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

Voice of the Vestry

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Dear Friends,

Jesus promises us, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places" (John 14:2). We believe this means that God's love is wide enough to hold us all, and that we are bound together in holy community.

This year's theme, *Plenty Good Room*, reminds us that stewardship is not only about financial and in-kind gifts. It is also about relationships - the ways we are connected to God, to one another, and to our neighbors.

Our parish budget is one way we tell the story of those relationships. The preliminary budget is enclosed in this newsletter. Each pledge and gift sustains our common life: children growing in faith, neighbors receiving meals and care, worshippers being welcomed, and friends finding hope. Our budget is more than numbers. It is a reflection of our values and our mission.

Soon you will receive a letter with details about how to make your commitment to this year's campaign. For now, I invite you to consider the relationships that have sustained you in this church, and how your generosity can help extend that welcome to others.

On November 15th, please join us if you are able for our Celebration Sunday. On that day, we celebrate all that we are thankful for. You may place your pledge card (see attached in the newsletter) in the offering during the service. After the service, a catered celebration brunch will be held. All are welcome.

To our fellow members from afar, although you will not be able to be with us in person, you will be with us in spirit, as you are cherished members of our St. Francis family.

There is, indeed, *plenty good room* in God's house. Together, let us make room for one another.

In Christ's service,

Lisa Wagener

Senior Warden

Plenty Good Room

Dear Friends,

I write to you with a heavy heart. My sister has recently been diagnosed with ALS and as you can imagine, I am devastated. She is only 64 and is my only remaining sibling -- I've already lost a sister and brother. Her husband travels for work sometimes and so I will be spending time in Colorado with her when he is traveling. Because of that, I will be transitioning out of my role as Senior Warden now, rather than January, when my term ends. I will keep working with Mandy in the office and Janet the bookkeeper remotely for the time being. I've let the Vestry know that I will no longer be involved in the in-person day to day operations of St. Francis.

Bishop Jos, our rector, is working to find a new Senior Warden. He will be contacting various folks in the parish about taking on that role. If the Bishop contacts you, please prayerfully consider how you can serve our parish.

Many folks have stated, "I couldn't do what Lisa does." Well, the good news is that no one has to because the Vestry and I have put systems in place to cover the bases at SFT. We are a well-oiled church now with good leadership in our Vestry, multiple well-functioning committees, excellent worship leaders and musicians, and support from part-time employees.

We are blessed to have the guidance of our experienced Vestry members --Carl Schiner, Carol Taylor, Wood Palmer, and Susan Emerson – along with a veteran treasurer, Dan Baxter. They will continue to lead our parish.

We are also blessed to have many well-established committees. Thanks to the volunteers on our Worship Committee, Pastoral Care Committee, Buildings & Grounds Committee, Fellowship & Outreach Committee and Finance Committee, we are fully able to carry out our mission. Our talented musicians, clergy, lay preachers and worship leaders will keep God's spirit alive at our worship services.

Together we will continue to thrive here at St. Francis: *"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has" - -Margaret Mead.*

Besides my trips to Colorado to be with my sister, Kent and I will be in Montana to be near our grandson and his parents for several months this winter, as we have in the past few years. I remain committed to helping the new Senior Warden, as well as the parish as I am able. Meanwhile, I ask for your prayers for my sister, Mimi Kroenke and her family.

In God's service,

Lisa Wagener
Senior Warden

Plenty Good Room

2027 St. Francis Pledge Card

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____ _____

PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:

☐ setting up payments from my checking account/credit card.

☐ including the church in my estate plans.

☐ making my gift through stocks or securities.

My promise for 26/27

I/we promise $_____ for ministry.

I/we plan to fulfill this pledge ☐ weekly ☐ monthly ☐ quarterly ☐ annual

Resources Relationships & Responses

Ittakes more than money to operate ministry in our church.

With gratitude we accept the many gifts of our members as volunteers, servers, ambassadors, and friends in and outside our community.

Thank you for all you do!

☐ I/my family would like to volunteer: _____

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☐ I/my family would like to learn more about these ministries or opportunities. _____

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☐ I/my family have skills and interests we would like to share or teach to our church. _____

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2027 St. Francis Pledge Resources

Why make a proportional gift?

Recently retiredBishopof Olympia, the Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, stated that the tithe is only the beginning point. As Christians we give one hundred percent of what we have in gratitude for God who gave us everything there is. We're ***all in***.

When you make a proportional gift:

- Youset aside yourfirst fruits, dedicating a portion of your wealth, works, and wisdom to God. This is a sacred act.
- Your financial gift rises and falls with your income – it is right-sized to your household.

