



A human hallelujah!

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27

This is how it begins, in the beginning when God creates the heavens and the earth. Light, the expanse of space and earth, land and sea, vegetation, sun, moon, and stars; the creatures of sea, sky, and earth. By the end of the sixth day God creates us — humans — in His image, male and female. And looking out over all He created God declares all of it “very good” (Genesis 1:31). God is pleased with all He has created, quite content, delighted even, that we are human, breathed into life by His Spirit, bearing His image precisely as humans.

There is no expectation on God’s part for us to be more than human, more than the kind He has created us to be. Yet we place so much on being other than or more than human all the time. We create heroes with super human strength, then demean ourselves for our limitations, which are by the way, innate, inherent in being human, and not a surprise or disappointment to God at all. The Father is quite satisfied with His sons and daughters and their limits. It is why He instructs us to abide in Him, to remain connected to the vine, to stay put, to know our place with Him, to delight in the kind we are, and enjoy all that affords us in Him. God is at ease in being God and for us to be with Him.¹

Yes, we are born into a sinful world, into conditions in which sin definitely has distorted, corrupted, tarnished the image of God, but not corrupted God’s good creation of humans. It is within these human bodies where God seeks to rescue, redeem, and refine. Jesus becomes flesh (John 1:1-14), sets aside all His divine privilege to be made in the likeness of men (Philippians 2:7-8) where He practices perfect obedience, death, and resurrection as a human being. He does so to restore what it is to be fully human, refined to once again be the image-of-God-kind in this world.

Being human is not a sin nor an excuse for sinning. Just as God creates us human, like-wise God causes us to be born from above, remade, born of water and the Spirit so we can carry on the image of God as humans. Never simply in the flesh, but in the Spirit which dwells within us believing human beings, the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead and now gives life to these mortal bodies.

‘Only human... Hallelujah!’ is a profession of being God’s very good creation. It is the declaration of His finished work in redeeming us — putting His Spirit within us, giving us a new heart and mind in Christ. Hearts no longer desperately wicked but undergoing transformation in Christ. Minds being renewed to know the good, perfect, and pleasing will of God (Romans 12:1-2). Both guarded by the presence and peace of Christ (Philippians 4:8).

The story of God tells how he expects a response from his disciples that they cannot give on their own: they depend not only on him but on one another for resources that can sustain faithful lives, and they discover that their dependence on one another is not a handicap but is central to their witness.²

Only in these Spirit-filled human bodies do we humans bear the image of God. In fellowship with one another bear witness to the fellowship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. A human hallelujah!

Pastor Jon

A large, elegant, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hallelujah".

¹ Smith, Mandy, *Unfettered*

² Wells, Samuel, *Improvisation*

It's Here!!



Vacation Bible School

July 5 - 6

5:30 - 8:00 PM

Dinner, music, games, crafts,
Bible adventures

PreK - 5th Grade



July 7th Family Barnyard Extravaganza

5:30 – 8:00 PM

Picnic

Second Chance Ranch Petting Zoo

Hayrides!



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Click here to register: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/7106af>

Please check the signup on the table in the fellowship hall for needs!

Needed Now: If you are able lend us farm stuff, fake (or real!) farm animals, farm tools (hoe, rake, etc.), wheelbarrow, fake plants/greenery/sunflowers/fruit/veggies, baskets, or other farm decorations, or if you are able to help either during or before VBS, please let Jennifer Murray know ASAP!

Appetizers & Apologetics

Alternating Wednesdays at 6 pm on June 29, July 13 & 27, Aug 10 & 24

Join us as we continue to gather every other Wednesday, Memorial Day through Labor Day, for a series on Apologetics, as presented by Charlie Campbell via previously recorded video. We are not ashamed of the gospel: the redemption through Christ to salvation with God for all who believe (Romans 1:16) and seek to defend it (1 Peter 3:15), tell of it (Mark 16:15) and guard it (1 Timothy 1:14).

In June, we learned about all the Archaeological Evidence for the Bible, Answers to Skeptics Top Ten Questions, and Answers to the Atheists' Attack on Jesus. Did you know that over 39 non-Biblical authors confirmed 100 facts about Jesus within 150 years of His life?

Come learn with us!

June 29th - Answers to Atheists' Attacks on Jesus

July 13th - How to Respond to Critics

July 27th - The Case for the Resurrection

Bring an appetizer to share, a notebook and your Bible. Please contact Karen Robison with questions!

