

The Flock

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

Voice of the Vestry

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Church Services - Sundays at 10:00 am

Dear Friends,

I often think that we should be in the midst of "lazy days of summer" but July has been a busy month for St. Francis. Photos of the various events of the summer are included in the pages of this newsletter.

On the 5th of July, we sat under the trees on the lawn and celebrated our country's 250 birthday with an ice cream social. Fortunately, the heat had not yet arrived! We even had a surprise visit from former Bishop Brian and his wife, Ardell.

A great time was had by all (even the kids) at the Tin Cup Challenge Event Day. Many thanks to our team of volunteers who came early and stayed till the end! While the donation numbers have not yet been tallied, thanks to all who donated to St. Francis through Tin Cup. 100% of the donations and matching funds go toward outreach to help those folks in our Valley who are struggling.

We were fortunate to host 3 Teton Valley Chamber Music Concerts at the church, the musicians were extraordinary and the attendance surpassed all expectations. We are honored that they have chosen St. Francis for their concerts for the past 3 years.

This past Sunday, we unveiled a wonderful wall quilt, made by Mary Lou Oslund and presented to St. Francis as a gift. Mary Lou has also loaned our church some wonderful pieces of art she created after a pilgrimage in Europe last summer. Mary Lou's talent goes far beyond photography (she is a master photographer) and includes woodburning, woodcarving, fabric arts, fused glass and Gelli printing. Her pieces will be on display in our Fellowship Hall through the summer. Thank you, Mary Lou!

We also said a fond farewell to Rev. Eric, Elaine and Alec as they depart for 9 months to help with their new grandson/nephew, Theo. We wish them all a wonderful adventure and speedy return to us.

Perhaps the busiest project this summer has been planning for a new roof for the church. In May, we had some wind damage to the flat part of the roof and while those repairs were being done, a roof inspection showed quite a few cracked shingles. Our roof is over 30 years old and has served us well. The original plan was to identify and raise funds and have the roof replaced in the summer of 2027. However, 75% of the funding fell into place quickly and the Diocese encouraged us to have the work done this year, to avoid cost increases. Fortunately, the roofer we hired had time now and so the work began on July 27th!

We are still in need of funding the remaining 25% of the cost, \$15,000. On the next page, we have outlined the details of our current funding as well as the funds that need to be raised.

We are very fortunate to have a generous matching gift from an anonymous parishioner. Donations will be matched, dollar for dollar, for the first \$10,000 raised!

Please prayerfully consider making a donation as an investment in the future of our church.

God's Peace,

*Lisa Wagener,
Senior Warden*

Replace the St. Francis Church Roof

Matching Fundraising Campaign!

Our church roof is over 30 years old and is showing signs of wear. The roof has served us well and with the harsh weather we have, we are fortunate that it has lasted so long. After securing 3 bids for roof replacement, we have hired Metal Man Construction from Rigby with a bid of \$60,000. The project includes GAF Timberline asphalt shingles with Titanium Ice Shield over the entire roof, which will provide the highest possible class 4 wind impact and fire ratings. The fascia, soffit and upper dormers will also be wrapped with metal siding to reduce maintenance. When completed, the contractor says "we will have a 50-year roof with 30-year shingles."

On July 14th, the Vestry authorized moving forward with the replacement project and outlined possible funding sources. After discussion with the Diocese, we were encouraged to have the work completed this year, to avoid price increases. On July 19th, the Vestry and finance committee met after church and voted to proceed with the project as soon as possible. On July 20th, we received approval from the Diocese that \$25,000 from the St. Francis Property Fund may be used for the roof. (The St. Francis Property Fund are the proceeds from the sale of the land north of the church to Teton County, WY for the Alta Branch Library.) We have secured 75% of the funding through the Diocese, our own reserves and a generous donation of up to \$10,000 in matching funds.

The contractor had a delay on another project, so the work began on July 27th. We are fortunate that this project is moving quickly.

