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,

The changing of colors in the Valley, with fall in the air, brings with it a renewed focus on Stewardship. A reminder of the abundance we have and the joy and satisfaction we can receive, by being "happy givers"; supporting worship, music, fellowship and all parish operations. This year's theme for stewardship at St. Francis is "Plenty Good Room". Jesus assures us, in John 14:2 that, "In my father's house there are many dwelling places." This scripture reminds us that God's abundance is spacious and generous, and there is plenty of good room in God's house for each of us.

This year we are invited to recognize the abundance God has given and entrusted to us. Even in uncertain times, He calls us to trust that there is enough; to share our time, our talents and our treasures. These gifts will help support the mission of St. Francis; lifting our hearts, keeping God's Word alive and strengthening fellowship with other believers; while embodying God's love.

Over the next few weeks, various parish members will present their thoughts and experiences regarding "Plenty Good Room"; describing God's abundance in their lives and how generosity makes a difference.

Pledge cards will be mailed to parishioners, for heartful consideration of what each can give. These gifts will enable our vestry to plan and budget for 2027 operations.

Our Stewardship drive will run from Oct 11 - Nov 15. Other plans are in the works to celebrate our commitments to our parish. Stay tuned.

Together we rejoice that there is always "Plenty Good Room" in God's House and plenty of good works for us to do.

Dan Baxter

St. Francis

Treasurer

Community Interfaith Prayer Walk for Peace and Social Justice



Saturday, October 3rd - 11 am

Bates Bridge River Access Trail

We invite everyone to join in a prayer walk along the Teton River.

The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, and actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

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

Blessing of the Animals Worship Service

A joint service with St. Francis Episcopal and Church in the Tetons Presbyterian Churches

Bishop Jos Tharakan presiding

Sunday, October 4th 10:00 am

All are welcome to bring your pets for a blessing, outside (weather permitting) at the beginning of the service.

Well-behaved pets may stay for the remainder of the indoor service. For everyone's safety, please make sure your pets are leashed and/or in a carrier.



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Doing Love

with Nonviolent Communication

Would you like to learn to communicate without falling into judgements, accusations or defensiveness?

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Nonviolent Communication (NVC) offers concrete tools to speak honestly and listen with empathy, in ways that help us to show love and speak without harm, to those we encounter in everyday life. Learn how NVC, developed by Marshall Rosenberg, PhD, offers a path toward doing love and showing mercy.

Facilitators:
Sandy Casey-Martus: MST, MEd. and Ruth Lindstedt: MPH, MDiv.

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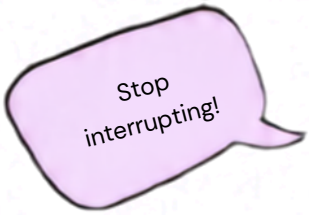


October 31, November 7, November 14, & November 21
Saturdays from 9 to noon

Registration: $25 for the series, covers materials and light refreshments.
Scholarships available on request.
To register, email caroltaylor.58@hotmail.com or call 307-413-2855



Who might be interested? Teachers, parents, counselors, spiritual leaders, community and nonprofit leaders and staff, health care providers.



Join us and learn to communicate in ways that bring LIFE!

OCTOBER 1-31, 2026

Community Resource Center
OF TETON VALLEY



2026
WINTER COAT AND BOOT DRIVE

What: Very good condition, gently used and clean winter coats and boots of all sizes

Where: Drop items off in bins located at:

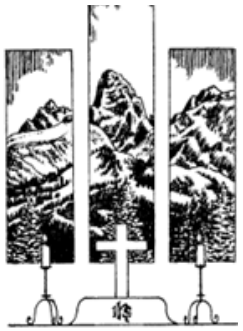
- Teton Valley Welcome Center foyer, Driggs
- CRCTV Office (1420 Hwy 33, ste 204, Driggs)
- General Laundry in Victor
- Tetonia City Building (3192 Perry Ave)
- St. Francis Church, Alta

Why: Help ensure that everyone in Teton Valley is warm for the winter weather



Bible Study

Bible Study will be taking a hiatus for October and November, to be resumed in December.



Worship Committee
October 11
Immediately following the service.



Lunch Bunch - October 7th

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!

