



June 2024

# 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

## The Voice

Looking back over the years, many changes have taken place within our parish. I'm sure that many of you don't know that the congregation used to meet in the basement of the Best Western for worship services, or that we planned to build a church on the land where the Catholic Church is located. Did you know that the long windows facing the Tetons in the sanctuary used to be frosted glass with curtains (those were some long curtains)? Or that Rev. Sandy and others used to scoop coal into the furnace every morning to heat the church?

Our parish has changed and evolved over the years and the journey that we are on will surely produce more changes. Change keeps our parish vibrant and growing. Faces change and people come and go, however, the fundamental tenants of our parish remain constant. Our faith, our fellowship toward each other, our Episcopal tradition, our love of our church home and mostly our dedication to God.

Last year, we had some big changes in our own lives, I stepped away from being Treasurer and being actively involved with St. Francis because Kent and I were planning on spending the winter in Missoula with our new grandson (best change ever!) and most likely move there.

Over the winter, we had a lot of time to ponder what a move like that would be like and realized just how deeply rooted we are in Teton Valley and how much we missed our valley family and friends. (But just so you know, I didn't really miss the winter weather!) And we realized it was not the time for us to uproot our lives and move, although we love being near our daughter and her family.

Now that I'm back, I found that I was looking for new opportunities to serve in our community. And I knew that I wanted to actively re-engage in St. Francis but was not thinking I'd be jumping in with both feet! As many of you know, I've loved and served our parish for many, many years, so when I Bishop asked me to consider becoming the Senior Warden, I found that I was moved to say yes to serve. I will be working closely with Bishop Jos, our rector, in the coming months. We are so blessed to have Bishop Jos looking out for us and helping us to move forward with new changes.

I am available by phone 208-709-2998 and/or email, [lisahwagener@gmail.com](mailto:lisahwagener@gmail.com). I look forward to getting caught up with old friends and getting to know folks I haven't met yet. If anyone has questions or concerns or just wants to chat, please contact me.

God's Peace,

Lisa Wagener

Senior Warden

***"Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2***

## A Message from Bishop Jos

Dear Sisters and Brothers

It was a blessing beyond words being with you all last Sunday for the celebration of Pentecost. It was a joyful celebration and meaningful time. Thank you for listening, caring, and taking care of the needs of our community in the Teton Valley.

Today, I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Lisa Wagner** as the **Senior Warden for St. Francis of the Tetons**. To assist and support your new senior warden, I have also appointed The Rev. Eric Moerhing, The Rev. Ruth Lindstedt, The Rev. Nancy Groshart, and Mr. Darrel Reinke as the Spiritual Council of Advice to Lisa. I have also appointed Eastern Deanery Deans, Bruce and Barbara Turner, to be the Bishop's Oversight for the parish for a period of time, so that Lisa and the Spiritual Council, and St. Francis has a strong Diocesan support. Besides, I plan on being with St. Francis and the leadership team for at least two weeks, if not more, in July through September.

### About Lisa Wagner

Lisa is a long time member of St. Francis with enough experience being in the role of Senior Warden, treasurer, book keeper, and vestry member, besides being a volunteer to help the church when need arose.

Originally from Nebraska, Lisa and her husband Ken lived in Jackson in the 80's and then moved to Teton Valley where she owned and operated Teton Valley Travel from 1995 until 2002. From May 2002 – Jul 2009 Lisa served as the Parish Administrator and Bookkeeper for St. Francis. She also managed all aspects of church business, bookkeeping, payroll and Vestry support. She served St. Francis well until Dan Baxter, our new treasurer, volunteered to serve.



Even though Lisa is retired, she still does some free-lance bookkeeping. With their daughter and family being in Missoula, MT, and not too far from Alta, she is visiting and enjoying her time with family, friends, and people she cares about. St. Francis is blessed to be in the list of people and institutions she cares about.

I also take this opportunity to I thank John Parisee for his leadership at St. Francis in the last few years. I thank Ron Lien for his ministry as the Junior Warden. I thank each of the leaders of the church for their commitment and love of St. Francis. Now that we are blessed with a new senior warden at St. Francis, I invite you to welcome her and thank her for her willingness to serve.

May God bless each of you and our church in the Teton Valley.

