

October 2023



# The Flock

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

## St. Francis of the Tetons Episcopal Church

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### Church Services

Sundays at 10:00am

### Office Hours

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

## The Voice

St. Francis of the Tetons Church has had a very busy year. This year, we have received many blessings including a beautiful concert grade Schimmel grand piano, a new shed, and a new/used lawn tractor. We have given back to our community through financial assistance, free dinners, record breaking food drives, and free musical concerts. We hope to be even more successful next year. It is my hope we will continue to grow and improve on our commitment to serving those around us who may be in need. I know it's only October, but we do need to be looking toward next year. While there is still much to do with the remainder of the year, I'm quite confident that we are well prepared and positioned to complete it without too much trouble. I want to thank all of you for being a part what we have accomplished this year.

I am grateful beyond words for all of you and how my heart is filled by your love and support. God has blessed each of us with special gifts which we can share. I ask you continue to share what you can, as often as you can, with as many as you can. It is the seemingly smallest gesture which will make a grand impact. Keep up the good work of loving your neighbors. And by all means, Love God! Make the time every day to Praise Him! Give Him the Glory! Ask Him to be with you, in good times and bad. Lean into the embrace, as a young child does with a parent. If you open yourself up to the love and trust in the strength that comes from our Creator, peace will surely follow. Take each day as a gift to be grateful for no matter how hard it is. Use those times when our sinfulness separates us from God to create opportunities to know His love. Stay focused and they will become more evident. Stay vigilant and understand that it's a process which takes time. There's no destination, it all about the journey.

Being part of this journey with all of you has been a privilege and a gift. I hope you feel that being part of the St. Francis of the Tetons journey is as meaningful to you.

May You Be Blessed,

John.

## Piano Jazz Concert featuring Will Perkins



We will be hosting a community piano concert, featuring Will Perkins (our piano tuner), on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. There will be light refreshments, including wine with cheese and crackers during the intermission. This concert is free to the community, please tell your friends and neighbors.

Will Perkins is an internationally-known musician specializing in ragtime and stride piano. He has been performing professionally since the age of 14, and has been a featured performer at music festivals around the United States and beyond. Notably, he has been featured at the Bohem Early Jazz and

Ragtime Festival in Hungary, and the Buenos Aires Ragtime and Early Jazz Festival in Argentina.

He has also been regularly featured at the Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival, the West Coast Ragtime Festival, and many other festivals around the country. In 2017, Rivermont Records released Will's debut album "Snowy Morning Blues", recorded on a Steinway Concert Grand at the University of Pittsburgh.

For his day job, Will is a professional piano technician, and the former owner of Signature Pianocraft. He holds diplomas in Piano Technology from the renowned North Bennet Street School in Boston, where he worked with the Boston Symphony Orchestra as a piano technician. Currently, Will resides in Idaho Falls with his wife, McKenna, and services pianos all across East Idaho and Western Wyoming."

Will is an amazing jazz pianist, we hope you and friends can join us. For a sample of Will's playing please click on this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>



## Blessing of the Animals



Bring your furry friends to St. Francis for a

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Sunday, October 8th at 10 am.

All pets are welcome, large and small.

*Blessings will take place outside at the beginning of the service.*

## Vestry Retreat With Bishop Jos



Bishop Jos will be at St. Francis for a special retreat with our vestry members. The retreat will take place on Wednesday, October 4th, beginning at 10 am; a potluck dinner will taking place immediately following the retreat at 6:30 pm. The second day of the retreat will be on Thursday, October 5th from 10 am until 5:30 pm.

An agenda has been emailed out to those invited to attend.


## Stewardship Sunday

We will be celebrating Stewardship Sunday on October 22nd this year.

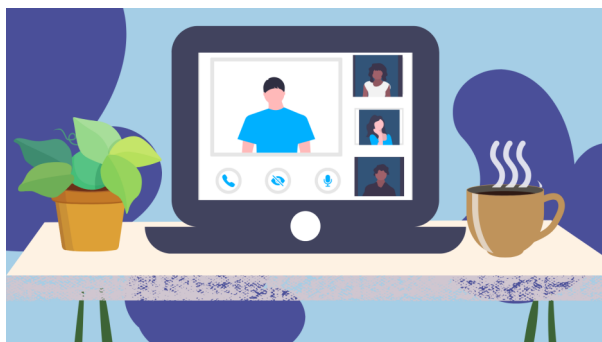
All of us at St. Francis are blessed to be part of such a big and loving family, not only within our church walls but within our community as well. We have so many parishioners who's hearts are full of kindness and generosity toward giving, not only financially, but also through their good stewardship. We cannot stand on love alone though, it takes money to keep our doors open and maintain our old building. Through your commitments and general donations we are able to budget for the upcoming year and keep the love-spreading to those in our community who need it the most.

If you have never committed before please consider doing so. If you have been a faithful donor in the past please consider increasing your donations so that we can increase our budget and our community service. Donating is easy, simply fill out the pledge card below and drop it in the offering plate at church or mail it to the church at the address listed on the card. You may also give online through Realm by clicking here <https://onrealm.org/StFrancis99835/-/give/now>.

