

## SPIRITUAL LIFE HIGHLIGHTS

### Communion service held July 3 prior to fellowship

LA GRANDE — St. Peter's Episcopal Church will have a communion service starting at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 3. A time of fellowship will follow the service.

### Stake activities are planned for early July

NORTHEASTERN OREGON — Members of the congregation will have the opportunity to share testimonies during Sacrament Services for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Sunday, July 3. Members are encouraged to fast for two meals this day and to donate the value for support of the less fortunate.

The "Come, Follow Me" lesson for the week of July 4 is based on 2 Kings 2-7, which is a record of the miracles performed by the prophet Elisha.

Upcoming stake events include

### SUBMISSIONS

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

The sermon, based on Luke 10:1-11 and 16-20, is titled "Unity, Not Uniformity." Holy Communion will be served. Fellowship time will follow the service.

The worship service will be streamed live and will also be available later. The link for those will be posted to Zion's Facebook page and website on July 2.

### Pastor to speak from Romans 14 on July 3

LA GRANDE — First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will celebrate the Fourth of July early on Sunday, July 3, with Pastor Archie Hook's message, "Are Our Religious Freedoms Condemning Others?" He will speak from Romans 14:10-13. Worship begins at 10:30 a.m.

### Registration is open for summer camp in Cove

COVE — Cove Christian

Camp is accepting registrations for those wishing to attend the third and fourth grade camp on July 10-14 or the fifth and sixth grade camp on July 31-Aug. 4.

Information and registration forms are available at www.covechristiancamp.org or at La Grande First Christian Church, 901 Penn. The camp is at 68405 Mill Creek Lane, 1.5 miles up the road from the Cove swimming pool.

### Potluck and elders' meeting follow Lutheran service

LA GRANDE — At Faith Lutheran Church's 10 a.m. service on Sunday, July 3, the sermon will expound upon Luke 10:1-20 in which Jesus sends 72 followers to places that he was about to go to. They were sent to care for people and to say, "the kingdom of God has come near you" (vs. 9). As Christians share Christ's care and

his word, the kingdom of God is brought near to other dear souls.

After the Divine Service will be the First Sunday potluck followed by a meeting of the elders.

### Sermon series digs deeper into meaning and application of Lord's Prayer

ENTERPRISE — Rev. Dr. Craig Pesti-Strobel of the Enterprise Community Congregational Church on Sunday, July 3, will continue delving into the Lord's Prayer. This week, the focus is on "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors," with the message focused on Matthew 6:9-13. Digging into the deeper meaning and application of this scripture will show us how to lead more spiritual lives. Pastor Craig will lead Bible study at 9:30 a.m. before the 11 a.m. service.

—The Observer

# Cancer support group providing help day by day

By BILL BRADSHAW  
Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH — Four women from Tenderfoot Christian Fellowship in Joseph whose lives have been affected by cancer are starting a cancer-support group that will meet each Sunday afternoon at the Joseph Community Events Center.

The goal of the group, which held its first meeting June 26, is to help cancer patients, their families and friends get through the journey that is life with cancer on a day-by-day basis.

That's why it's called the Day by Day Cancer Peer Support Group.

### The seed of prayer

It all started when Susan Poole, a 71-year-old who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, asked for prayer during a church Bible study meeting in November.

"Sue just brought this up as a prayer need and shared that she had a heart for this and for supporting these folks, so we ran with that," said Rebecca Patton, another of the group's founders.

She has a unique vantage point when it comes to cancer locally, working at Wallowa Memorial Hospital.

Poole was impressed with how quickly plans for the support group were implemented.

"I couldn't believe how fast this happened," Poole said. "One of the things I've discovered on this journey is that the breast cancer group in Enterprise is the only one from Pendleton to Boise," Poole said. "In that same area, there is no comfort for the families who are doing the caretaking for cancer patients."

While they recognize the value of the Wallowa



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From left, Trina Rice, Rebecca Patton and Susan Poole talk about the new Day by Day Cancer Peer Support Group they founded, along with Doneva Bolen, in Wallowa County.

Memorial Hospital Breast Cancer Support Group, its scope is limited.

"We wanted to take the opportunity to expand that to all cancers," Patton said. "At the same time the peer-support group is meeting, we're going to have a room for family members and caregivers to meet."

Poole, Patton and Patton's mother, Trina Rice, said the church is sponsoring the group, with a place to meet — they use the events center the same days the church rents it for services — and snacks, flyers, meals and volunteers.

The fourth founder, Doneva Bolen, lost her husband to pancreatic cancer.

"She has been an integral part of this group," Poole said.

Patton and Rice also have a direct connection to the disease. Rice's husband — Patton's father — was diagnosed, but had a happier outcome.

"My dad had a terminal cancer diagnosis that he miraculously recovered from more than a dozen years ago now," Patton said. But that episode brought some stark realizations.

"From that experience, we have a heart for providing support for family members and caregivers of people with cancer," Rice said. "It wasn't until years later that I realized how her

### DAY BY DAY

**What:** Support group for cancer patients and their loved ones and caretakers  
**When:** Every Sunday 2-3:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Joseph Community Events Center, 102 E. First St.  
**Call:** 541-701-1748 or 541-514-7012

dad having cancer impacted her so deeply, and her sister as well."

### Losing one's voice

Poole explained her own experience. "Cancer takes away our voice," she said. "I went through chemo and lost all my hair. I didn't know the person in the mirror. You get sick. You get scared. You watch your family cry because they're scared. It strips our voice. What a sup-

port group does, in this case, is it gives you that voice, it gives you that power back."

The group aims to help patients and their caregivers on the journey that is cancer.

"There's over 100 kinds of cancer," Poole said. "There isn't a week that goes by in Wallowa County that somebody isn't diagnosed with cancer. It hits us all."

The women take part in a telephone help line, which Poole has been doing for some time already.

"The dragons come out when everybody's asleep but they need somebody who understands what's troubling them," she said. "I talk a lot to a young woman who was just diagnosed with cervical cancer and she calls me at 1:30 because she's in a panic and she's scared."

### Regaining that voice

Poole spoke highly of Wallowa County and the hospital's oncology department.

"I have had better care at this hospital than I did in Portland," she said. "I've never seen a place that has such a giving heart as Wallowa County."

Poole's son proved to be one of her earliest support people.

After first being diagnosed, Poole made arrangements and prepared to die. That was in 2019.

"My son said, 'Mom, why don't you just live?' Wise words, and I did, and God has led me to such joy," she said. "I got that diagnosis and I was alone, and I don't want anybody to go through that alone."

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