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LOVE 1st

This Week's eNews

August 18, 2026

Blog of the Week

Stephanie Rogge

Like many of you, my thoughts and prayers are with the families who lost their homes in the Spokane fires. For many of our neighbors, their lives changed in an instant. Homes that once represented safety have been lost, leaving families displaced and uncertain about their futures. I can only imagine how ... Read More

Important Links

1stPresDowntown.org

Church Calendar

1st Pres on Facebook

Giving

Prayer Requests

1st Pres on YouTube

Family Ministry

Summer Worship Series - Update!

Tomorrow |August 19 | 4 pm - 7 pm

Join us for an incredible evening of **faith, fun, and fellowship** at Bluegrass Park in CdA as part of our Summer Worship Series! Bring your swimsuit and your appetite — we'll have:

- Catered Picnic Dinner
- Park & Splash Pad
- Bounce House
- 1st Pres Fellowship

Come ready to relax, connect, and **celebrate our Love1st mission** — gathering as a church family to share life, lift up love, and grow in God's Spirit together.

Event Address: 6071 N. Courcelles Parkway, Coeur d'Alene

A Note from Renee

Pop-up Choir

Sunday, August 30 | 9 am Service

Everyone is invited to join our Pop-Up Choir event on August 30th! **No Auditions!!!**

We'll have two rehearsals at 8:20 on **August 23** and **August 30**. Come to one or both as desired. We are singing **Hallelujah to the Saints**, and a big choir will be SO FUN! I can't wait to direct the ending. :) Music is in the office behind the sanctuary on the table. See John Schwandt or Renee with questions.

Fall Kick-off & Potluck

Sun, Sept 13 | Following Combined Service

Mark your calendars! Our annual Fall Potluck will be held on September 13th. As usual, it will follow a

****Please bring a camp chair, or something to sit on!**
REGISTER TODAY!
Questions? Contact Kierstie

Register Here: [Wednesday, August 19]

combined service at 9 am. The menu has changed a bit so stay tuned for details!

Hosting Family Promise
Sunday, September 13 - 20

You can start to sign-up to volunteer for our hosting week! Please contact Rondi, Ann, Teresa or the office if you have questions.

Inland Northwest Opera Rehearsing
Performances at NIC September 11 & 13

You may hear opera music on campus next week! The Inland Northwest Opera company will be rehearsing in our gym for their upcoming performance of Die Fledermaus at NIC's Schuler Auditorium. Big name opera singers including a couple who've sung at the Met in New York will be performing. The comic opera, *Die Fledermaus*, will be performed on Friday, September 11 and Sunday, September 13. If you'd like to attend, tickets are on sale or you can be a volunteer and see the performance for free.

Purchase Tickets | Volunteer Here

In Memory
Fern Seibert
September 3, 1934 - August 4, 2026

Long-time member, Fern Seibert, entered the loving arms of Jesus on August 4th. Please keep Fern's family in your prayers. Fern's Obituary

Sunday's Service

This past Sunday we asked what it looks like to walk with God through change. Joshua stood at the edge of the Jordan with nothing familiar left behind him — and God had one word for him: be strong and courageous, for I am with you wherever you go. Watch Now

General News

Scroll to the bottom of this week's eNews and find out what 1st Pres'ers are doing in the community!
We're adding new events all the time!

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From the Presbytery

Spokane Fire Disaster Relief

How You Can Help

Dear Believers:

In Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fashion I invite you to:

Pray. Many of us in the Spokane area are tired and feel heavy with the burden of uncertainty — are our houses still standing?

May Christ give us peace and strength as we lead people and respond with care and compassion in our communities.

Give:

- Please share the Presbytery website — the donate button is at the bottom of the page. On the last giving screen you can designate funds to “disaster relief”. **Start Here**
- Special offering — your Session may wish to invite your congregation to participate in a special offering on Sunday or in the coming weeks. Again, this can be designated for disaster relief and can be sent to our PIN offices @

  Presbytery of the Inland NW
  PO Box 8055
  Spokane, WA 99203

Know that I am praying for you and am available for prayer or conversation — I want to support you!

Blessings, Sheryl Kinder-Pyle

The EarthCare Team has placed drop-off boxes in Krueger Hall for your AAA, AA, C and D cell batteries to be recycled. Additionally, plastic grocery and newspaper bags will be collected and dropped off at Winco.

Welcome/Membership

Directory Updates!

You can submit a new photo, new or updated contact information at any time. We'll be keeping the backdrop up in Krueger Hall for a few more weeks. You can send update information to the office at any time.

Prayer Shawls & Lap Blankets

Getting Connected

Small Groups

Learn how to grow and connect at 1st Pres. Visit the **Discipleship page** on our website for a full list or use the links below.