Fun First Fridays at 6:00 pm

These nights are scheduled consistently every **first Friday of the month** and may evolve to include outdoor activities and adventures. Come share some snacks, games, and fellowship. No gathering in July (holiday weekend). We're back on Aug 5!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Join us for a fun day out for a Spokane Indians baseball game on Sunday afternoon, July 10, at 1 pm. Tom Robison has secured a block of 30 seats and this link so everyone can purchase their own ticket. Cost is \$13.50 per ticket. Please click here: <https://fevo.me/peacelutheranchurch7-10>

In the meantime, if there is greater interest indicated on the signup, Tom will call and enlarge our block of seats. **UPDATE:** The seats are now in a lower, more easily accessible section with no stairs. To view the seats, go to the Indians website and see the last row in Section 103. There's a signup in the fellowship hall and there are still three seats available – *Play Ball!*



Family Promise Week

We are excited to be involved again with Family Promise and grateful to see this important outreach continue at PLC. Hosting weeks determined are **Jul 17-24; Aug 14-21; Sep 25-Oct 2**. Our Men's Group has stepped up to serve a nice, big breakfast on Sat mornings when guests don't have to leave our facility so early in the day – *great going guys!!*

We are ramping up for hosting in July and will know more about the family/families we're serving at the date approaches. In the meantime, please sign-up on our MealTrain site <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/w7ezqe> so you can be ready when it's activated (we'll let you know when!). As always, if you would like to make a donation to support Family Promise at PLC, your gift will be used during hosting weeks – thank you!

Open Arms: *Life is never a mistake...*

Thanks to all for robustly supporting Open Arms Real Choices Clinic with their annual Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser from Mother's to Father's Day. We originally had 35 bottles, and ALL were taken on kickoff Sunday (Mother's Day). We scrambled to provide additional bottles, encouraged ziplock bags, and change was even given in a large vitamin bottle – *what a great imagination you have!* Our bottle donations have been picked up by an Open Arms rep, and we'll soon have a total for donation gifts – *thank you!*



Open Arms would like to welcome you to their annual **Barn Bash on July 8, 5-8 pm** at Stoddard Park in Hayden! Join them for a tasty dinner of BBQ tacos, beans, coleslaw, and root beer floats! The Family Barn Bash is a great event to start off the summer season. There is something for everyone! Great food. Live music. Kids' activities. Live & Silent Auction. Community. Purchase your tickets by clicking here: www.auctria.events/FamilyBarnBash2022. Tickets are \$30 per adult or a Family Bundle for \$60. With every adult purchase, children 11 and under are free. Come out and have a good time!

Summer Youth Ministry

Here are the plans we discussed and dates and times for some of our upcoming gatherings.

V Ministry

Several of our parents and youth have experience or are willing to learn the basics of running sight and sound for our 9:30 am service. Let's coordinate a time to meet with Lee Ely to receive more training!

SUMMER CAMPFIRES:

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, July - August

7:00 pm at rotating locations. Jesus, guitars, s'mores, and games!

SUMMER CAMP:

Lutherhaven High School
Adventurers Camp



We are considering one of these three weeks:
July 24-29, July 31-August 5, or August 7-12;
Deadline to decide the week & register: NOW!



OTHER EVENTS TBD:

- Lake Day(s) at Carlsons
- Bike Ride on Trail of the CDAs
- Hike (Mineral Ridge, Tubbs, other)
- CDA Fair/Skillet Concert



Check out this great youth campfire gathering at Pilyayev's home in June!

Leo, Sam, Keegan, Ali, & Kira

Join us again Jul 6 & 20!

(Special campfire here at PLC on July 6 after VBS!)

Fresh Water & Fundamentals

A man drinks every morning from the fresh water mountain creek on his property.
His son instead prefers the city regulated water from the tap.
His grandson adds lemon and lime to his drinking water.
His great-grandson enjoys only seltzer water.
His great-great-grandson exclusively drinks red Kool-Aid.

The great-grandson, visiting his relatives, is offered a glass of the fresh water from the mountain creek. However, to him, this does not taste at all like what he knows "water" to be.

Jesus is our Living Water ([John 4:4-26](#)). How often is this offering altered? Diluted?

