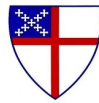


The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.
Song of Solomon 2:12



September 2023



The Flock

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

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The Voice

Proverbs 22:6 tells us to "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it."

I suppose children are on my mind as I was earlier reviewing a grant application for a new baptismal font. Is it just me or are our children having such a hard time because our adults aren't paying attention to this one very simple objective. Are we paying attention to the responsibilities which we have to our children when it comes time to remind them of their relationship with our heavenly Father, his son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. I have helped to raise a small brood. I can tell you that parenting is no easy task. It is filled with challenges that can lead to many sleepless nights fraught with worry and anticipation. Our children come to us as blessings, gifts from God, as is the opportunity to be a parent. The love a parent has for a child is great. When Jesus died on the cross for us, he showed us an even greater love. He showed us a love that one man, one God could have for all his children, so that their sins would be washed away.

We are all children of God and in that sense, we should all be looking to grow in the spiritual awareness of what God is doing in our lives. We must nurture those things, inwardly and outwardly, for ourselves and others so that we all can claim our inheritance. This is a team effort in that when a child sees how God works through community, a child learns to become part of that work.

The challenges which we face are greater than ever. Outside pressures to distance our children from God is real and growing. I won't go into all the ways it's happening, that's another discussion. It's up to all of us to turn ourselves into true disciples of Christ. Turn people to Christ whenever and wherever you have the opportunity. Look for those opportunities. Someone out there has a soul and a spirit ready to take a leap of faith. Reach out your hand, as a parent does to a child, and lead them into their path to knowing our Lord, Christ Jesus.

Be Blessed.

John

Receiving the Holy Communion at St. Francis



There are now four ways to receive Holy Communion, or participate in the meal of Christ's Real Presence, the Holy Communion, at St. Francis. Pastor Eric and the Worship Committee have put together these four options for those participating in communion.

1. Receive the bread, and hear the words, "The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven," and then drink from the Common Cup of wine and hear the words, "The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation."
2. Receive the bread, and then move to stand in front of the Eucharistic Minister, and hear the words, "The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation," but **not** drink from the cup.
3. Receive the bread, then take an individual cup of wine from the tray on the altar and drink that cup while standing in front of the Eucharist Minister who offers the blessing.
4. Come forward with your arms crossed, indicating that you desire to receive a blessing from the Presider and Eucharistic Minister, but do not desire to share in the meal.

While it is the goal of the church that all receive the "Blood of Christ—The Cup of Salvation" from the Common Cup only, at this time we use both the Common Cup and Individual Cups because there are so many people in our community with health concerns.

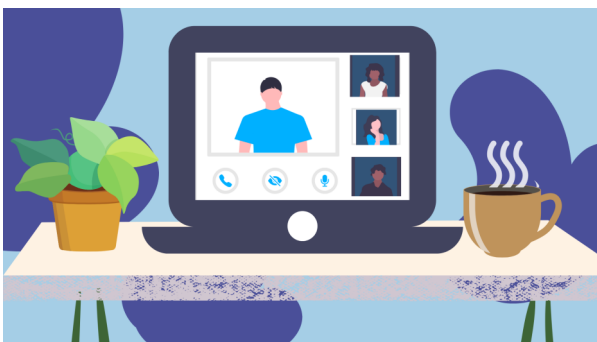
Another Successful Yard Sale

Thank you to all who helped make our Yard Sale successful once again. This year, we received \$4,313.35, which breaks the record that we set last year. The outpouring of generosity from our donors was heartwarming and the time spent by our St. Francis volunteers was amazing. We would especially like to thank Deb Rouleau for all the time that she spends throughout the year in making our sale organized, efficient, and successful. Thank you Deb!



The St. Francis Yard Sale is just another gift that we give to our neighbors in the community. Not only are we helping to recycle used items within Teton County and beyond, we are able to give to those in need free clothing, household items, and furniture left over after the sale is done. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Jesus!

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.

Ladies' Lunch



Join Us For A Potluck Lunch

Wednesday, September 6th 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.

Thank You for Your Tin Cup Donations



Thank you to all who came out and supported St. Francis through the Tin Cup Challenge this year.

From the volunteers that organized the grant, to those who volunteered their time to help on the day of Tin Cup, as well as those who gave donations that were matched, your generosity and thoughtfulness did not go unnoticed.

This year, we received \$5,171.03 in donations through the program. This money will go toward helping those in need in within Teton Valley.

Thank you again for your hard work and generous donations!

September Eat & Meet

Eat & Meet

Baked Potato Bar

Tuesday, September 19th

Drop by anytime from 5:30-7:00pm

Need a night off from cooking?

Know someone who could use a meal and some good company?



Blessing of the Animals in October



Bring your furry friends to St. Francis for a

Blessing of the Animals

service on Sunday, October 8th at 10 am.

All pets are welcome, large and small.

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

August Review



Thank you to all who helped with our Yard Sale this year.

Left Top: Clarke Arick, Steve Kruto & Karin Larsen take time for a laugh.

Our Annual Yard Sale



Left Middle: Steve & Jennifer Kruto were some of those who volunteered.

Top Right: Some of the younger shoppers found their treasures.



Middle Right: We had a steady stream of people throughout the sale.

Far Right: Crystal Bryson shows off some of the treasures she found.



Left: The members of the community shopping during the sale.

Throughout the day the shoppers expressed their gratefulness to St. Francis for having the sale each year.



Above Right: Jim Rein & Steve Kruto collect the cash from the shoppers.



Left: Items left on the lawn after the sale. As a community service, we leave these items for free so members of the community can continue to love them.

