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**"Put on love, which links everything together in perfect harmony."
~Colossians 3:14**



August 2017

On August 21, 2017, starting around 9:05am, we have a unique opportunity to view a Total Solar Eclipse (TSE). This is the first total eclipse in 38 years (since 1979) that has been viewable from the Pacific Northwest, but in 1979, we experienced poor weather and it wasn't viewable.

This year, in Lewiston, we are expected to be able to view the TSE about 91% full coverage. This event will be viewable from all over the continental United States and Hawaii. So take some time, go outside (with your special eclipse spectacles, available on Amazon.com) and view a rarity from our universe! The next time the U.S. can observe a total eclipse is April 8, 2024. Act now, don't wait! Look up and take in the Sun! When we look up, God lifts us up...and the view from the top is incredible!

Blessings!
Sarah Emerich
LINK Editor

Dear Church Family,

*My heart has heard you say,
 "Come and talk with me."
 And my heart responds,
 "Lord, I am coming."*



Our desires impact our lives. Our strongest desires shape our lives. There are compulsive desires that have a way of taking us over until, even against our better judgment, we start organizing our lives around them. Virtually any aspect of our life can become compulsive: eating, drinking, health, exercise, work, physical appearance, sports, sex. None of these is bad in itself, but each one has the potential for excess. Such excess can take us away from God.

The Christian faith teaches a great truth about desiring: God desires us to desire him. This truth has been described in many ways throughout the Christian tradition. In Scripture: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your mind, and all your soul, and all your strength." St. Augustine: "You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless 'till they rest in you." The Westminster Confession: "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever." And, the truth has been described in this way: there is a "God-shaped void" that God has created in us, in order to draw us to himself, a void that only he can fill.

The desire for a heart-to-heart talk with God spoken of in Psalm 27:8 (quoted above) has been the great passion of God's people throughout the ages. They tell us to remember that God is not distant, requiring of us a long and difficult journey to find him, but rather that God is, as Augustine said, "Closer and more intimate to us than we are to ourselves." We are sought by God long before we seek him, and when we begin to find God we realize that God has already found us.

To even consider the possibility of a heart-to-heart talk with God is to acknowledge the reality of grace. While grace takes many forms, it is always given by God as a means of drawing us to himself. Whether we are drawn to him through family or friends, a life event or what has been described as "the providence of the right book at the right time," the desire for God is itself a gift given to us in love. Ours is not a God who would coerce us into desiring him, but one who is humble enough to repeatedly invite, appeal, and even plead with us.

Our current Sunday morning sermon series is "Conversations with God." We are exploring how several people in the Old Testament participate in heart-to-heart engagement with the Lord, including Adam and Eve, Moses, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Jonah. May God's Word guide us in our response to his invitation to "Come and talk with me."

Yours in Christ,
 Pastor Steve



9:00am Contemporary Service

This worship offers a relaxed way to praise our Lord. Our talented Song Team leads our music. Children’s Church is available for kids entering Preschool thru 5th grade (kids excused after young disciples). Come as you are and worship in a casual atmosphere.

10:15am & Noon ~ All-Church Fellowship

Join us for coffee and cookies to catch-up with each other’s lives. This sense of community is vital in the Church atmosphere, as we get to know our neighbors! Childcare available during the 10:15a fellowship hour.

11:00am Traditional Service

This worship is traditional with hymn selections sung by our choir and special music offerings. Join us for refreshments following worship.

RESERVE NOW FOR OUR ALL CHURCH CAMPOUT!

SEPTEMBER 15-17

AT HELLS GATE

STATE PARK



Plan now to join us for this annual event! Campers should make reservations in south portion of loop B for RV's and trailers . North end of loop C for tent campers. Camping spaces are already filling up fast so make reservations soon!


Make your Reservations online at www.idahostateparks.reserveamerica.com/hells-gate-state-park



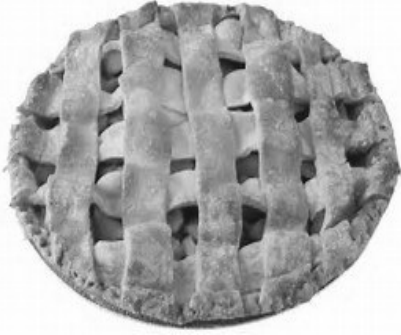
- **Men's Bible Study** - We continue to meet every Wednesday at 6:45am in Fellowship Hall with Pastor Steve, who leads our study and discussion. We are currently reading the Gospel of Mark. Enjoy coffee and donuts, and experience great fellowship with the men of the church.
- **Wednesday in the Word** - Join us every Wednesday at 12:00noon (in the Chapel) with Pastor Steve for an in-depth study and discussion related to the Sunday morning sermon text. All are welcome to join the exploration of biblical teaching and its application for Christian living.
- **Women's Sweet Hour of Prayer** - Join us the 4th Saturday of every month (August 26th) at 10am in the Admin. Conference Room, as we lift each other in prayer. If you have questions, call Leslie Schrette (208-790-4799)
- **The Following Groups** have concluded their studies and will resume with the following dates. Happy Summer!
 - **Women's Association** will resume on September 11th at 10am in Fellowship Hall.
 - **Women's Book Club** will resume on September 5th at 10:30am in the Chapel.
 - **Monday Night Ladies Bible Study** will resume on September 11th at 6:45pm in the Conference Room.
 - **Friday Morning Ladies Bible Study** will resume on September 8. We meet in the Chapel from 9:45a to 11:00a. This fall we will be studying the Book of Romans. All women are warmly welcome to join us in study and fellowship. Study guides will be available at the meetings and are \$5.00. For questions call Jean Allen, 208-746-0557.

