

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42

We live out the resurrection life of Jesus dwelling in us by the Holy Spirit as His gathered body, the Church. This description of the Church from Acts 2:42 reveals some simple and significant traits. The first three traits are revealed in the opening line.

They... resurrection life is a group life, a communion and community life. Such a life in Christ is what Church is about. The original language word for Church means: a gathering, a company of believers. There is no context of Church as an individual entity. When Paul uses the metaphor "body of Christ", while there are individual members they do not exist, they do not live apart from the body. Jesus makes this same distinction when He speaks of the vine and the branches. No branch apart from the body bears fruit (see Romans 12 and John 15). It is the gathering, the company of Christ who are continually devoting themselves.

Continually... this adverb describes a way of life, of living particularly in the dailiness of life. As the scriptures, which make up the shema of the Hebrews, plainly state,

"These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up." Deuteronomy 6:7

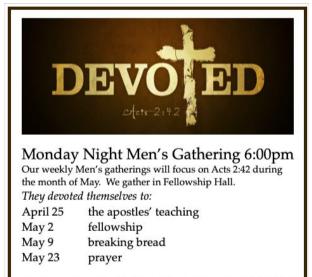
Continually not only describes how we live, but God's relationship with us which is ongoing, and ever-growing continually within and among **us**. This way of continually living is done with one another and sustained with one another. Continually living in this manner on your own is neither possible nor God's design. Resurrection life in Christ is union with God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit and with one another.

Devoting... this active verb is persistent, present tense. Our devotion is a response to God, who is continually transforming our hearts, minds, souls, and strength until Christ is formed in us. Again, not alone, but in community with others we are "...growing up, maturing to the full measure of Christ" (cf. Ephesians 4:11-16). We are devoting ourselves to the risen Christ who is risen indeed, at the right hand of the Father interceding for us, for our families, friends, neighbors and working in us by the Holy Spirit to manifest His love, joy, and peace through us to others.

Themselves... this noun is the bookend with, "They". A 'continually devoting' life is designed, created by God as a community life. Our thoroughly relational God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is creating a people — a community (company, gathering), communion of sons and daughters, brothers and sisters whose continual devotion happens in community, or as I like to call: communionity (easier to spell than to say).

The resurrection life of Christ is found in His body the Church. The Church is made up of those in whom the resurrection life of Christ dwells by the Holy Spirit bearing in us His love, joy, peace for the world. We grow and mature as we remain in Him, in His body where we practice the resurrection life of Christ, continually devoting ourselves to His teachings, the fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer.

Pastor Jon



All men welcome for this time of food, fellowship, God's Word, and prayer. Contact Pastor Jon if you need more information.



Easter Sunday!



Easter Eggs Everywhere!

Beautiful fellowship table filled with Easter treats!



Look at them go! So many eggs!!



Thanks to Joy Brewer for these Easter pictures!





Easter Reflections

We just celebrated Resurrection Sunday. Many people spend this blessed season pondering "how can the resurrection be proven?" There are many resources, books, movies, sermons and articles which thoughtfully answer this question, to rich reward. The question I was pondering this season, however, was not "how can I prove the resurrection" but "what does the resurrection prove?"

First, the resurrection of Jesus Christ proves the truthfulness and consistency of the Word of God. This is evident in all of the prophecies and promises that came true when Jesus humbly submitted to the cross. Between the tenth and fourth centuries BC, 18 different prophets, as detailed throughout the Old Testament, predicted details regarding His birth, life and death. As 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 declares, "...Christ died for our sins *in accordance with the Scriptures*, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day *in accordance with the Scriptures*" (emphasis added). The Word of God is true, is consistent and is confirmed.

Second, the resurrection of Jesus Christ proves the deity of the Son of God. As the centurion standing by at Golgotha exclaimed, "Surely, He was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54, Mark 15:39). Paul describes Jesus to the Romans as "the Son of God in power by His resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 1:4). Who else can conquer death? Jesus is Lord God!

