

1st Pres eNews

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Blog of the Week Bonnie Piovesan

Looking Forward

Lately I have found myself looking forward to lots of things. Looking forward to when we are all back



together again at church. Looking forward to a stocked toilet paper aisle at the store. Looking forward to warm weather. Looking forward to that day - way in the future - when I pay off the house I just bought.

Read More

Technology Glitches ... Something different this time!

It has come to our attention that our eNew and iPray emails may be hard to find. It seems that Gmail treats our upgraded templates differently and now redirects them to your **Promotions** tab. If you use another email client such as Apple Mail or Micosoft Outlook, you may be experiencing a similar issue. Look in your Junk or Spam folder. If you need help, let us know.

This Week

Johnny Edmonson

June 28th Speaker

Johnny is exploring a new way of starting a Christian community in Spokane called <u>Growing Neighbors</u>, a ministry centered on a community garden and sustainable food production. We'll be hearing from him at the 9 and 10:30 services this coming Sunday.



Johnny will not be able to join us in-person on Sunday, so we will be gathering in the sanctuary and online to watch his message as a pre-recorded video.



Blessing of the Bikes This Sunday!

Join us this Sunday for the Blessing of the Bikes! We'll gather at the City Park Bandstand and go from there. Please call the office if you have questions.

When: June 28th, 2 pm

Blessing: City Park Bandstand, CdA

Destination: Riverstone Park Gazebo

Treat: Ice cream bars & popsicles!

Dates to Remember

Sunday, June 28 Blessing of the Bikes
Friday, July 3 Office Closed
Saturday, July 4 Independence Day!
Wednesday, July 8 Bike Safety Rodeo

Spiritual Power Lunch

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



An 8-week series on John 15: The Greatest Pursuit - Abiding in Christ.

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

Questions? Contact Wendy Wilson (contact info in the directory)

Dates: Wednesdays, July 1 - Aug 19

Time: 12 noon - 12:45 Where: Krueger Hall No prep required.

2020 Back-to-School Clothing Drive Good News from the Deacons!



2020

We are receiving clothes again from the schools and our inventory is expanding!

However, due to the COVID 19 virus, we are proceeding cautiously. We will be holding a Clothing Giveaway on August 22, 2020, but with a much smaller group of people. We will only be inviting the five local elementary schools: Borah, Bryan, Fernan, Winton and Sorensen.

To keep our numbers down, we will not be doing any outside advertising. We will only be using the gym and our inventory will be geared toward the elementary school age group.

So, if you have any donations that fit that category please bring them to the church. Please have them washed and labeled according to what is in the bag or box. We appreciate your continued support in this venture. Any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Deacons. More details to follow.

Sunday's Service

Watch Again or For The 1st Time!



Joel Parris, church planter and pastor at DOXA in Coeur d'Alene was our guest speaker this past Sunday. Listen to his journey and his

message about his connection and relationship with the gospel.

We successfully celebrated our first Sunday in the sanctuary with Pastor Jennie in the lead and our wonderful music team and technical team.

Be assured that while you many join us in the Sanctuary, we will continue to livestream our services, 9 & 10:30 am, every Sunday on our YouTube channel.

Watch this service or any of our past services on our YouTube Channel

Church News

Attending worship services in the sanctuary

Watch how we plan to make this season of care work. Read the document that supports this plan.





Visiting the Church Office

As we move toward our new normal, some office staff will

continue to work from home. If you need to stop by the church, please call the office to schedule an appointment so we



Pastor Sumey's Summer Reading List

Craig is reading during the first part of his Sabbatical. If you want to read along, he's put together a list of books and articles for you (don't worry, it's much, much shorter than his) so you can read and think alongside Craig.

Download the reading list.



CDAIDE:

You Can Help Today!

NEW: There are several

board and committee positions available for you to consider. The email address below can be used to contact the team.

Additionally, our partners at CDAIDE continue to need ongoing help in specific areas.

Care Partners - businesses that will

can make sure whomever you need to visit is available.

What We're Working On ...



The launch date is on the horizon ... possibly this week! The new website has been reorganized and still includes the important information you count on and hopefully a bit more!

donate/discount services (dentists, doctors, car repair shops, daycare, etc.)

Technical Advisor - help with website and online care referral updates and problems.

Please email <u>serving@cdaide.org</u> if you can help or forward to someone you think might be interested in helping.

Youth Update

Notes from Steve Director of Youth Ministries

"You will no longer be forsaken and hated, lonely and desolate. I will make you great and beautiful, a house of joy - eternally and forever.

You will know that I, the Lord, have saved you, that the mighty God of Israel sets you free. Your rulers will no longer oppress you; I, your God will protect and defend you like a



wall. I, the Lord, will be your eternal light, the light of my glory will shine on you. Your days of grief will come to an end. I, the Lord, will be your eternal light, I planted you, I made you, to reveal my greatness to all. You have been discounted and ignored - you will become like a great and a powerful nation.

When the right time comes, I will make this happen quickly - I am the LORD!"

- Isaiah 60 (paraphrase)

Hi Everyone!

