



Monthly Newsletter of Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church

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**June
2018**

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**Summer Day Camp
begins
June 11th!**

***Is your child
registered for these
fun-filled summer days?***

Pastoral Ponderings

Dear Friends in Christ,

In May, Pastor Tom, Brett and I attended DiscipleShift training in Post Falls at Real Life Church. It was time well spent and I'm glad we went as a team. It affirmed for me that we are on the right path—whether it's a new church plant in Kuna or a way of refocusing our efforts at Friendship Celebration, discipling is the actual mission of the church.

The kind people we were staying with in Post Falls were actually in the process of building another house. I couldn't help but think we were building a type of house as well—something that we wanted to endure and withstand the elements.

We all came back from Post Falls encouraged and ready to take the next steps. We decided we needed to be modeling this personally and so we're starting with us. It's not enough to talk about it. We have to put it into practice ourselves. As they cautioned us, "Don't go home and try to change the church. Change you!"

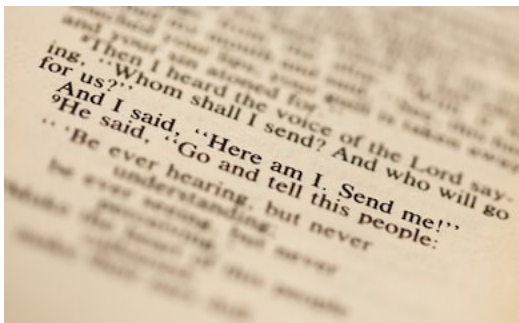
That behavioral change is key. What is the difference between the man who built his house on the rock and the man who built his house on the sand (see Matt. 7:24-27)? Both were believers. Both admired Jesus and agreed with His teachings. But only the wise man acted by doing the word. Jesus does not speak only to be heard, not even to only be believed. He speaks in order to be obeyed. Unless we get to the point of actual obedience, learning and transformation has not occurred. In a similar way, Scripture tells us to "be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22). So we know what Bible study is. But what about Bible do-y? If we truly do what the Bible says to do, we'll make disciples.

The good news is that every believer by virtue of the Holy Spirit has the capacity to be discipled and make disciples; it's in our spiritual DNA as a result of being baptized. But it's something that needs to be brought out and developed. Discipleship is intentional and relational. It won't happen on its own.

On Saturday, August 11, we'll have discipleship training as a way of replicating our DiscipleShift experience with folks who are also interested in discipling others. By then I bet Pastor Tom, Brett and I will be able to share with you key learnings that we will have learned as a result of putting it into practice.

In Christ,

Pastor Matt Henry





Bubbler or Maxi-Paw?

Are you a bubbler or a Rainbird Maxi-Paw? I'll explain the difference, but first I have to share a little about my garden this year.

This year I have a little greenhouse. It was a gift from two families in our church. They helped me put it together. It is 6' x 8' and is plenty big for the plants in my garden. I am getting ready to plant squash, cucumbers, and tomatoes. My potatoes, onions, beans, peas, and corn are already up. With the plants in my greenhouse I've decided that I need to expand my garden a bit and that means an additional row of sprinklers. I put in eight new sprinkler heads. Bubblers are heads which just water one or two plants. I put in the next size which are called shrub heads. They covered a little more territory, but not nearly of the area I needed to be watered. If I needed to go 15-20 in every direction, I needed a sprinkler head called a Maxi-Paw. I have all the water I need, but I needed sprinklers that would distribute the water to where it needed to go to reach the plants that need the water. By the way, I love trying to figure this out!

So back to the question above with additional adjective: Are you a "spiritual" bubbler or a Maxi-Paw? Just imagine the water being the Holy Spirit and His potential power working through the sprinkler head in your life. All the power that is needed for the issues that come up in your life is available through the Holy Spirit. Here are possible issues: doubts about God, the Bible or your faith, frustration with the organized church, legalistic attitude, impure thoughts, guilt, worry, a critical spirit, aimlessness – not knowing where you fit into God's plan, loss of love for others, poor prayer life, or no desire to read the Bible and apply it to life.