Third, the resurrection of Jesus Christ proves the completeness of salvation. Hebrews 2:17 describes Jesus as our "merciful and faithful high priest" and confirms His sacrifice was to "make propitiation for the sins of the people." As He said "it is finished" on the cross, this work was completed, and His blood covers the sins of all who accept Him (John 19:30). He came to save us sinners and offers complete salvation to all who believe in Him.

Connected to this, the resurrection of Jesus Christ proves the certainty of judgment. In the fifth chapter of John, Jesus teaches that the Father has "given all judgement to the Son" (John 5:22) and He later states He has "much to judge" (John 8:26). Without Him, individuals will "die in your sins" (John 8:24). In Acts, we learn, "He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead" (Acts 10:42). We know judgement is coming, but as the Scripture continues in the tenth chapter of Acts, "...everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name" (Acts 10:43). We have been reconciled and are called to remain steadfast and grounded in this faith-encouraging proof (Colossians 1:21-23).

This leads to another point the resurrection of Jesus Christ proves: eternal life as promised to believers. Going back to Jesus' words in John 5: "the Son gives life to whom He will" and "whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgement, but has passed from death to life" (John 5:21, 24). He has saved us! Forever! He has also equipped us (Ephesians 4:11-16), sent us His powerful Spirit (John 16:7, Acts 1:8), bestowed upon us blessings (Ephesians 1:3), showed us great kindness (Ephesians 2:7) and established and sent His Church (Matthew 28:16-20).

Jesus' work on the cross wasn't just a plan. It was a choice. He chose people. He died for us. The resurrection was real and it changes everything. It declares God's righteousness, confirms His Word and is a testament to the love of God who saves us. And it demands a response, in faith, as the proven Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the key to everything. Our task is not to prove this, but to proclaim it to all.

He is risen indeed!

Karen Robison

Plan to join us at these upcoming fellowship and education opportunities when we gather together as God's people to hear God's Word and learn of His love!

Fun First Fridays – Friday, May 6th at 6:00 pm

All those college/career age, are welcome to come to our new Young Adults Game Nights, scheduled consistently every first Friday of the month. Come share some snacks, games and fellowship. On this first meeting in May, bring your favorite game and your favorite snack to share!

Tacos & Truth – Wednesday, May 11th at 6:00 pm

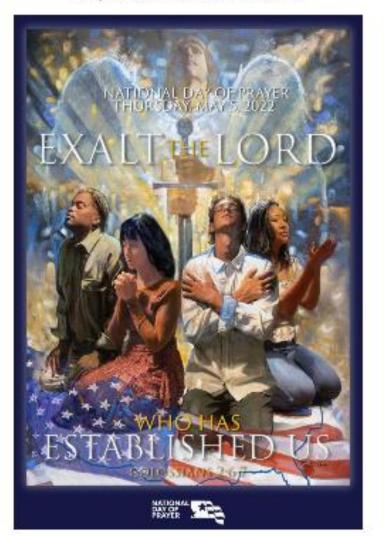
Come join us as we gather to read First Corinthians chapter 15 aloud. This chapter speaks richly of the meaning and significance of the resurrection of Christ and the hope that we have in Him. We gather, read and fellowship together so that we may "hold fast to the Word" and become "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that, in the Lord, your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:2, 58).

Taco shells, tortillas, chips and salsa will be provided. A signup sheet for meats, and taco toppings is located in the fellowship hall by the display. Please bring your Bible! – Karen Robison

Pastor Jon invites you to a one hour of prayer event for our nation at beautiful McEuen Park in Coeur d'Alene by the Veteran's Memorial area.

