



1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week

Kierstie Renninger

For I Know the Plans I Have For You

Ahh... February, the groundhog saw his shadow and love is in the air. This past weekend gave us a glimpse of the spring and sunshine ahead. Some even refer to those first days where the temperature creeps above 40 and we shed the big puffy coats for a walk in the fresh air as “false spring”, because inevitably, we’ve got a few more cold days in store before spring has officially sprung ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Presidents Day | Monday, February 2nd | Office Closed

Venture
1stPresDowntown

This Week!

Tomorrow

February 16th 6 pm

Lutherhaven Summer Camp
It's time to register | July 17-22

1st Pres is again
partnering with
Lutherhaven

**Exciting, Positive, & Faith-
building News**



Our wonderful Director of Children and Families, Carley Walker, has accepted an amazing job with Chester Elementary school in Spokane Valley where she will serve in the STRIVE program for students



Ministries & Summer Camp programs for one week of fun this summer for students 1st -12th grade.

Sending our kids together encourages them to build their friendships and memories during a week of growth and fellowship. Students 10th grade and older have the additional opportunity to serve in the SALT leadership program.

Please register ASAP to guarantee your student's spot. We're looking forward to a great week at camp! [Register NOW](#)

You Are Helping Tackle Hunger! Month of February

The big game is over but our commitment to help tackle hunger in our community is not! First, a big thanks to all of you who have already made generous donations!



As we all know, food prices just keep going up and for some families it's a choice between rent or food. We will send the food collected so far to the food bank this week AND the food donation bins will continue to be in Kruger Hall and near the office through the end of the month.

So, if you forgot or were unable to come by the church this week, you can bring your donations anytime this month. What an awesome opportunity to show our love for our community!

who have behaviors that do not allow them access to the general education setting.

Carley's last day was Sunday, January 13th. She will return January 27th for a much deserved celebration and reception.

Our children's workers, Naomi White and Kyler O'Connor have stepped up to lead our programs while we seek to fill this important position.

[Carley's Letter to Staff](#)

Love INC Fundraiser Sunday, February 27th | 6-8 pm



Love INC is holding a fundraiser on Sunday February 27th at the CDA Bible Church. Help support this wonderful organization!

[Buy your tickets HERE.](#)

Love INC works with churches and other nonprofits to help connect their clients to community resources. Our Deacons recently entered into a relationship with Love INC to help direct those in need with financial and other types of assistance. They are instructed to contact Love INC who in turn interviews them to find out their story and needs.

! Connection is the Lifeblood
of Community !

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Projects undone? Sometimes we don't know the importance of a project until it's finished. This past Sunday we focused on Chapter 6 but this is just one of 13! What is going to happen now that the wall is finished? Tune in to this past Sunday's service for the whole story. [Watch the service for the first time or watch it again!](#)

Many thanks to our team of volunteers that make broadcasting the service possible!

[Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel](#)

Church News

Men's Saturday Fellowship New Location!

Our Saturday Men's Fellowship time continues but the location has been moved to [Bakery by the Lake](#)

(delicious as well as convenient!). We are still meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, bright and early at 7:30 am.

We are currently discussing how to read the Bible and welcome any to join us. Contact [Dan Brown](#) if you have any questions.



Men's Bible Study

Thursdays | 11 am - 12 pm



Please consider joining the weekly Men's Bible Study right here at 1st Pres! Men of all ages are welcome to join us on Thursdays from 11am-12pm. Please contact Buzz Hays if you have any questions.

Please Note

Masks are highly recommended in any group setting.

February Schedule

Sundays

7:30 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:55 am Bible Study

9 am Classic Service in Sanctuary & Online.

10:30 am Contemplative Service in Sanctuary.

Wednesdays

Downtown Youth - check with Kierstie for details

Thursdays

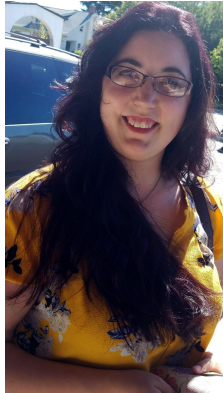
Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen

 We encourage social distancing with
 masks highly recommended.

Fridays
 Knitting for Warmth

DOXA 11 am

Children & Family Ministry



Hello, my name is Naomi White and I am so excited to work alongside our families to minister to the children of 1st Pres! Kyler O'Connor and I have been helping Carley in the nursery and kid's events for the past few years, and we are looking forward to helping in this next season of 1st Pres family fun. Although we are sad to see Carley leave, we are so happy for this new opportunity for her!

Volunteers Needed!

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers! The great news is we have our 3-year-old through Kindergarten class fully covered until May.

We still need help in the nursery and for the 1st-5th grade class. Please join us in ministering to our wonderful children.

Contact Naomi and Kyler at 1stpreschildren@gmail.com to sign up!

Sunday School Update

We are back to two learning groups: 3-years-old through Kindergarten and 1st through 5th graders. Classes are taught in the upstairs classrooms on Sunday mornings. Please check your child in downstairs before church. Your child will attend worship with you until they are called up for the children's time with Pastor Neal. After church, please pickup your child(ren) in the upper Hunter wing. Take the stairs by the coffee bar as we will be using classrooms on that end of the building.

Adventure Kids' Club

Join us for our Adventure Kids' Club. The club meets the first and third Wednesday of the month in conjunction with the middle and high school youth group (kid-free evening anyone?!). This is a social opportunity with faith formation, games, and a craft. Our theme is God is powerful and helps us to do hard things.

All children, kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend.

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

Dates: Feb 16,
 March 2 & 16,
 April 6 & 20
 May 4

[Register Now](#)

Save the Date

Annual Art Camp with Hands to Art
June 27th - July 1st

1st Pres at Camp Lutherhaven
July 17th - July 22nd

Youth Ministry



Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Does your family have middle or high school students? Would your middle or high schooler like to get connected with fun fellowship this summer? Get connected with our family newsletter! Email [Kierstie](#) and let her know you'd like to receive the newsletters.

Reaching Students in New Ways!

Student and family feedback is extremely valuable to our Youth Team as we discern the best way to support our students and encourage their spiritual growth.

If you are a family with middle or high schoolers, please take a moment to let us know ways your student might be interested in participating this year.

[Family Connection Survey](#)

Sunday Morning Youth Study Cafe

Come as you are and join us in the



Youth Room for hot chocolate and treats while you work. We will enjoy praise music in the background of our cafe atmosphere and listen to the livestreamed sermon.

Groups & Gatherings

Bell Choir Rehearsal



The bell choir is once again rehearsing on Sunday mornings from 7:30 - 8:30 upstairs in the the Hunter Building. If you have any questions, please contact [Kent Kimball](#).



Knitting For Warmth

Please join us for fellowship and a little creative time Fridays from 10-11:30 am in the Fireside Room. Please call Carolyn Peterson or the office if you have any questions.

Contemplative Worship Service

[A Remedy to the Noise](#)

Are you seeking a quiet place where your soul can find some room to breathe? The 10:30 Contemplative Service may be what you need. Spend time peacefully worshipping in a thoughtful and relaxed style.

Contemplative Service Leads

[Donna Brundage](#): Greeting

[Susan Lauer](#): Setup & Sanctuary Design

[Matt Broadway](#): Music

[Yvette Wyatt](#): Scripture & Prayer