According to research completed by George Bara's Metaformation Group, less than 6% of Americans hold a Biblical worldview, while 65% of Americans claim to be "Christian".¹ Between only 17 and 21% of those who attend church regularly believe in a Biblical worldview and only 4 of 10 Pastors (and only 28% of Associate Pastors and 13% of Youth Pastors) hold a Biblical worldview. Barna calls this current generation the first "post-Christian" American generation.

We should expect to live in a world with conflicting cultures and ideas on religion ([John 15:18-25](#)). Yet we should hold fast to Jesus, our Living Water, to the truth of the gospel He preached and to the hope and peace we have in Him.

In 1961, on the first day of the Green Bay Packers Football training camp, coach Vince Lombardi held up a football and, emphasizing the importance of fundamentals, looked at each player and said, "Gentlemen, this is a football." Sometimes we too need to return to the basics, the fundamentals:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God." [John 3:16-21](#)

Friends, let's not be shaped by the world but by the Word of God. Let us remember the gospel (for a refreshing 4-minute video reminder, [click here](#)). Let us hold fast to the good news of Jesus, daily preaching it to ourselves, our families and all those around us. See Jesus as your Living Water and stand firm in the faith!

Karen Robison

¹ A "Biblical worldview" is defined as believing: 1) absolute truth exists, 2) the Bible is accurate, 3) Satan is a real force (not symbolic), 4) a person cannot earn salvation through good works, 5) Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth and 6) God is all-knowing, all-powerful Creator.



Thanks again to all for donations toward a Welcome Baby Basket for Alexandria Zaken and family. You have probably met little Harper Magdalene at church these last few Sundays and she is adorable!

Thanks also to our loving Fellowship Team, whose joy it was to go shopping for the items pictured for the basket.



Summer Study Groups

KidZone: Biblical activities, good music, and fun crafts for children during the service with the KidZone team.

Mon Men's Group: The men's group will be cooking up a wonderful breakfast on Saturday, July 23, for our upcoming Family Promise guests during hosting week!

Wed Bible Study: Pastor Gail continues a study of the Gospels at 10 am, currently in Matthew. You may arrive early at 9:45 to share prayer concerns and pray together before the study begins – *stop in any time during this study!*

Wed Apps & Apologetics: Join us alternating Weds at 6 pm for Charlie Campbell videos and great discussion (see pg. 3)

Jr & Sr Youth: The youth will huddle up on the 1st & 3rd Wed of the month for alternating campfire locations, 7 pm. Check in with Pastor Jon about the details!

Fun First Friday: A young adult gathering with food, fun, board games at 6 pm. No July meeting; we're back Aug 5!

PLC Weekly Calendar & Events

Mon: Staff Meeting, 10 am

Wed: Bible Study, 10 am

Tue: Various meetings

Thu: TOPS, 8 am; Music, 5:30 pm

Dorcas Quilting 1st & 3rd Mon 9 am-12 pm | PLC Youth Alt Wed 7 pm | Button Club 2nd Wed 12-3 pm | Fun First Fri 6 pm

Jun 29: Apps & Apologetics, 6 pm

Jul 1: Church Office Closed (Lynn PTO)

Jul 4: Church Office Closed for the Holiday

Jul 5-7: VBS HayDay! 5:30-8 pm

Jul 11: NW District Board meeting, 9 am

Jul 13: Button Club meeting, noon

Jul 13 & 27: Appetizers & Apologetics, 6pm

Jul 13-15: Pastor Jon away at LCMC Trustee meeting

Jul 14: Button Club Party, 10:30 am-3 pm

Jul 17-24: Family Promise Hosting Week!

Jul 25: Chorale Board meeting, 6:30-8 pm

Jul 31: Heritage service, 9:30 am

Aug 10 & 24: Apps & Apologetics, 6 pm

Aug 11: Safety Team meeting, 6 pm

Aug 14-21: Family Promise Week

Aug 22: Chorale Board meeting, 6:30-8 pm; **Aug 27:** Chorale Retreat Day, 9-3



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Special thanks to Kevin & Susan Schneidmiller for hosting Pastor Joe Johnson at their home.

Thanks to all who made donations or served at the Ecumenical Food Kitchen in June, and to Marge F for coordinating.

The church office will be closed this Fri (Pastor Jon's day off/Lynn PTO) and Monday for the holiday.

Your staff wishes you a safe and joyful Independence Day celebration with family and friends!

Peace will receive new members on July 3! We are excited to welcome five families in this ministry together!

