Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church (LCMS)



FRIENDLY FINDINGS

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February 2017



Friendship Celebration Preschool Fundraiser Winter Festival and Auction Saturday, February 25th, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at Friendship Celebration Church and Preschool

Dinner Menu: Luau Pig, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Hot Dogs Desserts and Drinks

Live & Silent Auction: New Items, Handmade Items, Home Baked Goodies, Gift Certificates, Class Baskets

Cast: \$7.50 adults, \$3.50 children, or \$22.00 per family (which includes dinner and 20 game tickets) Pre-order tickets using the form available on the Information Desk in the church foyer.

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H²O ISSUES

Today is Thursday, January 19, the day before the inauguration of our president elect, Donald Trump. Some of you are excited about that. Some are apprehensive, and some are totally appalled that this man will be our next president. You are welcome to ask me what I think. As a Pastor I am supposed to be everyone's friend, but you all know that I can't agree with everyone because we all do have our bias on just about everything.

One thing that has brought all of us to reality in the past weeks are H²O issues. This morning I sucked up, with the help of a "Rug Doctor," 90 gallons of water out of the basement of the preschool. We have had issues like this before but not to this extent. I couldn't keep up. I've picked up all the things on the floor at the end of the day and plan to see what's going on in the morning. This has been an on-going issue, but because of all the snow and rain it has become more challenging this year.

Poor – poor Pastor Tom! That's not the point. We are all having issues to deal with. There are lots of people complaining. They are saying: "The streets aren't being cleared. I've paid my taxes and I can't get out of my driveway."

Yes, we may have a lot to complain about. I've been in Idaho for 20 + years. I have never seen a winter like this. We have leaks in our preschool and church. I have issues in our house just like you do. I'm afraid to go in the crawl space. I'm not going to bring up the subject of global warming, but many of you know how I feel about that. My cucumber plants have been freezing earlier in the spring and earlier in the fall for the past ten years. It must be global warming.

That's enough of that. The most important point that I would like to make is that God is in control. I respect that we have a new President. I don't know how you "feel" about him. It really doesn't make any difference because according to the Bible God placed him in that position.

Now, as I continue this article, it's Monday the 23rd of January, and I'm three days late with my Friendly Findings article. What a weekend! Our neighbor's barn caved in because of the weight of the snow. We attempted to resolve a problem with a leak in the roof of the church. I pumped out 50 more gallons of water in the basement of the preschool and we shoveled the sidewalks and parking lot of the church and preschool. This morning it is snowing again here in Idaho and on the news I hear about major weather tragedies that are happening in the South and Southeast parts of the country with loss of lives and homes.

As I reflect on the events of the past months, a scripture that comes to mind was the basis of the first message I gave on my vicarage year. 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's suffering, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort."*

My H20 issues are nothing compared to St. Paul and the Corinthian Christians in the midst of their persecution as followers of Jesus. I also can't help but think of the Christians in Iraq and Syria today who are persecuted for their faith in following Jesus as Lord and Savior. I just began a Sunday School Class entitled "Voices of Martyrs." It is very enlightening on what our brothers and sisters in faith are going through. Over 90,000 have been martyred in the last year. We can't let them suffer in silence nor let them serve their Lord alone. Many feel that similar persecution may come to us. Their example can be empowering to us, our children and grandchildren.

What can we do for them? First of all – PRAY for their safety and their boldness in living and sharing their faith. Support Lutheran World Relief and the Voice of Martyrs. As I become aware of other ways, I will let you know.

Pastor Tom





Preschool's Annual Winter Festival Fundraiser will be held on February 25, 2017. Mark your calendars now for this exciting event! Come enjoy a delicious dinner auction, & games!! As the new director, this is my first time and I am excited to share it with you all!! I am asking for Church members help to make our event successful.

Currently we have 85 children enrolled at Friendship Celebration. Our goal is to connect the families of our preschool to our church members. We are hoping this event is helpful in that process.

Our "Winter Festival Fundraiser" is a fun night for preschoolers and their families. We offer a delicious dinner, carnival games for children and both a silent and live auction for adults. The auction enables us to earn extra money to purchase needed materials and classroom items.