ADMINISTRATIVE REMINDER ABOUT SMALL GROUPS:

The use of any Facility/Classroom located on the CPC Campus requires a current paper copy of the "Facility Request Form" on file in the church office. On-Going facility forms expire after one year. If you are in need of facility usage, these forms are available in the church office during office hours. Please return them to Sarah Emerich. Thank you!

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 9:30a Staff Mtg.	2 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 12n Wed. in the Word	3	4 9a Sr. Exercise	5
		6 9a Worship 10:15a Fellowship 11a Worship 12n Fellowship 3p Worship @ RPCC	7 9a Senior Exercise	8 9:30a Staff Mtg. 11a Sr. Min. Mtg	9 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 12n Wed. in the Word	10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 11a Sr. to Pie Safe Bakery </div>
<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 5px;"> Youth Service Crew at Camp Spalding </div>						
13 9a Worship 10a Fellowship 11a Worship 12n Fellowship	14 9a Senior Exercise	15 9:30a Staff Mtg. 6:30p Board Mtg	16 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 12n Wed. in the Word	17	18 9a Sr. Exercise	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Hands and Feet Service Day 8am </div>
Food Bank Sunday 20 9a Worship 10a Fellowship 11a Worship 12n Fellowship	21 9a Senior Exercise <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;"> LINK Deadline (noon) </div>	22 9:30a Staff Mtg.	23 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 12n Wed. in the Word	24	25 9a Sr. Exercise	26 10a Sweet Hour of Prayer
Communion Sunday 27 9a Worship 10a Fellowship 11a Worship 12n Fellowship	28 9a Senior Exercise 1p Service Min. Mtg	29 9a LINK Volunteers 9:30a Staff Mtg. 6p TUF	30 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Sr. Exercise 12n Wed. in the Word	31		

**Lunch Bunch to the
Pie Safe Bakery, Deary, Id
Thursday,
Aug. 10th @
11am**



Join us on Thursday, August 10th at 11am at the church. We'll depart in the bus and travel to Deary, Id to have a Lunch Bunch at the Pie Safe Bakery. We will be back in Lewiston by 2pm. RSVP in Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office, 743-4444.

**Fit & Fall Proof
(Senior Exercise)**

meets
Mondays,
Wednesdays,
and Fridays at
9:00 am in
Fellowship
Hall. Now is
a great time
to join! We have fun and get
our joints moving!



Save the Date:

Thursday September 21st
11:00am-2:00pm
Discovery Picnic at Deyo Pond



Senior Ministry

Community Action Food Bank

August 20th has been designated as Food Bank Sunday. This month, the Food Bank has expressed a need for the following items:



**Food Pantry
Donations Needed**

These items may be brought to Fellowship Hall and deposited in the grocery cart there.
Thank you!!!

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Bar Soap
- Laundry Soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Feminine Products
- Household Cleaners
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Dish Soap
- Kleenex
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels

Food Bank Needs



Dear Congo-Pres Church Family,
Today I cried over a pan of brownies. Say what?! Yes, I stood in the church kitchen and looked at the counter FULL of homemade desserts and dinner donations and cried tears of joy for the overwhelming response and generosity of our church. Congo-Pres is a body of GIVERS and those brownies were a reminder to me that Congo-Pres really DOES love kids!

So, as I reflect on Maker Fun Factory VBS my heart is simply full. WE DID IT!!! It takes a lot of work to pull VBS off and together we made it happen for 80 kids! Last Wednesday I stood back and listened to the kids singing and I thought of you. YOU made this possible. The smells of corndogs, watermelon & sunscreen were wafting through Fellowship Hall, the Rec team was readying the field for slip-n-slide euphoria and the faithful crew of craft helpers were geared up to get paint on just about everything. All this was possible because YOU responded to the call of Jesus to love kids. I am humbled and I thank you!

If you helped in ANY way, you were part of bringing the gospel of Jesus to the kids who came each Wednesday night. Whether you donated money for craft supplies or dinner items, helped with crafts, welcomed families at registration, taught the kids Bible stories, cooked dinner, played games with our kids at REC, sang, took pictures, helped with clean-up, said a prayer or gave a word of encouragement: **THANK YOU!!!** Thank you for loving the kids of our church, and the LC Valley, and for providing an opportunity for them to have fun while growing in their faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ!

