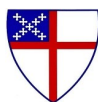




November 2023



# The Flock

*The Printed Voice of 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

Friends,

I have to admit that October is been a blur for me. I am relieved to put the month behind me and look forward to November. Early in October, Bishop Jos visited St. Francis for several days in order to spend time with the Vestry and some of our clergy. In the two days of meetings, we covered several topics, and were all able to gain insight as to what we believe the direction of St Francis and the diocese to be. I am confident that our new bishop is as committed to our success as we are. I suppose the question then becomes "what do we, the parishioners of Saint Francis, define as being successful"?

I believe part of the answer to that question is how we make ourselves accessible to the community. What do we do for and with our community? What do we do for and with the individuals within our church? The amount of support we give directly correlates to how we can view ourselves in terms of success. We are not just a building, or a corporate entity, we are a collection of beings formed in the image of God. It is through our faith that we can accomplish our missions to do good works. God has a purpose for each and every one of us and I believe the church provides an opportunity for each of us to explore those purposes and follow a path to fulfillment.

Each of us, as a member of the church, are encouraged to possess an attitude of gratitude. We all share in the responsibility of the creation and sustenance of our church, who we are, and all our blessings that come from God. As it says in James 1:17, "God is the source of every good gift". As faithful stewards we need to remember that what we have is not ours, it's a gift from God. We must also take care in the management aspects of planning for the future. Continuing our mission of community service and support should remain a commitment which we must be willing to undertake if we are to be successful in our stewardship efforts.

Our goal is to keep doing what works and find ways to improve on what needs improvement. It's a team effort and my hope is that we all move forward, using our time, talents and treasures to honor God. In so doing, we can ensure that St. Francis remains here for generations to come.

Thank You for your Support

God Bless,

•John

## All Saints' Sunday



Come and celebrate the Saints in your life at our All Saints' service on Sunday, November 5th at 10:00am with Rev. Eric Moehring.

This will be a special day of remembrance. Please feel free to bring a photograph or memento, in memory of your loved one, to place at the altar. During this time you may also light a candle in their memory.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to "celebrate the lives of all those believed to be in heaven, those known and unknown to us".

## Thanksgiving Eve Service

There will be a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:00pm. Ellen Rein will lead the Evening Prayer service for this special time of giving thanks.

Please make time from your busy Thanksgiving schedule to reflect on this time of year and give thanks for all that God has given you.



## Thanksgiving "Thankful & Grateful" Meal

*Luke 9:16*

*"Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude".*



Join your St. Francis family and friends as we "Give Thanks" to God with a warm and hearty Thanksgiving meal, provide by the vestry. The meal will take place after the 10 am worship service on Sunday, November 19th. A sign-up sheet for desserts is at the back of the church. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

## Diocesan Convention



This year's Diocesan Convention will be held on November 10 & 11, 2022 at The Church of the Holy Nativity in Meridian, Idaho, for Clergy, Wardens, and Delegates. This year, our Sr. Warden John Parisee will be attending along with our delegates Elaine Moehring, Jerry Groshart and Rev. Nancy Groshart. The Convention Eucharist event will be livestreamed through YouTube and Facebook for all to watch on Saturday morning, November 11.

Please check the Diocese website at [www.episcopalidaho.org](http://www.episcopalidaho.org) for more information.

## United Thank Offerings

We will be having the ingathering for the UTO (United Thank Offering) boxes on Sunday, November 19th, so bring your boxes filled with coins. If you haven't filled a box you still have time to grab one from the church foyer and fill it with your spare change. And if you will not be in town that Sunday, bring your box to St. Francis and we will include it for the ingathering on the 19th. Let us give thanks always for each and every blessing!



## December Food Drive

St. Francis will be hosting another Food Drive to help the Teton Valley Food Pantry. The drive will take place at Broulims Supermarket on Saturday, December 9th from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. Your help will be needed that day . A sign-up sheet is posted at the back of the church.



## Ladies' Lunch



Ten attended the October Ladies' Lunch. Come and join the fun!

Join Us For A Potluck Lunch

Wednesday, November 1st 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.

## Stewardship

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 also within our community. 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.

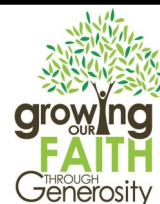
If you have never committed before please consider doing so. If you have been a faithful donor in the past please consider increasing your donations so that we can increase our budget and our community service. Donating is easy, simply fill out the pledge card below and drop it in the offering plate 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

Experience Joy By Giving Thanks!