Our auction will include various items from local businesses, classroom specialties, and reserved church parking spots. We are also looking for items or services to be donated as well. If you have something that you would be willing to donate for our auction, please contact me regarding the details. (ex; lawn mowing services, construction, bakery, art, woodworking, general contracting, mechanic, hair, massage, home décor items) just to name a few. Tickets for the event will be available at the church office or at the preschool before the night of fun!

Please contact me at <u>tellis@friendshipcelebration.org</u> or 288-2404.

Tawna Ellis-Werner



Children's Sunday School News

Our theme for the spring is: "God calls, now what...."

1/8 ~ Jesus responds to God's call as a boy in the temple
1/15 ~ God called John the Baptist to prepare the way
1/22 ~ God calls Jesus to begin His ministry with His baptism
1/29 ~ Jesus being tempted. How do we respond to

temptation?

2/5 ~ Brett and older youth in charge of Sunday School hour
2/12 ~ Jesus' disciples answer God's call. What about us?
2/19 ~ Response of participants at Jesus' first miracle
2/26 ~ Response of blind man and Pharisees after healing
3/5 ~ Response of centurion when servant is healed
3/12 ~ Response of ten lepers when healed

3/19 ~ Crowd's response to Jesus' triumphant entry
3/26 ~ Passover and The Lord's Supper - Seder
4/2 ~ Peter's response to Jesus' persecution
4/9 ~ Women's response to angel at empty tomb
4/16 ~ Easter - No Sunday School
4/23 ~ Disciples response to Jesus' resurrection
4/30 ~ Thomas' response to Jesus' resurrection
5/7 ~ Jesus returns to heaven. What's our response?
5/14 ~ Mother's Day - Combined group activity
5/21 ~ Talent Show/Ice Cream Party

If you would like to teach one Sunday every month or two or help with the activity, our children would be excited and grateful!!! Call Nicole Sarty at (208) 866-9059



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Calling all ladies!! Join us for a Historical Fashion Show from the Victorian Era. We'll see fashions from the 1860's hoop dress & first bustle, followed by natural form and second

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DATE: Saturday, February 25th TIME: 9:30 AM Sharp! Reservations & Cost: \$5.00 Contact: Dottie Basye 286-0691 or 949-5020

A great time to bring daughters, sisters, mother's, friends, etc., or invite a neighbor. Hope you'll join us for some fun, food & fellowship



Caring Ministry was formed to reach out in love, support and comfort to ladies and gentlemen in our congregation who are without a spouse whether due to divorce or death and also to assist the elders. This is our mission. Our next

meeting is on Monday, **February 13** at **9:30 a.m**. at the Maui Wowi Hawaiian Coffee Shop in Meridian. The invitation is always open to any who would desire to be a part of the Caring Ministry team. Contact Donnette House (297-0775) or Patsy Kern (888-2979) if you are interested in join this awesome ministry.

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Men! Men's Breakfast is Saturday, February 4th at 8:00am. Our guest speaker will be Rich Davis. He is a pastor who is currently serving at several places. Call Ray Ohlaug (208-670-1207) for more information.

Women's Breakfast News

Saturday March 25 at 9:30 a.m. Program: Getting Ready to Garden by Juli Bokenkamp

Most people are aware of the amazing work Juli and her husband Karl have done coordinating volunteers planning, planting and maintaining the wonderful Meridian Community Gardens, the produce of which has provided many thousands of pounds of a wide variety of vegetables for the Meridian Food Bank in addition to that provided for the individual families participating in this project.

Cooks are needed. There is no cost.

April and May are still open and I welcome ideas.

June (date TBA) "A Gathering of Friends for Breakfast" - Men and Women

Everyone is invited! Singles, Marrieds, Members, Non-Members. Let's make this an annual affair!! Details will follow as plans form.

Once again I thank you for your continued support!

