

HIGHLIGHTS

Girl Scout leaders meet at St. Peter's

LA GRANDE — St. Peter's Episcopal Church of La Grande will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m. Sunday. Rev. Roberta Smythe will officiate. Coffee hour with fellowship will follow in the Parish Hall.

The Altar Guild will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Parish Hall, and a Girl Scout leader meeting begins at 10 a.m.

Christian Women's Fellowship plans fall kick-off

LA GRANDE — The La Grande First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday. Pastor Ray Smith's sermon will be "Are You Afraid of the Water?" It will refer to Jesus' baptism in Mark 1:4-11.

The Christian Women's

Fellowship will meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday for the fall kick-off and installation of officers. Dinner will be provided. First Christian's 130th anniversary celebration is planned for 2 p.m. Sept. 8 in the Fellowship Hall.

RSVP for La Grande Women's Connection lunch

LA GRANDE — The next La Grande Women's Connection No-host Luncheon will be held at the Flying J Restaurant at noon Sept. 6. The theme will be "Fall in Love with Jesus." RSVP by calling 541-786-0305.

Potluck and board meeting follow service

ELGIN — Pastor Gerald Hopkins will deliver the message, "Stand in Strength," at the 11 a.m. service Sunday at the Elgin

Methodist Church. The sermon will come from Luke 13:10-21. A potluck and the monthly board meeting will follow the service.

President Nelson's 95th birthday celebrated

LA GRANDE — Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have the opportunity to share their testimonies during Sacrament Meeting Sunday. The second hour will be Sunday school. The last two weeks of the "Come Follow Me" curriculum will be reviewed and discussed. The lesson for Sept. 2-8 will be from 1 Corinthians 14-16 with a focus on the gift of prophecy and Jesus' victory over death.

Sept. 1 is Fast Sunday, and members are encouraged to fast for two meals and donate the value of the meals to help the less fortunate. President Russell M. Nelson's

95th birthday will be celebrated at 6 p.m. Sept. 6. It will be available for viewing online at www.churchofjesuschrist.org. The Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square will perform. A review of President Nelson's life, career, family and ministry will be shared.

Quilters meet on Tuesday

LA GRANDE — Zion Lutheran Church of La Grande will celebrate Holy Communion at 9 a.m. Sunday. Pastor Roberta Smythe will officiate. A time of fellowship with coffee will follow.

Quilters will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Lutherans enjoy food and fellowship at Riverside

LA GRANDE — Faith Lutheran Church's sermon Sunday in La Grande will expound on the con-

cepts in Luke 14, in which Jesus clarifies that it is proper to care for others when they are in desperate need. The service will begin at 10 a.m. A picnic is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. at the Riverside Park Pavilion. The community is welcome to attend.

Find God on the road less traveled

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Church of the Nazarene offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Kevin Goss will continue the "Altar in the World" series. The text will be Genesis 22:1-14 and the title will be "God in the Road Less Traveled." Sometimes the things God asks of us are things we'd rather he didn't. But if we will venture down the road less traveled we will find that God has his ways of making himself known.

Lay your visions and talents at the feet of God

We acknowledge God's blessings in our own lives as well as those around us. Of course, we have our share of problems and struggles, but for the most part, the Lord has provided for our basic needs and, to be honest, he has also given us a lot of luxuries. Our seasons of difficulty might be with a relationship, financial hardships, issues with our health, the loss of a loved one or the occasional internal suffering associated with a painful emotion called rejection.

In the hard times, we are tempted to deny the situation or hide from the agony, to which we all know is like putting a Band-Aid on a broken arm. Discouragement and depression are real, and unfortunately, a lot of people live with a smile on the outside but are crying on the inside. There are several keys that can help us overcome feelings of being ostracized and one of them is instead of asking God to change everyone's view of us, we can ask him to allow us to see ourself the way he sees us. Researching



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the big-picture of our situation and analyzing every detail will allow us to trace the cause and discover a deeper understanding about why we feel the way we do. Comprehending how our personal trigger mechanisms and response buttons operate is a huge step toward realizing that the way we think dictates our contentment and confidence.

Sometimes our rejection is associated with our gifts and talents and how we believe that no one cares about what we enjoy. When it comes to our spiritual well-being, an important key to consider is that whatever we do for God, it's wise to be sure that God told us to do it. It's much better to listen and follow God's directions than to do something on our own and then ask him to bless it. The idea of patience is to prevent putting the cart before the horse. It's easy to forget that obedience is up

to us, but the results of our labors are up to him and are solely based on his intentions. If we really believe this, we would never be upset because we would know that everything is being accomplished according to his will. If we are dissatisfied with the results, then we are probably focusing on our own projections and expectations instead of trusting that God is guiding our life with his divine sovereignty.

