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Blog of the Week

Chris Gray



Words of Wisdom 2

In my last blog I talked about a journal I have kept over the years filled with all kinds of “Quotable Quotes”, poems, stories, or things that really struck a chord. This next little tidbit I came across many years ago. Back then I found it humorous and got a good chuckle. At this stage of life, it’s not quite as humorous!

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This Week

Communion This Sunday

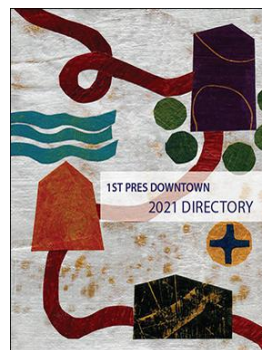
May 2nd



It’s hard to believe that May begins this weekend and with that we will be celebrating Holy Communion on Sunday, May 2.

We will be serving individual cups to those worshipping in the sanctuary. For those of you worshipping from home, please come prepared with your elements of bread and juice.

Church Directory 2021



We need your help updating our 2021 Church Directory! The directory was last published in 2019. We know that things change, especially after the year we’ve just had.

If your contact information has changed, please contact the church office either by [email](#) or call (please leave a message if no one picks up) 208.667.8446.

Free Book Give Away

Final Week!

These useful study materials will be donated to our area's charitable organizations at the end of this week. If you haven't had a chance to come by but are interested please contact Carolyn Keeper or call the office. They are on specifically marked shelves in the Fireside Room and will remain there through this Friday.



Welcome DOXA

Starting this Sunday, May 2, DOXA Church begins their worship time at 11 am. They will be using the Gym, the Fireside Room, and the Conference Room.

We pray that offering portions of our building to DOXA blesses them and blesses us by bringing new life and new approaches to ministry into our midst.

CDAIDE is Hiring! Care/Volunteer Coordinator

CDAIDE has an opening for a Care and Volunteer Coordinator in Coeur d'Alene starting in early May. The Care and Volunteer Coordinator will oversee CDAIDE's program to provide emergency financial assistance to workers in the restaurant and hospitality industry. Additionally, this position will oversee and develop CDAIDE's volunteer program which engages volunteers in various capacities to assist hospitality workers and the organization itself. For details visit [INDEED](#). Pass it on!! Applications must be received by May 7th.

Flower Basket Sale Final Week

There are only a few left!

Wow! We have sold almost all of our Mother's Day Flower Baskets! We have a handful left, so if you are still waiting to order, now is the time! Reminder: **Pick-up is on May 4th** between 9:30 and 4:00

You do **NOT** need to be a member to be included in the directory!

Our Site Search is Working Again!

Websites can be tricky things. Hopefully the organization of our site makes sense but there are times when no matter how hard you look, what you are looking for seems to be hiding.

When we first launched the site last summer we had the ability to search. But something happened - nothing we did. After many phone calls to Support, we were assured that it was a known issue and they were working on it. When last checked, it still wasn't working until late last week!!

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SUNDAYS

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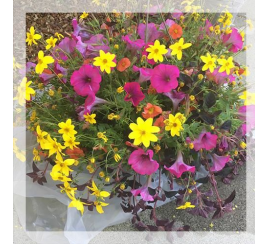
CALENDAR

Search



You will find, at the top right side of every web page, the search module. Click into that box, type away and fingers crossed you will find what you are looking for!

in the grass outside the gym if it's sunny, or in the gym, if the weather decides not to cooperate. If you haven't paid, feel free to pay when you pick up or if you'd like to expedite the process you can pay online through our secure payment portal here: [Giving Portal](#)



On behalf of the Children and Family Team, we want to sincerely thank you all for the continued support. The generosity of our congregation continues to support our Love First mission, blessing the children of our church and our community!

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!



Choosing right from wrong - this week's focus. As usual, there's quite a bit to absorb in this week's message, e.g. *All scripture is breathed out by God* - 2 Timothy 3:16. Breath that in! This week's reading assignment: read Leviticus and look for 2 or 3 principles of right and wrong that still apply today. Watch the service for the first time or once again: Click here to [watch Useful](#).