In His Service

Bonni Shikrallah 321-0781

Quilters News

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The Quilters Group needs your help. The Quilters Group has is in need of ongoing funds for their quilting ministry to cover the cost of quilt batting and shipping for quilts shipped to Lutheran World Relief. Those costs have been running around \$100 every 6 weeks. Any monetary donations are very much appreciated.

Ministry Spotlight



EYE DOCTORS NEEDED TO JOIN MOST MINISTRIES NICARAGUA EYEGLASS TEAMS

Are you an Optometrist or Ophthalmologist who is seeking to made a difference in the lives of people who cannot afford eyecare? If so, MOST Ministries has a pressing need for an eye doctor to join one or all of the following eyeglass teams heading to Nicaragua this summer.

Team 1707.....June 24-July 1, 2017 Team 1708.....August 4-12, 2017 Team 1714....June 16-24, 2017

A \$500 Scholarship is available to defray the cost of each team. Please contact Debby Suchyta for more information. Email: dsuchyta@mostministries.org Phone: 734.994.7909 Website: www.mostministries.org/team schedule.

2017 Team Recruitment Needs



I have placed you here as a light to other nations; You must take My saving power to everyone on earth. Isaiah 49:6



OPEN TEAMS

1720 Guatemala Eyeglass Team/ / July 21-28, 2017 1727 Tanzania Eyeglass Team / Summer 2017 1728 Mexico Eyeglass Team / April 1-8, 2017 1729 Mexico Eyeglass Team / Spring or Fall 2017

For more information contact Debby Suchyta at dsuchyta@mostministries.org or 734.994.7909 or visit www.mostministries.org/team_schedule.

Mission Opportunities Short Term

655 Phoenix Drive Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108 Phone: 734.994.7909 Fax: 734.994.7974

ST Email: most@mostministries.org Website: www.mostministries.org



You are cordially invited to join in attending Lutheran Community Services Annual Banquet and to learn about the LCS mission to support refugee students and adults living in the Treasure Valley. There is no cost to attend. You will be invited to support LCS programs with a gift or pledge. When? Sunday, Feb. 26, 3:00 p.m. Social Time, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Dinner & Program Where? The Clubhouse Event Center, 7311 W. Potomac Dr., Boise (just off Cole Road) RSVP by Feb. 20, online at www.lcsnw.org/RSVP For additional information contact Charlotte Combe, 208-323-0997 x12 or 208-724-4998 or ccombe@lcsnw.org

During *Celebrate Jesus!* float activities from December 26, 2016 to January 3,2017, outreach opportunities abounded in Pasadena CA:

As Petal Pushers® donned their shirts and became silent billboards for the cause of Christ:



Float decorators awaited being called in at the Rose Palace and Rosemont Pavilion:



At the time of the Behind the Scenes Party, as Petal Pusher® Outreach booth volunteers engaged guests in conversation as they awaited being served and also prior to their going on a tour of floats being decorated:





As the Gospel was proclaimed by Pastor Seltz during Sunday morning worship and onlookers heard the message as they viewed our float from a catwalk:



During the early morning hours just prior to the Rose Parade, as many came past our float, had conversations with Outreach Booth staff, took pictures and had their photo taken with Jesus:







And during post parade viewing, as Outreach Booth volunteers engaged viewers regarding the meaning of our float:





Interaction with thousands took place. Hundreds completed post cards with the message of our float. These were mailed to individuals in the United States and many other countries around the world!

Lutheran Hour Ministries your partner in His mission!

February 2017 Youth Calendar

February 5th: No confirmation - Super Bowl No Youth Group - Super Bowl

February 12: 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation 4pm Youth Group 5:30pm

February 19: 2nd year Confirmation 4pm Youth Group 5:30pm



February 24th: 3rd & 4th Grade Youth Group - noon Sr High Late Nighter 7pm-Midnight Going to Wahooz - \$25

February 26: 4th & 5th grade Youth Group - 12noon 1st & 2nd year confirmation Youth Group 5:30pm

Pix from January Servant Saturday at the Idaho Foodbank







Greetings from Camp Terkins!

