

Message from the Pastor

"Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord. The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. " (Acts 9:10)



For most, as soon as the final Alleluia was sung at church, as soon as the last bite of Sunday dinner was lifted from the plate and families started heading home, Easter was done. Easter dresses and Easter decorations have long been put away.

But the season of Easter and the new life it promises are far from over. As spring takes hold, we begin our garden work and hope for a good fishing opener. Motorcycle and lawn mower and tiller are tuned up with great anticipation. We are waiting for that mysterious internal alarm to waken us from our winter slumber so that we can sprint out into the world like a race horse from the starting gate. Like the daffodils and tulips and dandelions that will leap forth from the ground as soon as it is warm enough; "O blessed sun, shine down on us and we will arise!" We are eager for new life.

And the Son did shine upon the lifeless, cold earth. On women wanting to give a proper anointing to a dead body on a cold morning. On clueless followers who did not embrace the possibility that there was something more to this well versed Rabbi. To a man who needed to see scars. Indeed, scars was how the Son - shined. Scars and a rumbling belly, waiting for His disciples to see and believe. And they did. Tepidly, perhaps. Not fully. It took a good chunk of the Book of Acts before Peter gets it.



I love the post Easter stories. They're just so ... real. But that is what they are, though. Just stories. Not until something else happens do they become real for us.

There seems to be the need for a blowing wind to accompany the warmth from the Son. Soon we will be celebrating the gift of Pentecost, the day when a new breath was blown upon us to ensure the warmth of the new reality we call Easter.

You don't hear much about Ananias. Not much is written... but what is written catches me. Ananias was a disciple who was more than likely driven away from Jerusalem by death threats, only to be hunted down in Damascus. And the man who was hunting him, and other Christians like Ananias, was none other than Saul. We are familiar with Saul's Damascus road story. We remember how Jesus literally knocked him off his "donkey" and how Saul became Paul, the most prolific missionary of Christianity and the author of a big portion of our Scripture. But it would not have happened if it were not for Ananias. Ananias, who followed a hard word, to swallow his fear, anger and disbelief and go to the hunter in order to bring Easter's warmth and the Spirit's breath so that a new life could grow.

I believe such things are still possible.

In Christ,

Pastor Matt



Ministering

Volunteers who share their gifts



May 6, 2018

Greeters: Kristi & Jeff Bell
Ushers: Joy Peralta & Liessa Thorson
Reader: Kristi Bell
Counters: TBA
Coffee Hour: Jaci Stevens' group

May 13, 2018

Greeters: Rita Crisp
Ushers: Sip & Bonnie Crotteau
Reader: Faith Hughes
Counters: TBA
Coffee Hour: Eloise Opp's group

May 20, 2018

Greeters: Sandy Ellersick & Dick Bockemuehl
Ushers: Jason & Monica Jones
Reader: Dwight Opp
Counters: TBA
Coffee Hour: Katie Kersting's group

May 27, 2018

Greeters: Steve & Sharon Bateman
Ushers: Rita Crisp & Trish Akre
Counters: TBA
Coffee Hour: Scone Bender's group
Reader: Larry Sauer

June 3, 2018

Greeters: Bonnie & Sip Crotteau
Ushers: Alan & Stacey Mock
Reader: Lee Shaver
Counters: TBA
Coffee Hour: Peggy Smith's group

June 10, 2018

Greeters: Les & Blanche Wall
Ushers: Nancy Thome & Carol Bourassa
Reader: Val Samson
Counters: TBA
Coffee Hour: Vicki Richter's group

June 17, 2018

Greeters: Elaine Petersen & Nancy Thome
Ushers: Dick Bockemuehl & Sandy Ellersick
Reader: LeRoy Leland
Counters: TBA
Coffee Hour: Gail Johnson's group

June 24, 2018

Greeters: Don & Mary Louise Comins
Ushers: Theresa Watson & Ashley Scribner
Reader: Val Urvat
Counters: TBA
Coffee Hour: Val Samson's group



Birthdays

Celebrate their Birth

MAY

Betty Rail	05-04
Sage Davis	05-05
Nancy Sauer	05-05
Bev Gabbert	05-11
Al Haser	05-11
Kevin Hansen	05-14
LeRoy Bishop	05-16
Pam Thompson	05-16
Kim Bishop	05-18
Ashley Scribner	05-19
Rita Crisp	05-20
Kelly Urdahl	05-21
Brian Hood	05-24
Elaine Faires	05-24
Faola Grant	05-27
Mark Thompson	05-27

