



April 2024



The Flock

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

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Monday & Wednesday 9am - 3pm

The Voice

As a leader at Saint Francis, I can only look back on this last week of March and say "congratulations." So many people spent many months of preparation and working hard to put together the planning and the practicing of our blessed Easter season. So once again, in true St. Francis style and spirit, we managed to put a really great Easter Week together.

I need to thank everyone who played part in leadership, planning, music (how about that choir!), outreach and worship. I would also like to thank all of the folks who participated in worship on Sunday and fellowship Sunday afternoon. By all accounts the service was extremely well put together. The brunch that followed, featuring all kinds of delicious dishes, was enjoyed by all who attended. I think the kids probably had the best time hunting for Easter eggs. The weather cooperated (somewhat) and that was a very good thing.

So now what? We've just celebrated the greatest event known to man. What are you planning to do to make the risen Christ more important than ever in your life? The really great thing about having a relationship with our Lord is that there is always room for us to grow closer to Him every day. We are called to be His disciples because there is enough room for all of us. We can't be disciples if we aren't talking about the amazing life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to those around us. We need to make a point of living in His Way. We can't comprehend the depth of His love for us, but we can share what we have with each other while we spread the gospel. While there's only one day of the year we officially celebrate Easter, we can, and should be celebrating Easter every day. Whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.

When it comes to the Gospel.....Hit the share button!

Gods Peace,

John

Tending Earth Retreat Coming In April

Spiritual Practices for Care of Creation.

Ruth Lindstedt will be hosting another fabulous retreat on Saturday, April 13th from 10 am until 4 pm.

This retreat will be an expansion of the December 2nd retreat. Come and experience the natural world that surrounds us and our relationships within it. Engage in the development of spiritual practices that you can use to deepen your awareness, acceptance, and appreciation of our ecosystem. As you reflect and participate in guided meditation discover sacred energies necessary to support efforts to heal our suffering earth.



All supplies and materials are provided. A simple luncheon will be served. Please rsvp to Ruth by April 11th.

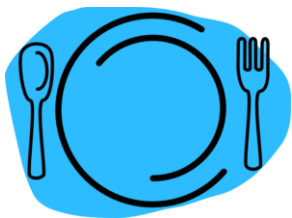
Welcome Susan Nowack



On Sunday, April 28th, we will welcome another talented musician to our list of people who help to make our worship services special. Susan Nowack will be playing the piano for our service that day.

Susan and her husband George recently came to St. Francis as a transplant from Georgia. Both Susan and George have jumped into St. Francis roles with two feet! Susan, volunteering as a pianist and serving on the Worship Committee and George serving on the Building & Grounds Committee and as a Lector. Susan and George now call Felt, ID their full time home.

Bishop Jos' Blue Plate Dinner & Meeting



There will be a meeting at 3:30 pm, before the Blue Plate dinner, for the Eastern Deanery. Members from St. Francis are needed to help in planning this year's convention, which will be sponsored by the Eastern Deanery.

Bishop Jos' Blue Plate Banquet will take place on Saturday, April 6th at St. Paul's Church in Blackfoot. The reception will be at 5:00 pm and the dinner will take place at 5:30 pm.

The cost is \$75.00 per person. To register please see the QT code located on the poster in our foyer or by the diocesan website at [www. Episcopalidaho.org](http://www.Episcopalidaho.org).

Spiritual Retreat

Church of the Redeemer in Salmon, ID is hosting a retreat featuring Brother James Dowd of Omaha, Nebraska on Saturday, May 18th from 9 until 3 pm.

Brother Dowd founded the Midwest's first Episcopal Benedictine Monastery in 2018 in Omaha, Nebraska. The monastery includes monks and lay people who attempt to follow Jesus in a specific way, a Benedictine way, which includes a life of prayer, service to the poor and forgotten, and a life of community fellowship.

There is no charge for the retreat, donations will be accepted. Lunch will be served. To register please email Ginny Griffith at ginngriffith810@gmail.com.

Our Church of the Redeemer is located at 204 Courthouse Dr. Salmon, ID.



Community Violin Recital



St. Francis will be hosting another spectacular musical recital featuring BYU student Lindsey Simmons. Lindsey will give a short violin recital on Sunday, April 14th at 4 pm. The concert will be sponsored by her parents, Dr. Tom & Carma Simmons of Victor. The recital is open to anyone who wishes to come and listen to Lindsey play. Admission is free. Cookies will be served.

April Men's Breakfast

This month's Men's Breakfast will take place on **Saturday, April 6th at 9 am.**



This breakfast is open to anyone (men & women) who long for a delicious breakfast, cooked by the men in the church, and some good conversation.

Donations of eggs, english muffins, bacon & sausage are needed for this month's meal. Please call or email the church office if you can help.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to hang out with your friends at church!

Ladies' Lunch



Join Us For A Potluck Lunch

Wednesday, April 3rd 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.

