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Voice of the Vestry

Dear Friends,

As I write this, our country has plunged into further turmoil with the US/Israel attacks on Iran. On the next page of this newsletter, is a letter from the Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, regarding the attacks. I ask that you keep all the people of the Middle East in your prayers.

In our own Diocese, Bishop Jos told us that his wife Kimby and their daughter, Obi were in a serious car accident in Arkansas last week. Fortunately, they are both recovering from their injuries and are surrounded by family in Arkansas. Please keep them in your prayers.

In our own valley, many people fear sending their children to school, fear going to work or the grocery store. While it may seem that the ICE raids and deportations are happening elsewhere in the country, they are happening right here in our valley as well. A group of concerned citizens are working behind the scenes to help families in crisis. If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, contact Lisa at 208-709-2998 or Carol at 307-413-2855. Please keep these vulnerable neighbors and friends in your prayers.

During these trying times, we all need something to keep ourselves afloat. We need an outlet to reflect, pray and seek healing. If you have not had the opportunity to join in the Interfaith Prayer Walk on the first Saturday of each month, I invite you to try this spiritual endeavor. The next Prayer walk will be on Saturday, March 7th at 11 am at Primrose Park, north of the Courthouse. Our own Ruth Lindtedt started the walk a few months ago to walk and pray for peace, hope and light and a reminder that "compassion must lead the way." (For more information, see page 6 in this newsletter.)

The walk is on paved, level streets and sidewalks. While Ruth tries to lead the group on areas cleared of snow, it's best to wear snow boots. The walk is not strenuous, is about ½ mile of walking, lasts about an hour, and each person can walk at their own pace. Ruth brings the group together multiple times during the walk to share prayers, readings and ask folks to share their own thoughts.

I can personally say that walking and praying has now become part of my spiritual journey, a way to find light in the darkness, to find peace in the chaos and to be reminded we must all continue to hope and pray for our country's future.

I encourage you to join Ruth and others to share in the fellowship of prayer during these walks. For more information, please contact Ruth at: 320-224-6470.

God's Peace,

PS: Remember to change your clocks Saturday night.

Lisa Wagener,
Senior Warden

Letter from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe on the Military Strike on Iran

Dear People of God in The Episcopal Church,

Here in the United States, we awoke this morning with alarm to the news that the United States and Israel have launched a large military strike on Iran. This violent attack comes despite weeks of negotiations that many of us had hoped would prevent armed conflict in this fragile region, which is home to so many religious traditions and faithful people.

Bishop Jeffrey Mello of Connecticut and a group of pilgrims from that diocese are in the Holy Land now, and when we spoke this morning, he let me know that they are safe at St. George's College in Jerusalem. I ask you to pray for them and their safe return.

Pray, too, for all the people of the Holy Land, and especially for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and its leader, Archbishop Hosam Naoum. I had planned to be with Hosam today and tomorrow when he made a long-planned visit to our church. Many Episcopalians who had hoped to see him and assure him of our support will feel his absence keenly in the coming days. I commend to you the letter that he has sent to the people of his diocese this morning or go to: (https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Image-2.jpeg.pdf)

As news reports tell us of fear and panic in Iran, I ask you to pray especially for the people of the Diocese of Iran and for all of the Iranian people. In recent weeks, we have mourned as the regime in Iran has killed peaceful protesters and watched with alarm at both its increasing repression of the Iranian people and the escalating response of the U.S. government. As Christians who follow a Prince of Peace, we mourn that today's attacks will surely mean further hardship for the most vulnerable Iranians and, as retaliation inevitably follows, suffering that will spread across the entire region.

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

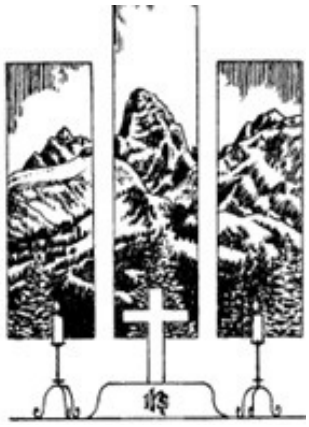
The Most Rev. Sean Rowe
Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church



Bible Study

March 21 - 10 am - Noon

Would youlike to dig deeper intothe Bible readings from Sunday worship? 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 meets the first Sunday of the month, after worship services.
All are welcome.



Lunch Bunch - March 4

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!



Spring Forward - Sunday, March 8

It's that time of year again to turn our clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time. We may lose an hour of sleep, but we gain more glorious daylight hours! Summer is coming!



