



THE GRAPEVINE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SANDPOINT, IDAHO
July-August 2019

From the Pastor...

This combined July/August issue of The Grapevine is an indication that we are in the midst of the summer season. Worship is at 9:30, choir and Sunday school, Session and Deacons take a break. There is a different pace to life in North Idaho. The green of plants, the blue of water, the amazement of all that is summer continues to warm not only the days, but our hearts.

Recognizing the importance of renewing, the Session has recommended that I shorten up my sermons, and I have permission to draw on external resources such as devotionals (similar to the Lenten or Advent services). This will free up time and energy to focus on other forms of writing, maintain simplicity in the reflection on scripture, and allow summer to be renewing for everyone

In addition, to help worship flow better, the Session decided that announcements need to be submitted ahead of time to get printed in The Twig bulletin insert. The submissions need to be short so we can utilize a half-sheet of paper. If something needs mentioned on Sunday which didn't make it into The Twig, contact the Pastor before the service to see if it can be announced. Only church related activities or programs sponsored by the church will be mentioned. This will honor the sanctuary space and our intention for entering into worship.

I hope you are able to get outside this summer. As you look into the blue sky, allow the eyes of your hearts to look beyond the atmosphere's shroud,

knowing that there are billions of stars, galaxies, planets, and other amazing aspects to God's creation. The same Divine energy, Christ, Love, Spirit, unites us with all there is, seen and unseen. Take a deep breath, reach up and stretch, and say, "Thank you!"

Have an amazing summer!

Peace and All Good,

Pastor Andy Kennaly



MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH

The Peace Market in the Garden was held on Saturday, June 22, and it was a wonderful success despite a couple of brief summer showers. There were 9 vendors on the lawn in addition to the 7 tables, plus 2 carts with goods for sale by the church. We also provided hot quesadillas, pineapple kabobs, cookies, coffee, and iced tea. As a fund raiser for the Peace Garden, it will net about \$1,500. As a community mixer, it was priceless! Many people expressed appreciation. As one vendor put it, "More important [than raising money] was clearing space in my home and having a sweet day with family, neighbors, and community folks. Thanks!" Another person said she enjoyed having food available for the family while visiting with the folks who stopped in for browsing. At least 2 participants were going through difficult personal losses, and being in a festive, kind atmosphere kept them from dwelling on their troubles.

The Peace Market would not have been possible without the hours and hours of cheerful help and support from friends and members of the church. Many heartfelt thanks to Anna Bates, Chuck Bauer, Jim Bellotty, Betty Cady, Sarah & Brandon Casey, Cynthia Dalsing, Dee Dreisbach, Jane Fritz, Rob Gonzales, Sue Helander, Sylvia Humes, Kathleen Huntley, Pastor Andy & Shawna Kennaly, Bill Love, Sally Moon, Victoria Oliver, Shirley Parker, Dave & Lynn Pietz, Millie Rinker, Marilyn & Tamera Robertson and Mary Sturgis. Thanks to all who donated food and stuff to sell! I apologize if I missed your name. Please know you are appreciated!

July 26-28 - Hildegard Retreat - We are delighted to be hosting a retreat this summer called, "Hildegard von Bingen: mystic, musician, artist, theologian, scientist, preacher...". Please see the flier insert for more information. Your help getting the word out will be appreciated. This is going to be a top-notch retreat and we are excited to be hosting it!

From August 21 to October 1 our church will have a display in a couple of cases at the Sandpoint Library. Lynn Pietz, Kathleen Huntley, Marilyn Robertson, Judy Labrie and Pastor Andy have been brainstorming to see how to visually get the message across about what is happening at FPC. It looks like an interesting display is taking shape. Swing by the library after August 21 and take a look.

September is shaping up to be an exciting month to explore aspects of peacemaking. We've been planning a series for the community that is a little different from the past peacemaking series format. Save Wednesday evenings on September 11, 18 and 25 while we develop these presentations. Topics will include hearing first-hand about the Peace Corp, the Blanket Exercise (exploring experientially how colonization affected the indigenous people in North America) and a community presentation on environmental awareness.