ST. FRANCIS OF THE TETONS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### 2024 Stewardship Commitment Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In support of St. Francis ministries, our/my commitment for this year is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember that you may change your pledge at any time by contacting the church office.

# October Review

## A Jazz Piano Concert

On October 15th a piano concert featuring Will Perkins entertained 78 friends from our community.

Below: Rev. Eric presents a plaque to Diane & Leland Brendsel for their thoughtfulness and generosity to our church.



Left: It was great to see Cheryl & Jim Reinertsen again.

Far Left: Will Perkins plays his jazz favorites, much to the delight of the crowd.

Middle Left: Nancy & Jerry Groshart, along with Gayle Lien, have a toe-tapping good time.



Above: Brothers from another mother, John Parisee & Steve Kruto, enjoy the night's festivities and music.



## Fall Clean Up

Volunteers came out to help work at our Fall Clean Up Day.

Right: Steve Kruto shows us his shrub trimming skills.

Far Right: John Parisee works on getting the siding on our new storage shed.



Above: Ron Lien & Tom Balben volunteer to do the dump runs at the Fall Clean



## The Bishop's Retreat

Bishop Jos came to St. Francis for a two day Vestry retreat on October 4th & 5th. Vestry members appreciated the time and care that Bishop Jos took to help in helping to guide our leaders so that they can further serve our church in a helpful and positive way.

Thank you Bishop Jos!



Above: Vestry, along with clergy learn a lot from the two day retreat.

Left: Bishop Jos and Ron Lien share a moment at lunch to catch up.

## 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

October 1	28	\$ 1,349.00
October 8	35	\$ 9,554.00
October 15	26	\$ 1,055.00
October 22	35	\$ 2,025.00
October 29	28	\$ 305.00



## Prayers of the People

Please remember in your prayers:

*Rod Gust, Ellen Rein, the family of Chris Runyan, Hansine Goran, Tommy Huss, Jim Palmer, as well as all faith Communities and schools of Teton Valley.*



## November Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

George Nowack on November 9th  
 Jim Steele on November 18th  
 Fr. Coke McClure on November 22nd  
 Phoebe Lewis on November 26th

### Anniversaries

None

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## November Service Volunteers

### November 5

All Saints'  
Holy Eucharist

Presider: Rev. Eric Moehring  
Musician: Gayle Lien  
Lay Minister: Nancy Parisee  
Lector: Ruth Lindstedt  
Greeter/Usher: Sarah Balben  
Altar Guild: Nancy Parisee  
Refreshments: Potluck

### November 12

Pentecost 24  
Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr. Coke McClure  
Musician: Beverly Charette  
Euch. Minister: Ruth Lindstedt  
Lector: Angie Warner  
Greeter/Usher: Jim Rein  
Altar Guild: Ellen Rein  
Refreshments: Potluck

### November 19

Pentecost 25  
Morning Prayer

Worship Leader: Nancy Parisee  
Musician: Gayle Lien  
Lay Minister: John Parisee  
Lector: Jerry Groshart  
Greeter/Usher: Barb Rieb  
Altar Guild: Angie Warner  
Refreshments: Thanksgiving Meal

### November 22

Thanksgiving Eve  
Evening Prayer

Celebrant: Ellen Rein  
Musician: Beverly Charette  
Lay Minister: Angie Warner  
Lector: Jim Rein  
Greeter/Usher: Jim Rein  
Altar Guild: Angie Warner

### November 26

Last Sunday After Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist

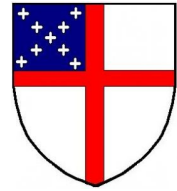
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Lector: Rev. Nancy Groshart  
Greeter/Usher:  
Altar Guild: Sarah Balben  
Refreshments: Potluck



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

September



Present: John Parisee, Ron Lien, Nancy Reed, Jerry Groshart, Elaine Moehring, Sarah Balben, & Rod Gust. Nancy Parisee served as clerk via the recorded zoom meeting and Dan Baxter as Treasurer.

Rod gave the opening prayer.

Treasurer

Since Lisa Wagener had resigned from being our St. Francis treasurer earlier in the year, Sarah had made a motion to remove Lisa Wagener, as a signatory on all St. Francis accounts, Jerry seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dan Baxter was brought forward as a candidate as Treasurer of St. Francis Church for the remainder of the year. Sarah made a motion to accept Dan Baxter as the new treasurer of St. Francis Church, Ron seconded the motion. 6 were in favor of Dan as Treasurer, one member abstained from the vote, motion carried.

Nancy R. made a motion to have Dan Baxter as a signer on our St. Francis bank accounts, Jerry seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Later in the meeting, Dan presented the Transaction Detail by Account for August. Rod made a motion to accept the financials and Sarah seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

A mention of the piano being recorded as a fixed asset took place; the office will look into this.