The Coeur d'Alene Ministerial Association The National Day of Prayer

City of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho



May 5, 2022 Noon – 1:00 PM McEuen Park – Veteran's Memorial For Information Call: (208) 772-7755



Broadcast Live on 89.9 KYMS Noon to 1:00 PM

Financial Summary for Mar 2022 Submitted by Lynn Affeldt, Apr 12, 2022

Mar Balance Sheet Ministry & Facility Fund All Designated Funds Deposit to Mt West Total US Bank Checking	\$ 21,235 \$ 90.296 - <u>\$100,000</u> \$ 11,531	(\$5,000 our check to Mt West to open account Mar 14) (\$100,000 cashier's check from US Bank to Mt West Mar 31)		
New Mt West Bank Checking Ministry & Facility Fund and Deisgnated Funds combo	\$105,000	(The two deposits of \$5,000 & \$100,000)		
Thrivent Mortgage Balance	\$287,402	\$288.629 (Feb)		
Mar Income & Expense Actual Giving Actual Expense YTD Income & Expense: (Jan	\$ 21,788 \$ 17,409 -Mar 2022)	(Plan for Giving \$19,741)		
Actual Giving Actual Expense	\$ 66,945 \$ 54,035	(Plan for Giving \$59,225)		
Mar Designated Funds:	Income	Expense	Fund Balance	
Memorial Fund	1070	2,120	\$ 6,784 (Maxine mem/Mitchel mem exp)	
Emergency Fund	0	0	\$10,000	
Property Fund Refresh Team	0	0	\$ 967\$ 339 (Sound sys upgrade in hall)	
Good Samaritan Fund	0 0	442 0	\$ 339 (Sound sys upgrade in hall) \$ 1,776	
Sabbatical Fund (accrual)	100	0	\$ 3,900	
Reception/Kitchen Fund	0	0	\$ 3,500 \$ 1,590	
Campership Fund	0	0	\$ 3,087	
Dorcas Fund	0	391	\$ 1,643 (Gift of new Bunn! & material)	
Youth Fund	106	0	\$ 3,950	
Uganda Fund (\$300 accrual)	300	0	\$28,346	
Other Misc Designated	25	0	\$ 2,740 (Button Club & EFK gift)	
Scholarship Fund	0	0	\$ 1,050	
Internship Fund	0	850	\$ 1,093	
Capital Fund	0	0	\$10,350	
Signage	0	0	\$ 7,500	
Safety Team	0	0	\$ 5,200	

The church council began discussing moving our accounts to a different financial institution at the end of last year. After year-end financials/audit were completed, and as you can see in the above summary, we began in earnest to make the transition in March. Update: We were almost completed by the end of April but still have some lingering items. At this writing there is a \$7,103 balance remaining at US Bank which will be deposited to Mt West soon. We are also dealing with a credit and rewards on our credit cards at US Bank before we can completely close the account. - Lynn Affeldt

~ LAST CALL! Adult Watercolor Paint Night – April 29, 6 PM

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Shelly Matthews invites all to come try their hand at the beautiful art of watercolor. Tulips will be our focus (see the display in the hall), and Shelly's step-by-step instructions will help all to easily follow along. All paint supplies are provided for \$20, and you will receive a ticket toward a complimentary glass of wine. Please bring a snack to share with fellow artists! This class is for adults only this time, and we'll begin at 6 pm. Look for the envelope on the table in the fellowship hall and **please** pay Shelly directly for this wondrous art event! Feel free to call Shelly at 208-661-4321 for details.



Your gift gives Moms & Dads their first Mother's & Father's Day!

Your change will make a difference for life!

Our Baby Bottle Campaign begins on Mother's Day (May 9) and runs through Father's Day (June 19). Here are two opportunities for you to get involved:

- **Traditional Bottles** Contact your church to arrange bottle pick-up, fill with coins, bills or a check.
- **Virtual Bottles** Scan the QR code to the right or visit our event website at : www.auctria.events/babybottleboomerang2022 and choose your donation amount.







Proceeds will be returned to Open Arms to assist and walk alongside those in our area who are facing unplanned pregnancies.

