

The LINK

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To Know Christ
To Become Like Christ
To Share Christ



CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**WHENEVER YOU FEEL
UNLOVED, UNIMPORTANT
OR INSECURE REMEMBER
TO WHOM YOU BELONG.
EPHESIANS 2:19-22**

**TEACH US TO
NUMBER OUR DAYS,
THAT WE MAY GAIN
A HEART OF WISDOM.
PSALM 90:12**

**But the Lord stood with me
and strengthened me.
2 Timothy 4:17**

**HE IS ABLE
TO DO IMMEASURABLY
MORE THAN ALL
WE ASK OR
IMAGINE.
EPHESIANS 3-20**

**THESE THINGS
I HAVE SPOKEN
TO YOU, SO
THAT IN ME YOU
MAY HAVE PEACE.
JOHN 16:33**

Lent Bible Verses

Dear Church Family,

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" - Matthew 4:1-4

The 40 day season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday on February 17 and continues through Saturday, April 3, the day before Easter Sunday. (The 40 day count excludes Sundays.) The church has been celebrating Lent for many centuries as a way to encourage Christians to prepare for Easter by observing a period of spiritual discipline. The choice of 40 days echoes important 40-day and 40-year events in the Bible, including the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness.

What motivated Jesus to spend 40 days and nights of solitude, prayer and fasting in the Judean wilderness? This desert landscape was largely uninhabitable and was full of dangers for anyone who dared to venture in it for long. Danger from scorching heat by day and extreme cold at night, danger from wild animals and scorpions, and deprivation of food and scarcity of water.

For the chosen people of Israel the desert was a place of testing, encounter, and renewal. When the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt, they wandered 40 years in the wilderness. This was seen as a time of purification and preparation for entry into the promised land. Moses went to the mountain of the Lord at Sinai and stayed there for 40 days and nights (Exodus 24:18).

Jesus, no doubt, went to the wilderness to prepare himself for the mission the Father sent him to accomplish. Satan, in turn, did his best to entice Jesus to chose his own will over the will of his Father. Despite his weakened condition, due to fatigue and lack of food for 40 days, Jesus steadfastly rejected Satan's subtle and not so subtle temptations. Where did Jesus find his strength to survive the desert's harsh conditions and the tempter's seduction? He fed on his Father's word and found strength in doing his will.

During this season of Lent I encourage each one of us to practice the spiritual discipline of daily feeding on our Father's word. I invite us to follow our church's Bible Reading Plan (available at the church and on our church website: www.congopres.org). Then, as we are daily feeding on his word, we will find strength to do God's will, and we will be better prepared to welcome our risen Lord and Savior on Easter Sunday.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve

Food Bank Sunday

March 21st

This month's needs:

- Pancake Mix
- Muffin Mix
- Syrup
- Hot Cereal
- Cold Cereal
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Hamburger Helper
- Chicken Helper
- Tuna Helper
- Crackers



These items may be brought to Fellowship Hall and deposited in the grocery cart. Donations are taken to the Community Action Partnership Food Bank. Thank you!

APRIL LINK DEADLINE IS MONDAY MARCH 15TH

Articles may be sent via email to annab@congopres.org or brought to the church office. Articles received past the deadline will not be guaranteed inclusion.



Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share? Favorite Book? we would love to hear from you!!

If you would like to volunteer to help assemble the LINK for mailing please come to the church office on Tuesday, March 23rd at 9am.

Fit & Fall Proof

(Senior Exercise)