Did you sing the song about Zacchaeus in Sunday School? If you did, you know the story Carley told this past Sunday. Her version is worth a listen! You can find her [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

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.

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

August 2021



Adventures in Caring



Please remember our clothing drive for elementary-aged children (K-5th) 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 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.

Our new program, Adventures in Caring, helps our small members understand there is a missional connection to their camp scholarship by encouraging service. This is an exciting way to help our kiddos earn those scholarships 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 have a 'helping' idea, please contact Yvette, Sam or Carley.

Union Gospel Mission

Mission Committee In the News

The Union Gospel Mission facility, located in Coeur d'Alene, ID is for women and their children and offers a safe and healing environment for those experiencing the devastating impact of poverty, homelessness, abuse, addiction, and domestic violence. Assistance available includes legal, dental and medical. Additionally, there are educational opportunities such as the ability to complete a GED diploma, classes including cooking and finance with plans for classes in massage therapy, anatomy and kinesiology. This summer (July), a new thrift store is opening which will provide vocational training. Volunteers staff most of these endeavors.



volunteers model and express the love of God daily with the hope the residents will feel that love and find a new path that supports their recovery.

The women/children may stay in the program for two years with the option to move to nearby supportive housing for an additional two years. They must remain addiction free. A local minister has offered to work with any who have completed their four years and have expressed the need for ongoing support.

Finding sobriety is challenging and the

We are happy to report that 87% of donations go directly to services with 13% toward administrative and fundraising

staff have developed a five-phase program based on truth and love. While Faith is not required, the administration and

costs. We are so fortunate to have a place like this in CdA. It is clean, cheerful, and well run.

April Schedule

Sundays

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

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Children & Family Ministry



Adventures in Caring Details!

If your child would like to earn their scholarship, they will need to participate in the Adventures of Caring "Give Love, Get Love" program. I have a list started for the students who I know are going to be participating to get their scholarship. Please contact me to be added to the list if you have not already done so.

Action items and key details

- Inform Carley that you would like your child(ren) to participate in the program by **MAY 1st**. They must complete the project in order to receive their scholarship! When registering your child on the Camp Lutherhaven website you will be prompted to enter your donating church and the amount. We will be contributing 50% of camp costs for children who attend camp during the week of August 8th through the 13th AND who complete the Adventures in Caring scholarship program.
 - During the first week of May, I will mail the participants a package with the record sheet and some business cards that they can give to the individuals they decide to show love to by volunteering for them in some way.
1. May 19th at 5:30 pm in the gym. 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.
 2. June 6th 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.
 3. June 27th 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.

- The Acts of Caring (three volunteer opportunities) need to be completed, and the very simple form (see attached) needs to be turned in to me or the church office by August 1st. We ask that the children fill out their own form using their best penmanship. If they are not writing yet, they can draw a picture of their volunteer activity. These record sheets will be displayed in Krueger Hall as part of our Missions Outreach because that is exactly what your children are doing, being missionaries for Jesus right here in our community!
- We know you are busy and we don't want to add more to your plate, thus, we will be offering three volunteer opportunities for your children to use as their Acts of Caring. They can decide to help friends, family, or neighbors too! The act doesn't have to be grand or take a full day. We just want the children to understand the missional aspect of being a Jesus follower. The act could be sending a card to a sick relative, drawing a picture for a neighbor, weeding a garden bed, or even helping a sibling! Here are the three opportunities we will be providing:



Upcoming Events/Save the Date

- Join the Adventure Kids' Club spring session and [Register Now](#). The spring session began on April 7th and will be held every other Wednesday until June 7th (with a celebration on the 16th). Check in with Carley if you'd still like your kiddo to join.
- VBS July 12th through the 16th
- 1st Pres Lutherhaven Camp Week August 8th through the 16th.

Summer Schedule

Art Camp (1st through 5th grade at Hands to Art) - July 6-9th 9:30am -12:00 pm

Mommy and Me Story Time and Pottery Painting at Hands to Art- Wed. June 23rd, 10-11 am.

Lutherhaven Family Camp: July 23rd through the 25th 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

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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](https://www.1stPresdowntown.org/youth) on [1stPresdowntown.org](https://www.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!