Palm Sunday Worship Services - March 29 at 10:00 am
Liturgy of the Palms with Rev. Deb Adams

What is Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday is the day we remember the "triumphal entry" of Jesus into Jerusalem, exactly one week before His resurrection (Matthew 21:1-11). Some 450-500 years earlier, the Prophet Zechariah had prophesied, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). Matthew 21:7-9 records the fulfillment of that prophecy: "They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!'" This event took place on the Sunday before Jesus' crucifixion.

In remembrance of this event, we celebrate Palm Sunday. It is referred to as Palm Sunday because of the palm branches that were laid on the road as Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday was the fulfillment of the Prophet Daniel's "seventy sevens" prophecy: " Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times" (Daniel 9:25). John 1:11 tells us, "He (Jesus) came to His own, and His own did not receive Him." The same crowds that were crying out "Hosanna" were crying out "crucify Him" five days later (Matthew 27:22-23).

Community Interfaith

March 7th
11 am to Noon

prayer WALK

Primrose Park
North of the
courthouse
by the
pickleball courts

Join your friends and neighbors for a time for meditation and reflection on leadership and peace during a time of chaos and conflict. Our prayer walk offers time to speak to the Sacred - however you name the Holy, the Ineffable, or God - about the pain and division we see in our nation. Our prayer is for those in positions of power and leadership, for families torn apart, for programs that serve the hungry, the sick, the disabled, and for all whose lives are being affected by injustice, indifference, and violence.

We walk as a sign of peace, hope, and light - a reminder that compassion must lead the way.
Come! Bring your friends! Changing hearts is the work of Love!

All are welcome

A Piano Jazz Concert

March 8th

3 pm

featuring
internationally known
pianist

WillPerkins

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Will Perkins is an internationally known pianist specializing in ragtime and stride piano. Performing professionally since the age of 14, he has appeared at festivals throughout the United States and abroad, including the Bohém Early Jazz & Ragtime Festival in Hungary and the Buenos Aires Ragtime & Early Jazz Festival in Argentina. He is also a frequent performer at the Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival, the West Coast Ragtime Festival, and other prominent events dedicated to early jazz and ragtime music.

In 2017, Rivermont Records released his debut album, Snowy Morning Blues, recorded at the University of Pittsburgh. Plans for a second album are in the beginning stages. In addition to his performance career, Will is a professional piano technician and the owner of Will Perkins Pianos, a full-service tuning and repair business. He holds diplomas in Piano Technology from the North Bennet Street School in Boston, where he worked with the Boston Symphony Orchestra as a piano technician.

He resides in Idaho Falls with his wife, McKenna, and their son, Quinn.

This is a free concert for the community.

Light refreshments will be served after the concert

GOOD CAUSE FOR THE QUARTER

Each quarter we highlight one valley non-profit to help learn about what they are doing for our community and how we can help. However, our support does not end at the end of the quarter. We continue to support area non-profits throughout the year. We work behind the scenes in many instances in order to ensure the confidentiality of those in need.

Our Tin Cup funds are used to assist folks in need of rent and auto repair assistance through the Community Resource Center (CRC). On the following page, you will see a thank you letter we received from the CRC.

PAWS Animal Shelter reached out to us in January for assistance to purchase a new washing machine (see photos on page 9).

Our Giving Tree at Christmas helps folks in need at a stressful time of the year.

Our annual Food Drives help restock the shelves at the Teton Valley Food Pantry.

We hold a home goods drive each August to help with the Teton Valley Cares Back to School event.

If you would like to join our outreach committee, to help with the logistics of our Good Cause for the Quarter, please contact one of the Vestry members.

If you would like to donate to our Outreach Fund, you may place your donation in the collection plate during worship or send your donation to the church, with the notation "outreach" on the check.

Thank you, All. It takes a village. And, we are blessed to have a great one!



GOOD CAUSE FOR THE QUARTER

Community Resource Center
OF TETON VALLEY

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February 3, 2026

Dear St. Francis of the Tetons,

On behalf of the Community Resource Center of Teton Valley, I would like to thank you for the incredible support you have provided to both our clientele and the community at large, to ensure that Teton Valley community members have their most basic needs met.

In 2025 alone, St. Francis provided $7,500 in emergency financial assistance on behalf of 14 unique CRCTV client households. Only one household received assistance twice due to extenuating circumstances. This assistance helped to prevent eviction for 13 households and helped one client with a vital vehicle repair.