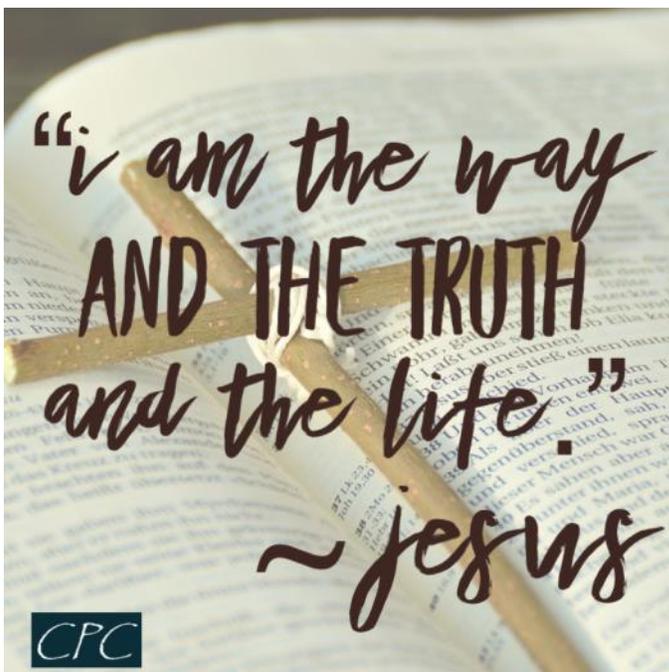
Join us every
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
at 9am
in Fellowship Hall



All Seniors are welcome to attend. Social distancing is practiced and masks must be worn.

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, with nursery for the younger ones.



11:00am Traditional Service

This worship is traditional with hymn selections and special music offerings. Nursery is available for children 1st grade and younger.

9:00am and 11:00am Livestream

The Worship Services are livestreamed on our website: www.congopres.org, and can be viewed at any time during the following week.

Easter Lilies



This year we will be worshipping from home on Easter. Our Easter Lily donation program will resume in 2022.

Holy Week Schedule

24-Hour Prayer Vigil – April 1-2

7:00pm, April 1 to 6:00pm, April 2; in our Sanctuary.

Sign up for one-hour time slots in Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office.

Good Friday Worship Service – April 2

In-person worship, 6:00–7:00pm, in our Sanctuary.

A worship service commemorating the final hours of our Lord's life on earth as he suffered death upon the cross.

(The service will be live-streamed.)

Easter Sunday Worship – April 4

The Easter Sunday Worship video will be available online.

(There is no in-person worship on Easter Sunday.)

Note: There is no Maundy Thursday Worship Service this year.

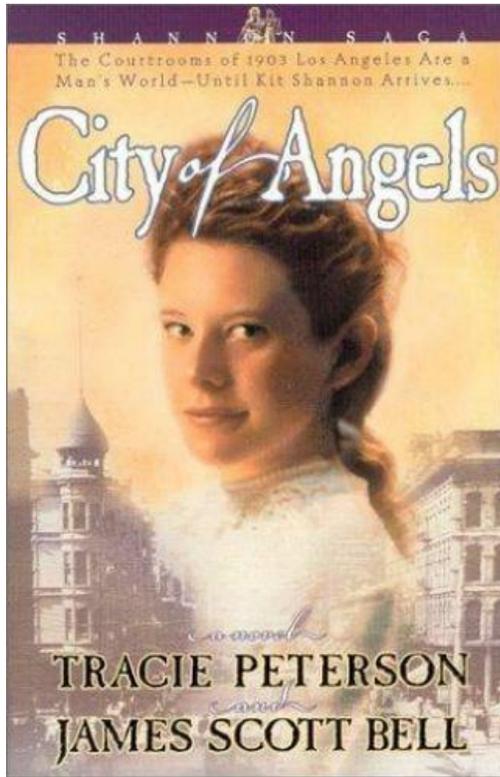
**This month you may want to help celebrate our
March Birthdays by sending a card to:**

March Birthdays

- 1st Nick Rawson, Melba Ashburn, Charlotte Higgins,
Samantha Franklin & Kensey Zellerhoff
- 2nd Tessa Heagy
- 3rd Mike Damon & Derek Katzenberger
- 6th Chris Schrette
- 7th Carol Trautman
- 8th Carolyn Wilson
- 9th Tom Boubel
- 10th Peggy Wilson, David Robertson,
Shayne Ashe & Tracy Trotter
- 11th Brooke Wittman
- 16th Brad Peer & Becky Schroeder
- 17th Dustin Hibbard, Ben Williams & Mike Washburn
- 19th Emilyn Sheppard & Jeremiah Coons-Niland
- 20th Brenda Hardin
- 21st Dave Aston
- 22nd Sarah Emerich
- 23rd Galen Bennet & Debbie Blake
- 24th Cathy Mannschreck & Lynn Tobin
- 25th Orië Kaltenbaugh, Ketcher Van Buren
& Michelle McIntosh
- 27th Lois Mulkey & Becky Travis
- 28th Patti Mann
- 29th Martha Land, Carolyn Jones & Tom Eier
- 30th Brent Hardin
- 31st Chris Browne & Amber Vega



March Pick!