Thanks be to God for GREAT things he has done!
Kelly Paynter

Questions? Contact Kelly Paynter, Director of Children's Ministries, at kellyP@congopres.org, 743-4444 or 791-1262.



Preschool to Fifth Grade

Hey, Congo-Pres Kids! You're invited to **Children's Church** each Sunday morning! Come to the 9:00am Worship Service and right after the Young Disciples time, all kids who are in **Preschool (4 years) through Fifth Grade** are invited upstairs Pilgrim Hall for Children's Church! Each week has a Bible Lesson and fun activities! ***A note to Parents:** Children's Church concludes at 10:15am. At that time, you may come get your child(ren) and take them to the All-Church Fellowship time in Fellowship Hall or allow them to remain upstairs, with our fun child-care providers. Please pick them up by 11:00am. We will not dismiss the children to Fellowship Hall without an adult.

Congo-Pres



There's a place for all kids Preschool to 5th grade at Congo-Pres Kids Club! Join us Wednesday nights in September beginning on September 13th! A family style supper begins at 5:30 followed by our super awesome Kids Club from 6-7pm! Come have fun with us!

Yippy and Wired in August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Youth Summer break in August		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Camp Spalding Service Crew 						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 LHS First day of school	24	25	26
27	28	29 CHS First day of school	30	31	BACK TO SCHOOL 	

Questions?

Please contact McLane Stone, Associate Pastor, or Bobbi Jo, Youth Ministry Secretary in the church office at 743-4444.

Our Fall Wednesday Evening Program returns

September 13

We will meet 6:00 – 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall
with a light supper at 5:30pm



“Congo-Pres Kids’ Club”
for the children

Various video series for the
adults on topics such as
“Grace,” “Prayer,” and
“Discipleship”

“The Physical Setting of the Bible”
With Dr. John DeLancey

Friday evening and Saturday
morning, September 22-23

All are invited to join us in
Fellowship Hall for this seminar
which will explore the

archaeology, historical geography, and
cultural context of the Bible.



In 2014 a group of 24 from our congregation went on an
11-day trip to Israel, led by Dr. John DeLancey.
A future trip with Dr. DeLancey is being discussed – further information
will be available when he joins us in September.

Newsletter DEADLINE

LINK Deadline & Volunteers

The deadline to submit articles for SEPTEMBER LINK is

**Monday, August 21st
at Noon**

Articles may be sent via email to SarahE@congopres.org or

brought to the church office. Articles received past the noon time will not be guaranteed submission, so plan accordingly. Volunteers will meet in the Administration Building on **Tuesday, August 29th at 9am** to assemble the LINK for mailing.



Mark your Calendars: August 6th. Join us monthly as we celebrate with cake during Fellowship Hour for a special Happy Birthday Celebration for our Friends and Members! Stop by for some cake, coffee and conversation for your special birthday month!

August Birthdays: Betty Johnston, Melanie Sheppard (1st); Lauri Wilbraham (3rd); Phyllis Laird, Dick Sherwin (4th); Jeanette Keller (5th); Denise White, Darren Williams (7th); Shannon Van Buren (8th); Linda Gossage, Mara Jones (10th); Charley Stone (11th); Nancy Emerich (14th); Dar Wendt (16th); Dianne Blum (18th); Andy King (19th); Andy Hanson (20th); Miki Dammarell (21st); Leslie Schrette (22nd); Mark Sheppard (23rd); Ethan Hibbard (24th); Kay Solem (25th); Brad Johnson (26th); Zackary Carpenter (27th); Millie Jones (28th); Noah Williams (29th); Robert Granlund, Jenny McKarcher (30th)

If we missed your birthday please let Sarah in the office know (743-4444).



Our Sanctuary is such a beautiful place to worship and we often don't realize what is involved each week in preparing for church on Sunday. One of the team's that faithfully works behind the scenes each and every week is our Sanctuary Team. Over the years, members of our congregation have come to the church in the middle of the week to straighten our pew racks and tidy up the sanctuary for the following Sunday. Our current team includes: Verna Aucutt, Marilyn Kidder and Lauren Trail. Each team is responsible for alternating months throughout the year. These volunteers quietly serve by replacing pew cards, envelopes, Bible Reading Plans and more. They sharpen pencils, fill our Welcome Pads and straighten the hymnals and Bibles. They place the Special Envelopes in the pews at Christmas, Easter and for Special Offerings. They remove any trash and provide hand sanitizer. Quite often they even dust and polish the pews. If there is an event, such as a wedding or funeral during the week, they are often called upon to come at an unscheduled time. Their care for our sanctuary is not only a blessing to our staff, but a blessing to our entire congregation. So, next Sunday when you enter the sanctuary, you may want to take a look around at our pews and say a special thank you to our team of volunteers who tidy up after all of us each week!



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