#### **UPCOMING DATES**

03/30 Qualities of Discipleship-Sunday Lenten Study

03/30 Worship/Fellowship

04/1-3 Women's Retreat - Jerome

04/01 Pastor Bible Study - Luke

04/01 Grace Notes/Joy Ringer Handbells

04/02 ROMEO/Library Ladies/Weekly Devotions/ Holy Grounds

04/02 RCCM Lenten Services at First Lutheran @ noon. Rev. Phil speaking. Lunch before and after.

04/03 Bean Redeemed

04/05 Desert Fellowship

04/06 Worship/Fellowship

If you would like a copy of Pastor Phil's sermon, let the office know and we will make you a copy.

Virtual Holy Grounds Wednesdays 1:30 Via ZOOM

The Sunday Service is on our website: www.fpcidahofalls.org

Join with R.O.M.E.O. (Retired Old Men Eating Out) **Wednesdays** 10:00 a.m.



Submit Prayer Requests to iffpcprayers@gmail.com

Please let the office know of any:

- -Prayer Request or if you would like your name removed from the list;
- -Deaths/Births;
- -Hospitalizations;

so that we may pray for you and place your name in the prayer requests.



March 30, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Building Relationships; Sharing God's Love.** 



Rev. Dr. Phillip A. Hagen, Pastor
Leah Zumberge, Director of Music Ministries
Kimberly Kvamme, Secretary
Melanie Wetzel, Secretary
Kelly P'Pool, Sexton
Phone: 208.523.0501
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#### **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Worship begins as God's people gather, praise God in words and music, and hear about God's love for us.

#### **Questions for Reflection**

Why is it important to be "local?"

**Prelude** *Meditation on 'He Leadeth Me'* 

William Bradbury

**Welcome and Announcements** 

**Moment for Mission** 

**Choral Call to Worship** *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* 

**Call to Worship** 

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,

whose sin is put away!

Blessed are they who are free of guilt;

in whose spirit there is no deceit!

**Prayer of the Day** 

\*Hymn #509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

O Lord, compassionate beyond measure, merciful beyond belief, we have been in the far country, lost in our sin, distant from you, seemingly beyond your reach. Yet something is calling us back. Somehow, we hope to return to you. We're just not sure about the details. Yet before we can work out what to say, you are running to us. Welcoming us home. Your forgiveness astounds us. Help us to believe that it is so, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence is Kept

\*Words of Assurance

Pastor Bible Study
Tuesdays ~ 1:00 p.m.

April 1, 8, 15, 29 & May 6
Interpretation
Bible Study
Luke
by Tom Walker

Bean Redeemed at Moose Ridge Coffee Co.
Come join Pastor Phil for fellowship
and coffee, everyone is welcome!

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on First Thursday of each month

#### **UNDERSTANDING OUR GRIEF**

This six-part adult class begins on April 3rd at 6:00 p.m., and will be taught in both classroom and virtual settings by Grief Specialist Rev. Barbara Condon. See the April newsletter or special flyer for details and class schedule.

When you scan this code it will take you to FPC Homepage and you can choose where you would like to give.



Scan Me for directions to donate.

## Sunday Lenten Study ~ March 9 -April 13 *Qualities of Discipleship*

9:00 a.m. in Room 339 - Led by CRE Rick Spielman
Please pre-register at the office with your email address to receive course
materials in advance of each session.

Explore the characteristics of a disciple this Lenten season. Study explores various discipleship traits, including perseverance; learning and devotion; the faith to take risks; the ability to work with others; and humility.

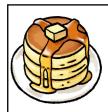
#### **BULLETIN BOARD**



## **Connections Book Group**

I'll Push You
By Patrick Gray and
Justin Skeesuck
April 14 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Books may be checked out in the office. If you would like to join us, please call the office at 208.523.0501.



Desert Fellowship Dixie's Diner @ 9:30 am April 5th Bring a Friend!!



### **Undie Sundays!**

The donations you make for Undie Sundays have a huge impact all year long!

Please bring a package or two of NEW socks, boxers, briefs, undies and t-shirts for Men, Women and Kids.

THANK YOU!







### Can do!

Help build a Tower of Nourishment from items you donate to the Idaho Falls Community Food Basket. Lists of preferred items are on the Mission bulletin board downstairs or on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor near the elevator. Three Sundays only, March 30 and April 6 and 13. Sponsored by the Children's Church kids.

\*Response

Glory Be to the Father

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#### **Time With Young Disciples**

#### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

We ask God's Spirit to help us understand how God wants us to live.

