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Blog of the Week

Stephanie Rogge

Mother's Day Reflection

Mother's Day has to be one of my favorite holidays because it honors one of the two most important people in most people's lives. Whether the woman who raised us was biological or step, adopted or foster, or another family member, mothers have been given a sometimes overwhelming task to nourish, clothe, protect, teach, and love the little people in their lives. Some mothers seem t... [Read More](#)



This Week



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

**SPECIAL PUSH TO SUPPORT 2021
CLOTHING DRIVE!**

It's time to put on your shopping and collecting gear and find some deals on elementary school age clothing! We're really counting on our amazing church family to help with not only donations but with set-up (week before), working the giveaway and clean-up afterwards. Put August 21st on the calendar!



To help the Deacon's clothing drive this year, the Faith, Fun & Friendship Christ

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 to 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 507 (women's); boys 3-9
- Boots - see above sizes
- sweaters - especially girls

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.

Care Group has taken on a special mission to ensure the Deacon's clothing drive collects sufficient Tops, Bottoms, and Toes. These most important clothing items are needed so that our local children can start the school year with new underwear and socks.

Collection boxes will be at the church during the week and in Kruger Hall on Sundays during the month of May.

Tops:

Girls sport bras and camisoles sizes L (10-12), XL (14-16), XXL (18-20)

Bottoms:

Girls hipster panties sizes 5-16

Boys briefs, boxer briefs, boxers sizes 5-16

Toes:

Girls low cut and crew cut socks sizes (7-8.5), (8-9.5), (9-11)

Boys quarter socks and crew cut socks sizes (7-8.5), (8-9.5), (9-11)

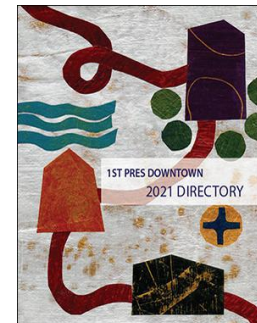
Socks should be in the children's shoe size categories of (9-2.5), (2-5.5), and (4-10)

Masks Now Optional

Our Session met on April 27th and have changed our mask guidance from 'Masks Required' to 'Masks Optional' for all activities in the building, including Sunday worship and fellowship. All in attendance will be asked to maintain social distancing on their own.

Church Directory 2021

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



We will be adding pictures so find your favorite. We'll give you details regarding

Flower Basket Sale Thank You!



On behalf of the Children and Family Team, we want to sincerely thank you all for your support.

The generosity of our congregation continues to support our Love First mission, blessing the children of our church and our community!

size and other requirements next week.

If your contact information has changed or you're not sure if we have the most up-to-date information, please contact the church office either by [email](#) or call (please leave a message if no one picks up) 208.667.8446

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

Sunday's Service

Watch again or for the 1st time!

The Bible is what it is because it does what it promises to do. This is week six of the **Useful** series and this Sunday Pastor Craig focused on Finding Life's Rhythms. *God changes times and seasons; He removes and sets up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.* [Daniel 2:21]. Again, there is a lot to absorb. This week's reading assignment: read Exodus starting from chapter 20. Watch the service for the first time or once again:

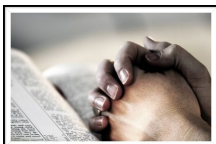
Click here to [watch Useful](#).



Jesus loves everyone ... even those who seem unlovable! Carley told the story of Jesus and the leper with all sorts of interesting details! 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.

Care/Volunteer Coordinator

We're pleased to announce that Rebecca Gershenson Smith has accepted the position of Executive Director of CDAIDE. Rebecca's words about her new position sum it up nicely. "It has been a joy serving CDAIDE as board president since 2017, and I am excited to step into this new role and have more time to devote to advancing our important mission to serve hospitality workers in the community."

Rebecca is motivated and we can't wait to see what the future will bring under her leadership in this new role. Donna Brundage, former Marketing Chair of the CDAIDE board will assume the position of Board President.

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.

May Schedule

Sundays

9 am Worship Service in Sanctuary & online.
Social distancing with masks optional.