Thank you for saving lives! God bless!

Contact your church or Open Arms for more info.



208.370.2047 realchoicesclinic.com dianes@realchoicesclinic.com.

Sharing Time & Talent

Many thanks to Tom Robison for his researching financial institutions, reports to council of findings, meeting with bank officials, and basically lining up the ducks for our smooth transition. Special thanks to Joann Carlson, primary signer on the former account, for all her assistance with closure, online issues, credit cards, and multiple follow ups to close the account.

Thank you to Pastor Gail for sharing with another generation of little believers, "To always look for the Lamb!" at Easter!

Elected delegates, Ken & Rita Birge and Pastor Jon, will attend the Orchard Ridge annual meeting on our behalf on Apr 28. We look forward to hearing the latest update about our favorite assisted living facility serving for 100 years!

WOW! Thank you for donations recently received for fellowship and beyond! Thanks also to a Thrivent member who designated their Choice Dollars that stocked our pantry with *eight large containers* of Yuban coffee!

Lenten Offerings totaled \$1,116 and were divided equally between our food banks - thank you!

WOW – Joyce Beghtel delivered 120 lbs to the CDA food bank in April!

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Family Promise of North Idaho ~ May 5, 2022

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta ~ CDA Resort, 5:30-9 pm

Thank you again for your generous support of Family Promise during the crazies of covid in 2020 & 2021! Your support helped provide shelter for families experiencing homelessness while weathering economic challenges. It's time to have some fun! Our dinner and auction will have a new Cinco de Mayo theme, and a larger venue with plenty of parking at the beautiful Coeur d'Alene Resort. Join us Thu, May 5, and let's fiesta! Ticket info online at familypromisen1.com or call 208-777-4190.

Safe Passage Kentucky Derby ~ May 7, 2022

11:30 am, Hayden Lake Country Club

Eat, drink and be giving at Safe Passage's Hats & Hooves brunch benefit for the Children's Advocacy center! Join us Saturday, May 7th at the Hayden Lake Country Club for a fabulous Kentucky Derby themed event supporting the Children's Advocacy Center by Safe Passage. Beginning at 11:30 am, this reception-style brunch event will include a crêpe bar, breakfast burrito bar, mimosas and more. Be sure to wear your most festive Derby Day hat and dress to impress! Tickets are limited, so reserve your individual seats or sponsor a table today. We can't wait to see you!

Peace Lutheran wants to lend support toward our local food bank's Marketplace by providing an extra boost this spring. College students are returning home and school children will soon be on summer break. We want to provide a little extra for families! This is a special Thrivent sponsored non-perishable food drive event. Please look for the unique grocery bags in our entryway and let's fill them up by May 15!

May 8 – Jun 19

Open Arms Baby Bottle Boomerang!

Get ready, it's that time of year for the Baby Bottle Boomerang between Mother's and Father's Day to support our ministry partner Open Arms with this FUNraising event! Baby bottles will soon be delivered, and we get to fill them up with offerings of love. Let's help their mission in our communities to continue to provide counseling during an unexpected pregnancy, abortion alternatives, faith, and family support!

Baby Shower for Baby Boy Pilyayev

All Ladies are welcome to come to a baby shower for Samantha and Baby Boy Pilyayev (due in June!) on Saturday, May 14, at 10 am here at Peace. Guests are welcome to bring a gift (<u>click here to see Samantha's online registry</u>) and, instead of a card, please bring a children's book. All those who bring a pack of diapers will be entered into a drawing for a fun prize! Brunch will be provided. Let's gather together to celebrate this precious gift and shower the Pilyayev family with love! **RSVP** to Susan Schneidmiller at <u>sjkson@aol.com</u> or 208-699-3001 by Saturday, **May 7**.