SO MUCH SNOW! There really is more snow than we've seen in awhile. We've already hit the 5ft mark, though some has settled down again. Wouldn't it be amazing if we ended up with 6-10 feet like the good ol' days!?!

Amazon Wishlist - Cyber Shopping? Earn money for Camp Perkins by shopping through AmazonSmile! Use this link when shopping on Amazon...http://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-0401375 And help us get ready for summer camp through the Amazon Wishlist... http://amzn.com/w/20F506YJV4PDO.

CAMP PERKINS 2017 Winter Retreats!

Men's Winter Weekend: February 24-26 - Steak, hot wings, movie night, snowshoeing, skiing, tubing, and facilitated Bible study and faith growth time. Clink Kunze from Shoshone Base Camp in Northern Idaho, will facilitate both our Bible Study facilitator and a .22 Fun Competition Shoot. Register on-line at www.CampPerkins.org.

Sr High Retreat: March 4-6 - Take a weekend away to play in the snow and study the Word with friends. This retreat is planned and led by Sr. High Youth! Register at www.CampPerkins.org.

The Jr High Retreat had to be postponed due to the storm cycle last weekend. We have rescheduled for March 17-19. There were 85 people registered... hoping to have that many in March.

Camp Perkins Summer 2017 Registration is now open at www.CampPerkins.org!

What do young people need? Times to unplug with fun, safe programs, outdoor recreation, games and activities; opportunities to develop life values and appropriate risk-taking with significant, trained adult mentors and like-minded peers; and chances to form and grow "sticky" faith they'll carry with them into adulthood. Get it all at CAMP PERKINS! Prices for Youth Camp start at \$300 for registrations received by **March 15th**!

- Swimming canoeing campfire Bible Study mountain biking archery
 - rock climbing hiking crafts whitewater rafting horseback riding
 - Ridges Backpacking Art Camp Sailing Camp • Clay Art Camp • Leadership Camp •

Health Care Volunteers: Camp Perkins is seeking EMT's, nurses, and doctors to serve as Health Care Volunteers this summer. Primary responsibilities' include collecting and passing medications needed, and overseeing the general health of the campers and staff, but also can be involved in the life at camp in many varied ways, as you feel comfortable. For more info, contact Signe at 208.788.0897 or Signe@CampPerkins.org.



Weekday Bible Studies

Women's Thursday Bible Study (FCLC)

Meets Thursday mornings at 9:15 am. Contact Karen Graham 870-7764 Topic: "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer

Women's Friday Bible Study

(FCLC) Meets Friday mornings at 10:00 am Contact Carol Jo Richter 377-3746 Topic: A LifeLight series-Hebrews

Women's Friday Breakfast (Star) Contact Dottie Basye 949-5020

Men's Friday Morning Breakfast (50's Café - Meridian) Contact Merlyn Schmeckpeper 888-9494

Men's Friday Morning Breakfast (Star) Contact Bill Basye 286-0691

Men's Friday Morning Breakfast (Maui Wowi - Meridian) Contacts Dale Bentley (208-859-4001) & Chuck DeVito (208-505-7579)

Nurture Groups

South Meridian Nurture Group

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at Merlyn Schmeckpeper's 157 E. Ada, Meridian (888-9494)

Eagle Nurture Group

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 at Dick & Ruth Kanemasu's home at 990 W. Oakhampton Dr. Eagle (830-0706).

Star-Eagle Nurture Group

Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm at David & Susan Banker's home at 300 W. Sutter Dr. Eagle Contact Bill Basye (286-0691). Or Mike Sivey (859-0079)

Star Nurture Group

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Rick & Emelie Woodall's home. Contact them at 286-7508 for more information.

West Boise Nurture Group

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00pm at FCLC. (Except during Advent and Lent) Free childcare available! Contact Aaron or Rachel Hubler. Email or text: 208-559-2560 or 208-859-9095.

