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SPIRITUAL LIFE HIGHLIGHTS

Zion Lutheran service streamed live to YouTube

LA GRANDE — Zion Lutheran Church will offer in-person worship on Sunday, Jan. 16, at 9 a.m. Masks and social distancing are required. The service will also be livestreamed to You-Tube, and the link for that stream will be posted on Zion's Facebook page and website on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Stake Fireside for youth set for Jan. 16

NORTHEASTERN OREGON On Sunday, Jan. 16, La Grande Stake High Council members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be speaking in most wards on "The Greatest

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Possession," a talk given by Elder Jeffrey R. Holland during the October 2021 General Conference. The exception to this will be the La Grande 1st and 2nd Wards, along with the Young Single Adult Branch, as they will be holding ward conferences with stake and ward leaders speaking during Sacrament Service. Sunday School will be held in all locations during the second hour.

SUBMISSIONS

The "Come, Follow Me" lesson for the week of Jan. 17 is based on Genesis 5 and Moses 6, which discusses the posterity of Adam

through many generations. Moses chapter 6 provides greater detail about Enoch and the teaching of gospel principles, and its importance, since the beginning of humankind.

On Sunday, Jan. 16, at 5 p.m. there will be a Stake Fireside for all youth planning to participate in the August 2022 pioneer trek.

Pastor will speak from **Ecclesiastes**

LA GRANDE — "Eat, Drink and Be Merry" is the message at

the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on Sunday, Jan. 16. Pastor Archie Hook will speak from Ecclesiastes 5:18-20: "It is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor." Worship begins at 10 a.m.

God works through people to reveal himself

LA GRANDE — This Sunday, Jan. 16, Faith Lutheran Church's sermon will consider the epiphany of Jesus' first miracle of turning water into wine. He did this miracle with the obedient work of some servants who were asked to fill jars with water. "This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory" (John 2:11). God regularly

works with and through people to manifest his glory. The Divine Service begins at 10 a.m.

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Following the service will be the monthly council meeting in which options for congregational donations will be considered.

Join worship service in person or online

LA GRANDE — St. Peter's Episcopal Church will meet for worship on Sunday, Jan. 16, at 11 a.m. Masks and social distancing are required. The service will be streamed live. The link to that stream will be posted to the church's Facebook page on Saturday, Jan. 15, and can also be used to watch the service at a later time.

- The Observer

MLK walk and speaker promote peace and unity

Annual event set Monday, Jan. 17, in Hermiston

By TAMMY MALGESINI Hermiston Herald

HERMISTON -John Carbage, president of the Hermiston Cultural Awareness Coalition, is looking forward to hosting the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Peace March.

"We call it a peace march because we want to promote peace in the land," he said. "We don't want to cause a divide we want peace.'

With planning underway to host the in-person program, Carbage said the event will begin Monday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m. with a short walk through downtown Hermiston — starting and ending at the Hermiston First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave.

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message of faith, hope and love. In addition, he urges Christians to unite in an effort to heal the racial divide in our nation.

"The faith-based community is called to represent the heart of God, which is love, unity and equality," Jordan said. "The church is supposed to lead by example in these areas, not the world."

Pastor Patty Nance of the Hermiston United

that King shared so long

While progress has

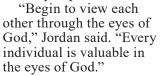
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unity and equality." - Marlando Jordan, pastor of Sozo Church,

> been made in regard to racial division, Carbage said, it's important to continue to be diligent in promoting peace.

Continuing the work and remembering the nonviolent and peaceful leadership King stood for is paramount, he said.

"We don't want the past to repeat itself," Carbage said. "We want peace, even in Eastern Oregon." Jordan agreed, saying everyone can take an active role to affect change on a daily basis. Very simply, he said, it's a matter of perspective.



Hermiston Herald, File

Participants carry flags and signs during Hermiston's annual Peace March on Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 2013. The 2022 walk takes place on Jan. 17, starting and ending at the Hermiston First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave.

Grande Ronde Hospital and Clinics proudly welcomes: Mari Dominguez, PMHNP-BC

to the Behavioral Health Team at the Regional Medical Clinic as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.



some words by city leaders, participants are invited to enter the church where the program will include a short scholarship presentation by the Hermiston Cultural Awareness Coalition, followed by Pastor Marlando Jordan's keynote address.

COVID-19 protocols require people attending the program at the church to wear a face covering at all times. A mask will be provided for anyone who does not have one.

Carbage said the coalition always chooses a person of color who can share how the legacy and work of Martin Luther King Jr. has impacted their life.

Jordan, who started preaching as a Methodist Church also highlights the importance of peace and inclusivity, which is why her congregation readily opens its doors to host the Martin Luther King Jr. Day program. King, she said, preached hope for a better tomorrow through nonviolent civil action.

King's efforts and the response of people marching in the streets, Nance said, helped shine a spotlight on the teachings of Jesus Christ. And, she said, King's legacy has had a lasting impact.

"Faith communities began to look at the inherent racism within their own walls," Nance said. "While it has been a slow and arduous journey, that glimmer of hope



Mari Dominguez, PMHNP-BC

Join us in welcoming Mari Dominguez, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner to the Grande Ronde Hospital and Clinics team. Mari is a lifelong learner, with a master's degree from Frontier Nursing University. Her clinical experiences include inpatient mental health and community mental health in Eastern Oregon. She is a graduate of Montana State University, Bozeman, College of Nursing, and the University of California at San Diego in communication. Mari is passionate about improving access to evidence-based mental health care and teaching patients and family members about behavioral health. Specific interests are depression, anxiety, and transforming habitual behaviors. Mari and her family moved to the Grande Ronde Valley from southwest Montana in 2018. She and her spouse are parents of adolescent and young adult children. Mari is an avid gardener, reader, and servant to various pets.

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To learn more about Mari and the rest of the Behavioral Health team, take a look at our online provider directory at grh.org.



