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Blog of the Week

Kent Kimball



God's Faithful Reminder

Last Sunday evening we went to a Spokane Indians baseball game with one of our daughters, her husband, and three of our grandchildren. It was the first sporting event we've attended in well over a year. We spilled popcorn, danced the Macarena, got rained on a little, met young couples with kids, and experienced what "normal life" used to be like. It was magnificent! We hadn't complained during the long ... [Read More](#)

This Week



COVID UPDATE

In affluent countries like the US, we are seeing improvement in the defeat of COVID-19. However, Bolivia (a 3rd world country with a poor healthcare system) is experiencing a terrible 3rd wave of the disease.

Bolivia is also home to our Mission Partner, Ninos Con Valor, who has shared some difficult recent developments. Two

Government does not help with these needs. This will be costly and their COVID 19 Pandemic response fund is left without adequate resources. Your ongoing support of Ninos Con Valor as a mission partner has been truly appreciated. Please think of them at this critical time.

To contact, or find out more about Ninos Con Valor, they can be found at

NCV children are currently in the hospital and 9 others tested positive on May 22. Two staff members have also tested positive. Quarantine floors/rooms are being set up and much more cost-intensive testing, treatment as well as protective measures are being instituted. The local

<https://ninosconvalor.org/> or reach out to Matt Broadway with the 1st Presbyterian Missions Committee.

Please pray for the health and well-being of their vulnerable children and staff.

Office Closed Memorial Day

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 31st to honor the celebration of Memorial Day. Staff will be back bright and early Tuesday, June 1. Feel free to leave either a phone or email message and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Support the 38TH Annual Clothing Giveaway

This is what we need!

The Deacon clothing giveaway is fast approaching. Please mark your calendars for August 21st! We hope to have plenty of gently used and new pieces of clothing & shoes for all the K-5th grade students who attend.

Serving Ecumenical Kitchen

June 3rd

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



Please contact the office or Bev Rasor if you can help.

This is the last week of the special Tops, Bottoms and Toes



drive. Consider buying a new package of socks or underwear and dropping it in one of the boxes at church.

There are many ways you can help with this worthy endeavor! Please look at your own kids and grandkids gently used and outgrown clothing for anything that might be useful to a child in need. Or, if you like to shop, there are several yard sales going on and thrift stores with great bargains.

Feeding Five Thousand

Starting June 6th

Our food drive doesn't begin until the first Sunday in June and we thought a reminder to be thinking about what you might bring would help. The bins will be in Kruger Hall and near the office on June 6th.



Finally, please contact Diane Wakkinen or Barb Proper if you would like to volunteer or have questions about clothing donations. We will 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 will 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.

Confirmation

Sunday June 6th

Help us celebrate our confirmands as they

share their personal statements of faith and mission on Sunday, June 6th. We know you'll be inspired and encouraged by the present and future they represent!

Thank you for your generous contributions and willingness to make this project a big success!

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



And the question is ... What is Love? It's many things as you'll find when you listen to this week's message. 'Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love' 1 John 4:8.

This week's reading assignment: Look for signs of God's love you see, feel, hear and experience. Watch the service for the first time or once again: [Watch What is Love?](#)

Carley had a very special message this week! She retold the story of the loaves and fishes and feeding five thousand! This was an introduction to the food drive the Community Outreach team is hosting during the month on June. Listen to 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](#)

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](#)



Church News



2021 Graduates!

Every year we are pleased to recognize our graduates, but we 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.

Name of graduate, relationship to you and your name, school name, and degree

2021 College Scholarships Applications Due June 15th

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](#)



earned.

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](#)

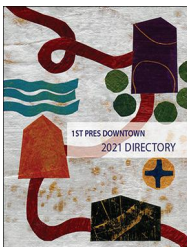
Summer Reading?

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.

Church Directory 2021



Please make sure the information in the 2019 directory is correct. We have found the digital files for the 2019 photos but MANY are out of date.

Please email your application to our bookkeeper, Stephanie Rogge (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

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.

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](#)

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

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!

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](#)

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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

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry



Downtown Church Alliance Partnership

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 kicking 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. Luke's where you will be able to eat a hotdog and hang out with some pretty amazing animals from 2nd Chance Petting Zoo. 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!

St. Luke's "The Orchard" Invitation

St. Luke's has invited us to participate in a new program for children ages 3 (and fully potty trained) through 3rd grade. The Orchard will meet every Wednesday from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm beginning on June 2nd. The program includes a pizza dinner, Bible storytime, crafts, and games. Contact Carley if you have questions.

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. Luncsford). 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](#)

2nd Annual 1st Pres Art Camp July 6th - 9th, 9:30 am - 11:45 am

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 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](#)

Save the Dates

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

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 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 in Youth Room at 1stPres and/or on Zoom.
- Masks are optional if you're meeting in-person.
- 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](https://www.1stpresdowntown.org/youth) on 1stPresdowntown.org

Groups & Gatherings



Knitting For Warmth

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

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.