The Fellowship Team is also putting together a lovely Baby Gift Basket for Alexandria Zaken. You'll recall that she and Kenny were married here, but soon deployed to Hawaii shortly afterward. Little Levi was born there and on our prayer list for some time with health complications. Alexandria & Levi are currently living with her parents in Rathdrum for the impending birth of their next child as Kenny's ship deployment was extended overseas due to the Ukrainian crisis.

Spring Bible Studies

Sun Adult Study: The new SOLA lectionary study and 9 am start time continues through May. Please join Karen Robison as she leads the study in tandem with the worship message.

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

Mon Men's Group: A new topic has just begun with Pastor Jon at 6 pm, Devoted based on Act 2:42

Wed Bible Study: Pastor Gail has just begun to lead a new study of the Gospels at 10 am. Arrive earlier at 9:45 to share prayer concerns and pray together before the study begins – stop over any time during the study!

Jr & Sr Youth: Join Pastor Jon as he leads the group 4:30-5:30 pm each week.

Thu Bible Study: Jim Warlow continues the study of Acts this week at 11 am.

Benevolence Partner of the Month: Juvenile Justice Outreach

Juvenile Justice Outreach supports North Idaho youth and their families through the Juvenile Justice System. They do this in a variety of ways through:

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES in providing tangible and intangible resources for families through a variety of program opportunities in the Juvenile Justice System.

MENTORING COMMUNITY YOUTH through various program opportunities, both in a group setting and one-to-one. CHAPLAIN'S PROGRAM: Area Youth Pastors that share hope, faith and support for our youth in a group setting at the District 1 Juvenile Detention Center.

Volunteer opportunities are available! Please contact JJO at <u>www.kcgov.us</u> or call 208-446-1900.

Have You Seen It?

Thank you to P&M Team members for taking on the task of playground equipment installation on Apr 2. You'll recall that we received our final equipment of two benches and arched bench swing in December – not an ideal time to install with concrete! Even though the weather was troublesome that day, the guys persevered!



That's not going anywhere!





Look at this great bunch from the Monday Men's Group that recently had a first-class tour of the Union Gospel Mission Center for Women and Children in CDA. UGM employee, Janell, is included in the photo. Pastor Jon and the guys were also served a very nice lunch!



Chorale CDA Concert at Peace - May 17, 7 pm

Chorale CDA will once again grace us with a phenomenal concert here at Peace on May 17, at 7 pm. Their theme this season is *America Sings of Faith and Liberty* and we may hear some of those sections. Usually, the Chorale chooses their favorite music for us to enjoy! Dr. Keith Whitlock will direct the Chorale, and David Brewster is the accompanist. Come early for a good seat in the sanctuary as overflow will be offered in the fellowship hall. Let's tightened up our parking and carpooling is encouraged! A free will offering will be taken to support our Chorale friends.

Appetizers & Apologetics – Alternating Wednesdays at 6:00 pm beginning June 1st

This summer, we will be gathering every other Wednesday, Memorial Day through Labor Day, for a series on Apologetics, as presented by Charlie Campbell via previously recorded video. Together, we will learn and strengthen our faith as we explore topics including; how to defend the faith, answer skeptics' questions, understand evidence for the Bible and more. You will leave encouraged and educated as we strive to always be "prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

Bring an appetizer to share, a notebook and your Bible. The schedule might shift slightly in July as the dates for Vacation Bible School are confirmed. Confirmed June dates are Wednesday the 1st, 15th and 29th.

Save the Date: We've booked Liberty Quartet to be with us for Sunday worship on **June 5 at 10 am!** Liberty is a Gospel group based in the West with a full-time concert schedule. The members of Liberty are Royce Mitchell, bass; Paul W. Ellis, lead; Will Arasmith, baritone; and Philip Batton, tenor. Liberty travels many miles a year, ministering in performances for church services, nursing homes, prisons, and other ministries. They also sing at large conventions. Click here to learn more about Liberty and hear their music: <u>https://www.libertyquartet.com/</u>

Sunday, June 5, is also when we'll celebrate Grad Sunday, and our only graduate this year, Sophie Nungesser!

