



1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week

Naomi White



Our Great Love

I'm a rule follower, I love getting gold stars and good grades, and I am an oldest child through and through. So when my parents would say, "I'm proud of you," I would assume it was because I had done something praiseworthy. But when I messed up, or snapped at my family, or skipped my homework until I was failing my history class, my parents would correct me and then say, ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Celebrating Chris Gray



Did you know Chris Gray served our country for three years in the Army, including time in Korea? Her dedication to our country is the

same dedication she has shown while working in the church office for the past 5 years. Her kindness and helpfulness to people visiting our office is exemplary of our LOVE 1st motto. She is one of those ladies who graciously goes about her job with a cheerful attitude and plenty of

the Christ Care Group known as "Faith, Fun and Friendship". This group is made up of women who are widows or have husbands who do not attend church.

Due to recent health issues, Chris has decided to end her "tour of duty" in our church office. Her smiling face and kindness will most certainly be missed around the office!!

Thankfully Chris intends to remain a member of 1st Pres and you can catch her on our Sunday YouTube services on the chat feature.

hugs.

In addition to her duties in the church office, Chris has volunteered at many 1st Pres events over the years; but most recently she served as treasurer while being a Deacon. She is also a member of



Venture
1stPresDowntown

TOMORROW!
March 2 | 6 pm

Communion Sunday
March 6th

Lutherhaven Summer Camp
July 17-22
Registration Deadline this Friday



Our registration deadline for this Summer's camp experience is this Friday, March 4th.

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

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



Building & Grounds Work Day
This Saturday
March 5th at 10am

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 Fischer if you can lend a

We will be celebrating Communion this Sunday. If you're worshipping from home, please be sure to gather your elements before the service begins.



Now Hiring
Administrative Assistant/Receptionist



Applications are being accepted for the position of Church

Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. This position is a 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](#). For more details go to the information on [Indeed](#).

Update on our COVID Response

Here at 1st Pres we have continued to monitor local COVID concerns and to listen to the needs of our congregation and community. Though we are still dealing with some risk concerning COVID, there have been recent improvements across our nation. All states except Hawaii are lifting their mask mandates.

Session still recommends the wearing of masks and general safety precautions in

hand or if you have questions.

group settings. Masks, hand sanitizer, and other safety items are available throughout the church.

Family Promise

March 6 - 13



We'll be welcoming our newest Family Promise participants this coming Sunday, March 6th. If you can help during their 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.



Choir Rehearsal Begins March 17th

~ St. Patrick's Day ~

We are pleased to announce that the choir will once again begin rehearsing on Thursday, March 17 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Masks are recommended but not required. Contact Kent Kimball if you have questions.

The choir will be back singing in the Sanctuary beginning Palm Sunday, April 10th.

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Gratitude and Repentance. We wrapped up our time with Nehemiah this past Sunday. Pastor Neal helped us understand the meaning of repentance and it's probably not what you think. 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

Check Out Our Pastor Search Page

You should have received our latest update from the PNC packed full of the latest details on our search for our next Pastor. If you haven't had a chance, check out our [Pastor Search](#) web page.

St Vincent de Paul

February Mission Team Update

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.

March 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.

We encourage social distancing with
masks highly recommended.

DOXA 11 am

Wednesdays

Venture 3/2 & 3/16

Thursdays

Men's Bible Study

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Adventure Kids' Club

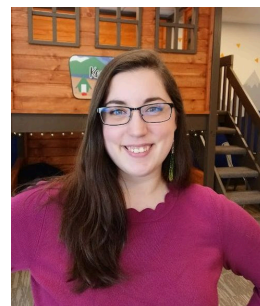
Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

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

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.

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.