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson** Joshua 5:9-12

NIV p. 337

**Second Lesson** 

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

NIV p. 1799

**Special Music** 

Give Me Jesus

Arr. Trevor Manor

~Westminster Choir

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you can have all this world, but give me Jesus. And, when I am alone, oh, and when I am alone, and when I am alone, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you can have all this world, but give me Jesus. And when I come to die, oh, and when I come to die, and when I come to die, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

Third Lesson

Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

NIV pp. 1623-1625

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Lenten Sermon Series: "Oh, the Places We Will Go..."

**Sermon** Farmer Strong - We Must Be Local . . . ~ Rev. Dr. Phillip A. Hagen

\*Hvmn #442

Just as I Am, without One Plea

\***Affirmation of Faith** (*Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39*)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

\*Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #606

**Prayer of Dedication** 

#### Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### WE ARE SENT OUT INTO THE WORLD

We receive God's blessing as we go out to be God's people in the world.

\*Hymn #74 When God Restored Our Common Life

**Benediction** 

**Choral Benediction** Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

**Postlude** Once to Every Man and Nation Lani Smith

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Come join our congregation for a time of fellowship and refreshments downstairs in the gym after worship.

# Thank You To Our Participants In Worship Today Worship Leader ~ Dale Schweitzer Ushers ~ Mary & Bob Guenzler

<u>PRAYER CONCERNS (Be in Prayer for Monthly);</u> Kathey Fischer, Elwyn Keyes, Diane Mondell;

Please Hold in Prayer (Long Term):
Cole Wallick, Josette Maddison, Cathy Spellman,
Scott Gruwell, Joyce Griffith, Bruce Schnitzler.
All those struggling with the disease of addiction and loved ones serving in the military. Special prayers for our world in this trying time.

Below is the schedule for the Lenten Services. Lunch served before and after.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>THEME</u>
April 2	First Lutheran	Rev. Phil Hagen	REPENT

### **Graduates!**

If you have a high school or college graduate in your family this year, please let the church office know no later than April 24, so they can be listed in the bulletin and First Reflections.





### **Concert**

Saturday, April 26 – 7:00pm Hillcrest H.S. Gym, 2801 E. Sunnyside Rd.

# Beautiful Music by 160 Handbell Musicians from Montana, Idaho, and More! Directed by LeAnna Willmore, Bountiful, UT

#### Free admission

This event is produced by Big Sky Handbell Musicians For more information, call (406) 241-7843

This event is sponsored by Handbell Musicians of America, dedicated to uniting people through the musical art of handbell and handchime ringing www. <u>handbellmusicians.org</u>



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April 25-26, 2025 Idaho Falls, Idaho

#### Why Contribute to the 2025 Handbell Festival?

The 42nd Annual Big Sky Handbell Festival is coming to Idaho Falls on April 25-26, 2025. The Festival is organized and hosted by the handbell choirs of Rigby High School, Hillcrest High School and four area churches in conjunction with Big Sky Handbell Musicians, a 501(c)(3) organization of handbell choirs throughout Montana and Idaho.

We anticipate 150 participants who will rehearse for two days, preparing a concert of beautiful music, free to the public. The concert will be Saturday, April 26 at 7:00 pm in the Ammon High School Gym.

The Festival expenses include the venue rental and insurance, and the services of a nationally recognized clinician/conductor for two days. Our expenses will exceed \$6,000. The participants pay a modest fee and also pay for their own lodging and meals while in Idaho Falls. We need and greatly appreciate support from the community to keep participant registration fees to a minimum, in order to maximize participation.

Thank you for considering our donation request. Checks should be made to <u>Big Sky Handbell Musicians</u> and mailed to the address below or given to a handbell choir member from one of these Idaho Falls Churches: First Presbyterian, Trinity Methodist, St. Luke's Episcopal, and First Evangelical Lutheran.

Big Sky Handbell Musicians P.O. Box 2141 Missoula, MT 59806 Donation amount \_\_\_\_\_Check or cash \_\_\_\_\_ Received by \_\_\_\_ We will mail a receipt for your tax-deductible contribution to the address you provide. Fill out the form below, detach, and include it with your donation. Thank you so much for your contribution! This event is endorsed by Handbell Musicians of America, Inc., dedicated to uniting people through the musical art of handbell and handchime ringing. (www.handbellmusicians.org) Donor/Company Name May we acknowledge Contact Name: donation in our concert program? Address: City/State/Zip\_\_\_\_\_ Check or cash Donation amount \_\_\_\_

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