It's been so great to be together in person again! I have missed our fellowship. We are working hard with our fabulous interns on great plans and wonderful dreams for the summer. If you see something cool happening and you want to join in - please do! We welcome and love our casual attenders and visitors too.

Gamers & Dancers

Wednesday @ 6:30 pm



It's time to show off all the gaming skills you've honed in quarantine, and move some of your muscles grown lazy.

Bring a console, games and extra controllers if you've got

them (colored tape or thread around the cords help identify your stuff later). We will have 6 monitors set up with the dancing game on the big screen.

No games like COD until after 8pm - with permission of your parents. Come early!!!



5-6:30 pm - Gaming, snacks, pizza.

6:30-7 pm - We will discuss steps to freedom in Christ.

8 pm - Middle school pick up.

9 pm - High school pick up.

Schedule

Sundays

Youth will meet Sundays in person at the church. I am not sure what the turnout will be, but I will be at both services.

Wednesday, 6:30-8 pm

June 24 - Youth Video game night - 6pm -8pm everybody - 8-9 pm high school only

Digging Deeper - for high schoolers!

We will meet next Tuesday at 6 pm - details to follow.

As always, I am available with any questions, concerns or prayer requests!

Steve

steve@1stpresdowntown.org or 208.816.8122

Children's Ministry

Hey Families,

We had some great news from Lutherhaven this week, check out some very preliminary information below. Don't forget to check the "save the date" section at the bottom for a peek at all of our upcoming events.





Blessing of the Bikes

This Sunday!

We will meet at City Park at 2:00 for a blessing followed by a short ride to Riverstone Park for ice cream bars and popsicles. This is a great event to invite friends and family to join!

If you haven't already done so, please pick up your child's art work from the office. Make sure you checkin and let us know what time you'll



come by. Thank you to everyone who participated!



"I Am HIS Masterpiece" Art-themed Day Camp

4 Spots remain - sign up soon!

This year our day camp is art themed. We are partnering with Hands to Art to create five amazing masterpieces including a mosaic, two pottery projects, painting, and batik. Throughout the week we will be exploring what it means to be God's masterpiece and how we can all live that out in our daily lives.

Dates and Schedule

Date: July 27th through July 31st

Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm

Who: 1st graders through current 5th

graders

Limit*: 25 (including volunteers)
Cost**: \$100 (does NOT include lunch)

Bring: Sack lunch

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 head back to the church for a lesson and a sack-lunch. The afternoons will be filled with fun adventures like hiking and trips to the beach. We will invite families to join us for an adventure in the Silver Valley on Wednesday to explore the Crystal Gold Mines and Pulaski Tunnel Trail.

- *Attendance is limited to ensure the safety of the volunteers and the campers. We will be adhering to state and CDC guidelines.
- **Scholarships are available, please email <u>Carley@1stpresdowntown.org</u> for information.

Register Now

LutherHaven This Summer

Lutherhaven has provided us with solid dates for our 2020 group/family camp experience.



We have been

offered August 11 - 13th and we hope many of you will be able to attend this awesome opportunity to have a summer This trip is much anticipated by staff and campers alike after our amazing camping trip to Lion Head - we had a blast! We will have details as soon as we can solidify them with the team at Lutherhaven, this is new for them too!

Kindercamp is currently open for registration and we already have a few families attending. This is a great way to introduce kiddos to the summer camp

camp experience even though the traditional camp was canceled. We are determined to make this as amazing as we can under the circumstances.

experience with you right by their side to enjoy every moment!

https://www.lutherhaven.com/event/kindercamp-at-lutherhaven/

Zoom Connect and Learn

Our amazing interns will be taking over the Zoom connections for the remainder of June. We will reevaluate for July as everyone's schedules are likely filled to the brim. Be on the lookout for the link by Wednesday morning. Times remain the same.

Preschool - 1st Grade: June 24, 2020 01:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 971 9629 1424

Password: 3xD9DF

2nd - 5th Grade: June 24, 2020 02:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 944 1859 1583

Password: 9PQXg3

Save the Date

- Every Wednesday for all ages: Zoom Meetings
- Blessing of the Bikes June 28
- Bike Safely Rodeo, July 8, 4 7 pm
- Family Game Day and BBQ, July 12, immediately after church (venue TBD)
- I Am HIS Masterpiece Art Day-Camp. July 27 July 31 9:30 am-4:30 pm.
- Lutherhaven Kinder Camp, July 31 August 2
- Lutherhaven Family/Group Camp, August 11-13

Have an excellent week!

Carley

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

Groups & Gatherings

Ministry Groups can now meet at the church!

Please contact the church office to reserve a room for your Ministry group of 10 or less. 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 1s up-to-date in the eNews,



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!

How We're Responding to COVID-19: Reminder

The Session appointed a special task force, COVID-19 Task Force, to provide research and guidance on how best to reopen the church. The Session met on May 19th to reevaluate our response based on insight from the COVID-19 Task Force. The Session approved four immediate recommendations. The Session asked the COVID-19 Task Force to provide Session with a detailed plan for services to now resume on June 21st. Plan Approved on May 26, 2020.