Members of the Membership and Outreach Team include Anna Bates, Sylvia Humes, Lynn & Dave Pietz, Chuck Bauer, Carol Curtis, Pastor Andy and Judy Labrie. Anyone is welcome to attend meetings and contribute ideas.

Blessings on the journey, Judy Labrie, Membership & Outreach Moderator



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will be using Horizon's 2019-2020 Bible Study, "Love Carved in Stone-A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" beginning at our September PW meeting. Contact Susie Haskins at (208) 263-6593 before July 14, 2019 if you would like to order a copy.

WORSHIP AT CITY BEACH

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, July 21st at 9:30 a.m. Join us at the pavilion at City Beach for Worship. Guest, visitors and members are all welcome! Bring a friend! Limited seating will be available so please plan on bringing folding chairs and /or blankets. A potluck lunch will follow worship. Please bring a dish to share, along with your own plates and utensils. Drinks, cups and napkins will be provided.

BIKE AND BUILD PROJECT 2019

This year, the Bike and Build group will be coming on Saturday afternoon, August 17, and leaving on Monday morning, August 19. The group will have about 35 riders. They will be working with Bonner Homeless Transitions, as they did last year. On arrival on Saturday afternoon, we will need some drivers to shuttle the bike riders to and from the YMCA facility where the riders will be able to get showers. Our church will provide space for the riders to stay overnight for Saturday and Sunday nights. We will provide meals for them on Saturday night and Monday morning. We should provide some breakfast snacks for them on Sunday morning, but they basically will be working with Bonner Homeless Transitions, who will be giving them lunch and dinner on Sunday. There will be some riders who are vegetarians, and we will provide the count as the dates are closer.

A signup sheet will be provided later for the particular needs involved. We appreciate everyone's help with this project. These riders are a great group of people who are doing a well needed service for the towns and cities they serve across the country.

Dave Pietz
Mission Coordinator

THE SESSION SUMMARY – JUNE 2019

During its June 18 meeting, Session decided to create a Session Summary for the church newsletter, The Grapevine. We did this a number of years ago and called it *Session Mini-Minutes*. As the current clerk of session, I will now dub this regular column as *The Session Summary*.

Building and Grounds

Cynthia Dalsing, announced the good news that testing of the broken floor tiles from Fellowship Hall revealed very low amounts of asbestos, far below any threshold of concern. Therefore, a simple replacement of about a dozen tiles will get us by until requiring a complete floor replacement. We won't have to call in the people wearing white suits and masks for a simple job that we can do ourselves.

The new church entryway facing Fourth Avenue is nearing completion but likely won't be finished by the Peace Market Celebration on June 22. Before too long, however, we will be stepping up the "Stairway to Heaven."

Pastor Andy is moving ... but not very far ... just across the hall. With the aesthetic appearance of the Peace Garden growing every day, the current nursery room will be converted into a Pastor's Study. Pastor Andy's new view will allow him to enjoy the calming effect of green grass, flowers and trees instead of a busy alley and fast food drive-thru. The children will enjoy the larger space as the Pastor's old office transitions into a kid-friendly zone.

New Policies Regarding Petitions and Newsletter Content

Session approved the following two policies:

- 1) Only church related petitions, approved by Session, can be circulated within the church.
- 2) The final editing and content of *The Grapevine* newsletter resides with the Pastor, Clerk of Session and an ad hoc Member At Large.

These policies followed a serious discussion to ensure that we always protect the sacredness, peace, and unity of our church, and the sense of sanctuary and community the church provides for a diverse membership.

Stewardship and Finance

Dyno Wahl reported that as of the five month period ending May 2019, total income amounted to \$67,066 which offset expenses of \$60,791. Budgeted income for this same time period was forecasted to be \$57,292. This is good news indeed as summer giving usually takes a dip. Everyone is encouraged to stay current in maintaining a proper stewardship.

May God continue to bless our church and all who gather to worship with us.

Bill Love, Clerk of Session

KIDS ALIVE DAY CAMP

July 22-25 for Kids Alive Day Camp! The theme, "Adventure Awaits!" is guided by Ephesians 5:1-2b, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Jesus loved us." If you feel led to volunteer for this grand adventure, please contact the church office. There are several ways to participate. We do background screenings for the Presbyterian leadership involved in working directly with the children. This ministry to the community is in partnership with First Lutheran Church and Sandpoint United Methodist Church, and each year blesses our community with a joyful way to learn about Jesus.