Parent & Youth Planning Huddle

Big thanks to all our youth and families who were able and willing to attend our planning huddle on Wednesday, April 20th. There is no youth and family ministry without youth and families!

Welcome to Becky Jenicek as well. Becky has been attending PLC for several months and has served other Lutheran Congregations as a director of Christian Ed. Her biggest credential is a love for youth and families and her willingness to volunteer with our youth ministry.



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

SERVICE:

Communion Clean-up

Sundays May 1st - 29th Thanks to Kevin & Susan Schneidmiller who will be training up our youth and families in the ministry communion clean-up following the 10am services during the month of May. Initial training event will be between services on Sunday, May 1st (approximately 930a).

AV Ministry

Sundays, May 1st - 29th, 10:00am Several of our parents and youth have experience or are willing to learn the basics of running sight and sound for our 10:00am service. We will be setting up time to meet with Lee Ely to receive initial training.

OTHER EVENTS TBC:

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

WEEKLY GATHERINGS: Wednesdays through May

April 27 - May 25th, 4:30-5:30pm @ Peace Lutheran (topics TBA).

Summer Campfires

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, June - August 7:00pm at rotating locations. Our first campfire will be at Charlotte & Kira's home (2103 N. Compton) on June 8th. 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; <u>Deadline</u> to decide the week & register: Wed. May 11th

PLC Weekly Calendar & Events

Mon: Staff Meeting, 10 am; Men's Group, 6 pmTue: Chorale CDA, 5-9 pm; various meetingsWed: Bible Study, 10 am; Youth, 4:30 pm; Music, 6 pmThu: TOPS, 8 am; Bible Study, 11 am; Girl Zone, 4 pmDorcas Quilting 1st & 3rd Mon 9 am-12 pm | Button Club 2nd Wed 12-3 pm | 4-H group 4th Thu 6 pm | Fun First Fri, 6 pm

In May there are two same services each Sunday at 8:30 & 10 am. May 29, will be a Heritage service at 8:30 am

Apr 28: Orchard Ridge annual meeting, 5 pm; 4-H group, 6 pm Apr 29: Adult Watercolor Paint Night, 6 pm May 4: Fellowship Team meeting, 11 am; Seasons, 7 pm May 5: National Day of Prayer, McEuen Park, noon May 6: Fun First Fri, 6 pm, for young adults May 11: Mid-week Tacos & Truth, 6 pm, for all May 12: Security Team meeting, 6 pm; Seasons, 7 pm May 13-14: NW District Gathering, MT May 14: Baby Pilyayev Shower & Brunch, 10 am May 15: FP Panel discussion at fellowship w/ Sarah May 16-20: Pastor Jon Cohort, away May 17: PLC Chorale Concert, 7 pm > > > > Jun 3: Fun First Fri, 6 pm, for young adults Jun 5: Liberty Quartet & Grad Sunday, 10 am Jun 12: Farewell to Joann Carlson



Did you know that the lovely, handcrafted Dorcas quilts on the ladder rack displays are for sale? Please let any of the Dorcas ladies know if you're interested in purchasing one or more for only \$40 each – *thank you*!

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		May Sunday Ministry Servants & Holy Week					
		Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Communion		
May 1	8:30	Clouses		Gail G	Gail G & Candy D		
	10:00	Frelighs	Keegan R	Jennifer M	Andy A, Betty N, Paula C		
May 8	8:30	Gordon S		Teresa B	Ken & Rita B		
	10:00	Davises	Kira N	Tom C	Lynn A, Jerry B, Amy B		
May 15	8:30	Elys		Dave P	Chris A, Jolene P		
	10:00	Nimkes	Sam R	Paul M	Ed & Catherine R, Chris C		
May 22	8:30	Kirkings		Maren S	Cinda F, Mary C		
	10:00	Johnsons	Colt K	Mike H	Darryl, Tanya & Bethany F		
May 29	8:30	Ellefloots		Mina M	Bill & Connie A		
	10:00	Sehers	Kira N	Morgan B	Paul & Shelly M, Randy P		

We'll continue to have two services through May at 8:30 and 10 am. Our church family is growing, *Praise God!* This gives the church council the opportunity to discern logistics and volunteer need.

