



1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week

Emily Rogers



Emily Post and the Bible

Thanksgiving...ah, what warm, wonderful memories: beautifully set table with candles and a lovely Autumn centerpiece. Our much-beloved auntie brought individual candles that were set before each place (boy and girl Pilgrims, turkeys, cornucopias), specially folded cloth napkins and China dishes were set on the lace tablecloth. The children had polished the silver and dinnerware to a high gloss shine. Matching glasses were [Read More](#)

This Week



Turkey Fund 2021

Help 1st Pres provide the blessing of a \$50 grocery card for needy

1st Pres families and individuals, community friends, school counselors, and nonprofit partners to help defray holiday food costs. Go to our Giving Portal and select 'Turkey Fund' to make a donation of any amount. You can also mail or drop a check off at the church during normal office hours. Turkey Fund envelopes are available for Sunday donations.

Office Closed

November 25 and 26

Our wonderful staff will be celebrating Thanksgiving this coming Thursday with an additional day to prepare for our busy Advent season. We hope you all have a wonderful day full of thanks and gratitude!



Neigh-tivity 2021

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES 2021

We are delighted to report that 1st Pres is gifting six families this year. We're doing one thing a bit differently this year - there is no need to wrap your gift donations. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to one of the Deacons.

Meet the families and other program details can be found [here](#).



Youth Progressive Dinner

Saturday, December 18

We are currently searching for hosts for a Youth Holiday Progressive Dinner! Our fabulous hosts provide a portion of a multicourse evening (appetizer, main course, dessert) and get to enjoy the company of our awesome students! This is a great time to build connection with our students. If you, or maybe your small group, would be interested in hosting a portion of our evening, please reach out to [Kierstie](#).

December 4 | 12 - 3 pm
Sherman Park (next to Pita Pit)

How does an afternoon of caroling, petting farm animals, hot beverages and even a photo opportunity in front of a manger scene sound? We need volunteers and a sign-up sheet will be popping up soon in Krueger Hall. You can help us make this a great event for our community!

Let it Snow!

The Women's Association is once again pleased to announce that Joyce Liechti has created a stunning quilt to be raffled off in December. This lovely quilt will be on display in Krueger Hall starting this Sunday, with tickets for sale. The winner will be announced on December 19th.



All proceeds benefit Women's Association student scholarships.

2022 Stewardship Campaign Bridging to the Future



Don't forget to submit your pledge card for 2022 giving. It can be found by clicking the link below, or our website on the [Giving](#) page or you can pick up a copy from the office.

Pledge cards are available [here](#) or at the church.

Sunday's Service Watch again or for the 1st time!

Be thankful in all circumstances - it's God's will.
Easy to say but maybe not so easy to practice.
Gratitude takes practice AND expression. Listen to Pastor Neal as he explains how we can go from ME to WE.

[Watch for the first time or watch it again!](#)



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

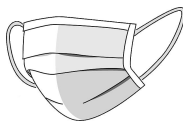
[Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel](#)

Church News

Prayer Shawls Available



Our knitters and crocheters have been working their magic and 10 shawls and one lap robe are currently available. They can be found in the **Fireside Room**. Please be sure to complete the Prayer Shawl Ministry sheet so we can track who's been gifted and that prayers for them continue.



Please Note

Masks are highly recommended in any group setting.

November Schedule

Sundays

7:55 am Bible Study - Lakeside Conference Room

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 - [see schedule](#)

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Hi Families!

Adventure Kids' Club Details

Join in on this social opportunity with faith formation, games, and a craft. Our fall/winter session focuses on learning about

Jesus and ourselves through a look at New Testament parables. Any child, kindergarten through 5th grade, is invited to attend.

[Register here](#)

TIME: 6:30-8:00 pm

DATE: Wednesday: December 1



Masks are strongly recommended, but not required by our Session at this time.

Fall Schedule

December

- Neightivity, Saturday, December 4th | 12 noon - 3 pm | Sherman Park : Join us for caroling, take photos in our manger scene, enjoy a hot beverage and pet some cute animals.

I am praying for you and your families!

Carley

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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 Starting November 14th

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

Saturday Men's Breakfast @ Calypso Coffee Roasters

On the 2nd and 4th Saturday, September through May, the men of 1st Pres are invited to come together for fellowship and a bite to eat. We meet at 7:30 am at Calypso Coffee. Email [Dan Brown](#) or call 208.755.9087 for details.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

7:55 am in the Lakeside Conference Room

Our Sunday morning bible study, led by Chris and Eric Fehr meets at 7:55 am in the Lakeside Room off of Krueger Hall. Join in person or with this [Zoom link](#).



Knitting For Warmth

Please join us for fellowship and a little creative time every Friday 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

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.

