

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Jesus teaches how to never hunger again

LA GRANDE — The First United Methodist Church in La Grande will celebrate the 11th Sunday of Pentecost at 10 a.m. Pastor Al Trachsel will preach from John 6:24-35. The sermon title will be "Coming to Christ for the Right Reasons."

Jesus said he is the bread of life, and those that eat of that bread will never hunger again. Fellowship will follow the service.

### Church begins three-week sermon series

### on John 6

LA GRANDE — The sermons at Faith Lutheran Church for the next three Sundays will be based on John 6. In these scriptures, Jesus shows himself to be the bread of heaven and explains what this means. This Sunday there will be a monthly potluck and elders' meeting following the service.

### Grace Community holds service at Methodist Church

COVE — Grace Community Lutheran Church will hold its worship service

Sunday at the United Methodist Church in Cove at 10 a.m. Pastor Carl's sermon title will be "I Am the Bread of Life," taken from John 6, where Jesus is asked by the people what they can do to please God. He answers that they must first believe in the son of God. Fellowship will follow the service. There will be no Sunday school. Transportation is available.

### Zion Lutheran offers fellowship time

LA GRANDE — Zion Lutheran Church in La Grande will worship

Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Colleen Nelson. Fellowship and fair trade coffee will follow the service.

Tuesday at 9 a.m. the Quilters will gather and at 6:15 p.m. a non-denominational Bible study will meet. Both meetings will be held at the church.

### Panel of teachers discuss classroom creativity

LA GRANDE — The La Grande First Presbyterian congregation has been experiencing a summer of "Creation, Creativity and Community" in their pas-

tors' absence. The theme will continue this week when a panel of teachers, led by Laurie Graves, will discuss "Creativity in the Classroom." The service begins at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by a fellowship time.

### Free concert brings message of hope

LA GRANDE — This Sunday at the La Grande Church of the Nazarene there will be a special service featuring Jerry Nelson, an international piano artist and arranger, who will perform a free concert and bring a mes-

### Submissions

Churches and faith-based groups are encouraged to submit Highlights for the Spiritual Life page by noon Thursday for publication Friday. Submit by email to news@lagrandeobserver.com (with Highlights in the subject line), by fax to 541-963-7804, or by hand to the office.

sage of hope and salvation. The service and concert begin at 10:30 a.m.

## Become the miracle someone is praying for

We do not have to look very far to find someone who needs a miracle. Many are suffering some type of crisis like health problems, conflicts with their children and grieving over a loss, finances, marriage issues and on and on.

When difficult situations are presented, we become sympathetic, but how often do we consider that God may have brought these individuals to our attention so that we can intervene and help meet their needs?

Instead of just discussing the situation and having pity, maybe we can become the miracle they are praying for. James 2 talks about the difference between having faith without becoming involved and literally demonstrating our faith by our willingness to reach out and help someone.

Have you ever been discouraged or in trouble and you cried out for God to please send somebody to help? If someone responded, you knew they were a God-send, right? If no one came, we wonder if someone was called upon but was too busy or maybe simply did not want to take the time or finances to become involved.

I believe this reveals more about what life is really about than we care to think about. Many people are convinced they are free to live however they want, and I can understand this point of view for a non-Christian. However, for those who are followers of Jesus, the Bible clearly



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explains that we are called to radically change from only thinking about ourselves to listening and obeying God as our highest priority. This transformation will produce an attitude of generosity and compassion as we become more like Christ in his attributes and character.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 says, "Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own? For you are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." When we accept the life-changing gift of salvation, we are called to let go of our self-centered nature and become focused on the greatest commandment, which includes loving God and others as ourselves.

The Bible refers to those who become God's children as instruments and vessels of honor. The idea of being used by the master of the universe is a privilege, and as his followers, we are to be listening for his voice, growing stronger in our compassion and more aware of what he desires.

He may be guiding and preparing us to present a Bible scripture with a friend at work or maybe to write a letter to a loved one who we are concerned about. There

are so many opportunities all around us where we could bring encouragement. I know there are times in my life where I could have used someone's kindness. It feels good to know that someone is thinking about us and cares enough to make an intentional effort to bless us. We all want to feel loved and respected.

Galatians 6 talks about our deeds being like seeds and that we all reap according to what we sow. Applying this spiritual principal to our lives allows us to see how important it is to care about others in the same way we would like someone to care about us.

If you need a miracle, become someone's miracle. If you desire to have more friends, go out of your way to be friendly. If you want to be loved, learn how to love. God can make the divine appointments, but our responsibility is to make ourselves available.

Jesus told a parable in Luke 10 about a man who was attacked by thieves and left beside the road nearly dead. Two different men came upon the situation (one of them a minister) and both ignored him. Then a Samaritan man found him and saved his life.

The good Samaritan became the wounded man's miracle and presents a question that is worthy of consideration: Are you the type who passes by and looks the other way, or the one who stops and shows God's loves with your actions?

## Peace Cross controversial

By Jeff Barker  
The Baltimore Sun

State Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller and seven other senators are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to enter a dispute over whether a World War I memorial cross in Prince George's County, Maryland violates the separation of church and state.

In a "friend of the court" brief, the Democratic senators requested that the court review a 2017 ruling by a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that said the 40-foot-high "Peace Cross" in Bladensburg "excessively entangles the government in religion."

Miller and the other senators — some of whom are veterans — want the cross, which commemorates the county's World War I dead, preserved.

Their petition argues the appeals court's ruling conflicts with previous court decisions and the cross "is a prominent, shared civic space central to the communal life of Bladensburg" and Prince George's County.