DOXA 11 am

Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen
ARMS

Children & Family Ministry



Summer is really beginning to take shape here at 1st Pres Downtown! Although there are some events and details we are still working out (stay tuned for more exciting fellowship opportunities!) we have been able to solidify a few new opportunities for faith formation, connection, and FUN over the summer! One event that I just can't help but mention is that we have the opportunity to attend Family Camp at Lutherhaven again this summer! This was by far my favorite event of the year last year! We don't have all the kinks worked out just yet, but we have dates for you to block out on your calendar! **2nd Annual Lutherhaven Family Camp: July 23rd through the 25th.** Registration will open ASAP!

Summer Stuff

Final Call for Adventures in Caring Scholarship Program

We will be sending out packets for our Adventures in Caring Scholarship program early next week. If your child is planning on attending Lutherhaven and would like a partial camp scholarship they must participate in this program. If you have not already done so, please email or text me and let me know that your child is participating so that I can make sure they get their packet. This will contain directions, a sheet to record their activities, and some business cards that explain what they are doing!



2nd Annual Mommy (or anyone!) & Me Pottery Painting 'n Storytime @ Hands to Art: June 23rd, from 10:00-11:00 AM followed by a picnic at the park!

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, and Uncles (basically any adult) are invited to bring their 3-year old through 6-year old for pottery painting and storytime at Hands to Art! We will follow our art time with a picnic and playtime at North Pines Park (1015 E. Luncelford). Please bring a blanket and sack lunch for you and your kiddo(s).

We will meet at Hands to Art at 10:00 AM to paint adorable cross-shaped boxes with lids (littles always love places to hide their "treasures"!). We ask that you bring your own sack lunch. The cost will be \$20.

We will be following city/county COVID safety protocols. Currently, that means that masks are optional, but recommended. Staff and volunteers will be wearing masks for this event.

Link to register : [Register Now](#)

2nd Annual 1st Pres Art Camp: July 6th - 9th, 9:30 am - 11:45 am

We are partnering with Hands to Art again this year to provide your child the opportunity to attend art camp with their church family! We will be creating five amazing masterpieces throughout the 4-day camp. Throughout the week we will be exploring what it means to be God's child, and how God views us. We will be focusing on figuring out what characteristics make us different from each other and celebrating our uniqueness through the eyes of Christ!

We will begin the day at "Hands to Art" pottery studio where the campers will complete a different art project each day. Following that, we will stay on-site to eat a sack lunch (provided by you) and discuss our topic for the day.

This camp experience is open to incoming 1st graders through current 5th graders. The total cost will be \$120, we ask that you provide your child's sack lunch daily. Drop off at 9:20 am and pick up at 11:45 am. Scholarships are available, please email Carley@1stpresdowntown for information.

We will be accepting up to 25 children for this event. We will follow city/county and school district guidelines for COVID safety protocols during this event. Currently, that would mean masks would be optional but strongly recommended for participants. All adult staff and volunteers will be wearing masks.

If transportation is a barrier to attendance, please reach out, and let's collaborate to make sure your child can attend! [Register Here](#)

Save the Dates

May 19th, 5:30 PM: Adventures in Caring Missional Opportunity (located in the Fireside Room). 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.

June 6th, 8:30 AM (before church): Adventures in Caring Missional Opportunity (Krueger Hall). 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.

June 16th, 5:30 pm: Downtown Church Alliance Summer Kick-Off Block Party! We are partnering with Trinity Lutheran and St. Luke's Episcopal Church over the summer to bring you and your family some really exciting events and opportunities. We are going to kick off the summer with a block party! Each church will provide activities. You'll begin at 1st Pres, where we will have a bouncy house and an obstacle course, once you've had your fill of bouncing, you'll head a few blocks north to St. Lukes where you will be able to eat a hotdog and enjoy some yard games. Finally, you'll head down to Trinity Lutheran where there will be more games and a yummy treat to finish off the night! Think of it as a progressive dinner but it's all about having fun and you can walk!

June 23rd, 10:00 AM: Mommy and Me Pottery Painting

June 27th, during and after church: Adventures in Caring Missional Opportunity (the Adventure Zone). 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.

July 6th-9th: 2nd Annual Summer Art Camp

July 23-25th: Lutherhaven Family Camp

August 8th - 13th: Summer camp 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

Carley@1stpresdowntown.org or 208-215-5337

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

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!