



## 1st Pres eNews

October 12, 2021

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### Blog of the Week

Chris Gray



#### The Empty Chair

Mandy Marie asked her pastor, James Lettinger, to come and pray with her father Bob. When the minister arrived, he found Bob lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows. And there was an empty chair sitting beside his bed. The minister assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit. "I guess you were expecting me Bob," he said.

"No. I was not expecting you," said Bob. ... [Read More](#)

## This Week



We are inviting the whole 1st Pres congregation to attend the Discovery process day On Saturday, October 23rd.

This is a highly interactive Discovery Process designed to help our church define its next season. The day is full of opportunities for personal reflection and group participation. It gets people's

The day is designed to give everyone a chance to be heard.

You can help your church define the next steps as we explore what we want our future to be and the type of pastor we want to call. Pastor Neal will be facilitating this event in partnership with

attention off their own agendas and on to looking at the whole church. The activity moves back and forth from individual thought time to table discussions to whole group interactions.

the Strategic Planning Team.

**Saturday Oct 23**

**8:45 am-1:00 pm | 1st Pres Gym**

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## **CDAIDE Mentor Training**

**Oct 13th**



Are you a good listener who wants to serve others? As a Christ-centered mentor, you will learn how to walk alongside hospitality workers through the challenges they face; a mentor is a friend and coach, not an expert or counselor.

This two evening training is being held in Krueger Hall from 5:30 - 7:30pm. If you can attend, please RSVP to [program.asst@cdaide.org](mailto:program.asst@cdaide.org)

## **Hosting our Guest Families**

**October 31 - November 6**

**Now** it's time to think about the next time we host: **Oct. 31 - Nov. 6**. We need volunteers for just about everything. The new sign-up board is in Krueger Hall.

If you are a faithful volunteer and you haven't been contacted in a while, please contact the office. We need you!

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## **Ninos con Valor**

Missions Team Update



Like 1st Pres, our mission partner, Ninos con Valor has a prayer community that faithfully holds up the children and staff in Bolivia. We received the sad news that one of their newest residents with very challenging medical issues lost her battle and is now free from suffering and in the presence of her loving Savior.

**Please pray for their staff and children who are in mourning.**

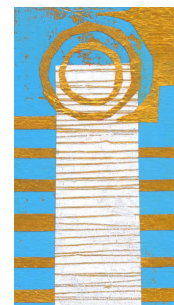
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## **Sunday's Service**

**Watch again or for the 1st time!**

Inspired by Pastor Neal's trip to California to officiate at a wedding, Dan Kohler, our guest speaker, explored Marriage, a Covenant Relationship. [Watch for the first time or watch it again!](#)

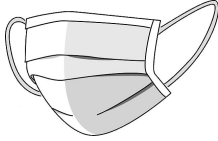
Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, demonstrating how to be a great leader by also being a servant. [Listen to her entire message.](#)



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



## Please Note

Masks are highly recommended in any group setting.

## Prayer Shawls Available



Our knitters and crocheters have been working their magic and 10 shawls and one lap robe are currently available.

They can be found in the **Fireside Room**. Please be sure to complete the Prayer Shawl Ministry sheet so we can track who's been gifted and that prayers for them continue.

## Nominating Committee

### September Report

Your Nominating Committee has been hard at working searching for Class of 2024 candidates, both Elders and Deacons. Additionally, the search is on for the Pastor Nominating Committee members.

[Please read this important report.](#)

## Family Promise is Hiring!

Shelter Manager - 20 hrs/week

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

7:55 am in the Lakeside Conference Room

Chris and Eric Fehr are once again leading Sunday morning Bible study on Sundays at 7:55 am in the Lakeside Room off of Krueger Hall. Join in person or online using this [Zoom link](#).

The shelter manager maintains an in-home structure and maintaining day-to-day tasks of the shelter. This role requires the ability to be flexible, responsive, and work effectively with a wide variety of team members. This position reports to the Executive Director. [Full job description HERE](#) or [visit the Family Promise website](#) for more details.

## October Schedule

### Sundays

7:55 am Bible Study - Lakeside Conference Room

9 am Classic Service in Sanctuary & Online.

10:30 am Contemplative Service in Sanctuary.

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We encourage social distancing with  
masks highly recommended.

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DOXA 11 am

### Wednesdays

Venture - [see schedule](#)

### Thursdays

Ecumenical Lunch Kitchen  
ARMS

### Fridays

Knitting for Warmth

## Children & Family Ministry

Hi Families!

I hope that you are staying healthy as we are transitioning into the fall season! Adventure Kids' Club is on for this Wednesday evening from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM.



Drop off and pick up will be at the gym entrance. We still have room for more students to attend, just shoot me an email so I can have enough materials prepared!

### Save the Date

Harvest Carnival, Pumpkin Carving, and Costume Parade! **October 31st** during and immediately following the church service.

I hope you have a blessed week!

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### Adventure Kids' Club Details

The club is being held on the first and third Wednesday of the month in conjunction with the middle and high school youth group. Join in on this social opportunity with faith formation, games, and a craft. Our fall/winter session focuses on learning about Jesus and ourselves through a look at New Testament parables. Any child, kindergarten through 5th grade, is invited to attend. [Register here](#)

**TIME:** 6:30-8:00 pm

**DATE:** Wednesdays: October 20 | November 3, 17 | December 1

*Masks are strongly recommended, but not required by our Session at this time.*

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### Fall Schedule

#### October

- Venture/Adventure Kids' Club. First and third Wednesdays through December 1st, 6:30 pm to 8 pm.
- Harvest Festival: October 31st after church. Carnival games in the gym after the service BYOP for carving.

#### November

- Family Game Night and Gingerbread House Contest: November 17th, Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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I am praying for you and your families!

Carley

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# Youth Ministry



## Sign-up for the 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.

## Groups & Gatherings

### Contemplative Worship Service A Remedy to the Noise

Are you seeking a quiet place where your soul can find some room to breathe? The 10:30 Contemplative Service may be what you need. This service format is one where you can peacefully spend time worshipping in a thoughtful and relaxed style.

#### Contemplative Service Leads

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**Donna Brundage:** Greeting

**Susan Lauer:** Setup & Sanctuary Design

**Matt Broadway:** Music

**Yvette Wyatt:** Scripture & Prayer



### 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.

