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September & October 2024 Newsletter



Small Groups Return in September



We are created to live in community with other brothers and sisters in the Lord. One way to do that is to be part of a small group where you can be known and where you can learn from others and

God's Word. Pastor Steve will lead two groups this fall (Tuesdays at 1:00PM at Cascade Park Retirement Community and Wednesday afternoons hosted by Jerry & Mary Danielson). We would love to have more groups and more people participating. See Pastor Steve if you can host a group or would like to be part of one.

Welcome to Pastor Alex Günter and family!

It is wonderful to finally be able to welcome Pastor Alex and his family in person! They are adapting to life in Woodburn and are making plans for outreach this fall. Pray for them as they plant this new church. We also will "officially" install Alex as our new Latino ministry pastor in a Sunday morning worship service as we welcome special guests.



Pastor Alex's Installation Service Celebration Sunday, September 29 at 10:00AM

(Reception to follow)

Faith Promise 2024

Are you participating in Faith Promise for Missions? It's a great way to support missions and grow in faith as you see the Lord provide. To date, \$9,100 has been given this year for Faith Promise (and over \$104,000 since Faith Promise restarted in

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FROM THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



October is "Pastor Appreciation Month." As a church, we will celebrate "Pastor Appreciation Day" on the third Sunday of October with a special appreciation dinner following the morning service (see below).

An appreciation message from each of us is a token of our honor, support, and gratefulness toward our pastors. There are many ways to express appreciation, not just limited to these suggestions: a card, text, or phone call; take a pastor out for tea, lunch, dinner, or a round of golf. Of course, most important is keeping our pastors in your prayers. Besides Pastor Steve and Pastor Alex, our congregation includes several retired pastors who you also might want to include in your appreciation and prayers.

Craig Roenicke
Chair, Leadership Council



Pastor Appreciation Day Church Dinner Sunday, October 20 — 11:30AM

The church will provide all of the food. Donations will be accepted. See Beth Roenicke, Shirley Martin or Mary Danielson for more information.

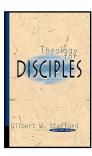
(NOTE: Those who ride the church bus can either stay for the celebration or can go back home after the worship service. Transportation will be provided for both options.)

LIFE Hour Class

Sundays at 9:00AM (beginning September 8)

Location: Fellowship Hall

The essence of church life is discipleship. Disciples are learners. And what we believe as disciples influences how we act as disciples. Join Pastor Steve as he leads a systematic study of the foundation of our faith and how it impacts how we live out our faith.





Pregnancy Care Centers Annual Gala Thursday, October 15 6:30-8:30PM

The Oregon Golf Club (West Linn)

Join others from our church and community as we support the amazing life-saving work of the Pregnancy Care Centers. Enjoy a delicious dinner followed by a presentation. The dinner is free but note that it is a fundraiser and an appeal for support will be made. Our church supports this ministry every month with our prayers and financial support.



Life Chain Sunday 2024 Sunday, October 6 (2:30-3:30PM)

Take a stand for the sanctity of life. This year's chain in Salem is along Lancaster Drive and Broadway. Signs are available at Peoples Church in Salem and Salem Evangelical Church.



Wednesday, September 11 — 10:00-11:00AM

Lift up your voice in worship as we gather midweek for a time of singing the great hymns of the faith. Invite friends to join you. All are welcome! Coffee, tea and donuts will be provided.



Saturday, September 14 9:00AM—12:00PM

Help spruce up our facility and grounds. A variety of tasks will be on the agenda, such as cleaning (washing windows, for example), power washing, and land-scaping. Some tools are provided, but if you can bring your own, that will be helpful. See Craig Roenicke for more information.

Wednesday, October 2 11:00AM to 4:00 PM Church Gym

Give the gift of life when the Red Cross hosts a community blood drive at our church. There is



an urgent need for blood donors. Sign up at: https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html

Enter your zip code to find our drive. Encourage your friends and neighbors to donate as well!



Lift Chair Available

Through the generosity of a church member, a lift chair is available to anyone in our church family. It is three years old but like new. If you can use it, please contact the church office.



Have an urgent prayer request? Activate our Prayer Line Ministry by contacting Ruth Palmer:



503-544-1318 (CALL or TEXT).

To join this prayer ministry, also contact Ruth.



Baskets for First Responders

Drop off donations through September 15

In mid-September we will show appreciation to First Responders (both fire and police) by delivering baskets filled with goodies. We invite your donations of individually-wrapped snack items, such as cheese & crackers packets, cookie packets, brownie packets, chips, and popcorn. Fresh fruit on the last Sunday would also be helpful. Drop off your donations through September 15. See Mary Danielson for more information.

