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## 1st Pres eNews

May 18, 2021

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### Blog of the Week

Emily Rogers



#### Getting Out of My Funk

I'm so frustrated lately! But, it's time to suck it up, Buttercup!

What useful tool can a Christian girl use to turn this funk around?

"Once the nerves have been cut or damaged, they have to regrow from the spinal column out at a rate of about one inch per month. The distance from your spine to hip abductor is...." Frustration ... [Read More](#)

## This Week

### Congregational Meeting THIS SUNDAY - May 23



Please plan to stay after the 9 am service on May 23 for a Congregational meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to vote for and approve new Deacons.

### Serving Ecumenical Kitchen June 3rd

1st Pres is scheduled to provide lunch for our Ecumenical Kitchen guests on Thursday, June 3.



We'll need volunteers to both provide lunch and if you have time, join our guests for lunch. Please contact the office or Bev Rasor if you can help.

## Orchard Ridge Senior Living

### Missions Committee May Report

Orchard Ridge is celebrating their 100th missional anniversary of providing a faith-based loving home to older adults. The celebration includes events throughout the year for our church to partner in so there will be more details to come!

With a staff of 80 serving over 330 residents in their low-income independent living, assisted living, and memory care, Orchard Ridge was not immune to COVID-19 cases on their campus last year. With very few residents experiencing symptoms, only 3 were hospitalized and thankfully there were no fatalities and now most residents are vaccinated. This is a witness to the Lord's protection over the most vulnerable!

Isolation was difficult but residents and their families were always grateful to be kept safe. One resident stated, *"The staff is like my family. Especially during COVID when we couldn't see our family or friends, so the staff was our honorary family."*



Last year, the assisted living unit received the prestigious Gold Award from the Dept. of Health and Welfare for "meeting exceptional standards of care as well as ensuring the residents receive superior services and live in a clean, safe and home-like environment."

The Orchard Ridge Resident Relief Fund raised over \$212,000 last year. This fund provides the care residents need and the home they deserve as they outlive their life-savings. Funds raised not only assist with nursing care expenses but basic needs as food, shelter, and clothing for the residents. A total of 39 residents received charitable assistance last year. As some of the fundraising events had to be cancelled last year, all donations are appreciated.

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### 2021 College Scholarships

Do you know a college-bound student who is graduating this year? The church is pleased to award a limited number of scholarships each year to deserving students. It's time to start the application process! [SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)

Please email your application to our bookkeeper, Stephanie Rogge ([bookkeeperfirstprescda@gmail.com](mailto:bookkeeperfirstprescda@gmail.com)). You can also mail applications directly to the church office.

As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the office: 208.667.8446

### 2021 Graduates!



Every year we are pleased to recognize our 2021 graduates and need those names and a few other

details! If you know of anyone graduating from the 2020/2021 school year please let us know by emailing the following information to the church office by MAY 28th (1 week from this Friday).

- Name of Graduate
- Relationship to You & Your Name
- School Name
- Degree

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## Calling ALL Families with Youth!

As the Youth Ministry team moves forward with planning for our youth program, we invite you to provide valuable insights and feedback. Your input will help us build our 1st Pres Youth activities as we move forward with this ministry. Please take a few minutes this week to complete the survey. Thank you! [1st Pres Family Survey](#)



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## 2nd Annual Lutherhaven Family Camp



Spend the weekend at Lutherhaven with your whole family (and invite friends too!).

We will have flexible programming, but if you just want to hang out at the waterfront all day and skip worship, crafts, and games that's totally cool. This is a no-pressure event! Contact Carley directly for details. We only have 10 spots available!

Register here (be sure to note you are with 1st Pres in the space for entering your family members): [Family Camp Sign-Up](#)

## Summer Reading?

We have had so many generous donations to our church library that it's time to

share the wealth and let some of these gems go to new homes.



Every week a new selection will be available in the Fireside Room on specially marked shelves. Please feel free to stop by during the week or before church on Sundays to check out the latest free titles.

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## SPECIAL PUSH TO SUPPORT 2021 CLOTHING DRIVE!

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The Faith, Fun & Friendship Christ Care Group wants to ensure the Deacon's clothing drive collects sufficient Tops, Bottoms, and Toes. These important clothing items are needed so that our local children can start the school year with new underwear and socks.



Collection boxes will be at the church during the week and in Kruger Hall on Sundays during the month of May.

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## Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

This was the last week of our Useful message series and Pastor Craig asked some great questions: Why are we here? Is everything

that happens part of a larger story? Am I a part of something bigger than myself? It's a great conclusion to the series.

This week's reading assignment: read the Book of Acts. Watch the service for the first time or once again: [Watch Useful](#).



This week Carley tells how Jesus gathered his disciples - those who were imperfect but a willing heart. Do you have a willing heart? Hear the [entire message here](#).