**This book was recommended by
the CPC Christian Book Club**

**CPC Christian Book Club
Monday April 5th
10:30 am in the Chapel**



The courtrooms of 1903 Los Angeles are a man's world—until Kit Shannon arrives. With shoulders squared and dreams set high, Kit Shannon arrives in Los Angeles feeling a special calling to the law. Yet under the care of her socialite aunt, Kit quickly comes to realize that few understand her burning desire to seek justice and practice a profession known only to men. When her aunt adamantly refuses to support her unconventional career aspirations, Kit questions whether she is truly following God's will. And when her growing love for a man pledged to another threatens scandal, Kit knows her days might be numbered in Los Angeles. A chance meeting with Earl Rogers, the city's most prominent criminal lawyer, garners Kit an apprentice position. And work on a notorious murder case. Someone has been killing prostitutes in Los Angeles, but Kit is certain it is not Rogers' client. Determined to find the truth, Kit runs full on into forces that want to stop her, forces that stretch all the way to the citadels of power in the City of Angels.



Celebrate Easter with Angel Tree

How can we express caring and love when we are to practice social distancing and masks? Traditionally, our church has provided Easter baskets and wrapped birthday gifts to our Angel Tree children. These gifts demonstrate that Christ is alive and caring throughout the year, not just at Christmas. We would like to continue ministering to Angel Tree children and caregivers by providing gift cards at Easter and for 2021 birthdays. The Angel Tree team will set up a table in March so you can visit with team members and learn more about:

- *Easter cards for prisoners for whom you can write a meaningful message and return to the card basket or church office.
- *Donating toward \$25 gift cards using the basket on the Fellowship Hall table. You can also submit your donation through the offering or directly to the church office, noting that it is for Angel Tree.

Currently there are 19 children enrolled in our Angel Tree ministry. Families will know these gifts are from Congregational-Presbyterian Church when they are delivered by team members. We received many a “thank you” for the Christmas gift cards as caregivers with financial hardships really appreciated the ability to purchase the “perfect gift” for their child. Each Angel Tree child has a parent currently in prison and participating in a Christian Fellowship ministry. It is important that the child and family member knows that the gift of Jesus continues throughout the year.

Before Easter, the Angel Tree Team will deliver the gift cards and an Easter card. If you would like to know more about the ministry of Angel Tree or might be interested in serving, please contact Tina Lantz, 719-331-7834 or Dianne Waldemarson, 208-305-1402.





YIPPY & WIRED



in March

FROM THE FULLNESS OF HIS GRACE WE ALL HAVE
RECEIVED ONE BLESSING AFTER ANOTHER.

WIRED

Sundays - 5:00-6:30pm

Middle School ministry (6th-8th grades)

Sunday nights 5:00-6:30pm is all about middle school madness! Join us for games, faith, and fun! At WIRED, we believe that God is calling each of us to follow Him with our whole lives. We want to explore what that means together. Don't miss it!

YIPPY

Sundays - 7:00-8:30pm

High School ministry (9th-12th grades)

Are you looking for a group of friends to grow in your relationship with Jesus? Do you want to know more about your faith and how it impacts your daily life? YIPPY is our high school ministry that provides a place for students to gather. And grow. We meet on Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm at the Youth House for games, worship, and general shenanigans. It's always a little crazy!



THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS LUCK,
IT'S GOD'S FAVOR.



QUESTIONS?

Please contact Pastor McLane or Bobbi Jo,
Youth Ministry secretary at 743-4444 in the
church office if you have any questions.



nursery



Our nursery is open Sunday mornings and for all worship services. Loving child care for infants through age three is provided for the Sunday 9:00am Contemporary Service beginning at 8:45am. Childcare for ages 1st grade and younger is available during the 11:00am Traditional Service beginning at 10:45.