Spotlight on Mission



September: International Reconciliation Ministries

Pastor Arlene Tatum will share about the work of International Reconciliation Ministries (IRM) on Sunday, September 15, during our morning worship service. IRM is devoted to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to "the poor, the brokenhearted, the captives, the blind and the bruised' (Luke 4:18). God has opened countless doors of opportunity in the U.S. and overseas for Arlene to share how she received the Lord's forgiveness and experienced healing in her life and relationships through God's amazing grace. Since 2005 she has taken this message of hope to thousands of prisoners in Rwanda who participated in

the genocide in that war-torn nation. As Arlene has shared the good news that they can be forgiven for their crimes, these men and women experience the joy of being reconciled to God, and they also begin the journey of seeking the forgiveness of family members who witnessed the deaths of their loved ones at their hand. Arlene has also made it a priority to distribute thousands of Bibles and discipleship materials to those who receive Christ as their personal Savior. Our church supports the work of IRM through our Faith Promise for Missions program.

October: Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Our church has supported the work of Samaritan's Purse and their annual Operation Christmas Child outreach program for many years. We collect donations all year long to use when packing these shoeboxes in November. The packed shoeboxes are then transported around the world and are distributed through the local church in countries around the world and are used in helping make disciples of Jesus. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. For those who wish to pack their own box, empty shoeboxes will be available in October. Our annual shoebox packing party will be on Sunday, November 10.





Quarterly Change Offering Sunday, October 13

This special offering supports church planting efforts in Rwanda, Africa. You can help "change" lives!

Annual Scholarship Concert

Plans are being made to hold our annual Scholarship Concert this fall. It honors the memory of our former pastor, David Dougherty, and the scholarship fund named in his honor. Stay tuned for more information.

Operation Christmas Child Suggested Donations

You can help supply items that we will use in packing shoeboxes in November for GIRLS age 5-9. Suggested items to donate the next couple of months:

OCTOBER:

SEPTEMBER:

- Coloring Books
- Crayons
- Socks
- Jump Ropes
- T-Shirts
- Jewelry

Shoebox Packing Party Sunday, November 10 at 9:00AM



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY & WORSHIP	PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES	PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS	PRAY FOR THOSE FAR FROM GOD	PRAY FOR FIRST RESPONDERS	PRAY FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS	PRAY FOR OUR PASTORS
	EPTEMBER C		OCTOBER		CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Friday: 9:30AM—12:00PM Other times available by appointment	
Communion Sunday :00A Worship Team Reh. :15A Prayer 0:00A Worship Service	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3	4 3:30P Board of Property Management Mtg.	5 Ruth Palmer	6	7
	LABOR DAY	Jeanette Cornell	Bob O'Connell	Norma Slaughter		
8 8:45A Prayer 9:00A LIFE Hour 9:00A Worship Team Reh. 10:00A Worship Service	9 Office Closed Jonathan Carlson Derek Gunter (5 yrs.)	3:00P Leadership Council Meeting	11 Patriot Day 10:00A Hymn Sing PATRIOT DAY NEVER FORGET SEPTEMBER	Conrad Falardeau Melvin Lanting	Joanie Gibson Craig & Beth Roenicke (Celebrating 43 years)	9:00A Work Day Church
15 3:45A Prayer 9:00A LIFE Hour 9:00A Worship Team Reh. L0:00A Worship Service	16 Office Closed First Responder Outreach	17	18	19 Lois Christensen	20	21
22 First Day of Fall 3:45A Prayer 9:00A LIFE Hour 9:00A Worship Team Reh. L0:00A Worship Service	23 Office Closed Hannah Healey	24 1P Cascade Park Bible Study Begins Carol Yoder	25 1P Danielsons' Bible Study Begins	26	27	28 Tracy Johnson
29 Friendship Sunday 3:45A Prayer 9:00A LIFE Hour 9:00A Worship Team Reh. 10:00A Worship Service & Pastor Alex's Installation Derma Howe	30 Office Closed Sharon Foster	1 1P Cascade Park Bible Study	2 11A-4P Red Cross Blood Drive 1P Danielsons' Bible Study	3	4 Ken Foster	5
6 Communion Sunday 8:45A Prayer 9:00A LIFE Hour 9:00A Worship Team Reh. 10:00A Worship Service 2:30P Life Chain (Salem)	7 Office Closed Jaime Hudson Marlene Swanson	8 1P Cascade Park Bible Study	9 1P Danielsons' Bible Study	10	Jenny Mihsill (Missionary)	12 Larry Johnson
13 Change Offering 8:45A Prayer 9:00A LIFE Hour 9:00A Worship Team Reh. 10:00A Worship Service	14 Columbus Day Office Closed	15 1P Cascade Park Study 6:30P Pregnancy Care Centers Gala (West Linn)	16 1P Danielsons' Bible Study	17	18 Kathy Zimmerman	19
20 Pastor Appreciation 8:45A Prayer 9:00A LIFE Hour 9:00A Worship Team Reh. 10:00A Worship Service 11:30A Church Dinner	21 Office Closed	1P Cascade Park Bible Study Alex & Naara Gunter (Celebrating 8 years)	23 1P Danielsons' Bible Study	24	Bill Burt Dolly Yarnell	26
27 Friendship Sunday 8:45A Prayer 9:00A LIFE Hour 9:00A Worship Team Reh. 10:00A Worship Service 11:15A Board of Outreach Meeting	28 Office Closed	29 1P Cascade Park Bible Study	30 1P Danielsons' Bible Study	31 Halloween		NOTE: Birthdays are in BLUE. Anniversaries are in RED.

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