For example, by the mercy of God when we are allowed to create something and it's used to help encourage one person, then maybe that was God's original objective. In this light, just because we are not world famous or making millions does not mean we have failed to be a success in God's view. Being popular with the world has nothing to do with how much God loves you and is pleased with you.

Sometimes our misery is caused when we assume something is one way when it's actually something else. It's not always true that others do not like us or respect us. It

might seem like it, but most of the time it's simply that others do not have an interest in what we are interested in. Humans are very diverse and don't always enjoy the same things. To be honest, people are just more focused on their own life than what we are doing.

Do not take it personally or be offended when your friends at work, church, social media or even your family are not excited about your dreams. If you are being haunted by rejection, I want to encourage you today to seek God's promises about how precious you are and write them on the tables of your heart. Remember that Jesus also faced severe rejection, "He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him" (John 1:11). Keep your focus on Christ and he will help dissolve the unhappiness, hopelessness and discouragement in your life. Lay your visions and talents at the feet of the one who made you and depend on his plans. We have this promise in James 4:10: "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

Words of the Buddha

- Rouse yourself! Sit up! Resolutely train yourself to attain peace. Do not let the king of death, seeing you are careless, lead you astray and dominate you. (Sutta Nipata 2.334)
- Much though one recites the sacred texts, but acts not accordingly, that heedless one is like a cowherd who only counts the cows of others — one does not partake of the blessings of the holy life. (Dhammapada 1.19)
- Agony now, agony hereafter, the wrong-doer suffers agony in both worlds. Agonized now by the knowledge that one has done wrong, one suffers more agony, gone to a state of woe. Rejoicing now, rejoicing hereafter, the doer of wholesome actions rejoices in both worlds. Rejoicing now in the knowledge that one has acted rightly, one rejoices more, gone to a state of bliss. (Dhammapada 1.17)

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Services This Week

<p>IMBLER CHRISTIAN CHURCH 440 RUCKMAN, IMBLER 534-2201 www.imblerchristianchurch.org</p> <p>Sunday Services 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 901 Penn Avenue 963-2623 lgdisciples@gmail.com</p> <p>Worship 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>~Join us at The Lord's Table~</p>	<p>SUMMERVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH A Vision for You</p> <p>Sunday Services: Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 9:45AM Children's Church & Worship Service 11:00AM Family Worship Service 6:00PM</p> <p>Wednesday: Prayer Mtg, Children's Bible Club, Youth Group 7:00PM</p> <p>A church for your whole family Visit us at summervillebaptistchurch.org</p>		
<p>COVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1708 Jasper St., Cove, OR</p> <p>NORTH POWDER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 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>ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICES 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 Union - Sacred Heart 340 South 10th Avenue Sunday 8:00 am Mass No Weekdays Elgin - Saint Mary's 12th and Alder Sunday 12:30 pm Mass No Weekdays</p>	<p>VALLEY FELLOWSHIP 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>La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church <i>A Place where hope is found in Jesus</i> Join us in Fellowship & 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>FIRST LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 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>Zion Lutheran Church (an ELCA church) 902 Fourth Street, La Grande, OR (541) 963-5998</p> <p>9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Fellowship & Refreshments 10:30 am - Classes Pastor: www.zionlagrande.org</p>	<p>UNION BAPTIST CHURCH 1531 S. Main Street, Union 541-562-5531</p> <p>www.UnionBaptistOregon.org Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Thursday AWANA 6:30 pm <i>Birthing, Building and Being the Body of Christ</i></p>	<p>First Baptist Church SIXTH & SPRING, LA GRANDE</p> <p>541-963-3911</p> <p>Sun. 10:00 AM - Worship Sun. 8:45 AM - Exploring the Bible Wed. 6:15 PM - AWANA</p>
<p>CALVARY CHAPEL 1433 Jefferson Ave. 963-5884</p> <p>Contemporary Worship Expositional Teaching</p> <p>Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m. <i>Studying The Book of First Corinthians</i> Wednesday Service - 7:00 p.m. <i>Studying The Book of Revelation</i> Wednesday Night Youth - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Tune in to Calvary Radio 88.1 CSN</p>	<p>Amazing Grace Fellowship 1316 T St., La Grande, OR 541-568-4567 Sunday 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><i>2 Cor 12:9 My Grace is sufficient for you.</i> IS 40:31</p>	<p>GRACE COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMC 667 N. Main in Union <i>"We are called to Serve"</i> Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 am Sunday Worship 10:00 am Pastor Carl Seelhoff Phone: 541-786-0447 grace.lutherancove@gmail.com</p>	<p>LaGrande CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 109 18th Street • 963-3402</p> <p>Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>LA GRANDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH <i>"OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"</i> 1612 4th Street - 963-2498 Pastor Taylor Gould lgumc@con1.com www.lgumchurch.org Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9am-Noon Worship 10:00 am Fellowship Coffee Hour 11:00 am - Nursery provided -</p>