First Presbyterian Church is responsible, especially, for Monday's program, on the theme "Jesus Loves." In addition, Monday will be called, "Bold Color Day" so kids and adults can wear bright clothing. The Lutherans are doing Crazy Hair Day on Tuesday, and the Methodists lead Crazy Sock Day on Wednesday. Thursday, Luther Park staff will host Backwards Day, and outfits will be worn in reverse.

On their day, each church is responsible to provide:

- * breakfast items for the Lutherhaven Camp staff
- * registration helpers for sign-in beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- * snacks for about 50 campers: snacks of goldfish crackers, mini-pretzels, and fresh fruit
- * 75 otter pops, the smaller size, already frozen ahead of time
- * dinner for the Lutherhaven Camp staff, either hosting directly or as a gift certificate to eat out

Contact the church office for more information, or to coordinate helping this ministry take place.

KIDS ALIVE SUMMER DAY CAMP 2019

JULY 22nd TO JULY 25th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
First Lutheran Church of Sandpoint, ID



First and Last Name of camper you're signing up: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade entering in Fall 2019: _____

First and Last Name of 2nd camper you're signing up: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade entering in Fall 2019: _____

First and Last Name of 3rd camper you're signing up: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade entering in Fall 2019: _____

Parent/Guardian

Name: _____ Relationship to Camper: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell #: _____ Work # (optional): _____

Email: _____

Second Parent/Guardian

Name: _____ Relationship to Camper: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell #: _____ Work # (optional): _____

Email: _____

Additional Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Relationship to Camper: _____

Cell #: _____ Work # (optional): _____

Does your camper(s) have any life threatening or severe health-threatening allergies that require an epi-pen or emergency medical services? If so, please list. (Please specify which camper if signing up multiple campers)

Any other notes to help us best care for your camper(s)?

Publicity Release:

I agree to allow the use of my minor child's/ward/s photos, quotes, and/or likeness' in brochures, ads, web pages, video tape and other media as deemed useful by **Lutherhaven Ministries** for marketing purposes. I waive rights to any royalty or fees that might be applicable for the use of such images, quotes, or likeness'.

Initial Here: _____

I agree to allow the use of my minor child's/ward/s photos, quotes, and/or likeness' in brochures, ads, web pages, video tape and other media as deemed useful by **First Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church, & Sandpoint United Methodist Church** for marketing purposes. I waive rights to any royalty or fees that might be applicable for the use of such images, quotes, or likeness'.

Initial Here: _____

Signature of parent or guardian of minor camper(s)

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Adventure Awaits



"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Jesus loved us." ~ Ephesians 5:1-2b

DAY	TITLE/THEME	BIBLE TEXT	FOCUS POINTS
MONDAY	Jesus Loves	Luke 19:1-10 <i>Zacchaeus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's love for us in Jesus is for everyone. • Jesus came to seek us and save us. • Jesus shows us a way of living that invites us on the adventure of loving our neighbors, strangers, and even our enemies.
TUESDAY	Jesus Forgives	Luke 7:36-50 <i>Woman Anoints Jesus</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus died on the cross to rescue us from our sins. Through His death and resurrection, we are forgiven and saved. • God's forgiveness for us in Jesus restores broken relationships, and invites us on the adventure of forgiving others.
WEDNESDAY	Jesus Cares for Our Needs	Matthew 15:29-39 <i>Feeding 4,000</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God created us and loves us. God cares about our needs. • Jesus shows us how to care for the needs of God's people, and invites us on the adventure of caring for others.
THURSDAY	Jesus Humbly Serves	John 13:1-17 <i>Washing Feet</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's love is surprising, upside down and different from what we expect! • Jesus shows us a way of living that builds community through humility and sacrificial service.
FRIDAY	Jesus Prays	Matthew 6:5-15 <i>Lord's Prayer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through Jesus, God has established a relationship with each of us. • Jesus shows us how to live in relationship with God through prayer.