Hannah Hoth Participates in Distinguished Young Women

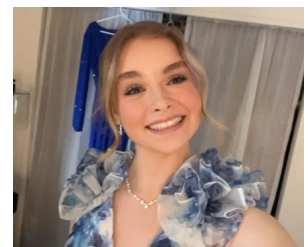


Our own Hannah Hoth will be participating in Teton High School's Distinguished Young Women on April 20th at 7 pm, doors open at 6:15 pm.

Available to incoming Seniors, each year is a new group of Junior Ladies. 13 Contestants have fundraised at local businesses who sponsor scholarships etc. The ladies compete for those scholarships, and all find out the same night who gets what scholarships. You can view this year's participants at

<https://distinguishedyw.org/idaho/teton>.

Hannah has tickets she can sell, in advance tickets are \$12, or \$15 the night of the event. Hannah's email is hannah.lynno424@gmail.com, she can help to arrange for tickets for you. Come and support our St. Francis youth, she needs you to be her cheering section.



Easter Egg Stuffing Fun



After the Palm Sunday service many volunteers stayed to help stuff Easter eggs for our Easter day children's egg hunt.

Thank you to all who helped!



March Review



Easter Blessings

A great time was had by all on this blessed Easter Day!



Above: Monica & Hannah both enjoy the Easter festivities.

Right: Bev Charette loves the flowers on the cross.

Below: Clarke, Patty & Sarah had a wonderful Easter day!



Above: The children get ready to hunt for their Easter eggs.

Left & Right: Scout Balben and Clara Hill show us how many eggs they collected.



Below: The children listen to Pastor Eric before having fun flowering our cross (left).



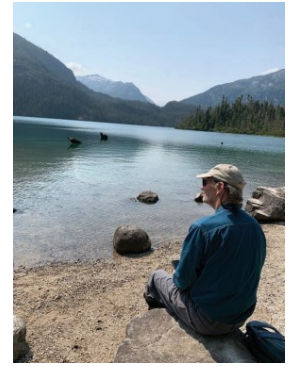
Above: Kira Hudacsko and Kate Cheney get ready to go and hunt for Easter eggs after the service.

Rod Gust Celebration of Life

The Celebration of Life service for Rod Gust has been changed to Saturday, June 15, 2024. There will be a service at St. Francis Church at 11:00 am followed by Rod's Interment at Alta Cemetery with military honors.

There will be a gathering for all at Aspen Leaf Ranch (Rod & Jil's house), located at 420 Greenville Rd, Alta, WY at 1:00 pm that day. This will include a gathering of friends, sharing of memories, food, and a bonfire. There will be RV, camper, and car parking available.

A "save the date" flyer is posted in the church foyer.



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>

Your donations matter!



Weekly Attendance & Offering

March 3	18	\$ 4,735.00
March 10	29	\$ 355.00
March 17	34	\$ 6,415.00
March 24 - Palm Sunday	32	\$ 1,010.00
March 28 - Maundy Thursday	10	\$ 0
March 29 - Good Friday	7	\$ 0
March 30 - Prayer Vigil	5	\$ 0
March 31 - Easter Sunday	80	\$ 4,065.00



Prayers of the People

Please remember in your prayers:

Ron Lien, Al Wilner, Barb Rieb, Will, Harry & Martha Baxter, Hansine Goran, Jim Palmer, Tommy Huss, Ron Race, Marlene Wisinich, Connie Kirby, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Betty Elliott, Pastor Jon Beake, Barbara Bond Tucker, as well as all faith Communities and schools of Teton Valley.



April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Susan Nowack - April 4th
 Alec McArthur - April 10th
 Hannah Hoth - April 13th
 Sara Reinke - April 13th
 Nancy Parisee - April 17th
 Christine Tan - April 17th
 Gayle Lien - April 19th

Birthdays

Carl Jordan - April 22nd
 Leland Brendsel - April 22nd
 Connie Steele - April 29th



Church Staff & Vestry Members

Bishop of Idaho

The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan

Supply Priest

Rev. Eric Moehring

Supply Priest

Fr. Coke McClure



Senior Warden

John Parisee

Junior Warden

Ron Lien

Vestry Members

Jerry Groshart

Wood Palmer

Ruth Lindstedt

Parish Administrator

Nancy Parisee

Parish Treasurer

Dan Baxter

Custodian

Angie Warner

April Service Volunteers

April 7

Easter 2

Morning Prayer

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

April 14

Easter 3

Holy Eucharist

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

April 21

Easter 4

Morning Prayer

Worship Leader: Nancy Parisee
 Musician: Beverly Charette
 Euch. Minister: Ruth Lindstedt
 Lector: John Parisee
 Greeter/Usher: Linda Wilner
 Altar Guild: Angie Warner
 Refreshments: Potluck

April 28

Easter 5

Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr. Coke McClure
 Musician: Susan Nowack
 Lay Minister: Angie Warner
 Lector: George Nowack
 Greeter/Usher: HELP NEEDED
 Altar Guild: Beverly Charette
 Refreshments: Potluck



**Our
 Volunteers
 Rock**

*For more information on how you can volunteer
 for any of our church services
 please see Nancy Parisee in the office
 or call 307-353-8100.*

Thank You to Our Volunteers!