Please feel free to cut out the pledge card below and mail it to the address listed on the card

<h3>Experience Joy By Giving Thanks!</h3>		
<p><b>ST. FRANCIS OF THE TETONS EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> 20 Alta School Rd. Alta, WY 83414</p>		
<h3>2024 Stewardship Commitment Card</h3>		
Name: _____	Address: _____	
Phone: _____	Email: _____	
<b>In support of St. Francis ministries, our/my commitment for this year is: \$ _____</b>		
<p>Please remember that you may change your pledge at any time by contacting the church office.</p>		

## Deanery Meeting for Convention Delegates



Attention St. Francis convention delegates, wardens and clergy. The Easter Deanery meeting for delegates for the convention will take place on Saturday, October 9th on Zoom. Meeting Zoom links and convention packets will be sent approximately 1 week before.

Any questions about Convention can be directed to Carrol Keller, Convention Secretary [cs@episcopalidaho.org](mailto:cs@episcopalidaho.org).

# September Review

## September Eat & Meet



23 gathered for our September Eat & Meet at St. Francis Church.

The theme of this month's community dinner was a "Baked Potato Bar". Many delicious potato toppings and desserts were donated by those who attended.



Thank you for the yummy potato toppings and desserts!

Right: Twins Piper and Scarlett, Angie Warner's granddaughters, came to the potato dinner with mom Brooke Remer. The girls got to enjoy cupcakes for dessert!



*Behold,*

I stand at the door,  
and **KNOCK:**

if any man *hear my voice,*

and **OPEN** the door,

*I will come in to him,*

and will sup with him,

and **HE WITH ME.**

REVELATION 3:20

## Preaching Retreat



There will be a preaching Retreat for licensed preachers at St. Francis Church. The retreat will take place at St. Matthew's Church in Rupert, Idaho on Saturday, October 14th from 10 am until 4 pm.

Please talk to John Parisee if you have any questions.

## Ladies' Lunch



Join Us For A Potluck Lunch

Wednesday, October 4th 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.

## Online Giving With Realm

Through Realm you can set up online giving so it automatically comes out of your checking or credit card account each month. You also have the control to give just one time or numerous times, whenever you feel inclined to make a donation.



To donate online please follow this link or the link on the front page of our website

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

## Weekly Attendance & Offering

September 3	33	\$ 1,105.00
September 10	32	\$ 1,187.00
September 17	31	\$ 4,475.00
September 24	27	\$ 270.00



## Prayers of the People

Please remember in your prayers:

*Rod Gust, Linda Wilner, Hansine Goran,  
Tommy Huss, Jim Palmer, as well  
as all faith Communities and  
schools of Teton Valley.*



## October Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Dan Neese on October 13th  
Jennifer Kruto on October 26th  
Monica Hoth on October 31st  
Ruth Lindstedt on October 31st

### Anniversaries

Jerry & Nancy Groshart on October 5th  
Eric & Elaine Moehring on October 22nd  
Mark & Nell Hanson on October 31st



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## October Service Volunteers

### October 1

**Pentecost 18  
Morning Prayer**

Presider: Rev. Nancy Groshart  
Musician: Ellen Rein  
Lay Minister: Ruth Lindstedt  
Lector: Jerry Groshart  
Greeter/Usher:  
Altar Guild: Ellen Rein  
Refreshments: Potluck

### October 8

**Pentecost 19  
Blessing of Animals  
Holy Eucharist**

Celebrant: Rev. Eric Moehring  
Musician: Gayle Lien  
Euch. Minister: Ellen Rein  
Lector: Jim Rein  
Greeter/Usher: Alec McArthur  
Altar Guild: Nancy Parisee  
Refreshments: Potluck

### October 15

**Pentecost 20  
Morning Prayer**

Worship Leader: John Parisee  
Musician: Rev. Eric Moehring  
Lay Minister: Sarah Balben  
Lector: Angie Warner  
Greeter/Usher: Ruth Lindstedt  
Altar Guild: Angie Warner  
Refreshments: Potluck

### October 22

**Pentecost 21  
Holy Eucharist**

Celebrant: Fr. Coke McClure  
Musician: Gayle Lien  
Euch. Minister: John Parisee  
Lector: Rev. Nancy Groshart  
Greeter/Usher: Nancy Parisee  
Altar Guild: Ellen Rein  
Refreshments: Potluck

### October 29

**Pentecost 22  
Morning Prayer**

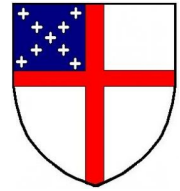
Worship Leader: Ruth Lindstedt  
Musician: Beverly Charette  
Lay Minister: Angie Warner  
Lector: John Parisee  
Greeter/Usher: Ron Lien  
Altar Guild: Sarah Balben  
Refreshments: Potluck



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

August



Present: John Parisee, Ron Lien, Nancy Reed, Jerry Groshart, Elaine Moehring, Sarah Balben, Rod Gust on Zoom & Nancy Groshart as a guest. Nancy Parisee served as clerk via the recorded zoom meeting.