Hildegard von Bingen: Mystic, Musician, Theologian, Artist, Scientist, Preacher

Retreat at the First Presbyterian Church
Corner of Alder St and Fourth Ave, Sandpoint

Free Presentation Friday, July 26, 6 - 8:00 pm

Day Retreat Saturday, July 27, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm*

Worship Service Special Music Sunday, July 28, 9:30 am

Facilitated by Robin Garner, EdD

Hildegard von Bingen was born to a noble family in Germany in 1098 and at a young age was given to the church. This 12th century female figure captured the world in which she lived with her profound ideas regarding our humanity and our relationship with the Divine. Retreat facilitator, Robin Garner, EdD, and expert on Hildegard, enjoys performing Hildegard's unique compositions and sharing her extensive research about Hildegard's life and impact on the world of the time.

We will explore how Hildegard's life, music and writings are not merely something of the past, but a significant force for creativity and devotion in the 21st century. Join in the conversation of her fascinating music, her deep and influential spirituality and how the two are inextricably linked. The Saturday retreat experience will include walking a labyrinth.



Robin Garner, EdD, an
authority on Hildegard, living in
South Carolina

*Register for Saturday before July 5 for
a \$45.00 suggested donation. After
that the suggested donation is \$55.00.

Lunch is included.

Registration ends July 19. Scholarships
are available. For more info and to
register contact Judy at 208-290-3119 or
registration@fpcsandpoint.org



STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN UPDATE

The Stairway to Heaven project continues and the front entry is taking shape. Todd Vorhies, the General Contractor, recently gave an update on the project, including:

- All the large timbers are now in place
- Applied a final finish coat of stain to the timbers
- The tongue & groove ceiling will go on next week
- The metal hand railing contractor is backed up, but the railing is being fabricated this week
- Many people walking by give positive feedback and seem to like it
- The roof decking is going on well, and will be completed with the decking, roof sheathing and protective tar paper. The composition roofing (shingles) is ordered.
- We will have the scaffolding down by the end of the week
- The finger labyrinth on the wood slab is going to Makerspoint to process. It shall be stained to match the lighter roof deck color.
- Lighting... The timber awning is wired to receive a central light fixture.
- the new sidewalk will go in soon

The Congregation goal of raising \$25,000 to match the Building Fund in order to reach the \$50,000 project amount is going well. After a change order to address the sidewalks, the project amount is now \$53,000, but there is money in the Building Fund to cover the difference. As of this publication the congregation amount raised is \$24,689.75. Thank you to everyone who has supported this project! We are very close to reaching our goal!

Sunday September 8 is the official Ribbon Cutting for the front Entry, Gazebo, and Community Peace Garden. Worship will begin at 10:30, followed by the outdoor events and a potluck.

Remember that while it is tempting to see the new steps as a lovely way to get people into the church, more importantly the new steps are to facilitate the church in the mission of going out to connect with the community and neighborhood. Let's continue to put our best foot forward as people sent as the Body of Christ into the world.





JULY—AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 Charles Scott
7 Alexandra Krames
15 Barry Gage
18 Enid Thompson
21 Bob Maricle
25 Anna Bates
31 Chuck Bauer
3 Bill Bissell
6 Dan Murphy
7 Samantha Bissell
8 Shelley Wogman-Bellotty
9 Jill Murphy
10 Darcy Taylor
22 Terrin Dustman
22 Susie Haskins
27 Shirley Parker
30 Phyllis Meagher

Calendar Announcements

July

- 18 *Ernie & Jason Couch Revival Concert in Sanctuary* 6:00 p.m.
 2 *City Beach Worship Service and Potluck* 9:30 a.m.
 22-25 *Kids Alive Day Camp* 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 26-28 *Hildegard von Bingen Retreat*

August

- 17-19 *Bike and Build*

Regular Monthly Events

Sunday Worship—9:30 a.m.

Adult Christian Education—We are breaking for the summer. Plan on participating beginning September 8, 2019.

Monday 6:00 p.m. *Al-Anon*

Tuesday *Book Study Group*—1:30 p.m.

Contemplative Prayer Group—3:00 p.m.

Choir Practice—5:30 p.m.

PFLAG—Second & Fourth Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday 12:00 p.m. *Al-Anon*

7:00 p.m.—*Alcoholics Anonymous*



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