Blessings

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The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan XIV Bishop of Idaho

## Father's Day Brunch

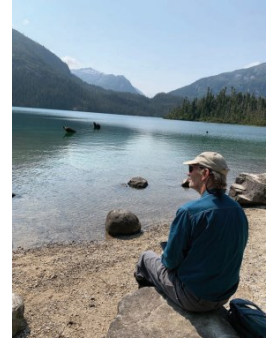
The Outreach/Fellowship Committee will be sponsoring a Father's Day brunch after the worship service on Sunday June 16th. Watch the weekly emails and Sunday announcements for more news on the brunch.



## Rod Gust Celebration of Life

The Celebration of Life service for Rod Gust will take place on 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.



## Yard Sale - Your Donations Are Needed

**WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!**



We are now accepting donations for our 2024 annual Yard Sale.

Your gently used donations of

clothing, household items, sporting equipment, bedding, small furniture, baby items, and any other useful items are needed.

**Please call the office if you have questions on larger items**

You can bring your donations to the church when the office is open, on a Sunday, or you can leave them by the front door. The items can be brought into a designated room in the basement. Please do not donate any ripped or soiled clothing.

## Yard Sale Coming Soon

The St. Francis Annual Yard Sale

Will be held at a date to be determined from 9 am until 1 pm.

Your help will be needed before, during, and after the sale.

Please talk to Deb Rouleau for more details. Sign up sheets will be placed at church in July.

# YARD SALE

## Ladies' Lunch



**Join Us For A Potluck Lunch**

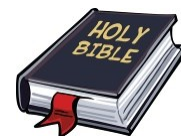
**Wednesday, June 5th at 12:30 pm.**

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



## Bible Study in June

The June Bible Study group will be meeting on Saturday, June 8th from 10 am until noon. In preparation for the meeting please read the copies of the handout pages located in the church foyer and 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians chapters 1-6. Also please read Acts, chapter 18.



## Donate to St. Francis Through Tin Cup



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. The giving period opens on June 14th, watch for the Tin Cup brochures in the mail. For more information on donating in the name of St. Francis please go to <https://cftetonvalley.org/tin-cup-challenge/>.

**Ready to get involved?** Watch for a sign up sheet to help with the St. Francis Booth on Tin Cup Challenge Event Day. Event Day is July 20th (and ALWAYS the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July). Thank you in advance for your assistance.

## May Review

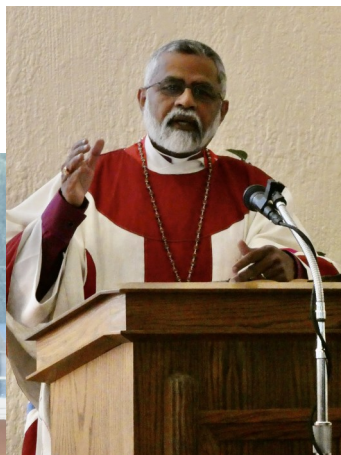


Left: Students of Selena Miskin delighted many in the community with a children's musical recital on May 19th.

The church continues to offer space for community events such as music recitals. We are so blessed to be able to do this!



Above: A poster created by Mary Lou Oslund, who won the Sandhill Crane Festival Poster Competition for the Teton Valley Land Trust. Well done Mary Lou!



Far Left: Bishop Jos leads the congregation in worship during his annual visit.

Left: After the worship service, the bishop informs the congregation of his new plan, as well as his



## We Need You!

Your help is needed to fill our weekly volunteer positions including Lector, Greeter/Usher, Refreshments & Altar Guild.



**Lector** - This person reads the first lesson during our worship service. **Greeter/Usher** - This job varies depending on whether the service is Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist. When having Morning Prayer, the job of the Greeter/Usher is to welcome people at the beginning of the service, hand out bulletins, and count the number of people at the service and record it in the red book at the lectern. During Holy Eucharist, the Greeter/Usher will perform the duties above as well as bring up the communion gifts, along with another volunteer, collect the offering, and then bring the offering up during the Doxology. **Refreshments** - We have an open potluck refreshment time each Sunday, anyone can bring something to share. Help is needed to make coffee each Sunday, if you can help please email the office. **Altar Guild** - Our Altar Guild team has various tasks that are needed to prepare for the worship service each Sunday.

