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**Blog of the Week**

Carley Walker



**A Reflection on my Favorite Scripture**

Recently, the staff was asked to provide their favorite scripture. It took no time for me to determine that I would send Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (NIV). I was left reflecting how my views of that scripture ... [Read More](#)

**This Week**

**Adventures in Caring**

**Have You Ordered Your Flower Basket?**

Give Love · Get Love



Adventures In Caring

Thank you for letting me

**LOVE1st**

by letting me serve you with the love of Christ

Did you know that 1st Pres has always offered partial camp scholarships? These funds come from various fundraising activities and your generous contributions.

This past Sunday, Yvette Wyatt and Sam Logozzo introduced the new program, Adventures in Caring, which helps our small members understand there is a missional connection to their scholarship by encouraging service. This is an exciting way to help our kiddos earn a scholarship for camp this summer.

In keeping with our “Love First” message, the children are encouraged to do something helpful or kind for a friend, family member, or neighbor. It could be something physical like gardening or something simple like writing a letter. Once completed they are asked to write or draw a picture about the experience on the Camp Scholarship Helping record sheet.

If you'd like to learn more about the program, please contact Yvette, Sam or Carley.



These perfect gifts for a mother, a friend, or yourself are available to order now!

**What:** Mixed floral baskets as well as orange, pink & red geraniums

**Cost:** \$36 each

**Why:** Proceeds fund our camp scholarships!

**Order:** Call the office, email [Carley](#) or call her at 208.215.5337, or call Jeannie Logozzo at 425.359.6307.

**Payment:** Prepay by check or through our secure online payment portal located [here](#). You can also pay at pick-up.

**Pick-up:** Tuesday, May 4th from 10 am to 4 pm at the church.

**Get your orders in soon!**

**There will be a sign-up table in Krueger Hall this Sunday!**

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## Knitting for Warmth is Back!



This past Friday, seven dedicated knitters and crocheters met for the first time since March of 2020. It was so much fun getting together and visiting in person! They are meeting in the Fireside room to maintain

and crocheted lap blankets to their creative portfolio. Some, especially men, prefer to have a lap blanket rather than a shawl. The group hopes to get some completed in the next couple of months.

As always, completed shawls (and lap blankets when completed) are stored in the conference room at the church and are available for pick-up. There is a record

social distancing, although all are fully vaccinated. They are united in the decision to keep social distancing for now.

There are currently eight shawls ready for distribution at the church. Some of the wonderful knitters who could not attend last Friday report that they have more shawls ready.

The group has decided to change things up a bit! They are excited to add knitted

shawl or blanket is taken to be gifted. Please note who is to receive the gift so they can be kept in prayer.

All are welcome to come and join this wonderful group. Don't know how to knit or crochet? No problem! There are ladies there who can teach you and help you get started on a beautiful creation.

If you have questions or concerns, contact the Church Officer or Carolyn Peterson.

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# DOXA

Starting Sunday, May 2, DOXA Church will be moving their worship time from 4 pm to 11 am. They will be using the Gym, the Fireside Room and the Conference Room. The timing is set to avoid as much interference with our normal operations as much as possible.

Parking should be plentiful (Doxa has about 40 members right now). And if 1stPres needs to use the Gym for a

special, planned event DOXA would find other arrangements for that Sunday.

We pray that offering portions of our building to DOXA in this way will both bless them as they seek to build their church and reach people with the Good News of Jesus, and bless us by bringing new life and new approaches to ministry into our midst.

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## Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



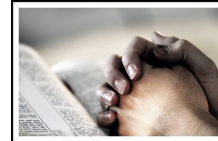
Does the Bible suggest how we should be reading it? It has been used to control, abuse, and misinterpret. So how can we use this 2000 to 4000 year-old document? How can it be useful and helpful in our lives? Pastor Craig will use this six-week series to explore how the Bible suggests we should be reading it - presenting Jesus to humanity in a way which produces faith and following. Watch it for the first time or once again: Click here to watch [Useful](#).

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](#)

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



### Support our 38th Annual Back-to-School Clothing Giveaway

August 2021

The *Just Between Friends Spring Sale* at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds starts this Friday, April 9 through Sunday April, 11. This is a great source for purchasing items for our clothing giveaway! Contact Diane Wakkinen or Barb Prober for details.

Please remember, we're focusing on elementary-aged children (K-5<sup>th</sup>) and their clothing needs. New or gently used, we'll take it all.

All donations should be cleaned and in good shape. Drop them in a bag with a dryer sheet and 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 make your designation in the open field.

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### Christ Care Resource Books & Materials Available - *FREE!*

Recently, a "wealth" of study guides, commentaries, DVD's, song books etc. purchased over the years specifically for individual and small group study were found "hiding" in the basement!

They are FREE for your use as individuals or as a group study! They are on specifically marked shelves in the Fireside Room and will remain there through the month of April. Anything remaining after April will be donated to our area's charitable organizations.

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### April Schedule

#### Sundays

9 am Worship Service in Sanctuary & online. Social distancing with masks required at all times.

#### Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen  
ARMS

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## Children & Family Ministry



## Adventures in Caring

The Children and Family team is excited to offer you and your child/children an exciting way to receive a scholarship for camp this summer. In keeping with our “Love First” message, we would like to provide a way for your child/children to share the love of Christ with others in the community. This project is called Adventures in Caring. Please reach out if you did not receive a letter and would like further information.

## Adventure Kids' Club



Adventure Kids' Club began last week (Wednesday, April 7th)! There are still several open spots, please sign up by midnight tonight if your child would like to join us. You will find all the details here: [Register Now!](#)

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## Upcoming Events/Save the Date

- Join the Adventure Kids' Club spring session and [Register today](#). The spring session began on April 7th and will be held every other Wednesday until June 7th (with a celebration on the 16th).
- VBS July 12th through the 16th
- 1st Pres Lutherhaven Camp Week August 8th through the 16th.

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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.

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## 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!