

SPIRITUAL HIGHLIGHTS

La Grande LDS church asks masks be worn

LA GRANDE — The La Grande Stake Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has asked that all attendees at indoor church meetings continue to wear face masks and maintain social distancing, even though the CDC rules have relaxed for those who have been fully vaccinated.

As outlined in the president's email to all stake members on May 22, the church wants to avoid situations that may cause divisions among our members. The "Come, Follow Me"

Submissions

Churches and faith-based groups are encouraged to submit Highlights for the Spiritual Life page by 4 p.m. Tuesday for publication Thursday. Submit by email to news@lagrandeobserver.com (with Highlights in the subject line).

lesson for the week of May 31-June 6 is based on Doctrine and Covenants sections 60-62, which are revelations given through the Prophet Joseph Smith in August 1831 about missionaries, missionary work and spiritual guidance.

Sabbath Day discussions of these home-based lessons continue to be held during the second hour of church meetings on the

first and third Sunday of each month.

Zion Lutheran Church holding worship service

LA GRANDE — Zion Lutheran Church meets for worship at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 30. Those who are planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling or emailing the office

by noon on May 29. Masks and social distancing are required.

The service will also be live-streamed to YouTube; the link will be posted May 29 on Zion's Facebook page and website.

Episcopal Church resumes in-person worship

LA GRANDE — St. Peter's Episcopal Church has resumed in-person worship.

A service of Morning Prayer begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 30. COVID-19 precautions will be in place, including the requirement of masks and social distancing. The service

will be recorded and posted to the church's Facebook page and member emails in the afternoon or evening of May 30.

'Joys and Trials' at First Christian Church

LA GRANDE — Pastor Archie Hook will speak on "Joys and Trials" at the 10 a.m. worship service at the La Grande Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Sunday, May 30. The message refers to passages from the book of James. Worshippers are asked to wear masks and maintain social distancing.

— The Observer

Jane Goodall honored for fusion of science and spirituality

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jane Goodall, the conservationist renowned for her expertise on chimpanzees and her globe-spanning advocacy of environmental causes, was named Thursday, May 20, as this year's winner of the prestigious Templeton Prize, honoring individuals whose life's work embodies a fusion of science and spirituality.

Goodall, born in London in 1934, traveled to Kenya in 1957 and met the famed anthropologist and paleontologist Louis Leakey. In 1960, at his invitation, she began her groundbreaking study of chimpanzees in what is now Tanzania.

Her field research revolutionized the field of primatology, helping transform how scientists and the public perceive the emotional and social complexity of animals. She was the first to observe that chimpanzees engage in activities previously believed to be exclusive to humans, such as creating tools, and she demonstrated that they have individual personalities.

"Her discoveries have profoundly altered the world's view of animal intelligence and enriched our understanding of humanity in a way that is both humbling and exalting," said Heather Templeton Dill, president of the John Templeton Foundation, which helps administer the prize.

Established in 1972 by the late philanthropist Sir John Templeton, the Templeton Prize is one of the world's largest individual



Rick Rycroft/Associated Press, File

Primatologist Jane Goodall sits near a window where behind a chimpanzee eats in its enclosure at Sydney's Taronga Zoo Friday, July 14, 2006. Goodall was named Thursday, May 20, 2021, as this year's winner of the prestigious Templeton Prize, honoring individuals whose life's work embodies a fusion of science and spirituality.



Associated Press, File

This January 1974 photo shows anthropologist Jane Goodall, right, with her husband, Hugo van Lawick, and a curious onlooker.

awards — currently valued at 1.1 million pounds, or \$1.56 million. Past win-

ners include Mother Teresa, the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu of

South Africa.

Last year's honoree was Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health in the United States and leader of the Human Genome Project.

Goodall, in an interview with The Associated Press ahead of the award's announcement, recalled how her work with the chimpanzees led to a broader appreciation for nature as she spent hours by herself in the forest.

"Out there in nature by myself, when you're alone, you can become part of nature and your humanity doesn't get in the way," she said. "It's almost like an out-of-body experience

when suddenly you hear different sounds and you smell different smells and you're actually part of this amazing tapestry of life."

"Every time a little species vanishes, it may not seem important," she added. "But the thread is pulled from that tapestry and the picture gets weaker as more threads are pulled, until that tapestry, once so beautiful, is hanging in tatters."

As her fame grew, she expanded into a diverse range of activities, including humanitarian initiatives and advocacy for the ethical treatment of animals.

She founded the Jane Goodall Institute in 1977 to sustain the study and protection of chimpanzees while also improving the welfare of scores of local communities. In 1991 she founded Roots & Shoots, an environmental and humanitarian program whose hands-on projects have benefited communities, animals and the environment in more than 65 countries.

"Some people seem to believe that we can live separated from nature, but we can't," Goodall said.

"We're animals, too, you know, by definition. ... We just happen to have (less) hair and have had an explosive development of our intellect. But we seem to fail when it comes to wisdom — the wisdom that says, 'The decision I make now, how will that affect future generations or the health of the planet?'"

In recent decades, Goodall has averaged more than 300 days of travel each year, educating audi-

ences worldwide about nature, conservation and the potential for collective action to bring about change. The coronavirus pandemic halted those travels, but she has continued to have a strong influence through virtual participation in events and lectures involving thousands of people in scores of countries.

She launched a podcast from her childhood home in England and, at age 87, is reaching millions of people through social media.

Raised as a Christian, Goodall said she developed her own sense of spirituality in the forests of Tanzania — in essence, believing that all living things and the natural world are connected through a divine force.

She recalled her mother saying to her, when she was a girl, "You will be brought up in a Christian family, so you worship God. But you might have been born in Egypt and then you would worship Allah, or you might have been born in a Buddhist country or one with a Hindu religion."

"And she said there can only be one God," Goodall said, "and so the name that we call him or her or it really doesn't matter."

As much as she respects science, she prefers it to have some limits.

"The world is so full of magic and surprises," she said. "I like to keep an open mind, and I like to think of magic. I don't want us to find out all the answers. ... One day we will learn the answers, but not on this planet."

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