Mandy's new dedicated email address:
officesaintfrancis@gmail.com
Mandy will still be monitoring the sftetons@gmail.com email address



A New Website

St Francis has a new website:
www.stfranisalta.org

We are working on posting our events, calendar, staff and volunteers. This is a work in progress, so please be patient.



Behold Our New Roof!!!

The work on the roof, soffit and fascia work is now complete! . A huge thanks to everyone who donated! We surpassed our goal of $15,000 and have raised $23, 750. The excess funds will go to replenish our Building Repairs Reserve Fund. Thank you all for making this possible!

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

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.

Prayers, Celebrations and Meetings

Please remember in your prayers:

Toni Hill, Jerry Groshart, the family of Tom Davis, the family of Alice McIntosh, the family of John Neilson, Tony Wingfield, the family of John Cormier, the family of Mike Hurwitz, Tracy Livingston, Maren Kroenke, Diane Mares, Monica Norby, Rachel, JD, Sarah Lott, Linda, Will, Alan Miller, Nell Hanson, Lana Miller, Amanda Letham, Zac Dubois, Lynn Quanstrom, Lindsay Davis, and all faith communities and schools of Teton Valley.

October Celebrations:

Birthdays:
Jennifer Kruto - October 26
Linda Wilner - October 29
Monica Hoth - October 31
Ruth Lindstedt - October 31

Anniversaries:
Nancy & Jerry Groshart - October 5
Eric & Elaine Moehring - October 22
Mark & Nell Hanson - October 31

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

Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm at St. Francis. -

Thank you for reading!

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https://onrealm.org/StFrancis99835

	Offerings	Attendance
Sept 6	$1205	30
Sept 13	$531	32
Sept 20	$525	22
Sept 27	$395	29

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Church Services

Services begin at 10 am.

October 4
19th Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
Blessing of the Animals with Church of the Tetons
Celebrant: Bishop Jos
Deacon: Rev. Nancy Groshart
Eucharistic Minister: Angie Warner
Musician: Gayle Lien
Lector: Pastor A J Shortley
Greeter/Usher: Ron Lien
Altar Guild: Angie Warner
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Carol Taylor

October 11th
20th Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus
Deacon: Rev. Nancy Groshart
Eucharistic Minister: Sarah Balben
Musician: Gayle Lien
Lector: Jerry Groshart
Greeter/Usher: Jim Rein
Altar Guild: Sarah Balben
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Carl Schiner

October 18
21st Sunday After Pentecost
Morning Prayer
Officiant: Ellen Rein
Musician: Susan Nowack
Lector: George Nowack
Greeter/Usher: Carl Schiner
Altar Guild: Deb Rouleau
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Lisa Wagener

October 25
22nd Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Deb Adams
Deacon: Rev. Nancy Groshart
Eucharistic Minister: Ellen Rein
Musician: Beverly Charette
Lector: Dan Baxter
Greeter/Usher: Jerry Groshart
Altar Guild: Ellen Rein
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Wood Palmer

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Al-Anon Sundays at 4 pm				1 NA 6:30 pm	2 NA 6:30 pm	3 Prayer Walk 11 am
4 Blessing of the Animals with Church in the Tetons Holy Eucharist - 10 am Bishop Jos Al Anon 4 pm	5 NA 6:30 pm	6	7 Centering Prayer 11 am Potluck Lunch 12:30 pm NA 6:30 pm	8 Centering Prayer 4 pm NA 6:30 pm	9 NA 6:30 pm	10
11 20th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist- 10 am Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus Worship Committee Meeting following today's service. Al Anon 4 pm	12 NA 6:30 pm	13 Vestry Meeting 6:30 pm	14 Centering Prayer 11 am NA 6:30 pm	15 Centering Prayer 4 pm NA 6:30 pm	16 NA 6:30 pm	17
18 21st Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer- 10 am Ellen Rein Al Anon 4 pm	19 NA 6:30 pm	20	21 Centering Prayer 11 am NA 6:30 pm	22 Centering Prayer 4 pm NA 6:30 pm	23 NA 6:30 pm	24
25 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist - 10 am Rev. Deb Adams Al Anon 4 pm	26 NA 6:30 pm	27	28 Centering Prayer 11 am NA 6:30 pm	29 Centering Prayer 4 pm NA 6:30 pm	30 NA 6:30 pm	31

Christ has no hands on earth but ours. We need you to help us bless the world.

Meg Carter
Diocese of California
From 101 Reasons to be Episcopalian