Biblical Preparedness Group

Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:00 at FCLC. Contact Lynn House for more information (830-0078) Topic: "Be Thou Prepared" by Carl Gallups



************ Friendship Celebration Message and Children's Message Schedule

February 2017

Date February 5

February 12

February 19

February 26

Message/Scripture Jesus-The Face of Good News Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a) Three Things Jesus Lost in the Wilderness Luke 4:1-13 Do You Have the 'Look'? Philippians 3:17-4:-1 The Unsubscribe Problem 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Children's Message

8:15 am Brett Lindemood DCE 11:00 am Brett Lindemood DCE 8:15 am Brett Lindemood DCE 11:00am Brett Lindemood DCE 8:15 am Brett Lindemood DCE 11:00am Walt Varnes 8:15 am Brett Lindemood DCE 11:00 am Brett Lindemood DCE

SUNDAYS at Friendship Celebration

Worship Services: 8:15 am & 11:00 am (Nursery care available both services & Sunday School Hour) Fellowship Time: 9:15-9:45 am Children Sunday School: 9:45-10:45 am Adult Bible Classes: 9:45-10:45am

- Pastor Tom's Class-A study of Voice of the Martyrs (Room 132)
- Study on Book of 1 Peter– Led by Matt Holmquist (Room 125)
- Study of Greek through the Gospel of Luke Led by Linda Varnes & Lynn House (Room 130)
- Study on the Book of Ruth Led by Ken Priebe (Room 113)
- Study Adult Special Needs Led by Neal Lindemood & Jack Hansen (Room 118)
- Study-"Raising Christian Children in a Mormon Environment led by Jen Voeltz

(Room 121)



Miscellaneous Notes

- Worship Service available on DVD for those homebound, or anyone who would like to hear and see last Sunday's message. Call church office.
- To put a prayer on the Prayer Chain contact: Jenny Kandler 362-5410 or email her at bob54109@msn.com. (Note: Also call to let her know you sent a prayer request)
- Fellowship Time with coffee/juice and treats ÷ from 9:15-9:45am on Sundays. Thanks to various people/groups for providing each month. You may provide treats for a special occasion (Baptism, Birthday, Confirmation, etc.) if you wish for our Fellowship Time. Contact Gaylynn Mikasa 761-4034.

- Flower Chart: A sign-up sheet is posted on bulletin board in the north hallway. Please specify if they are given in honor or memory of someone, or for a special time.
- Any news items that you would like to see t in our Friendly Findings Newsletter? You can e-mail them to office at office@friendshipcelebration.org. The deadline is the 20th for the following month's issue.
- ÷ Church Office Hours: Kayla Liehe (Office Mgr.) Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:00pm. Joan Hammerson (Secretary) Tuesday-Thursday-Friday 8:30am-2:00pm.
- Your "Friendly Findings" Newsletter is available in the foyer at church or on our church website: www.friendshipcelebration.org

____ Workday Fellowship at the church is Saturday, February 11th from 9:00am - Noon. Indoor and outdoor projects to help with. Lunch is served. As always, you can find out what's needed and work on your own time schedule. Regular Work Days are every Saturday at 9:00am. Jordan Benson Property Chairman

(887-9746)

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<u>Every Sunday.</u> 8:15 am & 11:00 am Worship Services 9:15 am Fellowship Time 9:45 am Sunday School for All Nurture Groups: See Newsletter or online

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Tue				7		Staff Meeting 1:00 pm	14	Caring Ministry Valentine Party 11:000m	Staff Meeting 1:00 pm	21 Staff Meeting 1:00pm High School Prayer	Event Meeting 6pm Lay Leadership Council	Meeting 7pm	28			
Mon				9			13	Caring Ministry	meets at Maui Wowi 9:30am	20 Newsletter Article Deadline!	Church office	Closed	27			
Sun				5	No Youth Confirmation	No Youth Group Super Bowl Sunday	12 Lutheran	15t & 2nd yr. Youth Confirmation 4pm	Youth Group 5:30pm	19 Study 10am Youth Group (3/4	grades) 12pm 2nd yr. Youth	Confirmation 4pm	26 Youth Group (5/6 grades) 12pm	Elder Meeting 12:15pm	1st & 2nd yr. Youth Confirmation 4pm	Youth Group 5:30pm





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