Small Group Links

Men's Studies
Sermon-Based Small Groups
Sunday Morning Bible Study
Women's Studies

Ongoing Giving

Feeding Families: Use a provided envelope or the **Giving Portal**. Choose Neighborhood Closet and designate Feeding Families in the description field.

Knitting For Warmth

You'll find a lovely selection of shawls & lap blankets in the Fireside Room. Be sure to complete the sign-out sheet so we know where our prayers should be directed.

My Registry

1st Pres Neighborhood Closet

You can help anytime by going here!

Fundraising for Belize Trip: Be sure to mark any donation 'Missions Trip'. **Donate**

Be Aware

Community Service - Scam Information

Sadly, phishing is part of our lives and it's important to be vigilant.

Please know that Pastor McLane will **NEVER** reach out to individuals asking for money or gift cards. This is a scam. Please ignore and report it to the office.

Keep Collecting Those Pull Tabs!

Ronald McDonald House

Please save your pull tabs and place them in container at the Welcome Desk! Your participation in this ongoing fundraiser is always appreciated! **Thank you**!

Those little pop tabs are worth $.62 a pound. What's really amazing is that those little tabs amount to anywhere between $3000- $5000 a year for the Ronald McDonald House.

Sunday Parking

Parking at 1st Pres

Sundays | 8 am - 1 pm

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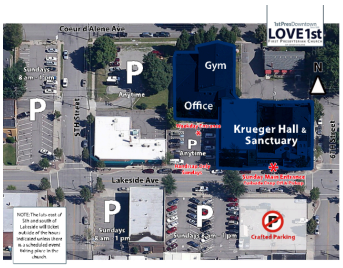

1st Pres Parking Map

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Weekly @ 1stPres

Sundays

9 am Classic Service in Sanctuary & Online

9:15-ish Sunday School

10:30 am Contemplative Service in Sanctuary

Thursdays

Ecumenical Kitchen Lunch

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Family Ministry

High School Youth

We're excited about our gathering for Grades 9–12**.** We meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. This time is designed just for high schoolers — a space to build community, share life together, and grow deeper in faith.

Expect meaningful conversations, plenty of laughter, and a chance to connect in a way that's real and life-giving. Bring a friend and be part of something new! Contact **Kierstie** if you have questions.

Middle School Youth

We've launched a fresh format designed to help students, grades 6-8, build meaningful friendships, share laughter, and grow deeper in their relationship with God.

Except for the first Sunday of the month, when the youth are invited to participate in Communion, we'll be meeting, once dismissed, in the Youth Room.

Contact **Kierstie** if you have questions.

Opportunities for Youth to Serve

Middle & High Schoolers: We want to serve with you! Are you ready to jump in and use your gifts and talents to live our Love1st mission? Contact Kierstie to get connected with any of the opportunities below:

Middle & High School:

- Kids Zone Volunteer (between Sunday Services)
- Greeters @ Welcome Desk (Sunday Mornings)
- Scripture Readers (Sunday 9 am Service)

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Can you help on Sunday morning with our Sunday School program?

Sign-up Here

Get Involved!
Church Center
Download Now!

church center
by planning center

Families with infants to college kids, we'd love to have you join us in worship and fellowship throughout the year. Getting connected will give you the option to check-in/check-out for Sunday School, RSVP for upcoming events, and view our summer calendar all from the convenience of your phone! Download the Church Center app and get connected!

Download and join TODAY!

Off Campus Participation Waivers

For children and youth participating in any off campus church events, we **MUST** have a current participation waiver on file prior to the event. This includes special events like Tree to Tree, lake days, Confirmation, etc. Thank you!

Access Code: Love1st

2026 PARTICIPATION WAIVER

1st Pres in the Community

What We're Doing Around Town

Music

Who: Craig Catlett (Common Ground)
Where: Barrister Winery, Spokane
When: August 19, 2026 | 6-9 pm

Who: Carol Harrison-Romerdahl
Where: Studio 107, Coeur d'Alene
When: August 21, 2026 | 5-7 pm

Who: Craig Catlett (Spare Parts)
Where: Highlands Golf Course Grill, Post Falls
When: August 22, 2026 | 6-9 pm

Who: Craig Catlett, Eric Haakenson, Tom Richards (Bucket List)
Where: Studio 107, Coeur d'Alene
When: August 28, 2026 | 5-7 pm

Categories are:

- Entertainment | Arts | Community
- Ministry | Non-profit
- In the Neighborhood

Please submit content to **Janet** for review and posting.

If you have any questions contact **Janet** or **Bonnie**.

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