First of all, realize that you are not alone. Most, if not all, Christians struggle in the process of growing as a Christian. Remember that if you realize that you are a sinner, and that Jesus Christ paid for your sins on the cross, your POSITION with God is secure. You are His child. However, our spiritual CONDITION is always in process. The Holy Spirit not only brings us to a saving knowledge and trust in Jesus as Savior, He makes us aware of where we need to grow in that relationship with God and others. The Holy Spirit is the source of overflowing life. All the power to be a Maxi-Paw Christian is available to us. (John 7:37-39). The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Jesus through our lives. (John 16:1-15). Jesus promised the power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to be witnesses for Him. (Acts 1:1-9).

So how do I turn on the full power of the Holy Spirit with the issues in life that I struggle with right now? How do I change from a bubbler Christian to a Maxi-Paw? I believe it starts with the desire to want to be directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 5:6; John 7:37-39). Confess or admit to God and YOURSELF where you have tried to control your life and the issues of life, and believe the promise that He has forgiven you. (Colossians 2:13-15; 1 John 1, 2:1-3) And give (again and again) every area of your life to God. (Romans 12:1-2).

God has told us to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and He has promised to hear our prayers. "This is the confidence we have in approaching God, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears, and if we know that He hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of Him." (1 John 5:14-15).

It is important not to depend on feelings. The promise comes from God's Word, not our feelings. That's the authority and where the MAXIMUM power comes from. The growing Christian lives by faith in the trustworthiness of God and His word.

Pastor Tom



This has been a very successful Preschool year. We are so blessed by all our preschool students and families. They will always hold a special place in our hearts. Thank you so much for sharing your families with us. It is always such a joy to watch the way Jesus touches the hearts of everyone in our preschool, helping us to grow in His love. Praise be to God!

During the summer, we're looking forward to helping Brett with summer camp and continuing to reach out to the community to grow our preschool enrollment for the coming year. Thank you for sharing your Friendship Celebration Preschool experiences with your friends and neighbors.

May God continue to bless you beyond what you can imagine,

The Preschool Staff



FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATION PRESCHOOL

Registration for Fall Preschool Classes 2018-19

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Lead Teacher – Lori Jensen

Registration Process Includes:

- Enrollment Form Complete
- Registration Fee Paid – nonrefundable - \$100
- Copy of updated immunization Records
- Copy of Birth Certificate

Preschool Classes offered for 2018-19 School Year:

<u>3 Year old Classes</u>	Mon/Wed/Fri a.m.....3 days.....\$175 month
	Wed & Fri p.m.....2 days.....\$125 month
	Tues & Thurs a.m.....2 days.....\$125 month
	Tues & Thurs p.m.....2 days.....\$125 month
<u>4 Year old Classes</u>	Mon/Wed/Fri a.m.....3 days.....\$175 month
	Mon/Wed/Fri p.m.....3 days.....\$175 month
	Tues & Thurs a.m.....2 days.....\$125 month
	Tues & Thurs p.m.....2 days.....\$125 month

Morning Class hours: 9:00 -11:30 a.m. / Afternoon class hours: 12:30-3:00 p.m.

Pre Kindergarten Classes (4 ½ - 5 ½ yrs)

Mon-Thurs. a.m.....4 days.....\$230 month
Mon-Thurs. p.m.....4 days.....\$230 month

Morning Class hours: 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. / Afternoon class hours: 12:30-3:30 p.m.

**More than one child enrolled-receive 10% on youngest child.*

♥♥♥ A GIFT of LOVE ♥♥♥



for Savannah Schweigert

As some of you may know, I was born with a progressive genetic disorder called Neurofibromatosis and have been diagnosed with NF-1

Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a progressive genetic disorder of the nervous system which causes tumors to form on nerves anywhere on the body and can lead to blindness, bone abnormalities, cancer, deafness, disfigurement, and learning disabilities. This disorder affects all races, all ethnic groups, and both sexes equally. NF-1 is one of the most common genetic disorders in the United States (one in every 3,000 births). At this time, there is no cure, nor are there any effective treatment options.

Multiple times a year, I travel with my family to the Primary Children's Hospital NF Clinic in SLC Utah to monitor my NF. I have many tumors throughout my body, and they recently have been monitoring a 5" tumor along the side of my spine through MRI's

Thank you for your prayers and Gift of Love

A Gift of Love

We are raising funds to help defray some of huge medical and travel costs for her family. Please consider giving **A Gift of Love**. See the poster in the foyer. We will be collecting funds from Sunday, May 27th through Sunday, June 10th. Thank you for your prayers and Gift of Love!