Senior Warden

Bylaws – An updated copy will need to be handed to the chancellor within the next few weeks. John would like to have them turned in by September 15<sup>th</sup>. He will review the current revised copy and get it ready for members to review.

Vestry Members 2024 – It was noted that we need a nominating committee for vestry candidates for next year, John thought there should be a minimum of 3 members. We can look at some of our part-time members as long as they can participate on Zoom when they are not here. It was mentioned that since we are on Zoom, any member of the congregation can attend a vestry meeting, as long as it is not an executive session. John will research who will be required to be on the nominating committee.

Conversation with Bishop – John said that per his conversation with the bishop, committee changes are required. The relationship between the Sr. Warden and Administrator stays the same as it has been. There may be a visit from the bishop in the near future, no further information is available at this time.

Piano concert – There has been a request for Will Perkins to come and hold a piano jazz concert at the church, this will be paid for by a member of the congregation. The proposed date for the concert is October 15<sup>th</sup>, it will take place in place of the October Eat & Meet.

Grants – Two grants with the diocese have been turned in this month, one is for a new baptismal font and the other is for a bigger road sign, both grants have been approved by the Building & Grounds committee. John will get the ROSE grant in by the 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, which is available through our deanery, it focuses on evangelism.

August vestry minutes – The outreach request in the vestry minutes will need to be revoked, due to complications with the request. Ron made a motion to revoke the request for \$1980.00 made to the Education Foundation, Jerry seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. John noted that a clarification for outreach guidelines needs to be defined so that guidelines are current and vestry members know what they are. Outreach and Pastoral Care both need to rewrite their guidelines before they take any further actions regarding requests. The vestry members reviewed the minutes from August that had not yet been accepted, one more vote was needed. None of the remaining members that had not voted yet spoke up, so John asked that they review the minutes again and get back to him by Friday at noon, he also asked that they review the Zoom meeting that was recorded for clarification.

Stewardship – Jim Rein will head the Stewardship Committee for 2024.

Church Rental – A psychotherapist from the community would like to rent a room at the church two days a week so she can hold in-person meetings with a few of her clients, she would also like to host community meetings to help others in need. The Building & Grounds committee recommended that we review the rental in 3 months to see how it is going.

Convention – Nancy P. had spoken with Carrol at the diocese and confirmed that St. Francis is allowed to send 2 wardens and 2 delegates to convention.

Jr. Warden –

Ron is now back full time.

Committee Reports

Worship Committee – John updated the vestry on various things going on with Worship Committee.

Building & Grounds – Rod updated the vestry with projects that have been completed around the church as well as projects still in progress.

Outreach – Elaine stated that she was getting two food drives together, one for September 23<sup>rd</sup> and one for December 9<sup>th</sup>. She has little help for the one on the 23<sup>rd</sup> so she will postpone that one until later in the year.

No other reports were presented.









Meeting adjourned.

Nancy Parisee

# VESTRY

# November 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Centering Prayer 11am Ladies' Lunch 12:30pm NA 6:30pm Alta Water Board Mtg. 7 pm 	2 Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm	3 NA 6:30pm	4 Daylight Savings Turn clocks back before bed 
5 All Saints' 10am HE with Rev. Eric Moehring Worship Committee Al-Anon 5pm 	6 NA 6:30pm	7 Office Closed NA 6:30pm	8 Centering Prayer 11am NA 6:30pm	9 Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm	10 Diocesan Convention in Meridian NA 6:30pm	11 Diocesan Convention in Meridian
12 Pentecost 24 10am HE with Fr. Coke McClure Al-Anon 5pm	13 NA 6:30pm	14 Office Closed Vestry 6:30 pm NA 6:30pm 	15 Office Closed Centering Prayer 11am NA 6:30pm	16 Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm	17 NA 6:30pm	18 Bible Study 10am 
19 Pentecost 25 10am MP with Nancy Parisee Thanksgiving Meal after Church UTO Offerings Al-Anon 5pm 	20 NA 6:30pm	21 Office Closed NA 6:30pm	22 Centering Prayer 11am Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6 pm w/ Ellen Rein NA 6:30pm 	23 Thanksgiving Office Closed 	24 NA 6:30pm	25
26 Last Sunday after Pentecost 10am HE with Fr. Coke McClure Al-Anon 5pm	27 NA 6:30pm	28 Halloween Office Closed NA 6:30pm	29 Centering Prayer 11am NA 6:30pm	30 Office Closed		