



## 1st Pres eNews

October 25, 2022

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### Blog of the Week

Kierstie Renninger

#### A Simple Form of Gratitude

*"Joy is the simplest form of gratitude."* - Karl Barth



Ahh ... fall is finally here, and so are the traditions that come with the season; crisp air, falling leaves, cozying up on the couch with a good ... [Read More](#)

## This Week

### Fall Harvest Celebration

Saturday, Oct 29 | 10-3 pm

**Volunteers Needed This Saturday!**



It's finally here ... this week ... and we hope you'll all come by! We are very excited about this event, sponsored by the Community Outreach committee, Children & Families, as well as our Youth Ministries.



### Meet 'n Greet

November 4 | 5-7 pm | Krueger Hall

Join us on Friday, November 4 from 5-7 pm for some light refreshments and an opportunity to meet with new and old church friends. All are welcome. Visitors and new regular attenders are encouraged to attend! Let's get to know each other!

### Annual Turkey Fund Drive

Our annual turkey

1st Pres is planning on several tents with crafts for children, animals for petting, a photo booth, free hot cider and hot chocolate on 5th Street, in front of our gravel parking lot.

If you have Fall decorating ideas or can help with the event set-up or take-down, please let us know by contacting the church office or contact Donna Schwandt. The volunteer sign-up sheet is in the church office.

The hub of the Apple Palooza and Farmers Market festivities are at Sherman and 5th, but it extends down 5th Street from Coeur d'Alene Ave (1st Pres) to Front St.



fund drive is ready to kick-off! For many years, the Missions Committee has collected your very kind donations

to buy gift certificates from local grocery stores. These certificates are offered to local families who could use a little extra love for the holidays and who otherwise would not be able to afford to prepare a bountiful Thanksgiving or Christmas meal that they can share together with family.

The certificates we purchase are offered to individuals through our local schools, by affiliated Mission Partners, by the Deacons Christmas Families, and also through our new 1<sup>st</sup> Neighborhood Ministry.

You can donate to the annual Turkey Fund on our church website, during Sunday offering, or in Krueger Hall (look for the Turkey boxes) throughout November and part of December. Your generosity is appreciated.

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## Snack Attack Food Drive!

~ October ~



Our Snack Attack drive is winding down, but you can still contribute! Look for healthy snacks

- high in nutrition / low in sugar. Return your bag this Sunday or drop them by the church office during the week.



Hosting Family Promise

**We Are Hosting Nov 6-13**

Our next hosting week begins Nov 6! The sign-up board in Krueger Hall is filling up, but we can always use volunteers, especially for set-up and take-down. Please contact Teri Burch, Judy Flieger or Ann Smart if you have have any questions.



Congregational Meeting

**Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, November 20th

It's that time of year - voting for our new slate of Elders, Deacons and Nominating committee. Please plan on staying for a very brief meeting after the 9 am service on Nov. 20 or come a little early if you attend the 10:30 service.

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## Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



squander the present, waiting for our lives to look a certain way before we follow Christ; but the Lord says to each of us, "Now is the day." He is present now, inviting us to follow Him today.

[Watch this service for the first time or once again!](#)

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

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

## Church News

### Lois Tupy Recap

~ Redemptive Compassion ~

Lois began her October 14th presentation with these words, "I'm going to make you very uncomfortable. I want to leave you disturbed." These are trying times; we have many who are wounded and/or hurting in our world; her extraordinary model of redemptive compassion is so very important, necessary, meaningful.

We are pleased to report that the Friday night seminar (10/14) was attended by around 60 people, representing 9 different churches, St Vincent de Paul and other entities. Saturday's workshop (10/15) had more than 35 in attendance.

[Read more about last weekend.](#)

### Mission Trip Planning Underway

The Missions Committee is looking to send a mission team out in the spring or summer of 2024. Exactly where and when are yet to be determined. If you might be interested in being a team leader, please contact Richard Morrow through the church office.

### Welcome Leighton James Stone!

Congratulations to Charley, Pastor McLane and Epperly Stone on the arrival of their new bundle of joy, Leighton James! May he be blessed with good health, happiness, and prosperity throughout his life.

Leighton made his arrival on Thursday, October 13th and weighed in at 7 lbs, 7 oz. Both mama and baby are healthy and resting comfortably. We wish the entire family joy and restful nights (joy now, rest in its time :-).



### Small Groups

Are you interested in finding out about the Small Group activities 1st Pres offers? We have many opportunities to explore! A few are listed below.

You can find information on our website. If you can't find what you're looking for, please call the office.

[Christ Care Groups](#)

[Men's Fellowship](#)

[Sunday Bible Study](#)

[Women's Circles](#)

## October Schedule

## Sundays

7:15 am Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:55 am Bible Study

9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & Online

10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary

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Masks are recommended if you are vulnerable.

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DOXA 11 am in Gym

## Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen

ARMS Meeting

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

## Children & Family Ministry

### Volunteer Needed This Weekend

There are a few Sunday School dates that need to be filled-in for the next couple weeks. We must have the specified amount of volunteers not only to keep the age groups separated, but as a legal best practice. We are also looking to add some volunteers to our team. I am happy to meet to show you what we go over. Your first Sunday will be as an assisting teacher (not the main teacher), so you have someone else to watch and learn from!

#### Dates needed:

This Sunday - One helper for 1st-5th (Esther)

11/6 - All volunteer positions available (Nehemiah)

### Fall Festival This Saturday

The Fall Festival is this Saturday 10-3pm. Community Outreach, Youth, and Children's committees are so excited to see you there! Apple Palooza tickets are still on sale as well, and the Family Farmer's Market will be going on as well. We will have a petting zoo, crafts, and so much more! Check the weekly Children's Newsletter for more information! A few volunteers are still needed, please let me know you want to help!

### Special Events:

**10/29** Fall Festival

**12/18** Unpageant

Email Kyler for more information if you would like to volunteer:

[1stpreschildren@gmail.com](mailto:1stpreschildren@gmail.com). You can also check the volunteer sign-up sheet to sign-up for Sunday School and to help with kids' events:

Sunday School and Event Volunteer  
Signup

Background Check Form

# Youth Ministry

## Sunday Morning Youth Group

Join us in the Youth Room!

Join us Sunday mornings in the Youth Room for connection and discipleship during the 9 am service. Contact [Kierstie](#) for details.

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## Sign-up for the Youth Family Newsletter

Get connected with our family newsletter!  
Email [Kierstie](#) to receive the newsletters.

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## Searching for Volunteers

Our team has many fun events planned for our youth, and we would love your help and participation! We are still seeking additional volunteers to help ensure that each event runs smoothly. There are many ways to get involved, from chaperoning big events, serving meals, hiking with students, etc. Please email Kierstie if you would like to get involved!

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## Check Out Our Schedule

Join our group on the Band App to see our schedule, upcoming events, and more! Don't forget to turn on notifications. Click [here](#) to join!