Right: Nancy Reed gets caught dipping into the Crown Royal.



St. Francis Supports the Food Pantry

Thank you to the St. Francis golfers that participated in the Teton Valley Food Pantry "Putting for the Pantry" golf tournament on August 6th. This year we had enough players to have two teams represent St. Francis Church. The yearly tournament helps the community Food Pantry raise



money to buy food for those in need within our community.

Left: One team representing St. Francis consisted of John Parisee, Wood Palmer, Dick Gooding, and Tom Westgard.

Right: The second St. Francis team consisted of Steve Kruto, Clarke Arick,



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.

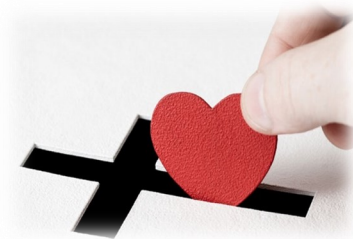


To donate online please follow this link or the link on the front page of our website

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

Weekly Attendance & Offering

August 6	28	\$ 2,615.00
August 13	35	\$ 2,325.00
August 20	30	\$ 2,951.00
August 27	33	\$ 3,555.00



September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Prayers of the People

Please remember in your prayers:

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



Birthdays

Tom Balben on September 4th

Anniversaries

Dan Pauroso & Deb Rouleau on September 2nd
 Bill & Mary Beth Moehring on September 8th
 Craig & Mary Ann Sturken on September 10th
 John & Nancy Parisee on September 11th

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Treasurer

September Service Volunteers

September 3rd

Pentecost 14
Morning Prayer

Worship Leader: Rod Gust
Musician: Ellen Rein
Lay Minister: Angie Warner
Lector: Jim Rein
Greeter/Usher: Barb Rieb
Altar Guild: Angie Warner
Refreshments: Potluck

September 10th

Pentecost 15
Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr. Coke McClure
Musician: Beverly Charette
Euch. Minister: John Parisee
Lector: Nancy Groshart
Greeter/Usher: Ruth Lindstedt
Altar Guild: Ellen Rein
Refreshments: Potluck

September 17th

Pentecost 16
Morning Prayer

Worship Leader: Ruth Lindstedt
Musician: Ellen Rein
Lay Minister: Rod Gust
Lector: Angie Warner
Greeter/Usher: Barb Rieb
Altar Guild: Sarah Balben
Refreshments: Potluck

September 24th

Pentecost 17
Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr. Coke McClure
Musician: Beverly Charette
Euch. Minister: Sarah Balben
Lector: Jerry Groshart
Greeter/Usher: Jim Rein
Altar Guild: Angie Warner
Refreshments: Potluck

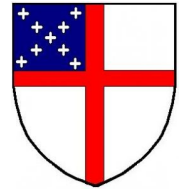
*Volunteers are
always needed for
our Sunday services.
If you want to learn
how you can help,
or if you want to
fill in where help is
needed please talk to
the office.*



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Approved Vestry Minutes

July



Meeting commenced at 6:32 pm July 11, 2023

Location: St. Francis of the Tetons Church

Attendees: Sr. Warden (SW) - John Parisee, Vestry Members - Salah Balben (SB), Jerry Groshart (JG), Elaine Moehring (EM)

Jerry Groshart (JG) opened meeting with a prayer.

Elaine Moehring (EM) was appointed scribe for this meeting.

Budget / Financials:

- June 2023 Profit / Loss Report - Discussions took place regarding pledge donations.
- Convention budget - Sr. Warden (SW) stated the expectation that the cost vs. budget will increase.
Transaction Detail by Account (TDBA) - report reviewed, **SB** moved to approve, **JG** seconded; TDBA approved unanimously.

Sr. Warden

- Treasurer position - Parish currently is actively seeking a treasurer. Potential candidates were discussed.
- By-Laws - SW confirmed there were no additional changes beyond endowment language. EM will have the final document ready for presentation as of the end of July.
Vestry Member Change - Vestry member Angie Warner has resigned from the vestry and has been re-hired to take care of most of the cleaning duties for the church.
- Pastoral Care and Outreach Committees - Discussed need to review definition and responsibilities of Pastoral Care and Outreach Committees.
- Reverend Canon Emily Van Hise will preside at worship July 30th, 2023; refreshments (member provided) will follow worship.
- Piano - Discussed dedication and appreciation to the donors of the new piano. A discussion took place as to what to do with the old piano. Vestry members were asked to submit words of appreciation in writing.
- Convention delegates - Need to verify required attendees with the diocese.
Upcoming Building Rentals (July to August 2023) - Skip Dempsey Memorial Service (July 15); Private Wedding (July 29th); Private Wedding Private Wedding (August 17th)

Committees:




- Worship Committee - Vestry reviewed the Worship Committee report.
- Outreach/Fellowship - Report was given and dates were discussed for outreach events.
- The Tin Cup Event Day is July 15th; the giving deadline is July 21st 5pm. Candy donated by vestry.
- Meet and Greet - July 26th ("Taco Tuesday" on Wednesday)
Building and Grounds - Lawn and Garden maintenance being handled by volunteers. Thanks to everyone who has pitched in!

Meeting adjourned - 8:08pm

VESTRY



September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><u>Office Hours</u> Monday & Wednesday 9am - 3pm Friday 9am - noon</p>					1 NA 6:30pm	2
3 Pentecost 14 10am MP with Rod Gust AI-Anon 5pm	4 Labor Day Office Closed  LABOR DAY	5 Office Closed NA 6:30pm	6 Centering Prayer 11am Ladies' Lunch 12:30 pm NA 6:30pm 	7 Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm	8 NA 6:30pm	9
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