

HIGHLIGHTS

Message looks at Bible’s perspective on illness

LA GRANDE — Why is it that some people recover from illness and others do not? Does God have anything to do with it? Does He choose for some to die and others to live? Pastor Mike will address this subject from the Bible’s perspective Saturday at 11 a.m. at La Grande’s Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Sermon asks what it means to be ‘born again’

NORTHEAST OREGON — The sermon at Faith Lutheran Church will expound on John 3:1-17. In these verses, Jesus is speaking to a person intrigued with his teaching and explains the concept of being “born again.” Services will be at 10 a.m. in La Grande and 2 p.m. in Enterprise.

A soup supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in La Grande, followed by a Lenten service at 6:30 p.m.

Second Sunday in Lent observed

LA GRANDE — Zion Lutheran Church in La Grande will worship

Submissions

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at 9 a.m. on this second Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion will be served. Pastor Roberta Smythe will officiate. Fellowship will follow the service.

The Evening Bible Study will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at Cathy Lease’s home. Zion will host a Lenten soup supper at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, followed by an educational time about the Lord’s Prayer at 6:30 p.m.

Stake Primary Activity for boys hosted Saturday

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will sponsor a Stake Primary Activity for boys turning 8 through 11 on Saturday, March 7, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Island City church on McAlister Road. Activities will be based on the theme “Heroes of the Book of

Mormon.” Food will be provided. Sacrament services in La Grande at the churches on Gekeler Lane and McAlister Road will start at 9 a.m. and noon Sunday with members of the congregation being the speakers. The second hour of services will be Relief Society and Priesthood meetings. The “Come, Follow Me” lesson for the week of March 9-15 will be based on the Book of Mormon, Jacob 1-4 and will focus on magnifying our church callings, the blessings of chastity and how one can be healed through Jesus Christ’s atonement.

No-host lunch follows service

LA GRANDE — Pastor Shari Eggleston will speak from Philippians 1:12-26 on this second Sunday of Lent at La Grande’s First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Her message, “Joyful Witness,”

Words of the Buddha

Ever grows the glory of one who is energetic, mindful and pure in conduct, discerning and self-controlled, righteous and heedful. (Dhammapada 2.24)
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)
When things become manifest to the ardent meditating brahmin, all one’s doubts then vanish since one understands each thing along with its cause. (Udana 1.1)
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)

Source: www.pariyatti.org

will give Paul’s story of a positive attitude and sharing the gospel despite being imprisoned. Worship will begin at 10 a.m. There will be a no-host lunch at the Smokehouse Restaurant following the service.

Living with consequences addressed by Nazarenes

LA GRANDE — Sunday school will begin at 9:15 a.m. and the worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the La Grande Church of the

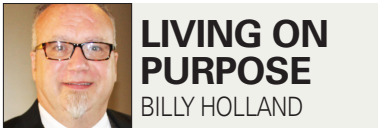
Nazarene. Pastor Kevin Goss will continue the Lenten sermon series, “For God So Loved . . .” with a message from Hosea 2:14-23 titled “Loved Back to Life.” We don’t get a lot of second chances. Once we make a choice we have to live with the consequences. But when God seeks us, it is never to leave us where we’re at. He loves us enough to give us a fresh start.

— Observer staff

Making a move to embrace the Holy Spirit

I know that life sometimes can be difficult. It seems I’m always writing about the struggles of spiritual warfare, but we cannot deny the Christian life is filled with battles. However, there is good news: The Lord is with us and is waiting to help us if we will only allow him to be in control of our lives.
I had a long conversation with a precious elderly lady this afternoon and she is struggling with negative emotions. She lives alone and is discouraged, and we talked about learning how to rise above our feelings of negativity. I reminded her that we must make an investment if we want to enjoy the peace and

joy of God’s presence. What does this mean? Simply that Christians must take the initiative to pray and read our Bibles and allow him to be a part of our lives. A beautiful passage to remember is found in James 4:8: “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.” This spiritual principle is at the center of submitting our will and implies that we invite God to take control. I realize we all want a “quick fix” that will make us happy, but our mission as a representative of his kingdom is accepting the responsibility to know him.
Sometimes we forget what God has called us to do. The Bible does not try to hide the fact that when



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we sincerely gave our lives to God and were adopted into his family, we also agreed to become soldiers who willingly fight the good fight of faith. Ephesians 6 not only describes our spiritual armor but also explains the type of positive attitude we will need to be victorious. Our personal relationship with Christ has everything to do with incorporating his instructions within our mind and having a passion to obey his voice.
It’s easy to become so concerned with our own thoughts and desires that we neglect God and those around us. When we start praying and helping others, we will be less consumed about our own desires, anxieties and disappointments.

The mirror can reveal many things about us that need to be changed, but if we do not look beyond ourselves we will not be able to see the great need that is all around us. In fact, Jesus said in Matthew 25 that whatever we do or fail to do for those around us is exactly the way we are treating him.
Psalm 91:1-2 promises, “He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God; in Him will I trust.” Is the devil attacking and trying to discourage us? No doubt about it. However, an important key to succeeding in spiritual warfare is to confess in faith what you want to see happen. Announce out loud to the enemy, “the joy of the Lord is my strength” over and over. But, for how long? Until the devil gives up and runs away. God’s

Word declares in James 4:7, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and will flee from you.” As long as we keep agreeing with the dark side about our fears, the devil will keep shooting his arrows and we continue living in a cycle of defeat. It’s time to make the investment of faith in order to break free from our misery.
The Holy Spirit wants to comfort you and bring contentment to your soul, but we must take that first step toward spiritual peace. Embrace God’s truth and call upon him today. He is waiting for you to make the first move. He is all knowing and his power and authority are infinite. His promises cannot fail when we boldly declare, “Victory in Jesus, our Savior forever.”
— William “Billy” Holland is the founder of an independent Christian ministry in central Kentucky.

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