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

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Church Services - Sundays at 10:00 am

Voice of the Vestry

Dear Friends,

As we move into the Triduum, the three holy days before Easter, we invite you to attend our meaningful and spiritual Holy Week services.

Our Maundy Thursday Service, led by Rev. Deb Adams begins at 5:30 pm with an Agape Meal, followed by a Foot/Hand Washing Ceremony and Eucharist. Maundy (from the Latin for "commandment"), refers to the direction Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper to "love one another." The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper signifies Jesus' last meal with his friends and his commission to service in the ritual of foot washing. Jesus washed the disciples' feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility.

We have two opportunities to observe Good Friday. The first is at noon at St. Francis with the church being open for silent meditation for those who wish to prepare for Easter and reflect on Christ's death on the cross. The second opportunity is at 6:00 pm when Rev. Eric Moehring will celebrate a joint worship service with Church in the Tetons Presbyterian congregation. The service will be held at the Driggs City Building (where SWOT senior lunches are normally held – 60 S Main). Good Friday can be a spiritually enriching experience as we remember the pain Jesus went through both before and during His crucifixion. It can also be a preparation for the joy that comes when we celebrate Easter—the day of Jesus' resurrection—on Sunday.

The Way of the Cross Service, on Saturday at 6:00 pm will be led by Ruth Lindstedt. The devotion known as the Way of the Cross is an adaptation to local usage of a custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem: the offering of prayer at a series of places in that city traditionally associated with our Lord's passion and death.

We will celebrate our Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist Worship Service with Rev. Eric Moehring at 10:00 am. Easter Sunday is a reaffirmation of God's promise of hope and renewal through Christ.We are also reminded of the open door for relationship with God, through Jesus. The purest meaning of Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Christ which is the foundation of Christianity.

The Easter Season, known as Eastertide, from Easter Eve through the day of Pentecost is a time of renewal and new life. How will each of us die to the old and how will we be born again into the light? And what will be the fruit that our new life bears? What signs of God's grace will we notice, and how will each of us grow God's seedlings of grace, into a new abundant life that bears much fruit.

God's Peace,

Lisa Wagener,
Senior Warden

Letter from Senior Warden - Looking to the Future

Dear Friends,

Spring has barely sprung but I'm already looking to the end of this year when my term as Senior Warden ends. We have accomplished much in the past two years and there is still much to do! Traditionally the Senior Warden serves in a role of guidance and oversight, not in administration. My unique perspective as a former Parish Administrator and Senior Warden here at St. Francis allowed me to fill multiple roles. But that's not necessarily a good model for future Senior Wardens. So, during my tenure, I've been working with members of our parish to share the load and put systems in place to ensure our long-term success.

In the past 2 years, we have moved away from the central administrator staff position to multiple staff members and committees taking on more specific duties with the following:

- Cheryl – bulletins and newsletters
- Hannah – social media and website
- Etta/Angie – caretaker of grounds and building
- Janet – bookkeeping (remotely)
- Junior Warden - Carl Schiner is working closely with Etta on grounds and building repairs and maintenance.
- Vestry – Members have taken on a larger role in helping with the Voice of the Vestry piece for the newsletter. There is now a Vestry Member on Duty for Worship Services and they will be working with our committees: finance/stewardship, endowment, building/grounds, and pastoral care in the coming months
- Worship Committee – We have already been shifting more of the details of worship from the "office" to this committee.
- Treasurer- Dan Baxter is in his 4th year of being Treasurer and does an amazing job of overseeing our finances.
- Clergy – Rev. Deb and Rev. Eric have been steadfast in their support for all aspects of parish life, and we now welcome retired Episcopal priest Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus back into our fold.

However, even with all that help, there are still hundreds of details that still need to be tackled in "the office". The church is a business and will always need to be run as such. The Vestry members recently voted to hire an Office Assistant for up to 15 hours a week. We hope to have someone in place by June so that they can be well trained by the time my term is up. The hours will be flexible and some of the work may be able to be done remotely. The ideal candidate would be fluent in Microsoft Word and Excel, with clerical experience. If you know of anyone who may be interested, they may send their resume to sftetons@gmail.com or call me at 208-709-2998. Wages are commensurate with experience.

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Bishop Jos has tasked the Vestry to find a Co-Senior Warden for the remainder of 2026. To have that person well versed in the business of St. Francis by year end, we need to also have them in place by June. The Vestry will be reaching out to folks to fill this position. If asked, we hope that you will prayerfully consider taking on this position—you will have plenty of support from well trained staff and dedicated volunteers. And I will be there to guide the new Senior Warden after the first of the year, if any questions arise.

Many, many thanks for all who help our parish to thrive.

God Peace,

Lisa Wagener,
Senior Warden

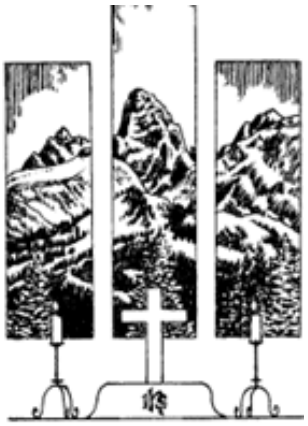




Bible Study

April 18 - 10 am - Noon

Would you like to dig deeper into the Bible scriptures. We are currently studiing 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 will meet on April 12th, after worship services. All are welcome.



Lunch Bunch - April 1

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, Baby Theo!

Congratulations! Theo Clarke Anderson, Born March 4, 2026 16 at 12:26 am in Boulder, CO. Grandson of Eric and Elaine Moehring and nephew of Alec McArthur (Uncle Al). Eric and Elaine will be spending time away in Boulder during the upcoming year to get to know their grandson and assist with childcare.