CAMP SPALDING



Mark your 2021 summer calendar now for Camp Spalding! Summer camps start in June and run through August for elementary ages through senior high. Camp Spalding is on beautiful Davis Lake, north of Spokane. Camp Spalding is optimistic that forthcoming COVID vaccines will allow for a more normal summer camping season in 2021. Online registration for Summer 2021 is tentatively scheduled to begin on May 5th. Check www.campspalding.org for camp dates and more info. Please contact Kelly Paynter or Pastor McLane if you are in need of financial assistance to camp. Camp scholarship paperwork will be available in late February.



Hey, Congo-Pres Kids! You're invited to **Children's Church** each Sunday morning! All kids who are in **Preschool (4 years) through Fifth Grade** are invited to Children's Church below the Sanctuary at 9:00am each Sunday. Doors open at 8:50am. Stop by the hand sanitizing station, give your hands a quick scrub and come join us! Each week we have a Bible Lesson and fun activities. We have socially distanced tables and all kids have their own tub of craft supplies. Children's Church concludes when the 9:00am service ends. At that time, please come get your child at the bottom of the ramp. We will not dismiss children outside without an adult present.



WEDNESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL

Kids' Club meets Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm and is for children in Kindergarten up to 5th Grade. Many fun things are planned for Kids' Club including creative object lessons, crafts, games, individually wrapped snacks and an interactive and engaging Bible story time. Snack & free time will be from 3:30-4pm. The planned hour of our afternoon will begin at 4pm and conclude at 5pm. Kids' Club will meet in the Children's Ministry space directly below the Sanctuary. Please use the ramp entrance to enter and exit.

Contact Kelly Paynter, Director of Children's Ministries, with questions, concerns or comments at kellyp@congopres.org, 743-4444 or 791-1262.



LEWIS CLARK
BIBLE INSTITUTE
EQUIPPING SAINTS FOR SERVICE

The Lewis Clark Bible Institute is a non-denominational community based ministry that exists to equip followers of Christ for ministry in their local churches, homes, and community.

They provide training in biblical and doctrinal studies, ministry, and leadership skills. Their goal is to equip leaders, teachers, and volunteers to serve and be bold witnesses for Christ in their community. Their courses are also designed to give parents the knowledge and confidence they need to "train up their children in the way they should go".

You can find more information about LCBI as well as their spring class list at the Welcome Center in Fellowship Hall or go to www.LCBibleInstitute.org. The 2021 spring classes will run from March 23rd thru April 27th.



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for candidates to fill 5 positions for 3-year Church Board terms that will begin July 2021. These positions include committee chairs for: Children's Ministry, Service Ministry, Worship Ministry, Membership & Evangelism, and a Trustee.

Please prayerfully consider candidates to serve in these positions, fill in the nomination form, and return it to the church office as soon as possible marked *Attention Nominating Committee*. If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, please feel free to contact any of the Nominating Committee members listed below.

Thank you for your participation. Finding church leaders is an important matter in the life of the church. Your nominations are appreciated!

Committee Members: Barbara Riggs, Betty Meehan,
Susan Mann, Mike Gabby, and Mike Rooney

Nomination for Church Board Member

Congregational-Presbyterian Church, 709 6th Street, Lewiston, ID 83501

I suggest the name of _____
for nomination to the Board. (Check the box below indicating the
Board position you feel is appropriate for this candidate.)

- Children's Ministry Service Ministry
 Membership & Evangelism Worship Ministry Trustee

Please comment on why this person would be a good candidate for the Church Board.

Return this completed form to the church office in a sealed envelope marked *Attention Nominating Committee* as soon as possible.

24-Hour Prayer Vigil

The 24-Hour Prayer Vigil begins at 7pm on Thursday, April 1 and continues until the beginning of the Good Friday Worship Service at 6pm on Friday, April 2. Taking place in the Sanctuary, it is a time to spend an hour with God, praying, worshiping, and thinking about the life, ministry and sacrifice of Jesus and his deep love for each of us. Prayer cards filled out by members of our church family will be available, suggesting people and situations to pray for. Reading material is also available.

A Prayer Vigil sing-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall beginning March 7. You can also call the church office to sign up for a time slot. It is our hope that at least one person will be in the Sanctuary praying each hour. You may park in the church parking lot, enter Fellowship Hall through the back (east) door, and go up the ramp to the Sanctuary. Security is provided.



