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This Week's eNews

August 25, 2026

Blog of the Week

Renee Kurtz

My Mom never misses an opportunity to remind Steve that he can tell me NO. Thankfully, it goes in one ear and out the other, but it always makes me laugh. I'm a creative thinker who's intrinsically driven. The school district has no idea what a bonus they receive from giving me the summer ... Read More

Important Links

1stPresDowntown.org

Church Calendar

1st Pres on Facebook

Giving

Prayer Requests

1st Pres on YouTube

Celebration of Life
Audrey Ann Sines
Saturday, August 29 | 2 pm

We are celebrating Audrey's precious life this Saturday, August 29th. Please join us at 2 pm in the Sanctuary. There will be a cookie reception immediately following the service in Krueger Hall.

Family Promise
Information & Training
Sun, August 30 | 11:30 am | Lakeside Room

Angie, Family Promise Volunteer Coordinator, is repeating the informational program she gave last spring for those who could not attend. She was very pleased with the turnout and we had very positive feedback. For those of you who are new or would like an update on policies and procedures, please consider this opportunity immediately following the Contemplative Service from 11:30 - 12:30 in the Lakeside Room this Sunday.

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!!!**

Hosting Family Promise
Sunday, September 13 - 20

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

There is one more rehearsal at 8:20 am this Sunday. 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.

Celebration of Life

Jo Teater

May 22, 1949 - August 18, 2026

Long-time member and friend, Jo Teater, is now resting in Jesus' loving arms. She left us on August 18th.

Please keep Dave and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

A service to celebrate her life will be held on **Wednesday**, **September 2nd at 11 am** in the Sanctuary with a cookie reception following in Krueger Hall.

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

Passing

Chelle Haakenson

May 8, 1964 - August 22, 2026

Our dear friend, Chelle (Michelle) Haakenson, lost her courageous battle with cancer last week. Surrounded by her family and friends, she stepped into Jesus' loving arms. Please keep Eric and their entire family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sunday's Service

What if worry isn't helping us prepare for tomorrow — but keeping us from fully living today? Join us this Sunday as we explore Jesus' invitation to look at the birds, consider the lilies, and remember that our heavenly Father knows what we need. We don't have to control tomorrow. We can trust God with it — and receive today as a gift. **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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Inland Northwest Opera Rehearsing

Performances at NIC September 11 & 13

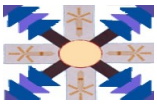
You may soon hear opera music on campus! The Inland Northwest Opera company is rehearsing in our gym for their upcoming performance of Die Fledermaus at NIC's Schuler Auditorium. The comic opera will be performed on Friday, Sept 11 and Sunday, Sept 13. Tickets are on sale or you can be a volunteer and see the performance for free.

[Purchase Tickets](#) | [Volunteer Here](#)

From the Presbytery

Spokane Fire Disaster Relief

How You Can Help



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”. There is a line to write in the donation is for Spokane Fire Relief. [Start Here](#)
- Donations made to 1st Pres for Spokane Fire Relief will be directed to the Presbytery.

They will be designated for disaster relief and will 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!

We will be closing updates to the directory for our early September print. You can always send it updates.

Prayer Shawls & Lap Blankets

Knitting For Warmth

You'll find a lovely selection of shawls & lap blankets in the Fireside Room. Be sure to

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.

complete the sign-out sheet so we know where our prayers should be directed.

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.

Sunday Parking

Parking at 1st Pres

Sundays | 8 am - 1 pm ONLY

1st Pres Parking Map
[Download a Full-size Map Here]

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**

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.

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.

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.

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.

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
Access Code: Love1st

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.

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!

2026 PARTICIPATION WAIVER

1st Pres in the Community

What We're Doing Around Town

Events

Who: David Rogge (Stephanie's Son)
What: Rathdrum Rumble

Where: NIC Parker Technical Education Center, Rathdrum
When: September 26, 2026 | 9 am - 3 pm
Enter a car or simply visit the event. Event Details

In Search of ...

Who: Rondi Bogwald
What: Borrow a Car Seat
Circumstances: Rondi has family visiting and needs to borrow a car seat (2 year old) for one week.
If You Can Help: Please contact the Office

Music

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

Who: Craig Catlett (Rusty Jackson)
Where: The Social, Spokane Valley
When: September 6, 2026 | Noon

Who: Craig Catlett (Rusty Jackson)
Where: Bolos Grill, Spokane Valley
When: September 9, 2026 | 6-9 pm

Who: Craig Catlett, Eric Haakenson, Tom Richards (Bucket List)
Where: Studio 107, Coeur d'Alene
When: September 12, 2026 | 5-7 pm

Who: Carol Harrison-Romerdahl
Where: Studio 107, Coeur d'Alene
When: September 18, 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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