Additionally, the home goods you donated in-kind and your generous volunteering of time to our Teton Valley Cares event in August helped to ensure that 160 students and their families had everything they needed to start the school year off on the right foot. Any left-over home goods from the event contributed to our Home Goods Pantry, which is free and accessible to anyone in the community as needed, no questions asked.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you for honoring CRCTV through your holiday giving tree. We deeply appreciate your support and partnership. We are grateful to be able to work with you to meet the needs of the Teton Valley community.

Looking forward to working with you more in 2026!

With gratitude,

Alex Bontecou
Executive Director

GOOD CAUSE FOR THE QUARTER

PAWS
Providing Animal Welfare Services

Message from PAWS: As you might remember, our washing machine broke recently. But, we have amazing news! St. Francis of the Tetons Church generously donated a brand new machine to us. We are so grateful to be able to continue doing laundry right here in our building. Thank you, St. Francis!





Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Pics











Prayers, Celebrations and Meetings

Please remember in your prayers:

Gene Linn, Kimby Tharakan and Obi, Will, Linda, Alan Miller, Ann Loyola, Lana Miller, Amanda Letham, Calvin Ward, Tim Zerger, Zac Dubois, Lynn Quanstrom, Riley, Penny Oslund,, Tommy Huss, Tom Davis, Lindsay Davis, Mike Hurwitz, as well as all faith communities and schools of Teton Valley.

March Celebrations:

Birthdays:
Sarah Balben - March 4
Beverly Charette - March 11
Ellen Rein - March 13
Nancy Reed - March 26

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

Vestry Meeting: March 10 at 6:30 pm at St. Francis

Thank you for reading!

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https://onrealm.org/StFrancis99835

	Offerings	Attendance
Feb 1	$3,836	35
Feb 8	$2,505	19
Feb 15	$2,377	26
Feb 18	$0	9
Feb 22	$6,737	26

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Church Services

Services begin at 10 am, unless otherwise stated.

March 1
2nd Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev. Deb Adams
Eucharistic Minister: Sarah Balben
Musician: Gayle Lien
Lector: Jim Steele
Greeter/Usher: Ron Lien
Altar Guild: Sarah Balben
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Carol Taylor

March 8
3rd Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev. Eric Moehring
Eucharistic Minister: Angie Warner
Musician: Gayle Lien
Lector: Carol Taylor
Greeter/Usher: Wood Palmer
Altar Guild: Elaine Moehring
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Carl Schiner

March 15
4th Sunday in Lent
Morning Prayer

Officiant/Preacher: Ruth Lindstedt
Musician: Gayle Lien
Lector: Jerry Groshart
Greeter/Usher: Carl Schiner
Altar Guild: Angie Warner
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Wood Palmer

March 22
5th Sunday in Lent
Morning Prayer

Officiant: Darrell Reinke
Preacher: Carol Taylor
Musician: Susan Nowack
Lector: Sarah Balben
Greeter/Usher: Lisa Wagener
Altar Guild: Angie Warner
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Susan Emerson

March 29
Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev. Deb Adams
Eucharistic Minister: Sarah Balben
Musician: Beverly Charette
Lector: Ruth Lindstedt
Greeter/Usher: Carol Taylor
Altar Guild: Elaine Moehring
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Lisa Wagener

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 2nd Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist Rev. Deb Adams Worship Com. Mtg. Al-Anon - 4 pm	2 NA 6:30 pm	3	4 Potluck Lunch 12:30 pm NA 6:30 pm	5 NA 6:30 pm	6 NA 6:30 pm	7 Prayer Walk 11:00 am
8 3rd Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist Rev. Eric Moehring Piano Concert 3 PM Change clocks 1 hr ahead Al-Anon - 4 pm	9 NA 6:30 pm	10 Vestry Meeting 6:30 pm	11 NA 6:30 pm	12 NA 6:30 pm	13 NA 6:30 pm	14
15 4th Sunday in Lent Morning Prayer Ruth Lindstedt Al-Anon - 4 pm	16 NA 6:30 pm	17	18 NA 6:30 pm	19 NA 6:30 pm	20 NA 6:30 pm	21 Bible Study 10 am - Noon
22 5th Sunday in Lent Morning Prayer Darrell Reinke Al-Anon - 4 pm	23 NA 6:30 pm	24	25 NA 6:30 pm	26 NA 6:30 pm	27 NA 6:30 pm	28
29 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist Rev. Deb Adams Al-Anon - 4 pm	30 NA 6:30 pm	31				

Hooker's Eucharistic theology in 30 seconds: It's about us becoming the Body of Christ, the presence of Christ in the assembled community. For real.

The Rev. Deborah Galante Seles
Dioceseof Chicago
(From 101 Reasons to be Episcopalian)