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Blog of the Week

Emily Rogers



Linking God and Country

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” So begins the second paragraph of our Declaration of Independence, telling Great Britain to release their grip on us so that we could form our own country. I feel so blessed to have grown ... [Read More](#)

This Week

Youth Meet n' Greet
Wednesday, July 7 | 6-7 pm

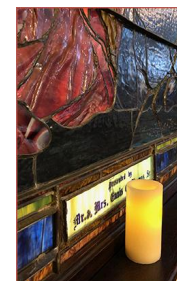


Our new interim Youth Director, Kierstie Renninger, is looking forward to connecting with students and families as we launch into a summer of fun!

If you're a family with a middle or high

Contemplative Worship Service
A Remedy to the Noise

The great physician is sharing the remedy to the noise that is stealing our peace. If you seek a quiet place where your soul can find some room to breathe, come check out the 10:30 Contemplative Service.



This service format is one where you can peacefully spend time worshiping in a thoughtful, intimate and relaxed style.

school student, OR a volunteer looking for ways to get involved, you're invited to join us Wednesday, July 7th for an open house style meet and greet from 6-7pm in the Youth Room off Krueger Hall.

Come by to get connected and hear what's happening this summer in youth ministry at 1st Pres. There will be light snacks and beverages provided. See you there!

Please contact [Kierstie](#) with any questions.

Some who have attended have shared that the later service time better fits their lifestyle and/or schedule.

If you feel called to participate by sharing your gifts in leadership (or a variety of available support roles) of this unique worship experience please contact the following:

Donna Brundage: Greeting

Susan Lauer: Setup & Sanctuary Design

Matt Broadway: Music

Yvette Wyatt: Scripture & Prayer



Community Outreach Team Update

Our church gathered 567 pounds of food for the food bank in June. Thank you to all who donated food and special thanks to Corey Cherrstrom and the rest of the Community Outreach team who packed up the food and took it to the food bank. Additionally, it was great to see everyone wearing their Love 1st shirts on Ironman Sunday, June 27th. We cheered, rang bells and gave away 150 water bottles to very hot spectators in front of our church. Great job everyone!!

Noisy Offering! July 18th during the 9 am Service

For years around this time, we've created a bit of fun by collecting a noisy offering - any coins that jangle. All funds

collected are used to purchase items for our Sunday School classrooms, e.g. materials, books, games, etc.



If you haven't witnessed this fun event you'll see that rather than passing 'the plate' our kiddos pass colorful buckets and you are encouraged to dispose of any loose change you might have. That said, the Sunday School program will gladly accept things that don't make a noise (those bills can do wonderful things).

2021 Elementary Age School Clothing Giveaway

The generosity of 1st Pres knows no bounds and this year is no different. The clothing giveaway is fast approaching (August 21st) and we're short on certain items.

We need:

- Boys & Girls underwear & socks
- Boys & Girls jeans or long pants
- Boys & Girls long sleeved tops
- Boys & Girls shoes & boots
- Girls warm jackets



You'll find the complete clothing list and volunteer needs below in the **Church News** section.

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

God is relationship - God three in one. Pastor Craig spoke to us about how God's love is continually flowing out. Our responsibility is to continue that flow to others. Listen to Pastor Craig's meaningful message. [Listen to this past Sunday's service.](#)



Many thanks to our team of volunteers that make broadcasting the service possible!
[Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel](#)

Church News

From Club to Hub Pastor Craig's Sabbatical Paper

Download and read the culmination of Pastor Craig's summer 2020 sabbatical: [From Club to Hub](#)

Choir Begins September 9th Mark Your Calendars!



It may seem early to add this to your calendar ... but it's not! Whether you've been a part of our choir in the past or think you'd like to join (new recruits encouraged to give us a try) we want you to add September 9th to your calendar.