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 (only needed after second service)	Safety Team at 10 am
May 1	Lee E & Amy B	Todd & Gordon
May 8	Lee E & Amy B	Doyle & Jim Br.
May 15	Julie J & Lisa F	Colby & Ron
May 22	Julie J & Lisa F	Karle & John
May 29	Barb N & Debbie W	Rick & Rod
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Family Promise

Come join us to catch the Family Promise vision as we spend a few weeks digging into the core of this ministry and how Peace Lutheran can play a part. Videos, testimonials, one on one conversations, and opportunities to become involved all lie in the weeks ahead. A question box will be in the foyer if you have anything that you would like addressed during the sharing time in the church services. What is Family Promise? Does North Idaho really have homeless families? Why are these families homeless? How can I help? They are all great questions to embrace as we discover together what our role is to be this next year in providing shelter, food and friendship to children and their parent(s).

Uganda Medical Mission

In April, the church council approved sending \$10,000 of the funds in our PLC medical mission fund ahead to our Ugandan counterparts so that they may continue to address illness and injuries in our absence. Communication was sent to the medical director, Sylvia Subo, who was overwhelmed with gratitude. Just that week before they encountered a serious case that they were unable to help due to lack of funds. They were praying. God used Peace Lutheran to answer. Now they can take this young girl to get the medical attention she desperately needs. Meet 10-year-old Merita. It is yet unknown what is causing the face disfiguration, and abscess or tumor are possibilities. Please consider praying for Merita's spiritual and physical health as nurse Susan takes her for assessment. We will share updates as we receive them. Thank you for your generosity as we watch God work through hurt and suffering. – Maren Snyders



From Brenda Robison: Many polling precincts may have changed locations due to the recent legislative redistricting due to growth in our area. There is an important election upcoming May 17, so the info seems pertinent. Please click on this link to check if your polling place has changed: <u>https://www.kcgov.us/321/Polling-Place-Look-Up</u>



Fellowship Team crafting Mother's Day gifts and having a wonderful, laughter-filled time!

Busy Dorcas ladies!





Joann C & heat gun – look out!







Mary C displays her flower

Seasons for the Soul

is a small group of believers willing to spend the upcoming four seasons:

- *Gathering* at a dining room table, living room, around a campfire engaging God's Word, God's Love, God's Call, & God's People.



- *Recognizing* the presence of and participating in the resurrection life of Jesus Christ
- *Engaging* in 1) prayful worship, 2) curious contemplation, 3) communal imagination, and 4) missional community.

Tentative Schedule (for late Spring - Fall 2022; Winter & Spring 2023 TBD):

- <u>Warming up</u> initial gathering, further explanation of expectations, overview of the coming year
- <u>Summer</u> overnight at Lutherhaven June 17-18; 7-weekly gatherings from June 23 - August 7*
- <u>Fall</u> overnight at Lutherhaven Sep. 23-24; 7-weekly gatherings from September 29 November 13*

*Guest speakers for night away events will also preach on Sunday *Actual dates and times will be determined with the group

Expectations:

A willingness to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. In the context of a small group of believers. A willingness to engage God's Word, as well as to gather regularly, share a meal, and pray with others in a small group over the course of four seasons.

Time commitment:

Four seasons (Summer - Spring). Each season starts with a night-away-event, followed by seven weekly small group gatherings. The remaining 5-6 weeks of each season are set aside for reflection, journaling, practicing, vacations, holidays, play, rest, etc.,. actual dates and times will be determined within the group.

