.

The Outreach Committee put together a really great Eat and Meet. I'd like to thank all those who brought delicious potluck food, games, as well as those who helped set up and clean up. Hopefully, you're looking forward to another tasty and enjoyable evening of fellowship and fun later this month. Don't forget to invite someone! Details to follow.

Lastly, as far as July goes, I would like to give thanks and praise to the awesome volunteers that got a bit dirty doing some weeding and cutting of the lawn. You have my deepest gratitude for stepping up in support of our efforts. Looking good!

In August we have two foursomes entered into the Putting for the Pantry golf benefit tournament coming up on the 6th. Let's wish them luck, they (me included), are going to need it. It promises to be a good day for a really good cause.

Thanks for letting me share this with you.

Friends, we are all God's Children, rejoice on the inheritance which awaits.

Peace be with You Always, John

Yard Sale is Coming August 12th



The St. Francis Yard Sale

Will take place on
Saturday, August 12th
from 9am - 1pm
Last Call for Donations!

When cleaning your closets and garage this year please remember to donate to our fundraiser.

Please bring your gently used items to the church when the office is open or on a Sunday. You may also place your donations at the front door on days the church is not open.

Donations are tax deductible

Your help is needed sorting, testing, and getting items ready for the sale.

This Week - Come on Wednesday or Friday and help us sort, test electronics, and bring items upstairs

Next Week - You can also come up next Monday or Wednesday to sort and move items.

Next Friday, August 11th, is the big move! Your help is needed to set up and move everything outside.

Just show up when you can!

Ladies' Lunch



Join Us For A Potluck Lunch

Wednesday, August 2nd at 12:30 pm.

You are invited to join us for our monthly potluck lunches that take place on the first Wednesday of the month.

This lunch is for all. Please bring a dish and friend if you can.

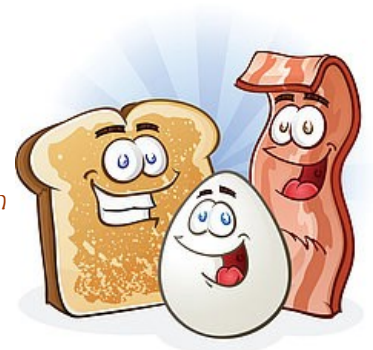
Men's Breakfast

The men in the church will be getting together again for a Men's Breakfast this

Saturday, August 5th at 9 am.

All are welcome (men and women) to join us for a hearty breakfast with eggs, sausage, bacon, English muffins and orange juice.

Donations of breakfast items are always needed.



Tin Cup Thank You



St. Francis wants to thank all who helped with the Tin Cup Challenge this year.

A big "shout out" goes to our Outreach/Fellowship Committee chair, Sarah Balben, for all she has done to get the event up and going again this year. Also, thank you to Elaine Moehring for getting our paperwork in so we can participate in the event. Thank you to all who took the time to show up and help with the booth on a very hot day, and of course, thank you to all who donate money to the Tin Cup in the name of St. Francis Church.

The St. Francis "TIN CUP" fund is one of many local organizations which provide assistance to those in a crisis situation and help bridge the gaps which occur when other funding resources are not available.



Forms of assistance can be as basic as help with a utility bill to funding for Scouting, 4-H, or unfunded special projects in our local schools and community. Your donation helps make this possible; it allows us to assist community members and organizations in need.

Canon Emily Visits St. Francis

On July 30th, Canon Emily Van Hise, along with her husband Andrew and son Joseph, came to visit St. Francis, so she could get to know us better.

The Rev. Emily Van Hise is our new Canon to the Ordinary. She began her ministry as Canon on January 1st, 2023. Her job is to assist Bishop Jos Tharakan within the Idaho Episcopal Diocese.

Canon Emily led our Sunday service and gave a wonderful sermon on the Gospel reading. A fellowship potluck followed the service, in which 41 attended. The food and hospitality was enjoyed by all.



Canon Emily watches as son Joseph and husband Andrew make pasta at the Parisee house the night before.

We look forward to seeing more of Canon Emily and her family, as well as the exciting changes that she will bring to our diocese and church family.

Please feel free to reach out Canon Emily with any of your questions, comments, or concerns, you may reach her at the diocese at 208-345-4440 or you can email her at evanhise@episcopalidaho.org.



Canon Emily and her son Joseph have some fun after the worship service.

Bishop's Blue Plate Banquet

Experience the unforgettable Blue Plate Banquet, an annual diocesan event where Bishop Jos personally cooks and serves exquisite dishes. Your attendance supports unfunded ministry needs, with half of the proceeds aiding clergy formation through the High Desert School for Ministry. The remaining half empowers the Episcopacy Fund, lightening the financial load on our churches. Reserve your seat now - only 65 available - and invite friends and neighbors to join us for this remarkable event that combines purpose and enjoyment.

For more information please see the diocesan website at <https://www.episcopalidaho.net/>.



Canon
make
Below
chat a

July Review

July Eat & Meet

Thanks to Sarah Balben and some great weather, we enjoyed our community Eat & Meet outside in July.



Above: Scout Balben and friend enjoy their desserts.

Top Middle: Elaine Moehring and Barb Rieb take some time to catch up.



Top Right: 25 enjoyed the food at our July Eat & Meet.