CDAIDE Position Announcement Care & Volunteer Coordinator



CDAIDE is reopening its search for a Care & Volunteer Coordinator in Coeur d'Alene, ID, with an early

summer start date. The Care & Volunteer Coordinator will report to the Executive Director. With direction from the Executive Director, the Care & Volunteer Coordinator will oversee CDAIDE's program to provide emergency financial assistance to workers in the restaurant and hospitality industry who face crisis needs, particularly in the areas of housing, transportation, and medical care.

If you know anyone who might be interested in this position, please let them know about this great opportunity. [More information and link to apply here.](#)

Chancel Choir Practice Begins Again
Thurs. Sept 9th @ 7pm

Our director, Kent Kimball, promises harmony, fellowship, donuts, and a sound foundation!

Church Directory 2021

The Membership Committee is busy reaching out to folks in the directory who may have out-of-date photos and brand new members and attenders who don't yet have a picture on file. Cheryl and Matt Broadway have generously lent a photo backdrop to the church which we'll use to take photos of those who would like an easy way to update their picture. We haven't yet scheduled a date but it will likely be one Sunday in July and one Sunday in August.



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

Support the 38th Annual Clothing Giveaway

This is what we need!

Please contact Diane Wakkinen or Barb Proper if you'd like to volunteer or have questions about clothing donations. We'll need help the week before setting up and on the day of the event on August 21st.

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.

Elementary school age children's clothing only

- Very gently used, no stains, discoloration, tears or holes, and working zippers
- Prefer name brands when possible
- Sweatshirts/Hoodies
- Seasonal winter clothing (coats, hats, gloves, snow pants, and boots) are welcome
- Sizes 5-14 in girls and boys, encourage slim and plus sizes in both boys and girls
- Girls shoe sizes 3-4, and 5-7 in women's
- Boys Shoe sizes 3-9
- Discourage short-shorts, tank tops, camisoles (not appropriate to meet school dress codes)



Most in need of...

- Packages of socks S, M, L
- Packages of underwear 5-14 or S, M, L, XL
- Boys jeans 5-14 slim, regular and plus sizes
- Girls leggings (XS, X, M, L, XL)
- Girls jeans 5-14 both slim, regular and plus sizes
- Boys/girls long sleeved t-shirts
- Shoes: girls 3-4 and 5-7 (women's); boys 3-9
- Boots - see above sizes
- Sweaters - especially girls

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.

July Schedule

Sundays

9 am **Classic Service** in Sanctuary & online.
10:30 am **Contemplative Service** in Sanctuary & online.
We encourage social distancing with masks optional.

DOXA 11 am

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

Children & Family Ministry

Spokane Indians Family Night

We have another fun opportunity to fellowship with one another over the summer! Our tradition of going to a Spokane Indians game is back on this year! This is a family feast night so there will be \$1 hotdogs and beverages



Date: August 20th

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Avista Stadium, Spokane Valley

Cost: \$12 per seat

Order tickets: [HERE](#)

5th Grade Transition

We are working on the process of transitioning our 5th graders into the youth program. If you have a student who will be entering middle school this year, either reach out to me or Kierstie.

If you want to know more about youth programming or to meet Kierstie, we have the perfect opportunity this week at the Youth Meet n' Greet on Wednesday, July 7th. You can find all of the details at the top of this week's eNews!

Other Summer Dates to Save!

August 8th -13th: Summer camp at Lutherhaven

I hope each of you is having an amazing summer so far. I am praying for you and your families!

Carley

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Youth Ministry

Youth Family Newsletter

Does your family have middle or high school students? Would your middle or high schooler like to get connected with fun fellowship this summer? Get connected with our family newsletter! Email [Kierstie](#) and let her know you'd like to receive the newsletters.



Service Sunday

July 11th 10:00 - 12:00

Calling all middle & high schoolers! Sunday, we have an opportunity to serve our church community together. We will be helping prepare new community spaces in the church building. Lunch will be provided!

Groups & Gatherings



Knitting For Warmth

Please join us for fellowship and a little creative time every Friday from 10-11:30 in the Fireside Room. Please call Carolyn Peterson or the office if you have any questions.

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.

