

## SPIRITUAL LIFE HIGHLIGHTS

### Message looks at Jesus' power to ransom us from death

ENTERPRISE — The Sunday, March 13, service at the Enterprise Community Congregational Church, also known as the “big brown church,” will feature a message based on scripture from Acts and Peter. The congregation’s interim pastor, Rev. Dr. Craig Pesti-Strobel, will talk about Jesus’ power to ransom us from death. Bible study is held at 9:30 a.m., followed by the worship service at 11 a.m.

### Morning Prayer service set for March 13

LA GRANDE — St. Peter’s Episcopal Church will meet for a service of Morning Prayer on Sunday, March 13, at 11 a.m. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Masks and social distancing are required.

### 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).

### Faith Lutheran holds services in La Grande and Enterprise

NORTHEASTERN OREGON — The sermon at Faith Lutheran Church’s services on Sunday, March 13, will expound on concepts in Luke 13:31-35. In these verses Jesus was warned about people that meant him harm. However, Jesus continued to care for people and responded: “Behold, I cast out demons and perform miracles today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course” (verse 32). The service in La Grande begins at 10 a.m., and an Enterprise service is at 2:30 p.m.

During the season of Lent,

special services are held on Wednesday evenings by Faith Lutheran Church in La Grande. The March 16 service will consider Malchus as a witness to Jesus Christ. Malchus had his ear cut off by Peter and then was healed by Jesus. A soup supper is served at 5:30 p.m., and the Lenten service begins at 6:30 p.m.

### Forgiveness is focus of weekly lesson

NORTHEASTERN OREGON — Members of congregations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Sunday, March 13, will speak during Sacrament services, and the second

hour will be Priesthood, Relief Society and youth group meetings.

Also on Sunday, there will be a Stake General Priesthood meeting beginning at 4 p.m.

The “Come, Follow Me” lesson for the week of March 14 is based on Genesis 42-50 and the power of forgiveness as shown by Joseph for his brothers who had sold him into slavery.

A special video broadcast for the youth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which discusses the youth theme for 2022 of “Trust in the Lord,” is now available from the church’s website. Visit the newsroom to also learn how the church is helping refugees in Europe and to learn about other ongoing activities.

Members are reminded that the Columbia River Temple will be closed from March 14 to June 20. The Boise and Meridian, Idaho, temples will remain open during much of this time.

### Join worship in person or virtually

LA GRANDE — The worship service at Zion Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 13, begins at 9 a.m. and will include Holy Communion. Fellowship time will follow the service. Masks are no longer required but are recommended for those at risk.

### ‘Carpe Diem Ad Christum’ is sermon title

LA GRANDE — First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is now worshipping at 10:30 a.m., with an adult Sunday School class meeting at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Pastor Archie Hook will speak from Mark 1:15 on Sunday, March 13. His message, “Carpe Diem Ad Christum: Seize the Day for Christ,” will explore what it looks like to live every day for Christ.

— The Observer

# Heppner priest’s last play takes to the stage

By TAMMY MALGESINI  
East Oregonian

HEPPNER — A play written by the late Father Gerry Condon will be staged Friday, March 11, at 7 p.m. at the Gilliam & Bisbee Building in Heppner. “The Little Way of Saint Therese” was performed in Ione in March 2020 but pandemic shutdowns prevented its curtain call in Heppner.

The Heppner performance coincides with the Wee Bit o’ Ireland celebration. The St. Patrick Catholic Church Altar Society will provide desserts. Admission is free, and donations are gladly accepted.

“Everyone is really excited about the play,” said JoAnna Lamb, Heppner Chamber of Commerce’s executive director. “People were disappointed it had to be canceled, especially knowing it was Father Condon’s last one.”

Condon, who died March 7, 2020, at the age of 92, served 57 years in the priesthood, including his last 22 years at Heppner and Ione. A number of years ago, he began writing dramas. His goal was to provide historical information about the church and saints.

Staging the plays became an annual tradition during the week leading up to the town’s annual St. Patrick’s celebration. Lamb said the play was performed in Ione in 2020, just a day after the beloved priest’s death. However, pandemic restrictions prevented its curtain call in Heppner.

The play is based



St. William Catholic Church/Contributed Photo

Prior to the pandemic shutdowns, “The Little Way of Saint Therese” was performed March 8, 2020, at St. William Catholic Church, Ione. The final play written by the late Father Gerry Condon will be staged Friday, March 11, 2022, starting at 7 p.m. at the Gilliam & Bisbee Building, Heppner.

on the life of Therese Martin, who was born in 1873. The youngest of nine children, she desired to follow in the footsteps of several of her sisters to enter the convent and was allowed to do so at the age of 15. The young nun died at age 24 of tuberculosis. Her autobiography, “The Story of a Soul,” was published soon after her death.

Condon, who was born and raised in Dublin, Ireland, came to the United States at the age of 28. Answering a call with the Diocese of Baker, he served several years in Lakeview before a short stint in Heppner. Condon

pastored many churches in Eastern Oregon before returning to south Morrow

County permanently in 1990. He retired in 2013. Always quick with a

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### WORDS OF THE BUDDHA

Of all the fragrances — sandal, tagara, blue lotus and jasmine — the fragrance of virtue is the sweetest. — Dhammapada 4.55

Know this, O good one: evil things are difficult to control. Let not greed and wickedness drag you to protracted misery. — Dhammapada 18.248

To have much wealth and ample gold and food, but to enjoy one’s luxuries alone — this is a cause of one’s downfall. — Sutta Nipata 1.102

Just as a tree, though cut down, sprouts up again if its roots remain uncut and firm, even so, until the craving that lies dormant is rooted out, suffering springs up again and again. — Dhammapada 24.338

Source: [www.pariyatti.org](http://www.pariyatti.org)

quip and a caring attitude, Condon was recognized as Man of the Year during the 2008 Heppner Chamber of Commerce’s Town &

Country Awards Banquet. For more information about the performance, call the chamber at 541-676-5536.

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390 E. St., North Powder, OR

JOIN US... *Catch the Spirit!*  
Worship: 9:00 a.m. Cove  
Worship: 10:00 a.m. N. Powder

**First Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
901 Penn Avenue 963-2623  
lgdisciples@gmail.com

**Bible Study 9:00 a.m.**  
**Worship 10:30 a.m.**

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Phone: 541-568-4230  
grace.lutherancove@gmail.com

**IMBLER CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

440 RUCKMAN, IMBLER 534-2201  
www.imblercc@gmail.com

**Sunday Services**  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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# Service

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