Nadia Bruno may be moving soon from Hayden to Post Falls. Any strong backs available? Please call her 208-667-8350.

We're going have summer fun at the ballpark! Thanks to Tom Robison for organizing a Spokane Indians game!

Joyce Beghtel and Tami Booth delivered 112 lbs to our food banks in June – thank you!

LADIES: *A specially designed silver brooch was found after worship on June 5 (Liberty Quartet Sun). Call us to claim.*

We have also been holding onto a lovely marcasite ring since last year. Is it yours? Please let us know.

It's a rough ride out back brush mowing, but Rick Straub recently rose to the occasion twice to keep overgrowth at bay!

Kudos to Jennifer Murray for VBS decorating, setting up registration, and lining up the chickens for VBS!

We hope you took a sneak peek at our new website under construction. It's not live yet, but we'll let you know when.

Thanks a gazillion for this fresh new look and to website builders, Pastor Jon and Karen Robison!

Financial Summary for May 2022 Submitted by Lynn Affeldt, Jun 14, 2022

May Balance Sheet

Ministry & Facility Fund	\$ 36,538
All Designated Funds	<u>\$ 77,912</u>
Total Mt West Checking	\$114,450

The US Bank account is closed. On May 1, the remaining \$7,103 was deposited at Mt West along with \$632 in credit card rewards.*

Thrivent Mortgage Balance	\$283,691	\$286,170 (Apr)	\$287,402 (Mar)
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May Income & Expense

Actual Giving	\$ 24,246	(Plan for Giving \$19,741)
Actual Expense	\$ 18,461	

YTD Income & Expense: (Jan-May 2022)

Actual Giving	\$112,889	(Plan for Giving \$98,709)
Actual Expense	\$ 93,426	

May Designated Funds:

	Income	Expense	Fund Balance
Memorial Fund	0	0	\$ 6,784
Emergency Fund	0	0	\$10,000
Refresh Team	0	0	\$ 339
Good Samaritan Fund	100	0	\$ 1,876 In memory of Darrel Carlson
Sabbatical Fund (accrual)	100	0	\$ 4,100
Reception/Kitchen Fund	0	0	\$ 1,516
Campership Fund	0	0	\$ 3,087
Dorcas Fund	0	120	\$ 1,480
Youth Fund	414	0	\$ 5,266 Refund from Silver Mt tubing
Uganda Fund (\$300 accrual)	1,325	0	\$19,971
Other Misc Designated	8,494*	8,156	\$ 3,347 \$8,156 internal fund transfers
Scholarship Fund	0	0	\$ 1,050
Internship Fund	0	0	\$ 243
Capital Fund	0	0	\$10,350
Signage	0	0	\$ 7,500
Safety Team	0	4,196	\$ 1,004 Security cameras, monitor, misc



Final closing adjustments were made at US Bank (thank you Joann Carlson) and all remaining monies deposited to our new account at Mt. West. Offerings have been robust, and we are solid year-to-date with income and expense.

Additional gifts of \$1,025 were given toward the Uganda Mission Fund during May – *thank you!*

Our security cameras were installed by Levity, LLC in May, and have been up and running. We have an in-house system, not monitored by anyone, and data deletes every 30 days. Data will only be reviewed if warranted. Lynn is enjoying visits by fast flying birds, fat raindrops, furry friends, and a curious hummingbird on her office monitor!

We're building our Capital Fund for the future! Contributions can be made at any time. Simply memo your check!
Are you a Thrivent member? Check on your Choice Dollars and donate them to Peace or a charity of your choice!

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July Sunday Ministry Servants

	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Communion
Jul 3	Rod & Marge F	Sam R	Randy P	Ken & Rita B, Mary C
Jul 10	Woody & Debbie C	Kira N	Teresa B	Darryl, Tanya & Bethany F
Jul 17	Todd & Suzie E	Colt K	Jennifer M	Bill & Connie A, Barb H
Jul 24	Brett & Pam K	Keegan R	Tom C	Bill & Becky E, Chris A
Jul 31	Glen & Missy N	Sam R	Dave P	Ed & Catherine R, Jerry B

Thank you to Charlotte Newman for communion setup/cleanup and to Anna Dailey for baking the bread.