Welcome Home, Sandy!

Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus, has moved back to Teton Valley. Sandy served as St. Francis' founding Vicar and Executive Director of the Alta Retreat Center from 1994-2005.

Sandy, who is now retired, most recently served the past six years as Assistant Dean at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Easton, MD. She will be helping with Sunday services and other projects, as needed.

We are delighted to have Sandy back as part of our St. Francis family.



Vestry Minutes and Financials - Posted

Starting in April, we will be posting the approved Vestry minutes and Financials on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the offices. (Because both documents have to be approved before posting, there will be a month delay.) Also, if anyone would like to look at past months' minutes or financials, please contact Lisa Wagener or Dan Baxter.

Holy Week at St. Francis of the Tetons Episcopal Church

Maundy Thursday Service
Holy Eucharist with Agape Meal and
Hand/Foot Washing
Thursday, April 2 at 5:30pm

Good Friday at St. Francis
The church will be open for silent
meditation
Friday, April 3 at 12:00pm

Good Friday Joint Worship Service
Holy Eucharist with
Church in the Tetons Presbyterian Church
Driggs City Center Building, 60 South Main
Friday, April 3 at 6:00pm

Holy Saturday Service
Way of the Cross
Saturday, April 4th at 6:00pm



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Easter Sunday
Holy Eucharist Service
Sunday, April 5 at 10am
Easter Egg Hunt to follow

Community Interfaith

April 4th
11 am to Noon



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

Jazz amd Ragtime Piano Concert by Will Perkins

More than 60 parish and community members gathered for a Jazz and Ragtime piano concert by Will Perkins at St. Francis. Will's fingers flew across the keys (wish we had a video we could share) while he entertained everyone with old and new tunes, as well as providing some history of the pieces and their composers. In addition to being a wonderful pianist, Will also tunes and repairs pianos. Just recently, he completely rebuilt Susan Nowack's piano! If you have a piano that needs tuning, you may contact Will at 801-871-5497.







Prayers, Celebrations and Meetings

Please remember in your prayers:

Jim Steele, Kimby Tharakan and Obi, Katherine, Linda, Will, Alan Miller, Nell Hanson, Lana Miller, Amanda Letham, Calvin Ward, Tim Zerger, Zac Dubois, Lynn Quanstrom, Riley, Penny Oslund, Tommy Huss, Tom Davis, Lindsay Davis, Mike Hurwitz, and all faith communities and schools of Teton Valley.

April Celebrations:

Birthdays:
Susan Nowack - April 4
Alec McArthur - April 10
Hannah Hoth - April 13
Sara Reinke - April 13
Christine Tan - April 17
Gayle Lien - April 19
Carl Jordan - April 22
Leland Brendsel - April 22
Connie Steele - April 29

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

Vestry Meeting: April 14 at 6:30 pm at St. Francis

Thank you for reading!

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	Offerings	Attendance
Mar 1	$4,000	25
Mar 8	$1,172	24
Mar 15	$395	28
Mar 22	$125	24
Mar 29	$749	25

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Church Services

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May 3
5th Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev. Eric Moehring
Eucharist Minister: Sarah Balben
Musician: Susan Nowalk
Lector
Jerry Groshart
Greeter/Usher: Alex McArthur
Altar Guild: Sarah Balben
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Carl Schiner

May 10
6th Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev. Deb Adams
Eucharistic Minister: Angie Warner
Musician: Susan Nowack
Lector: George Nowack
Greeter/Usher: Wood Palmer
Altar Guild: Elaine Moehring
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Lisa Wagener/Susan Emerson

May 17
7th Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus
Eucharistic Minister: Sarah Balben
Musician: Gayle Lien
Lector: Jim Steele
Greeter/Usher: Lisa Wagener
Altar Guild: Sarah Balben
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Wood Palmer/Susan Emerson

May 24
Day of Pentecost
Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Bishop Jos Tharakan
Eucharistic Minister: Angie Warner
Musician: Gayle Lien
Lector: Ruth Lindstedt
Greeter/Usher: Carol Taylor
Altar Guild: Elaine Moehring
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Lisa Wagener

May 31
First Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer

Officiant: Ruth Lindstedt
Musician: Beverly Charette
Lector: Jim Rein
Greeter/Usher: Carol Taylor
Altar Guild: Angie Warner
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Carol Taylor

MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Building and Grounds Committee meets - May 3rd after worship					1	2 Prayer Walk 11 am
Fifth Sudnay of Easter Holy Eucharist - 10 am Rev. Eric Moehring Worship Committee Meets Al-Anon - 4 pm	3	4 NA 6:30 pm	5	6 Centering Prayer 11 am Potluck Lunch 12:30	7 Centering Prayer - 11 am NA 6:30 pm	8 NA 6:30 pm	9
Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist - 10 am Rev. Deb Adams Mother's Day Al-Anon 4 pm	10	11 NA 6:30 pm	12 Vestry Meeting 6:30 pm	13 Centering Prayer - 11 am NA 6:30 pm	14 Centering Prayer - 11 am NA 6:30 pm	15 NA 6:30 pm	16 Bible Study 10 am to noon
Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist - 10 am Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus Al-Anon 4 pm	17	18 NA 6:30 pm	19	20 Centering Prayer - 11 am NA 6:30 pm	21 Centering Prayer - 11 am NA 6:30 pm	22 NA 6:30 pm	23
Day of Pentecost Holy Eucharist - 10 am Bishop Jos Therakan Lunch with Bishop Jos Al-Anon 4 pm	24	25 NA 6:30 pm	26	27 Centering Prayer - 11 am NA 6:30 pm	28 Centering Prayer - 11 am NA 6:30 pm	29 NA 6:30 pm	30
31 First Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer - 10 am Ruth Lindstedt						