Right: Rev. Eric Moehring & Alec McArthur have a challenging and fun time at cornhole.



Canon Emily's Visit



Above: Canon Emily meets with Pastor Eric and John Parisee after the worship service while her son Joseph has some fun with getting his picture taken.

Right: Lauren Hoffman and Rev. Eric Moehring's piano/flute duet enchanted us all at the service on July 30th. We can't thank you enough for your gift of music that day!



Rod's Alaskan Adventure



On Monday, July 17th Jill wrote "we just arrived in Petersburg thankfully !!, planning to stay a couple of days to explore.

Had some fog and rain which is always a bit uncomfortable. Spent some time in Tracy Arm marveling at the glaciers.

On Friday, July 21st "We went to Anan Bear Observatory. We must have seen 20 black bears fishing on the salmon. No brown bear (grizzly), it was amazing. Anchored in beautiful

Burg Bay, there was glassy water and no wind."

Sunday, July 23rd "Went to church at St. Philips Church here in Wrangle. Taking a rest day."

On July 31st Jill wrote "Spent a day at Warm Springs Bay, hot springs and pool, hiked to the lake. Wonderful folks. Had a lovely time and recharged. Now underway heading north, need to catch a halibut for Rod".



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<https://onrealm.org/StFrancis99835/give/now>

Weekly Attendance & Offering

July 2	32	\$ 4,350.00
July 9	34	\$ 1,110.00
July 16	25	\$ 1,135.00
July 23	24	\$ 2,453.00
July 30	41	\$ 2,985.00



August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Prayers of the People

Please remember in your prayers:

Rod Gust, Jim Steele, Jennifer Robinson, Hansine Goran, Tommy Huss, Tori McAvay, Erin & Kerry Taylor, as well as all faith Communities and schools of Teton Valley.



Birthdays

Jim Rein - August 18th

Anniversaries

Tom & Sarah Balben - August 3rd
 Carl & Susan Schiner - August 16th
 Pete & Mary Lou Oslund - August 17th
 Ed & Monica Hoth - August 24th
 Steve & Jennifer Kruto - August 29th

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August Service Volunteers

August 6

Pentecost 10
Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev. Eric Moehring
Musician: Beverly Charette
Euch. Minister: Nancy Parisee
Lector: Angie Warner
Greeter/Usher: **Help Needed**
Altar Guild: Nancy Parisee
Refreshments: Potluck

August 13

Pentecost 11
Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr. Coke McClure
Musician: Rev. Eric Moehring
Euch. Minister: Nancy Parisee
Lector: Sarah Balben
Greeter/Usher: John Parisee
Altar Guild: Sarah Balben
Refreshments: Potluck

August 20

Pentecost 12
Spoken Service

Presider: Rev. Nancy Groshart
Musician: N/A
Lay Minister: Sarah Balben
Lector: Jerry Groshart
Greeter/Usher: Barb Rieb
Altar Guild: Angie Warner
Refreshments: Potluck

August 27

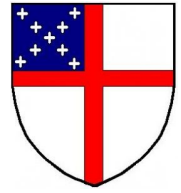
Pentecost 13
Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr. Coke McClure
Musician: Beverly Charette
Euch. Minister: Ruth Lindstedt
Lector: Jim Rein
Greeter/Usher: **Help Needed**
Altar Guild: Nancy Parisee
Refreshments: Potluck

Volunteers are always needed for our Sunday services.
If you want to learn how you can help, or if you want to
fill in where help is needed please talk to the office.



Approved Vestry Minutes
July









There are no Vestry minutes
to report for July

VESTRY



August 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Office Hours Monday & Wednesday 9am - 3pm Friday 9am - noon</p>		1 Office Closed NA 6:30pm	2 Centering Prayer 11am Ladies' Lunch 12:30 pm NA 6:30pm Rental -Alta Water Mtg.	3 Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm	4 NA 6:30pm	5 Men's Breakfast 9 am  Rental - Boy Scouts 4-7pm
						
6 Pentecost 10 10am HE with Rev. Eric Moehring Putting for Pantry Golf Tournament AI-Anon 5pm	7 NA 6:30pm	8 Office Closed Vestry 6:30 pm NA 6:30pm	9 Centering Prayer 11am NA 6:30pm 	10 Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm	11 NA 6:30pm	12 Annual Yard Sale 9am 
13 Pentecost 11 10am HE with Fr. Coke McClure Worship Committee  AI-Anon 5pm	14 NA 6:30pm	15 Office Closed NA 6:30pm	16 Centering Prayer 11am Rental - Wedding Rehearsal 3:30 pm NA 6:30pm	17 Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm Rental - Wedding 3:30pm	18 NA 6:30pm	19
20 Pentecost 12 10am MP with Rev. Nancy Groshart AI-Anon 5pm	21 NA 6:30pm	22 Office Closed NA 6:30pm	23 Centering Prayer 11am NA 6:30pm	24 Office Closed	25 NA 6:30pm	26 Bible Study 10am 
27 Pentecost 13 10am HE with Fr. Coke McClure AI-Anon 5pm	28 NA 6:30pm	29 Office Closed NA 6:30pm	230 Centering Prayer 11am NA 6:30pm	31 Office Closed		