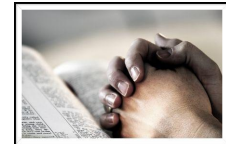
Many thanks to Blake Miller, our tech coordinator, and our team of volunteers that make broadcasting the service possible!

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

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### Post Worship Zoom

Pastor Craig hosts a prayer session each Sunday at the conclusion of our regular 9 am service. You can find the link on your website home page, in Pastor Craig's weekly Digital Check-in, and right here ... [Zoom Prayer Service](#)



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## Church News

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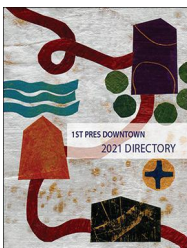
### Contemplative Service to Begin



We are happy to report that our Contemplative Service will once again commence on Sunday, June 13 at 10:30 am. This will be the same service format we followed in early 2020. If you have any questions, please call the office.

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### Church Directory 2021



Please make sure the information in the 2019 directory is correct. We're asking for updated pictures as we don't necessarily have access to those in the 2019 edition.

Please contact the church office either by [email](#) or call (please leave a message if no one picks up) 208.667.8446. You do **NOT** need to be a member to be included in the directory!

### CDAIDE Summer Activities Scholarships Available

Do you know of a local hospitality worker's child who might benefit from a summer activity scholarship? This program is available to any restaurant or hospitality worker who lives or works in Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls or Hayden and needs financial assistance to afford extra-curricular programs and/or camp for their child.

[Learn more and apply HERE](#)





# Support the 38TH Annual Clothing Giveaway

This is what we need!

Please contact Diane Wakkinen or Barb Proper if you'd like to volunteer or have questions about clothing donations. We'll need help the week before setting up and on August 21st.

All donations should be cleaned and in good shape. Drop them in a bag with a dryer sheet so they'll stay fresh-smelling and please label the bag "clean". You can also let the Deacons do your shopping by making a direct donation through our [Giving Portal](#), select Deacons and specify clothing drive in the comment box.

## Elementary school age children's clothing only

- Very gently used, no stains, discoloration, tears or holes, and working zippers
- Prefer name brands when possible
- Sweatshirts/Hoodies
- Seasonal winter clothing (coats, hats, gloves, snow pants, and boots) are welcome
- Sizes 5-14 in girls and boys, encourage slim and plus sizes in both boys and girls
- Girls shoe sizes 3-4, and 5-7 in women's
- Boys Shoe sizes 3-9
- Discourage short-shorts, tank tops, camisoles (not appropriate to meet school dress codes)



## Most in need of...

- Packages of socks S, M, L
- Packages of underwear 5-14 or S, M, L, XL
- Boys jeans 5-14 slim, regular and plus sizes
- Girls leggings (XS, X, M, L, XL)
- Girls jeans 5-14 both slim, regular and plus sizes
- Boys/girls long sleeved t-shirts
- Shoes: girls 3-4 and 5-7 (women's); boys 3-9
- Boots - see above sizes
- Sweaters - especially girls

## Daily Devotionals Available

**REMINDER:** Daily Devotionals - The Upper Room and Daily Bread - are always available for pickup at the Welcome Desk in Krueger Hall or during the week in the office.

## May Schedule

### Sundays

9 am Worship Service in Sanctuary & online.  
Social distancing with masks optional.

DOXA 11 am

### Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen  
ARMS

## Children & Family Ministry

Our summer programming has really come together now that we



have all the details for our 2nd annual Lutherhaven Family Camp!

### **Adventures in Caring: Missional Opportunity this week!**

Our Adventures in Caring scholarship program packets were sent out last week. If you did not receive one and are wanting to participate in the program, please reach out to me ASAP!

We have our first "Give Love, Get Love" missional opportunity this week! On **Wednesday (May 19th) from 5:30 to 6:00** we will be making cards for wonderful Deacons to send with our at-home care packets! We have members who cannot make it to church for various reasons. Let's let them know we are thinking about them and we miss them! We will be at the gym entrance off the gravel parking lot, we ask that parents stay to support this activity.

**As a reminder: Your child is not required to participate in our church facilitated missional opportunities, you are absolutely welcome to facilitate opportunities for your children, we are simply providing an opportunity for busy families who may not have the chance to provide their own opportunities.**

### **Adventure Kids' Club**

After having to skip last session due to staff Covid exposures, we are back on for this Wednesday, HOORAY!

I hope you are all having an amazing week. I am praying for you and your children as we near the end of the school year and begin to look forward to summer, hooray!

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## **Summer Stuff**

### **2nd Annual Mommy (or anyone!) & Me Pottery Painting 'n Storytime @ Hands to Art**

**June 23rd, from 10:00-11:00 AM followed by a picnic at the park!**

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, and Uncles (basically any adult) are invited to bring their 3-year old through 6-year old for pottery painting and storytime at Hands to Art! We will follow our art time with a picnic and playtime at North Pines Park (1015 E. Luncesford). Please bring a blanket and sack lunch for you and your kiddo(s).