The Women's Association of Congo/Pres does not collect any dues from its members. But the membership is very generous in donating money to our treasury. We distribute these donations at Christmas and in May to many charities throughout the Valley. One of those is Meals on Wheels. We received an informative thank you from them which I would like to share:

"Dear Ladies, Valley Meals on Wheels is most appreciative of your recent donations. In 2020, 44,519 meals were delivered by volunteer drivers – an all time high. Thanks to your ongoing support this was possible. Thank You! Valley Meals on Wheels."

Our association feels so blessed to be supported by our members so that we can share with others.



MIDWEEK

Meeting weekly, 6:00pm – 7:00pm, in Fellowship Hall

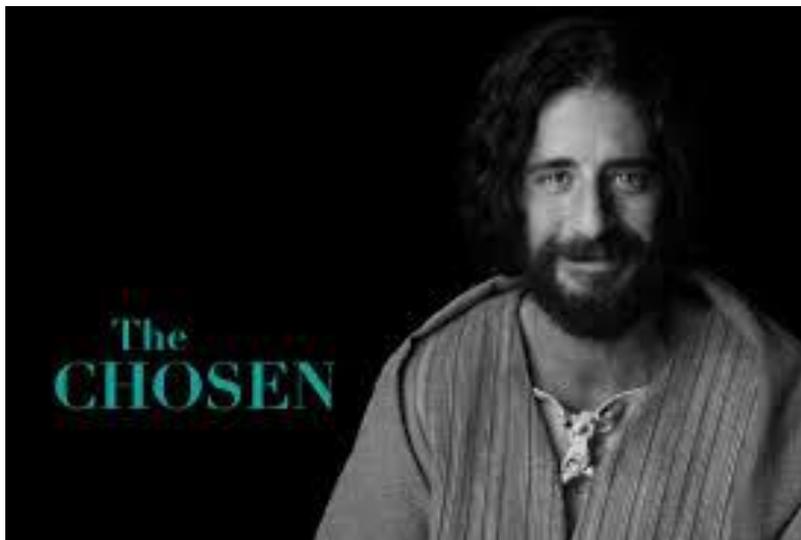
Taught by Pastors Steve and McLane

March 3 and March 10

“Important Themes for Understanding and Reading Scripture”

Topics: Compassion and Grace

A new series begins March 17



An 8-part video series on the life of Christ

We will watch and discuss a new episode each week

(MidWeek is livestreamed on our website)

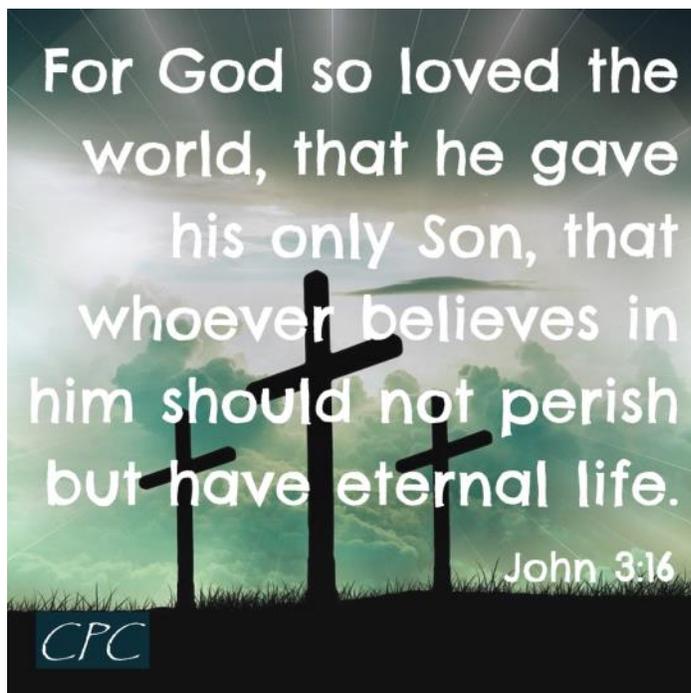
(MidWeek will not meet on March 31)



Growing In Faith

The Women's Association meets on the second Monday of the month at 10am in Fellowship Hall for fellowship, prayer support and education. March hostess is Laureen Trail. Please take a look on page 14 of this months LINK to learn more about Women's Association. *We hope to see you March 8th!*

Women's Christian Book Club will meet again on *Monday April 5th at 10am* in the Chapel. Please contact Marilyn Kidder for more information.



Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning, 6:45-7:45 am in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Steve leads this Bible study and discussion. The group is currently reading the book of Acts. Enjoy coffee and donuts, and experience great fellowship with the men of the church.

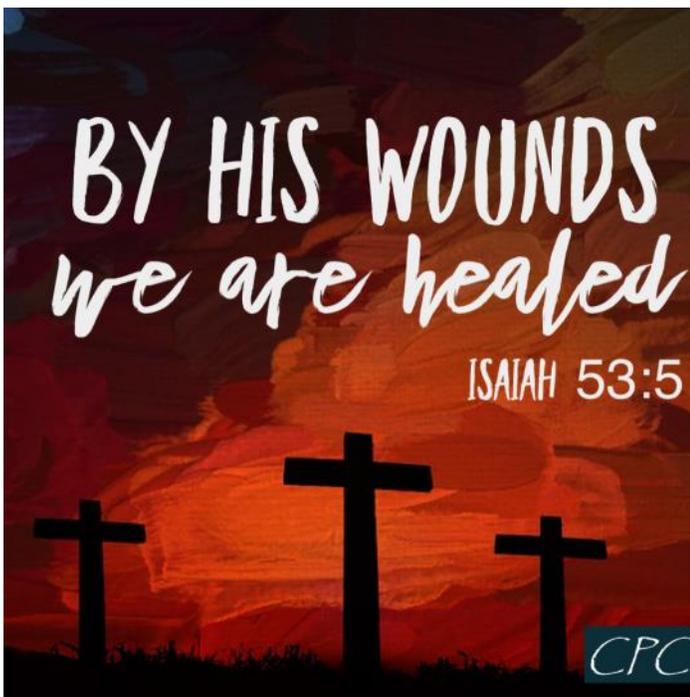
Friday Morning Women's Bible Study meets every Friday at 10am in the Chapel. We are currently studying the book of Acts. Study books are still available for anyone interested. All women are welcome to join us for fellowship, discussion, and prayer. Please bring your Bible and study book to class. For questions call Jean Allen.

Please join us each week for Wednesday in the Word. This program meets every Wednesday, 12-1pm in the Chapel. All are welcome to come meet with Pastor Steve and discuss the biblical passage for the coming Sunday sermon. We will maintain social distancing; please wear your face covering. All are welcome to join the exploration of biblical teaching and its application for Christian living.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study will be meeting this month on *March 8th & 22nd* at 6:45 pm in the Administration Building Board Room. The group has started a new lesson, "The Fruit of the Spirit". For more information or to purchase a book please contact Rona Meske.



A new Divorce Care class began on Sunday January 10th. The program is designed as a grief recovery for people who have been through, or are going through divorce. Anyone interested is welcome to pop in any Sunday from 3-4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall during the thirteen week program. If you need child care or have any questions please contact the church at 208-743-4444.



I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the wonderful support they've given me and my family during this trying time. I can't begin to describe how blessed I've felt to have your prayers & well wishes. On behalf of my Mom, Martha Land, my sister, Toni Carlyle & me; Thank You all so very much! God is truly great!

Sincerely,
Rebecca Land



Lewis Clark Christian School (located in the old Lewiston High School), is looking for a full time elementary homeroom teacher; they would also consider a couple part time people. Also, they are looking for a part time math teacher and a half day kindergarten teacher. For further information, contact Joseph Roberts at (208) 503-6337.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY, MARCH 14
SET CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR
SATURDAY EVENING**





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9a Senior Exercise	2 9:30a Staff Meeting 6p Trustee Meeting	3 6:45a Men's Bible Study 9a Senior Exercise 12p Wednesday in The Word 3:30p Kids Club 6p MidWeek	4 6p Bell Choir	5 9a Senior Exercise 10a Women's Bible Study	6 
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