Funding Plan approved by the Vestry and Finance Committee:

St Francis Diocese Property Fund Draw (current bal. \$53,000) - \$25,000

St. Francis Building Reserve Fund (Current bal. \$20,800) - \$10,000

Anonymous Parishioner Matching Donation, up to: \$10,000

Fundraising from Parishioners - \$15,000

Total Funding Plan for Project - \$60,000



What are parishioners being asked to consider and contribute?

The Vestry is asking us to consider a special one-time donation this year to help our parish complete funding the roof replacement project without depleting additional reserves or incurring indebtedness. A total of \$15,000 needs to be raised, of which the first \$10,000 will be matched, dollar for dollar, by a very generous matching donation from an anonymous parishioner.

Our Goal to raise by August 30:	\$15,000
Contributions through July 26:	<u>\$2,500</u>
Amount to raise:	\$12,500

Donations may be made by check, payable to St. Francis Church, please reference "roof donation" in the memo. Checks may be sent to:

St. Francis Church 20 Alta School Rd Alta, WY 83414

or donations may be made through our online giving platform, Realm, at: <https://onrealm.org/Stfrancis99835>.

For more information, you may speak with a member of the Roof Ad-Hoc Committee members:

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Please consider how you can invest in the future of our church building.

God's Peace,
St. Francis Vestry

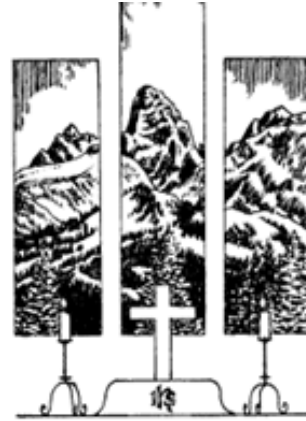




Bible Study

August 15 - 10 am - Noon

Would you like to dig deeper into the Bible scriptures? We are currently studying Corinthians. Join the group led by Rev. Eric Moehring and Ruth Lindstedt to learn about and discuss the scriptures. Contact Rev. Eric at moehringee@att.net, or Ruth at ralindstedt1336@gmail.com for more information.



Worship Committee

August 2nd

Immediately following the service.



Lunch Bunch - August 5

Join us for potluck lunch and great conversation.

- Time: 12:30 pm
- Location: St. Francis Church

All are welcome!

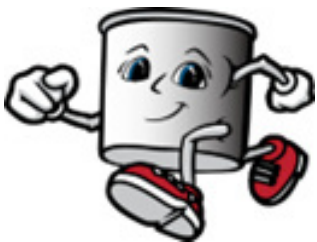
Please bring a dish to share, and a friend, too!



Welcome, Mandy Ballenger

We are pleased to announce a new member of the St. Francis staff, Amanday (Mandy) Ballenger. She will be working in the office helping out with various administrative tasks.

Mandy's office hours will be 10:00am - Noon Monday and Wednesday. At other times, Mandy will be working from home. Mandy can be reached via the St. Francis email, sftetons@gmail.com. Welcome, Mandy!



Tin Cup Awards Party - August 26th at Moose Creek Ranch from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. All are welcome!



A Beautiful Work of Art

This beautiful handmade quilt, a gift to St. Francis, from Mary Lou Oslund, was unveiled after the July 26 worship service. Mary Lou created the quilt in just 6 short weeks! Mary Lou has also loaned the church various pieces of art from her recent art show, ART-ful Inspirations, which were inspired by a pilgrimage she took last summer to Scotland, England and Portugal. All artwork is on display in the church Fellowship Hall. Stop by and enjoy Mary Lou's wonderful creations. Thank you, Mary Lou!



Send-off for Rev. Eric, Elaine and Alex

A fond farewell to Eric, Elaine and Alex, as they go off to spend time with Theo, their grandbaby (and nephew to Alex), and his parents. Enjoy every moment! See you all in the Spring!

A note from Rev. Eri, Elaine and Alec:

We have been very blessed to have been able to worship and serve at St Francis and we have been very fortunate to develop some very important friendships. And we have been so pleased with the way Alec has been welcomed and loved.