Giving back to God is a life-time journey; setting a percentage allows you to step up your giving over time.

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Beyond the Tithe		Tithe	Proportional Giving								
		15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
$20,000	$385	$58	$46	$38	$35	$31	$27	$23	$19	$15	$12	$8	$4
$40,000	$769	$115	$92	$77	$69	$62	$54	$46	$38	$31	$23	$15	$8
$50,000	$962	$144	$115	$96	$87	$77	$67	$58	$48	$38	$29	$19	$10
$70,000	$1,346	$202	$162	$135	$121	$108	$94	$81	$67	$54	$40	$27	$13
$80,000	$1,538	$231	$185	$154	$138	$123	$108	$92	$77	$62	$46	$31	$15
$90,000	$1,731	$260	$208	$173	$156	$138	$121	$104	$87	$69	$52	$35	$17
$100,000	$1,923	$288	$231	$192	$173	$154	$135	$115	$96	$77	$58	$38	$19
$120,000	$2,308	$346	$277	$231	$208	$185	$162	$138	$115	$92	$69	$46	$23
$150,000	$2,885	$433	$346	$288	$260	$231	$202	$173	$144	$115	$87	$58	$29
$200,000	$3,846	$577	$462	$385	$346	$308	$269	$231	$192	$154	$115	$77	$38
$250,000	$4,808	$721	$577	$481	$433	$385	$337	$288	$240	$192	$144	$96	$48

Plenty Good Room

St Francis 2026 Actuals thru Sep 30,

Projected Actuals thru Dec 31,

2026 Budget and 2027 Preliminary Budget - page 1

ST. FRANCIS PROPOSED BUDGED 2027	2026 JAN-SEP ACTUALS	2026 PROJECTED JAN-DEC	2026 FINAL BUDGET	2027 PRELIMARY BUDGET
INCOME				
ASSESSED INCOME				
PLEDGES	$ 64,093.23	$ 88,478.13	$ 83,140.00	$ 95,000.00
PLATE	$ 13,143.38	$ 16,150.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 17,500.00
FUNDRAISER INCOME	$ -		$ 150.00	$ -
FACILITY USE INCOME	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
TOTAL ASSESSED INCOME	$ 78,436.61	$ 104,582.15	$ 94,290.00	$ 113,500.00
NON-ASSESSED INCOME	$ 1,307.00	$ 1,307.00	$ -	$ -
TOTAL INCOME	$ 79,743.61	$ 105,889.15	$ 94,290.00	$ 113,500.00
EXPENSES				
DIOCESAN EXPENSES				
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	$ 15,696.72	$ 21,439.34	$ 17,043.70	$ 23,267.00
TOTAL DIOCESAN EXPENSES	$ 15,696.72	$ 21,439.34	$ 17,043.70	$ 23,267.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES				
OFFICE SUPPLIES/COPIER LEASE	$ 1,533.92	$ 2,045.23	$ 2,700.00	$ 2,200.00
ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	$ 1,101.65	$ 1,468.87	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,500.00
POSTAGE AND DELIVERY	$ 164.90	$ 164.90	$ 250.00	$ 250.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS	$ 4,953.53	$ 6,604.71	$ 4,000.00	$ 6,700.00
BOOKKEEPING ACCOUNTING	$ 1,682.40	$ 2,495.60	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,500.00
BANK/CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEES	$ 254.40	$ 339.20	$ 100.00	$ 350.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE	$ 4,686.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,500.00
MILEAGE REIMBURSED	$ 150.00	$ 150.00		$ 150.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	$ 14,526.80	$ 19,268.50	$ 16,050.00	$ 20,150.00
WAGES				
ADMIN ASST - MANDY	$ 6,706.25	$ 8,941.67	$ 11,440.00	$ 13,000.00
CHERYL	$ 3,725.00	$ 4,500.00		$ 4,500.00
HANNAH	$ 900.00	$ 1,000.00		$ 1,200.00
CARETAKER WAGES - ETTA	$ 8,505.00	$ 11,340.00	$ 11,120.00	$ 10,000.00
CUSTODIAN WAGES - ANGIE	$ 3,388.00	$ 4,386.00	$ 4,200.00	$ 4,200.00
PAYROLL TAXES	$ 1,550.27	$ 2,067.03	$ 2,305.00	$ 2,550.00
TOTAL WAGES	$ 24,774.52	$ 32,234.69	$ 29,065.00	$ 35,450.00
UTILITIES				
PHONE & INTERNET EXPENSE	$ 1,330.56	$ 1,774.08	$ 1,700.00	$ 1,800.00
ELECTRIC	$ 1,809.31	$ 2,412.41	$ 1,700.00	$ 2,500.00
PROPANE	$ 2,316.94	$ 3,089.25	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,500.00
GARBAGE	$ 648.75	$ 865.00	$ 750.00	$ 900.00
TOTAL UTILITIES	$ 6,105.56	$ 8,140.75	$ 7,150.00	$ 8,700.00
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE				
TREE AND WEED SPRAYING/IRRIGATION	$ 600.00	$ 800.00	$ 1,700.00	$ 800.00
PLOWING	$ 2,640.00	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00	$ 3,000.00
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	$ 1,587.34	$ 1,787.34	$ 1,000.00	$ 2,000.00
SUPPLIES	$ 2,019.24	$ 1,419.24	$ 725.00	$ 1,500.00
EQUIPMENT EXPENSE	$ -	$ 600.00	$ -	$ 1,000.00
TOTAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	$ 6,846.58	$ 8,606.58	$ 7,425.00	$ 8,300.00