Sarah gave the opening prayer.

## Treasurer

Sarah Balben presented the financials for the meeting. The Transaction Detail by Account was presented by Sarah, Sarah made a motion to accept the TDBA for the month of July, Jerry seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

## Senior Warden

Treasurer position – John spoke with two possible candidates for treasurer. He will follow up with them both.

Bylaws – Elaine stated that she has the Bylaws ready for the chancellor to review. No timeline could be given as to how long it will take for the review process. Nancy R. made a motion to approve the current Bylaws that will go to the chancellor, Jerry seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Vestry Members 2024 – 3 members of vestry will be staying on next year. Members will need to be recruited within the congregation. Any potential vestry members must be “a member in good standing”. Elaine, Sarah, Ron & John will be going off vestry at the end of the year after fulfilling their obligations.

## Committees & Conflict of Interest –

Committee changes that were mentioned by the bishop at his annual visit need further clarification. John has written to the bishop for clarification as to whether changes are required or recommended to our committee structure. John is also looking for guidelines in place for each of the committees. The bishop had determined at the last meeting that John & Nancy Parisee, or any other married couple, can no longer serve together on any St. Francis committees due to conflict of interest. Vestry members went on at length expressing their concerns regarding Nancy & John serving together on committees. It was noted that their concern is that a husband and wife cannot work in the same organization, and they will need to decide how best to go forward with John and Nancy being married, working, and volunteering at St. Francis as well as what is best for the administration management of the church. John felt prioritizing conflict of interest over the good works of the church would ultimately be a detriment and would pose undue obstructions to completing work within the church. Other vestry members had similar feelings and expressed that they thought husbands and wives should be able to serve together without infringements. Some vestry members expressed their concerns regarding John and his role as Sr. Warden and how his role plays out with Nancy’s raises and reviews, they felt that this is a problem that needs to be addressed. The vestry will need to redefine our Outreach and Pastoral Care rules and regulations.

Piano – No one had followed up with piano appreciation homework, John will take care of it.

Grants – There are two grants available through the diocese, one through the Idaho Episcopal Foundation and the other through the Eastern Deanery. John asked for help with ideas of what we can apply for. John will follow up with this.

Convention – 2 delegates and 2 wardens (Jr. & Sr), are allowed to be voting members at the Diocesan Convention. One delegate cannot attend the meeting so Jerry will go in their place since he is an alternate. We are not sure if the Deacon is required to go.

July Minutes – The first version of the minutes that were previously approved were reviewed. John noted discrepancies in those minutes which he discussed with the vestry. An edited version of the minutes was provided; Nancy R. made a motion to accept the revised minutes, Jerry seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

## Jr. Warden –

Ron gave a report on grass cutting at the church with the new tractor.

John mentioned that he picked up a load of barn wood for free to use for siding the shed.

## Committee Reports

Outreach – Sarah presented a request for the vestry to approve the amount of \$1980.00 from the Tin Cup fund that will go to teachers within the school district for miscellaneous use. A discussion took place regarding the guidelines of money given out by committees and the concern for loose parameters. Ron made a motion to approve the \$1980.00 given to the Education Foundation with the stipulation that receipts for items purchased will be provided to the church, Nancy R. seconded the motion. 6 were in favor of the expenditure and 1 was opposed. Motion carried.

No other reports were presented.









Meeting adjourned.

Nancy Parisee

# VESTRY



# October 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p><b>Pentecost 18</b></p> <p>10am MP with Rev. Nancy Groshart</p> <p>AI-Anon 5pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>4 <b>Vestry</b></p> <p>Vestry Retreat 10am</p> <p>Centering Prayer 11am</p> <p>Ladies' Lunch 12:30pm</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p> 	<p>5 <b>Vestry</b></p> <p>Vestry Retreat 10am</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Centering Prayer 4pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p><b>Pentecost 19</b></p> <p><b>Blessing of Animals/St. Francis Day</b></p> <p>10am HE with Rev. Eric Moehring</p> <p>Worship Committee</p> <p>AI-Anon 5pm</p> 	<p>9</p> <p><b>Columbus Day</b></p> <p>Pre-Convention Deanery Meeting on Zoom 7 pm</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Vestry 6:30 pm</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Centering Prayer 11am</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Centering Prayer 4pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Preaching Retreat in Rupert 10-4</p> 
<p>15</p> <p><b>Pentecost 15</b></p> <p>10am MP with John Parisee</p> <p>Will Perkins Jazz Concert</p>  <p>AI-Anon 5pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Centering Prayer 11am</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Centering Prayer 4pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bible Study 10am</p> 
<p>22</p> <p><b>Pentecost 16</b></p> <p>10am HE with Fr. Coke McClure</p> <p>AI-Anon 5pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Centering Prayer 11am</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p><b>Pentecost 17</b></p> <p>10am MP with Ruth Lindstedt</p> <p>AI-Anon 5pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Halloween</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Office Hours</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday &amp; Wednesday 9am - 3pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday 9am - noon</p>			