We especially are thankful for the leadership of Lisa and for the many people who have helped and supported her. Lisa has done an exceptional job stepping into a very challenging situation.

We will miss you all and we look forward to seeing everyone again next June.

Peace and love,
Elaine, Alec and Eric



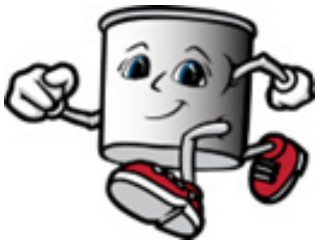
Teton Valley Chamber Music Concert Series 2026

St. Francis had the honor of hosting three concerts during the Teton Valley Chamber Music Festival. Hope you had the opportunity to take part in this wonderful experience.



Ice Cream Social 2026





Tin Cup 2026



Photo courtesy of Mary Lou Oslund



A great time was had by all, including the kids,
at the Tin Cup Event Day.
Many thanks to our volunteers and all who
donated to the St. Francis Outreach Fund



TETON VALLEY
CARES



BACK TO SCHOOL READINESS EVENT

JOIN US! August 15th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
School District Administration Office | 481 N Main Street, Driggs

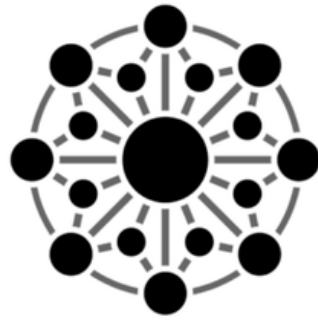
**Free services and resources to prepare
Teton Valley families for the upcoming school year!**

Resources Available:

- *Interpretation services*
- *Health services*
- *TSD401 registration and other information*
- *Backpacks, school supplies, books, clothing, bikes, school-readiness kits*
- *Home goods*
- *Community resources*
- *Prevention, immigration, and safety supports*



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Teton Valley Cares Home Goods Drive

July 10 - August 10

St. Francis will again hold a home goods drive to help the Community Resource Center (CRC) stock the shelves for the upcoming **Teton Valley Cares back-to-school event, on August 15th.**

CRC works in partnership with the Education Foundation of Teton Valley to hold an annual back-to-school event, which provides school supplies, home goods and medical exams for students.

Please bring your donations to the church between July 10 and August 10.

We are collecting:

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Dish soap and sponges

Laundry soap

Clorox wipes

Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Volunteers are also needed for the Teton Valley Cares event on August 15, from 8:00 am to Noon. Please call Mandy at the church office 307-353-8100 or email sftetons@gmail.com if you are able to help.



Saturday, August 1st- 11:00 am

Bring a hat, water bottle and sunscreen!! If it's hot, we will shorten the walk.

**Primrose Park, Driggs
(north of the Courthouse, by the pickleball courts)**

Come walk and pray with us on the first Saturday of every month. During our meditative walk we will pray for our nation, our leaders and especially for those suffering because of policies and actions that bring them down, leave them out or leave them behind. May our walk in faith and solidarity be a sign of hope and peace during these difficult times.

If you are able, please bring a prayer, a poem, a brief quote or saying to share with everyone.

Prayers, Celebrations and Meetings

Please remember in your prayers:

Tracy Livingston, the family of Gary Krogh, Mike Hurwitz, John Cormier, the family of Calvin Ward, the family and friends of Penny Oslund, Jan, Maren Kroenke, Diane Mares, Monica Norby, Rachel, JD, Sarah Lott, Linda, Will, Alan Miller, Nell Hanson, Lana Miller, Amanda Letham, Zac Dubois, Lynn Quanstrom, Tommy Huss, Tom Davis and Lindsay Davis, and all faith communities and schools of Teton Valley.