Come join in the fellowship and fun on Sunday, June 10th. Our resident fishermen are sharing their abundant fish catch with the whole congregation, families, and friends beginning at 1:00pm at Friendship Celebration. Please RSVP by signing up at the Information Kiosk.

June Ministry Updates



The FCLC Quilter Group is collecting items for school kits to send to Lutheran World Relief in October. These are the items they need for each school:

- ◇ FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- ◇ ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ◇ ONE pencil sharpener
- ◇ ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ◇ FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ◇ FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ◇ ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ◇ ONE 2 ½" eraser

The Quilter Group is making the drawstring backpacks for the school kits and are looking for donations of fabrics like heavy cotton, canvas, denims and twill.

FCLC Baby Layette Ministry for Stanton Healthcare



Be on the lookout for the Baby Layette donation bin for much needed items for Stanton Healthcare. Thanks to all those who have sewn together baby blankets. We do need hand made baby bonnets and booties. If you need patterns to knit or crochet bonnets and booties, please contact Anita Gonzalez on 208-409-5187.

Also, if you would like to purchase newborn diapers at wholesale price, please contact Kate Aravich on 208-871-2018. We are also accepting new and lightly used stuffed toys for newborns. A completed layette will soon be on display. If you have any questions, please contact Claudette Klinchuch on 208-699-9655 or Jean Mertz on 208-515-6814."

Caring Ministry reaches out in love to offer support, caring, comfort, and fellowship to those experiencing loneliness, illness, loss, or other life changes.. This is our mission. Our next meeting is on **Monday, June 11th at 10:00 a.m.** at FCLC. **This is an open invitation to the ladies of FCLC. We would welcome your visit to the Caring Ministry meetings to see if this ministry might be where you feel you could best serve the Lord. We meet on the second Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at church, in the south Sunday School room, Room 132..** Contact Donnette House (297-0775) or Patsy Kern (888-2979) if you are interested in join this awesome ministry.

Workday Fellowship

Work Day at the church is on Saturday, **June 9th** 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. AND lunch is provided! Mike Sivey Property Chairman (208-859-0079)

The Quilters Group is in need of solid colored, new or gently used flat sheets. The Quilters Group also has an ongoing need of funds to cover the cost of quilt batting & shipping for quilts shipped to Lutheran World Relief. Any monetary donations are very much appreciated.

Reminder! Donations are needed for school kits. See the Information Kiosk for a list of items needed.

The Hospitality Committee needs your help! The Weekly GRUNT Crew and the Monthly Saturday Workday Fellowship Crew need lunch! Can you help? Please sign up on the sheet on the Information Kiosk or contact Susan Banker (208-455-9499). *Thank you!*

JUNE 2018

Children - Youth - Family Activity Calendar



Sunday, June 3rd 2018

Sunday School

9:45am – Children's Sunday School Pre-12th
Grade meet in Room 111

Youth Group (Jr/Sr. High)

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Wednesday, June 6th 2018

Camp Staff Training (High School & Intern)

10:00am – 4:00pm

Thursday, June 7th 2018

Camp Staff Training (Volunteer)

10:00am – 4:00pm

Sunday, June 10th 2018

Sunday School

9:45am – Children's Sunday School Pre-12th
Grade meet in Room 111

Camp Staff Set-Up

4:00pm – 6:00pm

Youth Group (Jr/Sr. High)

6:00pm – 8:30pm

June 11th – June 15th

Outback Camp

7:00am – 8:30am Before Care
9:00am – 3:00pm (Drop Off Begins 8:30am & Pick
Up ends at 3:30pm)
3:30pm – 6:00pm After Care

June 17th 2018

Sunday School

9:45am – Children's Sunday School Pre-12th
Grade meet in Room 111

Youth Group (Jr/Sr. High)

6:00pm – 8:30pm

June 18th – June 15th

Jungle Safari Camp

7:00am – 8:30am Before Care

9:00am – 3:00pm (Drop Off Begins 8:30am & Pick
Up ends at 3:30pm)

3:30pm – 6:00pm After Care

Sunday, June 24th 2018

Firework Stand Opening

8:30am – 10:00pm - Help us make opening day
memorable, and tell your neighbors

where we are:

Fred Meyer Parking lot on the North East
Corner of Linder and Chinden.