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS				
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	$ 181.86	$ 181.86	$ 100.00	$ 100.00
TOTAL EDUCATION	$ 181.86		$ 100.00	$ 100.00
SUNDAY SERVICES				
ALTAR ANDLITURGICAL SUPPLIES	$ 1,791.84	$ 1,791.84	$ 1,300.00	$ 1,800.00
MUSIC EXPENSES	$ 4,510.00	$ 6,380.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 7,000.00
SACRAMENTAL PRESENCE	$ 4,160.00	$ 5,440.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 5,800.00
SAC PRES- TRAVEL/MILEAGE	$ 138.19	$ 158.19	$ 100.00	$ 200.00
SAC PRES- MEALS/LODGING	$ -	$ -	$ 100.00	$ -
TOTAL SUNDAY SERVICES	$ 10,600.03	$ 13,770.03	$ 9,500.00	$ 14,800.00
FELLOWSHIP				
CONVENTION	$ -	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,200.00
FELLOW SHIP	$ 844.06	$ 844.06	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
OUTREACH	$ 112.74	$ 112.74	$ -	$ 250.00
PASTORAL CARE	$ -	$ -	$ 200.00	$ 250.00
TOTAL FELLOWSHIP	$ 956.80	$ 2,156.80	$ 2,700.00	$ 2,700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	$ 79,688.87	$ 105,616.69	$ 89,033.70	$ 113,467.00
TOTAL INCOME	$ 79,743.61	$ 105,889.15	$ 94,290.00	$ 113,500.00
NET INCOME/LOSS	$ 54.74	$ 272.46	$ 5,256.30	$ 33.00

ST. FRANCIS
PROPOSED BUDGED 2027

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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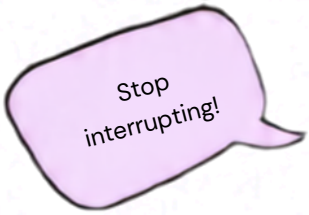


October 31, November 7, November 14, & November 21
Saturdays from 9 to noon

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!



St Francis of the Tetons invites you to

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE OF LIGHT

NOVEMBER 26 AT 6 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

ST. FRANCIS OF THE TETONS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
20 ALTA SCHOOL RD
ALTA, WY



Our joint worship service with Church in the Tetons and Bishop Jos presiding was a big success! And we donated $332.00 to PAWS Animal Shelter



Bible Study

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



Worship Committee
November 8th
Immediately following the service.
Please note date change.

The Prayer Walk for Novemeber has been cancelled due to the Doing Love Workshops time conflict



November 4th

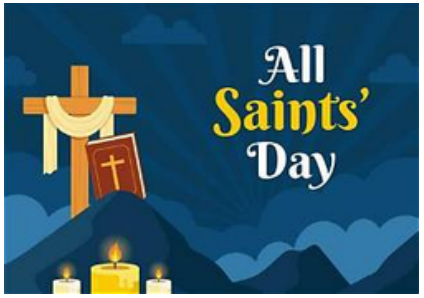
Join us for potluck lunch and great conversation.

- 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



All Saints Day

We will commemorate All Saints Day on Sunday, Nov 1, honoring all saints, known and unknown. All Saints Day is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year. At St. Francis we celebrate All Saints Day by bringing photos of departed loved ones to place on the altar. All are welcome to participate.