If you would like to help, please contact the office to get a detailed list of job duties.

## 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

May 5	33	\$ 1,695.00
May 12	28	\$ 929.00
May 19	36	\$ 267.00
May 26	25	\$ 332.00



## Prayers of the People

Please remember in your prayers:

*Al Wilner, Will, Hansine Goran, Jim Palmer, Tommy Huss, Marlene Wisinich, the family of Kurt Adams, as well as all faith Communities and schools of Teton Valley.*



## June Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Jim Wilson on June 13th  
Nell Hanson on June 23rd  
Edward Hoth on June 27th

### Anniversaries

Ron & Gayle Lien on June 5th  
Jim & Connie Steele on June 24th

# Church Staff & Vestry Members

## Bishop of Idaho

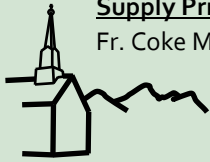
The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan

## Supply Priest

Rev. Eric Moehring

## Supply Priest

Fr. Coke McClure



## Senior Warden

Lisa Wagener

## Junior Warden

## Vestry Members

Jerry Groshart

Wood Palmer

Ruth Lindstedt

## Parish Administrator

Nancy Parisee

## Parish Treasurer

Dan Baxter

## Custodian

Angie Warner

## June Service Volunteers

### June 2

**Pentecost 2  
Morning Prayer**

Worship Leader: Rev. Nancy Groshart  
Musician: Rev. Eric Moehring  
Lay Minister: Beverly Charette  
Lector: Jerry Groshart  
Greeter/Usher: Linda Wilner  
Altar Guild: Beverly Charette  
Refreshments: Potluck

### June 9

**Pentecost 3  
Holy Eucharist**

Celebrant: Fr. Coke McClure  
Musician: Rev. Eric Moehring  
Euch. Minister: Angie Warner  
Lector: George Nowack  
Greeter/Usher: Carl Schiner  
Altar Guild: Angie Warner  
Refreshments: Potluck

### June 16

**Pentecost 4  
Morning Prayer  
Father's Day**

Worship Leader: Ruth Lindstedt  
Musician: Beverly Charette  
Lay Minister: Sarah Balben  
Lector: Angie Warner  
Greeter/Usher: HELP NEEDED  
Altar Guild: Sarah Balben  
Refreshments: Potluck for Father's Day

### June 23

**Pentecost 5  
Holy Eucharist**

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

### June 30

**Pentecost 6  
Holy Eucharist**

Celebrant: Rev. Eric Moehring  
Musician: Beverly Charette  
Lay Minister: Sarah Balben  
Lector: Jim Steele  
Greeter/Usher: Ruth Lindstedt  
Altar Guild: Sarah Balben  
Refreshments: Potluck



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

# St. Francis Vestry

Approved Vestry Minutes

May 2024






The May vestry minutes were not approved , they will not be posted this month.

VESTRY

# June 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Office Hours</u> Monday &amp; Wednesday 9am - 3pm Friday 9am - noon</p>						1
<p>2</p> <p><b>Pentecost 2</b> 10am MP with Rev. Nancy Groshart AI-Anon 5pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Office Closed NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Centering Prayer 11am Ladies' Lunch 12:30 pm NA 6:30pm</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Church Rental 4 pm NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Bible Study 10 am</p>
<p>9</p> <p><b>Pentecost 3</b> 10am HE with Fr. Coke McClure Worship Committee Mtg after church AI-Anon 5pm</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Office Closed Vestry 6:30 pm NA 6:30pm</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Centering Prayer 11am NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Rod Gust Celebration of Life 11 am with interment at Alta Cemetery at 12:30 pm.</p>
<p>16</p> <p><b>Pentecost 4</b> 10am MP with Ruth Lindstedt Father's Day Brunch AI-Anon 5pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Office Closed NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Centering Prayer 11am NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Church Rental 1:00 pm</p>
<p>23</p> <p><b>Pentecost 5</b> 10am HE with Fr. Coke McClure AI-Anon 5pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Office Closed NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Centering Prayer 11am NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office Closed Centering Prayer 4pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>NA 6:30pm</p>	<p>29</p>
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