Terres (Terry) Brandt	05-28
Tanner Hughes	05-29
Darlene Evans	05-30
Owen Morey	05-30
Kathy Smith	05-31
Cheri Litowitz	05-31

JUNE

Chris Wyrobek	06-02
Marri Hinchliff	06-03
Patty Leiser	06-08
Aaron Zabriskie	06-11
Geoff Jones	06-12
Melanie Green	06-13
Mary Wilson	06-19
Brock Hastings	06-20
Myrtle Haikkila	06-20
Mary Louise Comins	06-22
P.J. Hillestad	06-25
Cheryl Lanegan	06-26
Cyril "Sip" Crotteau	06-23



Special Thanks

Appreciation for God's blessings in action



Jean Oxrieder sends her thanks to everyone – and there are many – who visited, prayed, and cared during her recent surgery and recovery. Her updated heart is very grateful. She just celebrated another birthday!



"I thought you invited me to be a Premises Keeper!"

For those who enjoy the summer fragrance of fresh mowed grass, please sign up to keep our church grounds beautiful during the growing months! We provide the equipment and the training! And you can work on your summer tan!



Activities & Opportunities

Mark your calendar



Lutherhaven Ministries is your congregation's year-round outdoor ministry. We're Camp Lutherhaven on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Shoshone Mountain Retreat & Ranch up the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River, Idaho Servant Adventures, and week-long Lutherhaven Day Camps held in communities around the Northwest. The Camp Corner features news and happenings at Lutherhaven.

Did you know? 2018 marks our 72nd year offering quality, safe, Christ-centered programs for campers of every age!

Here are a few things coming up at camp this year:

Spring Golden Agers Day Out :: April 24

- Spend a beautiful spring day on the lake at this one day retreat!
- Delicious lunch, program and time with great friends.
- Especially for retirees, senior adults & older adult groups.

Lutherhaven Servants Weekend :: April 13-15

Shoshone Servants Weekend :: April 27-29

- Come by yourself, with your family, or a group of friends to help get camp ready for summer.
- Work 'till 3 on Saturday, then enjoy the rest of the day relaxing by the fire or adventuring on the climbing tower/zip-line and more!
- Help camp in significant ways while working side by side with family & friends!

Wild West Men's Weekend at Shoshone :: May 18-20

- Weekend away in the mountains... bacon...Jesus! It doesn't get any better!
- Service project: putting false fronts on our horse barns and turning them into a "Wild West Main Street."
- Special reduced rates for guys age 12-18.

Find these events and more at www.lutherhaven.com/events!

Come to Camp this Summer

Check out all the ways to get involved!

We're Hiring for Summer Staff 2018! Paid positions available at Lutherhaven and Shoshone. Camp counselors, support staff, lifeguards, cooks, kitchen assistants, wranglers ... there are all sorts of jobs open with Lutherhaven Ministries! To learn more visit www.lutherhaven.com/summerstaff and apply today!

Resource Staff & Summer Health Care Manager applications open! Help make Camp Lutherhaven & Shoshone operate successfully this summer!

Learn more and sign up today at www.lutherhaven.com/volunteer

Summer Camp Registration is open! Register by March 15 for your automatic earlybird discount!

Find the camp that works for you at www.lutherhaven.com/camps

Book a weekend in the newly remodeled Pinecrest Lodge Retreat Center! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this project possible! Thinking about booking your group or family for a weekend at Lutherhaven? Request to stay in the Pinecrest Lodge Retreat Center! Email anita@lutherhaven.com for more information.

*All of us at Lutherhaven wish you well!
Now we all thank our God!
God Bless!*



Senior Sunday

is **June 3, 2017**
We will honor our graduates --
Kristafer Morey and
Kari Goodrich
Blessings to you both as God
guides you into your future!



The Goodrich family invites you to an
Open House celebrating Kari's Graduation
from High School. Please join us at our
home on **June 2nd** from 2-5pm.

At 114 East Circle Drive, Newport
We are so proud of Kari and her accomplishments
and we are so grateful to all of you who have been
her role models and cheerleaders over the years.



At AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH!

This year it will be
Friday the 8th of June
9:00am to 4:00 pm.
Bring your donations Sunday
the 3rd or Tuesday the 5th.
We will starting setting up on
Tuesday like in the past.
MANY Volunteers needed
throughout the week.
Thank you,
Mark & Scone Bender



American Lutheran Church's Summer Youth Day Camp June 11-15 - **Speak Life!**

If you can volunteer to help, set-up, supervise, bake
cookies, serve, cleanup, anything – please sign up in
the narthex! There is something for everyone! Our
2018 theme is "**Speak Life!**" from John 17:3 "This is
eternal life: that they may know you, the only true
God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

More details coming in the Bulletins.