Change your clocks: Remember to "fall back" and set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night.

Prayers, Celebrations and Meetings

Please remember in your prayers:

The family of Monica Jones, Patty Sticher, the family of David Williams, the Reber family, Toni Hill, Jerry Groshart, Darrell Reinke, Debbie Hennrion, Frank Selman and family, the family of Tom Davis, the family of Alice McIntosh, Tony Wingfield, Tracy Livingston, Mimi Kroenke, 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.

November Celebrations:

Birthdays:
Deb Adams - November 4
George Nowack - November 9
Jim Steele - November 18
Coke McClure - November 22

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

Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 10th at 6:30 pm at St. Francis. -

Thank you for reading!

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Through the church giving site, www.realm.org you can setup online giving so your donations automatically come out of your checking or credit card account each month. To create your account use the QR code , or go to this URL:

https://onrealm.org/StFrancis99835

	Offerings	Attendance
Oct 4	$933	115
Oct 11	$1,179	34
Oct 18	$505	30
Oct 25	$1,115	30

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Cheryl Letchworth - Newsletter and Bulletin
Hannah Steed - Admin. Assistant, Website, and Social Media

Church Services

Services begin at 10 am.

November 1st
All Saints Day
Holy Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Deb Adams
Deacon: Rev. Nancy Groshart
Eucharistic Minister: Mark Hanson
Musician: Gayle Lien
Lector: Angie Warner
Greeter/Usher: Carl Schiner
Altar Guild: Angie Warner
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Lisa Wagener

November 8th
24th Sunday After Pentecost
Morning Prayer
Officient: Ellen Rein
Musician: Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus
Lector: Dan Baxter
Greeter/Usher: Wood Palmer
Altar Guild: Ellen Rein
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Carl Schiner

November 15th
25th Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus
Deacon: Rev. Nancy Groshart
Eucharistic Minster: Sarah Balben
Musician: Susan Nowack
Lector: George Nowack
Greeter/Usher: Carl Schiner
Altar Guild: Sarah Balben
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Carol Taylor

November 22nd
Last Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus
Preacher: Carol Taylor
Deacon: Rev. Nancy Groshart
Eucharistic Minister: Angie Warner
Musician: Gayle Lien
Lector: Ruth Lindstedt
Greeter/Usher: Jim Rein
Altar Guild: Angie Warner
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Wood Palmer

November 26th
Thanksgiving Eve
Officiant Ellen Rein
Musician: Sandy Casey-Martus
Lector: Angie Warner
Greeter/Usher: Jim Rein
Altar Guild: Angie Warner
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD:

November 29th
Last Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus
Deacon: Rev. Nancy Groshart
Eucharistic Minister: Ellen Rein
Musician: Beverly Charette
Lector: JIm Steele
Greeter/Usher: Ron Lien
Altar Guild: Ellen Rein
Refreshments: Potluck
VMOD: Lisa Wagener

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Al-Anon Sundays at 4 pm						
All Saints Day Holy Eucharist - 10 am Rev. Deb Adams Al Anon 4 pm 1	2 NA 6:30 pm	3	Centering Prayer 11 am Potluck Lunch 12:30 pm NA 6:30 pm 4	5 Centering Prayer 4 pm NA 6:30 pm	6 NA 6:30 pm	7 Doing Love Workshop 9-- noon
24th Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer- 10 am Ellen Rein Worship Committee Meeting following today's service. Al Anon 4 pm 8	9 NA 6:30 pm	10 Vestry Meeting 6:30 pm	11 Centering Prayer 11 am NA 6:30 pm	12 Centering Prayer 4 pm NA 6:30 pm	13 NA 6:30 pm	14 Doing Love Workshop 9 - noon
25th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist- 10 am Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus Al Anon 4 pm 15	16 NA 6:30 pm	17	18 Centering Prayer 11 am NA 6:30 pm	19 Centering Prayer 4 pm NA 6:30 pm	20 NA 6:30 pm	21 Doing Love Workshop 9 - noon
Last Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist - 10 am Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus Preacher: Carol Taylor Al Anon 4 pm 22	23 NA 6:30 pm	24	Centering Prayer 11 am Thanksgiving Eve Service -6 pm 25	26 Centering Prayer 4 pm NA 6:30 pm	27 NA 6:30 pm	28
First Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist - 10 am Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus Al Anon 4 pm 29	30 NA 6:30 pm					

Episcopalians believe in moderation in all things, including moderation.

Sheena A. Lawrence
Diocese of Atlanta
From 101 Reasons to be Episcopalian