This Winter we had a few amazing volunteers who helped with all the snow fall that we received late in the year. A huge thank you goes out to John Librett (left) John Parisee and Ron Lien who showed up faithfully to come and shovel our front walks and clear a path to our propane tank. A mysterious shoveler came out and cleared 6' of snow piled up against our building and back stairs so that we could get out in case of an emergency.

Thank you to our unsung heroes!



St. Francis Vestry

Approved Vestry Minutes March 2024



Present: John Parisee, Jerry Groshart, Ruth Lindstedt, Ron Lien, Wood Palmer, Bishop Jos Tharakan attended via Zoom, Dan Baxter attended as Treasurer. Darrell Reinke attended as a guest via Zoom.

The meeting was recorded on Zoom, the minutes were written from the recording.

The February vestry minutes were approved via email by John, Ron, Ruth, Jerry, & Wood.

Darrel gave the opening prayer.

Treasurer –

Dan Baxter reviewed the Transaction Detail by Account for February. Ron made a motion to accept the expenditures and Jerry seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Dan said that he and John will go to the bank to invest in short-term CD's.

John asked for a volunteer from vestry to be an additional signer to our checking accounts. Ruth Lindstedt volunteered.

John made a motion to accept Ruth Lindstedt as the additional signer on our checking accounts, Ron seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. John will meet Ruth at Key Bank after 11 on Friday.

Senior Warden

Musician Bonuses – After a lengthy discussion the vestry decided to give our musicians a 10% increase to their pay per service. Jerry made a motion to pay the musicians an additional 10% per service effective immediately and Ruth seconded the motion. Ron recused himself from the vote. All in favor (except for Ron), motion carried.

Congregational Development – John had asked that the members read the first two chapters of Autopsy of a Deceased Church. A discussion took place, and some great comments were made regarding members' thoughts on areas where we are strong and areas that we can improve.

Bishop Jos spoke about spiritual renewal, he felt that we need to be strong in that before money is spent on evangelizing.

Erosion of the church and how we can avoid it further was discussed.

Comments were made on the great leadership that we currently have in place.

Members felt that our strength is in our committees.

Darrell said he would like include the Worship Committee in on the conversation regarding the book.

John gave an update on Holy Week services and the prayer vigil.

Ruth will facilitate another retreat on April 13th called "The Care of Creation".

John announced that the Urban family, who own Property Management, would like to swap the bill for snow plowing this year in exchange for allowing his family to hold a memorial service for their mother. The members felt that they should get a bill for the snowplowing that is equal to the rental of the church, so we have a paper trail.

Junior Warden

Ron reported that the snowblower needs to be fixed, he will take it to Ace.

Ron still needs to replace a light fixture in the basement. It was decided that we will replace it when we remodel the sleeping room.

Wood reported that the handicapped chair is not working properly. We need to alert Building & Grounds so we can have a service person come out and look at it.

A volunteer shoveled the snow that was blocking the back door and pathway.

Committees

Worship - Ruth gave a verbal report on the Worship Committee. The committee was provided with minutes from the last meeting.

Pastoral Care – The committee was provided with minutes from the last meeting.

Outreach - John gave a verbal report on Outreach.

Building & Grounds – John said that he had some contractors that were interested in finishing the front entry, he will try to meet with them on Friday.

Finance – John praised Dan Baxter and Dick Gooding and their contributions to this committee.

Endowment – John noted that Dick Gooding was a great asset to this committee.

Christian Education – John said he would like to re-establish this committee; it currently does not have any members. John would like to ask Eric to head up the committee, all agreed.

John thanked Darrell for his time at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.







The next meeting is scheduled for April 9th.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Parisee

VESTRY



April 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 NA 6:30pm	2 Office Closed NA 6:30pm	3 Centering Prayer 11am Ladies' Lunch 12:30 pm NA 6:30pm 	4 Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm	5 NA 6:30pm	6 Men's Breakfast 9 am  Bishop Jos' Blue Plate Dinner in Blackfoot @ 5pm 
7 Easter 2 10am MP with Rev. Nancy Groshart Bldg & Grounds Mtg. after church Al-Anon 5pm	8 NA 6:30pm	9 Office Closed Vestry 6:30 pm NA 6:30pm 	10 Centering Prayer 11am NA 6:30pm	11 Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm	12 NA 6:30pm	13 Tending Earth Retreat @ 10am 
14 Easter 3 10am HE Fr. Coke McClure  Worship Committee Mtg after church Simmons Music Recital 4 pm Al-Anon 5pm	15 NA 6:30pm	16 Office Closed NA 6:30pm	17 Centering Prayer 11am NA 6:30pm	18 Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm	19 NA 6:30pm	20 Bible Study is canceled for April
21 Easter 4 10am MP with Nancy Parisee Al-Anon 5pm	22 NA 6:30pm	23 Office Closed NA 6:30pm	24 Centering Prayer 11am NA 6:30pm	25 Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm	26 NA 6:30pm	27
28 Easter 5 10am HE with Fr. Coke McClure Al-Anon 5pm	29 NA 6:30pm	30 Office Closed NA 6:30pm	<u>Office Hours</u> Monday & Wednesday 9am - 3pm Friday 9am - noon			