Proceeds go to help the youth
go to the National Youth Gathering.



Sunday School

9:45am – Children's Sunday School Pre-12th Grade
meet in Room 111

Youth Group (Jr/Sr. High)

6:00pm – 8:30pm @ the Firework Stand

June 25th – June 29th

Ninja Camp

7:00am – 8:30am Before Care

9:00am – 3:00pm (Drop Off Begins 8:30am & Pick
Up ends at 3:30pm)

3:30pm – 6:00pm After Care

Summer Day Camps!



Registration your child today! Registration
forms are available on our church website
and also on the Information Kiosk
in the foyer.

Post Falls & Discipleship

Pastor Matt, Pastor Tom, and myself took a trip to Post Falls, Idaho to examine directly the church and pastor/author, Jim Putman, of the “Disciple-Shift” class that has been going on each Sunday morning here at Friendship Celebration.

It was a great trip to connect more with both Matt and Tom. I had never been to Post Falls. It is a beautiful town. Our hosts, Randy and Mary Knight, that not only housed and fed us but were also our ride to and from the airport. We were well taken care of.

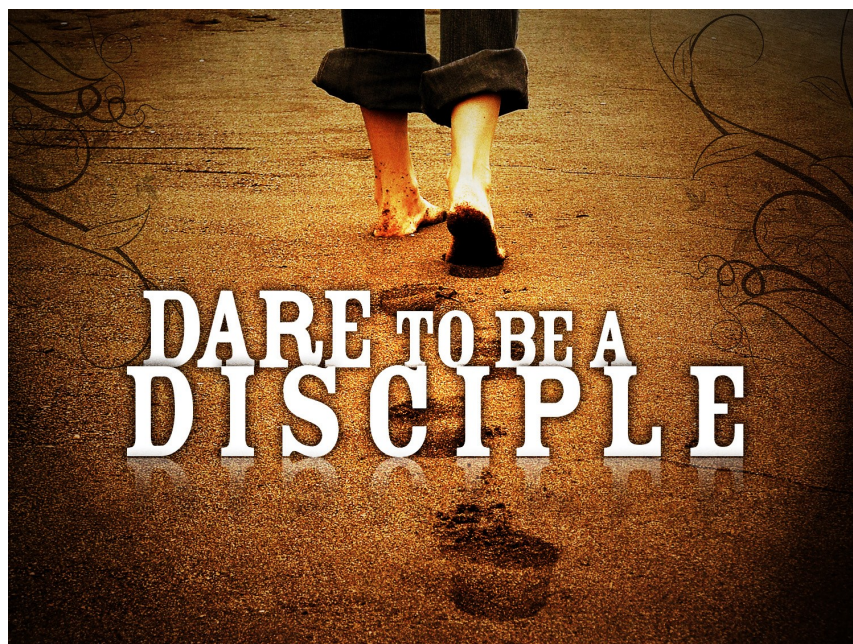
I think the most important thing that I took away from this trip is that this is not Jim Putman’s idea. He simply is pointing out that we as Christians have wandered away from Jesus’ example of what it is to disciple, and that he is merely redirecting us back to that model.

To sum up what it means to discipline as Jesus did: Relationship(s) is key. I am excited as I begin being more deliberate in discipling my own family, with those I know, and with those I meet.

If you have questions about “Disciple-Shift” I would love to meet with you and talk over coffee.

Thanks for sending us,

Brett Lindemood



Join us for a very special
Sunday morning of worship!



Friendship Celebration
765 E Chinden Blvd

Sunday
June 10
8:15 and 11:00 AM



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

- 📖 Boundaries—Led by Pastor Matt - (Room 132)
- 📖 FCLC Membership Class-Led by Pastor Tom (Preschool Room 4)
- 📖 Study of Selected Psalms — Led by Matt Holmquist (Room 125)
- 📖 Study of "I Know a Little German"-a study on the book of Galatians
Led by Linda Varnes & Lynn House (Room 130)
- 📖 Study - Adult Special Needs Led by Neal Lindemood & Jack Hansen (Room 112)

Weekday Bible Studies

Women's Thursday Bible Study **(FCLC)**

Meets Thursday mornings at 9:15 am.