August Celebrations:

Birthdays:

Jim Rein - August 18

Angie Warner - August 23

Anniversaries:

Tom and Sarah Balben - August 3

Carl and Susan Schiner - August 16

Pete and Mary Lou Oslund - August 17

Monica and Edward Hoth - August 24

Steve and Jennifer Kruto - August 29

Centering Prayer meets at 11 am on Wednesdays
and 4 pm on Thursdays at the Church.
All are welcome.

Vestry Meeting: August 18 at 6:30 pm at
St. Francis -
Please note the date change.

Thank you for reading!

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<https://onrealm.org/StFrancis99835>

	Offerings	Attendance
July 5	\$1,421	45
July 12	\$1,944	45
July 19	\$825	31
July 26	\$1,245	54

Church Leaders, Vestry Members and Staff

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Church Services
Services begin at 10 am.

August 2

**10th Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist**

Celebrant: Rev. Deb Adams
Deacon: Rev. Nancy Groshart
Eucharistic Minister: Sarah Balben
Musician: Beverly Charette
Lector: Jim Steele
Greeter/Usher: Clark Arick
Altar Guild: Sarah Balben
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Carl Schiner / Sue Emerson
Kitchen Manager: Lisa Wagener

August 9

**11th Sunday After Pentecost
Morning Prayer**

Officiant: Ellen Rein
Musician: Susan Nowack
Lector: Jim Rein
Greeter/Usher: Ruth Lindstedt
Altar Guild: Deb Rouleau
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Wood Palmer
Kitchen Manager: Carl Schiner
and Sue Emerson

August 16

**12th Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist**

Celebrant: Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus
Deacon: Rev. Nancy Groshart
Eucharistic Minister: Angie Warner
Musician: Susan Nowack
Lector: George Nowack
Greeter/Usher: Jim Rein
Altar Guild: Angie Warner
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Carol Taylor / Sue Emerson

August 23

**13th Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist**

Celebrant: Rev. Deb Adams
Preacher: Carol Taylor
Deacon: Rev. Nancy Groshart
Eucharistic Minister: Ellen Rein
Musician: Susan Nowack
Lector: Jerry Groshart
Greeter/Usher: Sarah Balben
Altar Guild: Ellen Rein
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Lisa Wagener
Kitchen Manager: Ruth Lindstedt

August 30

**14th Sunday After Pentecost
Morning Prayer**

Officiant: Ruth Lindstedt
Musician: Beverly Charette
Lector: Dan Baxter
Greeter/Usher: Carl Schiner
Altar Guild: Angie Warner
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Carl Schiner

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis -
From the Book of Common Prayer

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen



AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Al-Anon Sundays at 4 pm						1
10th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist - 10 am Rev. Deb Adams Worship Committee Meeting following today's service.	2	3	4	5	6	7
	NA 6:30 pm		Potluck Lunch 12:30 Centering Prayer 11 am	Centering Prayer - 4 PM NA 6:30 pm	NA 6:30 pm	8 Prayer Walk 11 am
11th Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer- 10 am Ellen Rein Al-Anon 4 pm	9	10	11	12	13	14
	NA 6:30 pm		Centering Prayer - 11 am NA 6:30 pm	Centering Prayer - 4 pm NA 6:30 pm	NA 6:30 pm	15 Bible Study 10 am to noon
12th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist - 10 am Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus Al-Anon 4 pm	16	17	18	19	20	21
	NA 6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting 6:30 pm Please note date change.	Centering Prayer - 11 am NA 6:30 pm	Centering Prayer - 4 pm NA 6:30 pm		22
13th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist - 10 am Rev. Deb Adams Preacher: Carol Taylor Al-Anon 4 pm	23	24	25	26	27	28
	NA 6:30 pm		Centering Prayer - 11 am NA 6:30 pm	Centering Prayer - 4 pm NA 6:30 pm	NA 6:30 pm	29
14th Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer - 10 am Ruth Lindstedt	30	31				

Because it's the religion where laughing at our own absurdities is a basic spiritual discipline and we're invited to rejoice in how much we still have to learn of God instead of how much we know.

L. William Countryman
Diocese of California
From 101 Reasons to be Episcopalian