Invite children you know and
Contact Carol Bourassa to volunteer.



Farragut State Park June 14-17

Lutherans from across the North Idaho Cluster will join together
for a fun weekend of camping, playing, hiking, worshipping,
eating, and so much more. Folks are welcome to come for as
long as 3-nights/4-days of camping or as little as one Saturday of
fellowship and fun. There will be ample planned fun to pic and
choose from, or you can do your own thing.

Cost to Camp: \$28/individual or \$68/Family (+ Park Entrance)
This includes 1-3 nights camping for tents or RVs, lunch on Saturday, and
Programming. Dinner on Friday will be a Pot-Luck feast.

Saturday Only: \$7/individual or \$15/Family (+ Park Entrance)
This includes lunch and programming on Saturday but **NO OVERNIGHT**
camping.

Sign-Up with your Congregation Today!



ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston

June 26–July 2

Keep Racine & Russell Balow, Chloe Jones, Kari & Lia
Goodrich and Pastor Janine in your prayers as they travel to
Houston this summer. Every three years, 30,000 high school
youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical

Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith
formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days
spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and
fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and
inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

FOOD BANK QUILT

We made it up to \$600 donations this week, only 400 more to go until we reach our goal of \$1,000 raised for our local food banks. Thank you for your donations at only \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. If you would like to make a donation of \$250 to the food bank, you can choose a quilt from those on the pews in the sanctuary. Just talk to Joy Peralta 509-671-1398.



Our Quilters are always busy designing, cutting, and stitching. And they're always looking for colorful fabrics to use. As you're enjoying yard sales this spring and summer, please keep your eyes open for 70x90 inch flat sheets in very good condition that can be used for quilt backs. All your fabric contributions are much appreciated!



June 24th --including all calendar items, service group schedules, announcements, and thank you notes. Please email them to

Alc.churchoffice@gmail.com

THANK YOU!



SAVE THE DATE:

Heavenly Harp will be here at ALC on Tuesday, July 31st for a 7 p.m. concert! Enjoy inspiring and relaxing music featuring harp, piano and vocals along with wonderful stories of God's presence and provision. One recent concert attendee exclaimed, "Heaven can't be much more beautiful than this!" No ticket fees: a free will offering will be accepted. CDs and DVDs will be available and author, Karin Gunderson, will be signing her book, "Encounters with Heaven~ Stories of God's Surprising Presence." See you there!

Dolly Daffodil

*Dolly Daffodil Caressed in crystal dew
Sun winking blinking precious jewel
Yellow petals, bright green stalks
Cradled by breeze, tenderly rocked
Fragile maiden awakened recently
Springtime daughter blooms enticingly
Mini tea garden daffodil cups in a row
Spilled sunlight spoons to earth below
Plucked by tiny hands innocent flower face
Lovingly earns a child's embrace*

*By Elaine Magdalene Faires
March 28, 2018*





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo 
6 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Coffee Hour	7 Pr Janine at Continuing Ed.	8 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30am Anna Circle 7pm Church Council	9 12n AIAnon 7pm Choir Practice	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Coffee Hour	14 5:30pm BBB	15 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30am Quilters	16 12n AIAnon 6pm Worship Committee 7pm Choir Practice	17 5:30 pm BBB	18	19
20 Pentecost Sunday 9am Last Day of Sunday School – out for Summer! 10am Worship Coffee Hour 	21 7pm Mutual Ministry	22 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30am Quilters	23 12n AIAnon 7pm Choir Practice	24 6:30 pm WWW	25	26
27 10am Worship Coffee Hour	28 Memorial Day	29 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30 am Quilters	30 12n AIAnon	31		



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3 Senior Graduation Sunday 10am Worship Coffee Hour	4	5 7am Youth Bkfst @ Pastors' 9:30 am Quilters	6 12n AIAnon	7	8 ALC Garage Sale 	9
10 10am Worship Coffee Hour	11 ALC/Lutherhaven Day Camp	12 9:30 am Quilters	13 12n AIAnon	14 Flag Day 5:30 pm BBB	15	6
17 Father's Day 10am Worship Coffee Hour	18	19 9:30 am Quilters	20 12n AIAnon	21 10-noon 2 nd Harvest @ ALC 6:30 WWW	22	23
24 10am Worship Coffee Hour	25	26 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston 9:30 am Quilters	27 12n AIAnon	28	29	30