Gov. Larry Hogan called a federal appeals court ruling a

cross-shaped war memorial in Prince George's County unconstitutional "outrageous" and an "overreach," and vowed that his administration would fight it.

In a social media post, the Republican governor wrote Friday he has passed by.

"Since its dedication in 1925, the Peace Cross has functioned as a shared civic space — a place for local residents to come together to honor American veterans and work together for the common good," the petition said.

A panel of the Virginia-based appeals court voted 2-1 in 2017 that the monument, at a busy intersection, "aggrandizes the Latin cross." In March, the court declined to rehear the case with all of its judges.

The senators joined the American Legion and the National Capital Park and Planning Commission in seeking the high court's review.

The other senators who filed the brief are Jim Rosapepe, Victor Ramirez, Katherine A. Klausmeier, Joanne C. Benson and Ullyses Currie, all from Prince George's County.

## Northeast Oregon Directory of Churches

### Services This Week

<p><b>IMBLER CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> 440 RUCKMAN, IMBLER 534-2201 www.imblerchristianchurch.org</p> <p><b>Sunday Services</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p><b>First Christian Church</b> (Disciples of Christ) 901 Penn Avenue 963-2623 lgdisciples@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Worship 10:00 a.m.</b></p> <p>~Join us at The Lord's Table~</p>	<p><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Services</b> Sunday School 10:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Sunday Evening 06:30 pm</p> <p><b>Wednesday Services</b> Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm</p> <p>707 Main St., Cove 541-568-4888</p>	<p><b>Amazing Grace Fellowship</b> 1316 T St., La Grande, OR 541-568-4567 Sunday 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>2 Cor 12:9 My Grace is sufficient for you.</p>	
<p><b>COVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 1708 Jasper St., Cove, OR</p> <p><b>NORTH POWDER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 390 E. St., North Powder, OR</p> <p>JOIN US... <i>Catch the Spirit!</i> Worship: 9:00 a.m. Cove Worship: 10:00 a.m. N. Powder</p>	<p><b>ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES</b> La Grande - Our Lady of the Valley 1002 L Avenue Saturday 5:30 pm Mass Sunday 10:00 am Mass Weekdays 8:00 am Mass <b>Union - Sacred Heart</b> 340 South 10th Avenue Sunday 8:00 am Mass No Weekdays <b>Elgin - Saint Mary's</b> 12th and Alder Sunday 12:30 pm Mass No Weekdays</p>	<p><b>VALLEY FELLOWSHIP</b> 963-0340 507 Palmer Ave (just east of city pool) Sunday Worship 10:02 am Come and share in a time of worship, prayer and the study of God's word with us. Worship includes communion on Sunday. www.valleyfellowship.church Email: vfchurch2@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>LaGrande CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 109 18th Street • 963-3402 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> SIXTH &amp; SPRING, LA GRANDE 541-963-3911</p> <p>Sun. 8:45 AM - Bible Classes Sun. 10:00 AM - Worship Wed. 6:15 PM - AWANA</p>
<p><b>La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>A Place where hope is found in Jesus</i> Join us in Fellowship &amp; Worship Every Saturday 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study/Fellowship 10:45 a.m. - Worship Service 2702 Adams Avenue, La Grande • 963-4018 Pastor: Mike Armayor www.lagrande22adventistchurchconnect.org <i>Learning for Today and Eternity</i> Little Friends Christian Preschool/Childcare 963-6390 La Grande Adventist Christian School Christian Education K-8th Grade 963-6203</p>	<p><b>FIRST LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 1812 1st St. La Grande Pastor Dave Tierce • 541-605-0215 <i>We use the King James Version Bible</i> Sunday School - 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Sunday Evening Bible Study - 3:00 pm (Effective June 10) Wednesday Evening - 6:30 pm <i>"Where you can find TRUTH according to the scriptures"</i> www.flmbclagrande.com</p>	<p><b>Zion Lutheran Church</b> (an ELCA church) 902 Fourth Street, La Grande, OR (541) 963-5998</p> <p>9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Fellowship &amp; Refreshments 11:00 am - Classes Pastor: Rev. Colleen Nelson www.zionlagrande.org</p>	<p><b>Union Baptist Church</b> 1531 S. Main St., Union 541-562-5531 www.unionbaptistoregon.org Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Sunday Night 6:30 pm Thursday AWANA 6:30 pm <i>Knowing, Loving and Proclaiming Jesus Christ</i></p>	<p><b>GRACE COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> LCMC 502 Main Street In Cove (in the Seventh Day Adventist Church building) <i>"We are called to Serve"</i> Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 am Sunday Worship 10:00 am Pastor Carl Seelhoff Phone: 541-805-0764 grace.lutherancove@gmail.com</p>
<p><b>Agape Christian Fellowship</b> 870 Alder Street, Elgin, OR 97827 541-910-5193 Pastor Glen Carter Service times: Sunday 10:45 AM All are welcome</p>		<p><b>SUMMERVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> <i>A Place for you</i></p> <p>Sunday Services: Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Classes 9:45AM Children's Church &amp; Worship Service 11:00AM Family Worship Service 6:00PM</p> <p>Wednesday: Prayer Mtg. Children's Bible Club, Youth Group 7:00PM</p> <p><b>A church for your whole family</b> Visit us at <a href="http://summervillebaptistchurch.org">summervillebaptistchurch.org</a></p>	<p><b>LA GRANDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> <i>"OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"</i> 1612 4th Street - 963-2498 Pastor Al Trachsel lgumc@coni.com www.lgumchurch.org Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9am-Noon <b>Worship 10:00 am</b> Fellowship Coffee Hour 11:00 am Nursery provided</p>	