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## Blog of the Week

Sabbatical Management  
 Team



Pastor Jennie said farewell last week with her [wonderful blog](#). We thought it would be nice to hear from the sabbatical management team for their perspective on her time with us. Jennie served us with grace, wisdom and kindness during these very trying times. We have been blessed! Thank you Jennie!

[A Fond Farewell to Jennie Barber - Read More](#)

## This Week

### Worship This Week

We are once again opening the sanctuary doors for in-person worship at 9 am beginning this Sunday, August 9th. We are following all previously established protocols including strongly encouraging the wearing of masks. You can also enjoy watching the service remotely by visiting our [YouTube channel](#).



### 2020 Clothing Giveaway - August 22

Set-up for the Clothing Giveaway begins on August 19th and we need your help - **men especially are welcome!** There are all sorts of details below. We're setting up Wed through Fri (Aug 19 - 21). We also need workers on Aug 22 to assist our guests. Again, **men we need you!** Call Barb Proper for details and to let her know when you can come on down!

## Ecumenical Kitchen Aug 6th

This Week



1st Pres is serving sack lunches on Thursday, August 6th. Our guests will be arriving around 11:30 so lunches need to be delivered no later than 11 am.

Can you help? Please call Bev Rasor or the church office for details and specific instruction.



## Spiritual Power Lunch

Fellowship and a re-set in the middle of the week!

This eight-week series on John 15 has no beginning and no end (in terms of the universe). You can join at any time - you can pick-up and enjoy this time together with us as we study the word.

This time of encouragement with friends in the Lord can be a great boost in the middle of our week. Bring lunch to eat while we watch and discuss a short video - Going deeper with God and each other. **All are welcome at any time!**

Questions? Contact Wendy Wilson

**Dates:** Wednesdays, July 1 - Aug 19

**Time:** 12 noon - 12:45

**Where:** Krueger Hall

## Butterflies and Memories

ALSO This Week!



Orchard Ridge is thinking creatively and as a result are hosting a Drive-through Fundraiser!

Thursday, August 6, 2020

5 pm - 6:30 pm

Every dollar raised helps fund their Assisted Living and Memory Care residents who benefit from charitable Christian care.

Vehicles should enter at the 624 W Harrison Ave entrance and exit at the Highway 95 entrance/exit.

## Lutherhaven Camp for All!

August 11 through August 13

Next Week



Lutherhaven has done a FABULOUS job of planning a fun and meaningful program amid the

chaos of this pandemic. They are making every effort to ensure our safety while still allowing for a whole lot of fun. This is an amazing opportunity to enjoy the entire campground with your church family!

You'll find details and registration information [HERE](#).

Carley will contact you to discuss needs and pricing once you register. Contact Carley if you have questions.

## Niños con Valor News

Dana Laursen, Board Chair of Niños con



Valor, recently sent an update regarding the health and welfare of the children and staff at the orphanage. We've posted the letter on the website so you can read the details. [Read More](#)

## Volunteers Are Needed!

2020 Back-to-School Clothing Giveaway

August 22

We're having trouble rounding up the necessary person-power to make sure this year's clothing giveaway is a success. Set-up Wed-Fri will mainly be moving racks of clothing and organizing tables. Since we've limited our guests to elementary ages the set-up is smaller than it has been in the past.



Help the day of the event is especially important - not just during the actual event but with clean-up. Many hands make light work!

Following the CDC guidelines, masks will be required and we are limiting those entering at any given time. **Please call or email Barb Proper** and let her know when you are able to help. We thank you for your continued support in this venture, showing our community our Love First in action.

### Set-up & Final Sorting Schedule

August 19: Morning & Afternoon  
 August 20: Morning & Afternoon  
 August 21: Finalize set-up and signage

### The Day of the Event 8/22

7:30 - 8:30 am Set-up  
 8:30 - 11 am Doors Open  
 11 am- 12 noon Clean-up

### Sunday's Service

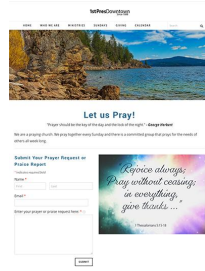
Watch again or for the 1st time!

Pastor Craig is back and didn't disappoint with his first post-sabbatical message. He spoke of rest and refreshment and the between spaces (you'll need to listen to pick up that thread!).

Welcome to our new Technical Coordinator, Blake Miller! As always, many thanks to the team that made broadcasting the service possible! [Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel](#)



## iPray Requests Online



As a praying church, we invite you to make prayer requests on behalf of yourself or others. This can be easily done using the page on our website:

[Prayer Requests](#)

Prayer requests are forwarded to the iPray team who lift your prayers and praise requests to God our Father. If you'd prefer to remain anonymous, be sure to mention that in your request. If you'd like Pastor Craig to know of your prayers, please mention that and the receptionists will pass on the information.

If you're having any trouble with the website, please [email Janet](#).

[Our 1st Pres Website](#)



**Visiting the  
Church Office**  
Our New Normal

Please call the office to schedule any appointments so we can make sure whomever you need to visit is available.

## Job Postings

### Custodian / Groundskeeper

We are still in search of our new Custodian/Groundskeeper. This is a full-time, hourly position which reports directly to the Church Administrator and is accountable to the Building and Grounds Team and to the Session of the church.

If you know of someone interested in this position, check out the full details on Indeed: [Custodian/Groundskeeper](#).

## Family Promise

You Can Help!

Sept 27 - Oct 4

Our gift to the guests of Family Promise are meals delivered to 'static' locations. Be thinking about what you'd like to contribute. Contact Teri Burch if you have questions: [riverburch1@gmail.com](mailto:riverburch1@gmail.com).