One 9:30 am summer service will continue through Sep 4

Scripture readings are provided to our readers for review on Wednesday for the coming Sunday.
 Thanks to Marge Freligh for scheduling assistants. Please let the office know of any changes – *thank you!*

	Counters	Safety Team
Jul 3	Chris C & Tom C	Rod & Doyle
Jul 10	Brenda R & Maren S	Colby & Todd
Jul 17	Brenda R & Maren S	John & Ken
Jul 24	Lee E & Chris C	Jim & Gordon
Jul 31	Lee E & Chris C	Rick & Rod



Mary Cockerham made a special gluten free treat for Joann Carlson to enjoy at her farewell fellowship with us. Many asked for the No Bake GF Chocolate Oat Bars recipe and Mary has kindly provided printed copies to pick up on the table in the hall. *Enjoy!!*

A note from our Grad:

Thank you to everyone for the special gifts, the awesome bible and the congratulations on my graduation. I especially want to thank the Dorcas ladies for the beautiful quilt. I know it will be so useful in the cold winters in Minnesota! Also, a huge thank you for awarding me a college scholarship, it will definitely be put to good use! – Sophie Nungesser



Peace Lutheran Church:

I write to thank you for your gracious scholarship. Your support and encouragement are helpful to me as I pursue an education at North Idaho College. I will be working toward an A.S. degree in Outdoor Recreation Leadership. I appreciate your generosity. – Owen DeWitt

Dear Peace Family,

Saying farewell until we meet again wasn't easy for me. Darrel and I begin our worship with many of you at the Wallace location on the first Sunday there. We both felt at home immediately. I found it to be my calm as I ventured through the years of caregiving for the love of my life. You blessed me from the beginning.

Fellowship team, I thank you for the send-off, and will treasure the special gifts. The Idaho cutting board is gracing a corner in the kitchen here. Magnet on the fridge. It was a blessing to be a part of our team and you will all be missed.

Blessed to be a blessing!
 Joann Carlson



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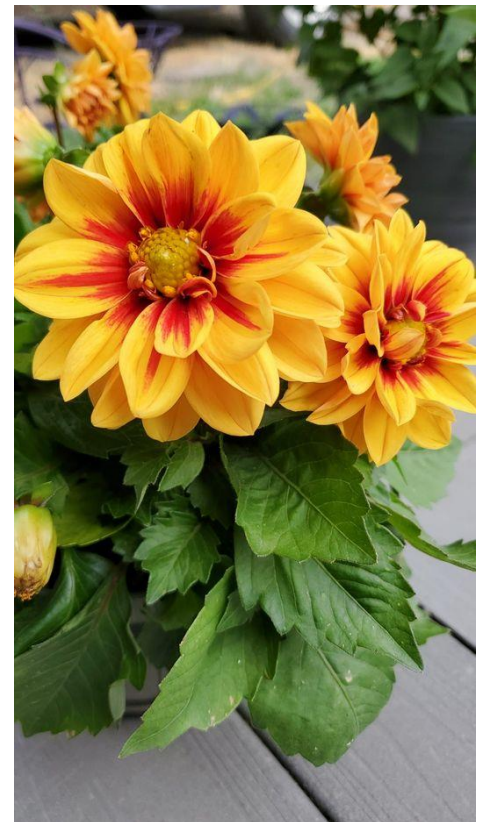
Is your child going to camp this summer? If so, check in with the church office to receive a campership toward cost. Horseback riding at Ranch Camp, swimming in the creek Shoshone Mountain Retreat, worship around the campfire at Camp Lutherhaven...which new memories will your family make this year? Hurry! Summer registration is open and camps are almost full.

4th of July Family Camp Program: July 1-5

Make Family Camp at Lutherhaven your new summer tradition! Family Camp is for families, couples, or groups of friends of any age looking to get away for a memorable 4th of July. Come adventure together in a magnificent lakeside setting. Play and laugh, draw closer to God and to one another, and leave renewed in your faith.

Champ Camp Program: Ages 8-21: July 5-8

Champ Camp is a chance for children and youth with disabilities to come and experience all that camp has to offer. Campers are cared for by trained college-aged staff and paired with young servant-leaders from around the country, increasing our camper-to-adult ratio. Campers are mainstreamed as much as possible, participating in activities such as: swimming, crafts, hikes, Bible studies, singing, and other awesome activities, but receive the extra space and assistance required for a great summer camp experience!



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Sun Worship at 9:30 AM

Wed & Fri Events 6 PM

Wed Bible Study 10 AM

Pastor Jon Anderson

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