We will meet at Hands to Art at 10:00 AM to paint adorable cross-shaped boxes with

lids (littles always love places to hide their "treasures"!)). We ask that you bring your own sack lunch. The cost will be \$20.

We will be following city/county COVID safety protocols. Currently, that means that masks are optional, but recommended. Staff and volunteers will be wearing masks for this event.

Link to register : [Register Now](#)

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## **2nd Annual 1st Pres Art Camp**

We are partnering with Hands to Art again this year to provide your child the opportunity to attend art camp with their church family! We will be creating five amazing masterpieces throughout the 4-day camp. Throughout the week we will be exploring what it means to be God's child, and how God views us. We will be focusing on figuring out what characteristics make us different from each other and celebrating our uniqueness through the eyes of Christ!

We will begin the day at "Hands to Art" pottery studio where the campers will complete a different art project each day. Following that, we will stay on-site to eat a sack lunch (provided by you) and discuss our topic for the day.

This camp experience is open to incoming 1st graders through current 5th graders. The total cost will be \$120, we ask that you provide your child's sack lunch daily. Drop off at 9:20 am and pick up at 11:45 am. Scholarships are available, please email [Carley@1stpresdowntown](mailto:Carley@1stpresdowntown) for information.

We will be accepting up to 25 children for this event. We will follow city/county and school district guidelines for COVID safety protocols during this event. Currently, that would mean masks would be optional but strongly recommended for participants. All adult staff and volunteers will be wearing masks.

If transportation is a barrier to attendance, please reach out, and let's collaborate to make sure your child can attend! [Register Here](#)

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## Save the Dates

**May 19th, 5:30 PM:** Adventures in Caring Missional Opportunity (located in the Fireside Room). We will be making cards for the Deacons to use for our elderly members who cannot currently make it to church. Please plan on picking your children up (or you can stay and help too!) by 6:00 pm as we have Adventure Kids' Club that evening.

**June 6th, 8:30 AM (before church):** Adventures in Caring Missional Opportunity (Krueger Hall). During church we will be holding a food drive. Your children can help gather the supplies before the church service. Please arrive by 8:30 am to participate in this volunteer opportunity.

**June 16th, 5:30 pm:** Downtown Church Alliance Summer Kick-Off Block Party! We are partnering with Trinity Lutheran and St. Luke's Episcopal Church over the summer to bring you and your family some really exciting events and opportunities. We are going to kick off the summer with a block party! Each church will provide activities. You'll begin at 1st Pres, where we will have a bouncy house and an obstacle course, once you've had your fill of bouncing, you'll head a few blocks north to St. Lukes where you will be able to eat a hotdog and enjoy some yard games. Finally, you'll head down to Trinity Lutheran where there will be more games and a yummy treat to finish off the night! Think of it as a progressive dinner but it's all about having fun and you can walk!

**June 23rd, 10:00 AM:** Mommy and Me Pottery Painting

**June 27th, during and after church:** Adventures in Caring Missional Opportunity (the Adventure Zone). Immediately following the church service, we will be handing out water and cheering on Ironman racers! During the service, we will make signs to use while cheering on the racers reflecting our Love 1st mission.

**July 6th-9th:** 2nd Annual Summer Art Camp

**July 23-25th:** Lutherhaven Family Camp

**August 8th - 13th:** Summer camp at Lutherhaven

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I hope you all have an amazing week. I am praying for you and your children. Please reach out with specific prayer requests, questions, or concerns.

Carley

[Carley@1stpresdowntown.org](mailto:Carley@1stpresdowntown.org) or 208-215-5337

## Youth Ministry

### Confirmation

#### Bi-Weekly Confirmation Details

- Expect an email from Pastor Craig with updates, expectations and assignments.
- Both in-person (as allowed by local health guidance and Session decisions) in Youth Room at 1stPres and/or on Zoom.
- If coming in-person, please wear a mask and enter through Lakeside entrance of church.
- If joining via Zoom, come in at 6:00 pm, have your handout downloaded and ready. Zoom meeting information was sent in a separate email from Pastor Craig.

We are excited to journey towards confirmation with any interested middle or high schooler! Please reach out to Pastor Craig, or Tyler & Kierstie Renninger if you have any questions!

Learn more about our Youth Program on [Youth](#) on 1stPresdowntown.org

## Groups & Gatherings

### Staying In Touch

Remember that phone contact is a good substitute for in-person contact. Be sure to keep in touch with each other. We'll keep you up-to-date in the eNews, on the church calendar, or you can call the





office. Thank you for staying positive, and please test negative!