



## 1st Pres eNews

February 22, 2022

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### Blog of the Week

Emily Rogers



#### Grace for a Curly-haired Girl

There once was a girl who had a little curl right in the middle of her forehead. When she was good, she was very, very good; and when she was bad, she was horrid! Perhaps, like myself, most curly-haired little girls became well-acquainted with that old nursery rhyme.

A few days ago, I stole a glance in the ... [Read More](#)

## This Week

### Celebrating Carley | Sunday, February 27th



Please join us this Sunday after the 9 am service to celebrate the time Carley has spent with us as both our Church Administrator and Directory of Children & Family Ministries.

Her contributions include leading us as Administrator during the construction of Krueger Hall then moving to continue the development of our Children and Families program. Walking around the church you can't miss the mark she has left: our

beautiful nursery and Adventure Kids club in Krueger Hall and the upgrade of our Sunday School classroom spaces upstairs in the Hunter Building.

She has recently finished her Masters Degree in Education and has taken a position with the Central Valley School District at Chester Elementary School. She will be working in

the STRIVE program with students who have behaviors that do not allow them access to the general education settings.

We are happy to see God's provision for Carley. She has such a gift and love for children. To see this opportunity open up for her to pour out her gifts with kids that really need a loving adult is a blessing. While we will miss working with Carley, we see this as a great opportunity and answer to prayer for Carley and her family.

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### Lutherhaven Summer Camp

It's time to register | July 17-22  
Registration Deadline March 4th



1st Pres is again partnering with Lutherhaven 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](#)

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### You Are Helping Tackle Hunger!

FINAL WEEK

Your donations have been generous! The food donation bins will be in Krueger Hall and near the office through Feb 28th.



What an awesome opportunity to show love for our community!

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### 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.](#)

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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.

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### Our Dear Chris is Retiring

and we're looking for a new ...

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#### Administrative Assistant/Receptionist



Chris Gray is retiring as our one of our Administrative Assistants. Chris has

been a wonderful team member and the staff will miss working with her throughout the week. Thankfully Chris plans to remain a member of the 1st Pres family. A huge thank you to Chris for all of her dedicated work over the past years.

Applications are being accepted for the position of Church Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. This position is a



## Building & Grounds Work Day

Saturday, March 5th at 10am

Can you help out in a couple of weeks? We're rounding up anyone who's willing to help clean out some old, unused items in the sanctuary basement. Trucks and trailers welcome.

Contact Scott Flscher if you can lend a hand or if you have questions.

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## Family Promise

March 6 - 13



In two short weeks we'll be welcoming our newest Family Promise participants. If you can help during the families week-long stay, please take a look at the sign-up board in Krueger Hall or reach out to Judy Flieger, Teri Burch or Ann Smart for more information.

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## Pastor Nominating Committee is on the Move!

Look for another update from the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) next week but today you can see the progress we've made to connect with potential candidates today!

Our new [Pastor Search](#) web page was published last week and will be updated regularly.

20 hour per week, part-time position. If you are interested in applying, please submit your resume and a cover letter to our Church Administrator, Bonnie Piovesan. [Job Description](#)

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## St Vincent de Paul

### February Mission Team Update

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St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) was founded in 1946, where the parishioners at St. Thomas the Apostle Church started a community clothing closet. From there it has grown to be one of the largest nonprofits in North Idaho. Employing over 70 staff, they provide services to over 20,000 clients annually operating: homeless shelters, 300 units of low-income housing, a community kitchen, laundry and shower facilities, payee services, parenting classes, a children and adult food program and the SVDP Winter Warming Shelter.

1st Pres and St. Vincent de Paul have partnered together over the years to help serve our community. SVDP helps churches like 1st Pres maximize donations for immediate needs such as clothing, food, and shelter for the vulnerable and needy in our community. St Vincent de Paul consciously creates an environment of mutual respect, hospitality, and warmth in which none are strangers, and all may flourish.

Our mission of "providing direction and services supporting individuals and families in North Idaho needing assistance to enrich, fortify and rebuild their lives with dignity" would not be possible without the generosity of our community, grants, fundraising and sales from our three thrift stores.

Watch again or for the 1st time!



The most important thing. This past Sunday we focused on Nehemiah 8. Pastor Neal talked about Embracing the exiles around us ... and he asked how have we become exiles to our faith and values? 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

**Venture**  
1stPresDowntown

Next Meeting  
March 2 & 16 | 6 pm

### Men's Saturday Fellowship New Location!

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

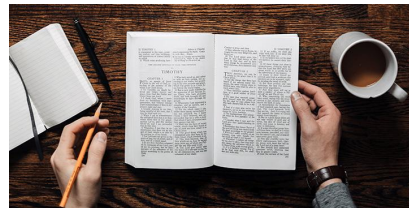
(delicious as well as convenient!). We are still meeting on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, bright and early at 7:30 am.

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  
SATURDAY  
FELLOWSHIP

### Men's Bible Study

Thursdays | 11 am - 12 pm



### This Thursday only

We're taking a break February 24th. We'll be back with our regular meetings on March 3rd.

### 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



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 We encourage social distancing with  
 masks highly recommended.  
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**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](mailto: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:** March 2 & 16, April 6 & 20, May 4

[Register Now](#)

**Save the Date**

## 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.

### 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](#).

### 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

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[Donna Brundage](#): Greeting

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

[Matt Broadway](#): Music

[Yvette Wyatt](#): Scripture & Prayer



### 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.