Expenses:

\$99 for each night-away event at Lutherhaven (which includes overnight accommodations and 3 meals). Cost of a journal and focus materials (typically a book or workbook per season).

Outcomes:

Personal growth in your relationship with Christ and invigorating our congregation with a variety of ways and means to live by the soundtrack of the gospel in our homes, congregation, and community.

This group is limited to 12 participants. Please contact Pastor Jon asap if you are interested in participating.

If you would like to know more about this opportunity, please sign up to attend one of the information sessions on Wednesday, May 4th @ 7:00 pm or Thursday, May 12th @ 7:00 pm

We're Praying for...

Jolene Pooley, shoulder surgery Thu; Ardella Quaale, stroke recovery; Kristin Gorman, healing, back surgery; Chuck Somers, health concerns; Caren Woods, healing after surgery; Ivan Pilyayev, ankle surgery, healing/rehab.

Max Cahoon (Somer's grandson) leukemia; Endes family, and 32-year-old son, Clay, missing since Mar 4 on a hiking trip (Nimke's neighbors); David Althen (Rebecca Kirkpatrick's brother) cancer; Wanda Gunning in the passing of her son Harold; Fran Waring (Chris Anderson's mom) health issues; Jim Froewiss (friend of Jan Johnson) severe lung issues; Boots Lake (Robin Lake's sister-in-law) brain tumor surgery, healing; Christine Payne, cancer (Catherine McClintick's friend); Daniel Branco (Patty Stills' son) struggling; Todd Anders (Andy's son) radiation, in pain; Jill Jackson (Bill & Ervinette Arthur's mom) recovering, PT; Wanda Gunning, healing, broken wrist; Kathryn (Eunice Gillam's daughter) rare immune issue PAN; Luke Hohenstreet (Lynn Affeldt) late-stage kidney failure, on donor/transplant list.

Pray for Our Ministry Partners:

Safe Passage, Family Promise, Orchard Ridge, Open Arms, **Juvenile Justice Outreach**, Lutherhaven Ministries, Ecumenical Food Kitchen, Champ's Heart, Summit Christian Academy, Good Samaritan Rehab, Food Banks, Voice of the Martyrs, Union Gospel Mission, Uganda Medical Mission, OCC Shoebox Gifts, and LCMC.

Notice the ministry partner in **bold**? They are PLC's benevolence focus this month set by our council.

Prayer requests will be revised periodically. Kindly keep the church office informed of changes. Thank you. Have a **Prayer Tree** request? Please **email** the Church Office at <u>office@peace-lutheran.com</u>



Lutherhaven Ministries

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? Summer registration is open and camps are filling quickly!

Join us in Blessing the Summer Staff!

Lutherhaven's summer staffers have faithfully answered the call to facilitate the joy and wonder of encountering creation, creating community and communing with Christ with thousands of campers of all ages this summer. We love getting to spread a little extra camp joy with these amazing summer staffers to thank them for all of their hard work. Click the link to sign up for a way to bless the summer staff https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0544aeac2da3fd0-bless

Man Camp is back May 13-15 at Shoshone!

A great weekend for dads and sons, grandads and grandsons, uncles and nephews, God-dads with godsons, or whatever generational mix and match combo you can come up with! (Bring youth 12-17 years of age)

Places to Pray in & Play in! Improving the safety, accessibility, and usability of Camp Lutherhaven's natural spaces. Place an engraved brick in the walkways and patio around Lutherhaven's iconic Bell Tower! As generations of campers come to play and pray in this beautiful space, your brick and inscription will be there to greet them! Dedicate your brick to loved ones; thank someone who made a lasting impact on your life; include a favorite bible, poem, or hymn verse; anything to leave a lasting impression for years to come. Bricks come in three sizes.



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Sun Adult Study 9 AM Sun Worship at 8:30 & 10 AM Mid-week Events Wed/Thu Bible Studies Pastor Jon Anderson Pastor Emeritus, Gail Gutterud