**1st Pres Hosting:** Sept 27 - Oct 4

**What's Needed:** Food Donations

Bill Burch will be coordinating food collection and distribution. If you have questions call: **208.755.3212**

## Youth Update



This week we will continue the series titled “What are you afraid of?” by AJ Crocker using the Rightnow Media platform. For those who are unable to attend, if you would like to catch up and follow along at home, log into Rightnow Media using the church account for access. The lesson will be followed by games and activities that allow for social distancing.

**Rightnow media**

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**This Wednesday, August 5th**

6:30 - 8:00

All youth are welcome to meet on Wednesday evenings for games and lessons led by the Youth Team!



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**LutherHaven Family Camp**

August 11 through August 13th

[Register Now](#) - Registration Closes August 5th



Let's all go! There are all sorts of details below in the Children's Ministry section or you can go to the registration link above to learn more. Carley will help you with the details!

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**Schedule**

**Sundays**

Sunday services are once again in the sanctuary and online. Contact Shastina to see if there will be any meetings at the

**Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm**

All youth are welcome to meet on Wednesdays for outdoor activities throughout the month of July.

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Please feel free to call or text me with questions, concerns, or prayer requests!

Shastina Blackston  
Youth Team Chair  
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## Children's Ministry

Hey Families,

Hello Families!



We just got back from Kindercamp at Lutherhaven on Sunday and I can report, Lutherhaven has done a FABULOUS job at planning a fun and meaningful program amid the chaos of this pandemic. They truly made every effort to ensure our safety while still allowing for a whole lot of fun. Here is just a sampling of what you can expect:

- Worship and campfire songs (outdoors and socially distanced).
- Delicious meals served outside on distanced picnic tables for each family unit (you will wear masks in the dining hall line where you will be served by the staff buffet style).
- Lots of activity options such as guided arts and crafts, self-led arts and crafts, tons of games for free play, a giant human swing, zipline, archery, climbing wall, a huge water slide, plenty of time in the water with paddleboards, canoes and tubes (certain activities require masks unless you can socially distance, which is very possible with our group).
- Plenty of time to reconnect with your church family
- There are many activities that children as young as 3 could easily participate in.

More details and how to register below!

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### Hangout at the Barn Followed by a Picnic Saturday, August 8th, 11 am

What can make hanging out with your church family even better? BABY ANIMALS! Join us at Big Red's Barn to fellowship with one another and to love on some adorable animals. The entry fee is \$8 which includes a feed cup; ages two and under are free with a paid adult.



If you have never been to Big Red's, you are missing out! [Check out their website](#). We will follow that up with a picnic at North Pines Park off of Luncesford. Please bring a sack lunch. Scholarships are available upon request,

e-mail [Carley@1stpresdowntown.com](mailto:Carley@1stpresdowntown.com) for more information about the event or for a scholarship. [Sign-up Now!](#)

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Lutherhaven is working with local groups to try and offer a modified camp experience. There will not be counselors provided by the camp, rather, the church will provide chaperones or you can attend as a family. The programming will consist of a combination of both Lutherhaven staff and church staff. There will be many activity options, although Lutherhaven doesn't know exactly what they will be at this time.

See rates and various camp options below. All rates include programming, but dining hall meals are a separate fee. We will be eating dinner on the 11th, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on the 12th and breakfast 13th.

**Family Camp Experience:** Your whole family can stay together in a cabin and enjoy the camp experience together. Another option is to split a cabin with another family you feel comfortable sharing close quarters with. You would be invited to all programming and meals. This would be a great time of fellowship and lots of fun!

### **Rates:**

**Cabin:** \$50 per night plus meals

**Tent Space:** \$20 per night plus meals\*

**RV Space:** \$40 per night plus meals\*

**Yurt:** \$40 per night plus meals

**Child/Youth Experience:** Send your child/youth (incoming 3rd grade through Highschool) to camp. This will be similar to a "normal" Lutherhaven experience except the counselor will be provided through the church. The cost for this option including lodging and meals would be a total of \$75.00. We will have cabins separated out by ages and gender. Depending on sign-ups, we hope to offer an elementary cabin, a middle school cabin (including incoming 6th graders), and a high school cabin.

\* You may bring your own food to prepare.

## Meal Daily Rates

### Adults: 18+ years

**Breakfast:** \$11.75

**Lunch:** \$13.25

**Dinner:** \$14.50

### Youth/Children

**Breakfast:** \$8.75

**Lunch:** \$9.75

**Dinner:** \$10.75

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**Zoom Connect and Learn**

July is shaping up to be a busy month! We will be taking a break from our Zoom Connect meetings in July, but will be back in August!

**Preschool - 1st Grade:**  
01:30 PM

**2nd - 5th Grade:**  
02:00 PM

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Meeting ID: 971 9629 1424  
Password: 3xD9DF

Meeting ID: 944 1859 1583  
Password: 9PQXg3

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## Save the Date

- Zoom Meeting
- Playdate at the Barn **August 8th, 11:00 am**
- Lutherhaven Family/Group Camp, **August 11-13**
- Family BBQ, **August 16th** following church (location TBD)

Have an excellent week!

Carley

[Carley@1stpresdowntown.org](mailto:Carley@1stpresdowntown.org) or 208-215-5337

## Groups & Gatherings

### Ministry Groups can meet at the church!

Please contact the church office to reserve a room for your Ministry group. Please remember that maintaining social distance and wearing masks is highly recommended. Emily and Chris, your amazing receptionists, will work with the Church Administrator to ensure spaces are available and cleaned properly.

### Staying In Touch

Remember that phone contact is a good substitute for in-person contact. Be sure to keep in touch with each other as a way to show Love 1st. 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!