Contact Karen Graham 208-870-7764

Topic: *This Bible Study group is on summer hiatus.*

Women's Friday Bible Study **(FCLC)**

Meets Friday mornings at 10:00 am

Contact Carol Jo Richter 208-377-3746

Topic: *Great Women of the Bible*

Women's Friday Breakfast (Star)

Contact Dottie Basye 208-949-5020

Men's Friday Morning Breakfast **(50's Café - Meridian)**

Contact Merlyn Schmeckpeper 208-888-9494

Men's Friday Morning Breakfast (Star)

Contact Bill Basye 208-286-0691

Men's Friday Morning Breakfast **(Moxi Java - Meridian-Locust Grove** **at E. Fairview)**

Contacts Dale Bentley (208-859-4001)
& Chuck DeVito (208-505-7579)

Grounded in the Word
Reflecting Christ's love
Open to the Spirit
Welcoming the journey
Inviting others along
Nourishing their connections
Giving generously



Nurture Groups

Eagle Nurture Group

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 at Dick & Ruth Kanemasu's home

at 990 W. Oakhampton Dr. Eagle (208-830-0706).

Star-Eagle Nurture Group

Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm at David & Susan Banker's home

at 300 W. Sutter Dr. Eagle Contact Bill Basye (208-286-0691).

Or Mike Sivey (208-859-0079)

Star Nurture Group

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Rick & Emelie Woodall's home.

Contact them at 208-286-7508 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.

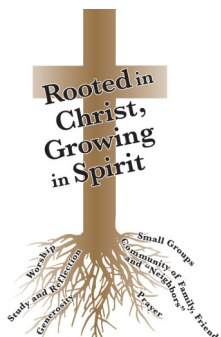
Safety & Preparedness Group

Meets 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 at FCLC. Contact Lynn House for more information (208-830-0078)

Bible & Brew-Homestead Grill (Meridian)

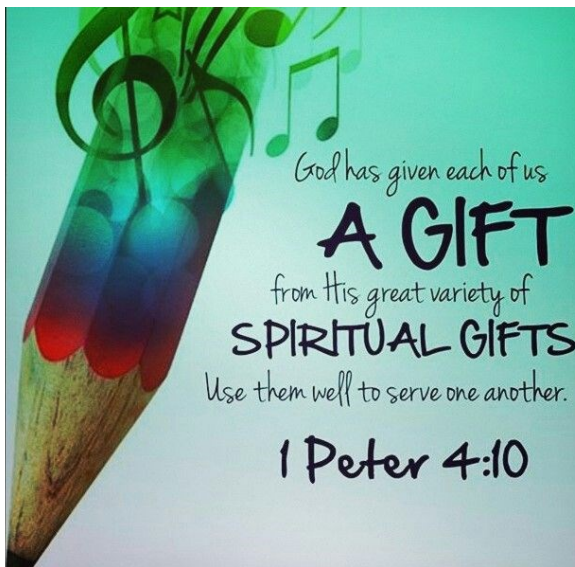
1st Wednesday each month 6:00pm

Contact Brett Lindemood (208-982-1461)



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- ✝ **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) In the event that, Jenny Kandler. In the event that, Jenny Kandler can't be reached for prayer chain, please call/ notify, Donnette House (208-297-0775) at donnette15@gmail.com.
- ✝ **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.
- ✝ Stay up to date on congregation happenings by receiving the **Friendly 411 Weekly** via email every Thursday afternoon. To subscribe email Joan Hammerson at jhammerson@friendshipcelebration.org
- ✝ Your "**Friendly Findings**" Newsletter is available in the foyer at church or on our church website: www.friendshipcelebration.org. Newsletter article deadline is 20th of each month and may be submitted by email to: office@friendshipcelebration.org. Or contact the church office at (208) 288-2404.
- ✝ **Church Office Hours:** Kayla Liehe (Office Mgr.) Monday through Friday 8:30am—4:00pm. Joan Hammerson (Secretary) Tuesday-Thursday-Friday 8:30am-2:00pm.



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A cartoon illustration of a bright yellow sun with a face, wearing black-rimmed sunglasses. The sun has a wide, toothy grin and is set against a white background.

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