

SPIRITUAL LIFE HIGHLIGHTS

Stake activity set for Aug. 27 in Baker

NORTHEASTERN OREGON — The La Grande Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will hold a stake activity on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Baker City church building from 5-8 p.m. A meal will be served, followed by activities for anyone who wants to join in.

On Sunday, Aug. 28, a special “Back to School Devotional” will be broadcast to all church buildings at 7 p.m. Sister Bonnie Cordon, Young Women General President, and Elder Ken Firmage, Area Seventy, will be speaking.

The “Come, Follow Me” lesson for the week of Aug. 29 is based on select chapters from the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, with a focus on the meanings of “wisdom” and “godly fear” as used in these scriptures. For lesson details, download the

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).

free “Gospel Library” mobile app or visit the church website.

Outdoor worship followed by potluck picnic

LA GRANDE — First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will meet at the Riverside Park Pavilion on Sunday, Aug. 28, at 11 a.m. During the outdoor worship service, Pastor Archie Hook will deliver the message “We Came Out of Darkness,” which references Genesis 1:1-5. A potluck picnic follows the service. Those attending may wish to bring a lawn chairs.

Services offered in La Grande and Enterprise

NORTHEASTERN OREGON — The sermon at Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, Aug. 28, will address a time when Jesus was invited to dine with his adversaries and they were watching him closely. There was a person there with an ailment and Jesus challenged the adversaries’ practice of not helping people on a “day of rest.” Luke 14:6 says, “And they could not reply to these things.” God is merciful and helps us in every need, most specifically the need for the forgiveness of sin. Services will be held in La Grande at 10 a.m. and in Enterprise at 2 p.m.

Message will be drawn from Hebrews 13

LA GRANDE — Zion Lutheran Church meets for worship on Sunday, Aug. 28, at 9 a.m. The sermon will be given by Leo

Smith, Zion’s council president, and will be based on Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16. Fellowship time will follow the service.

Morning prayer services at Wallowa Lake Chapel

WALLOWA LAKE VILLAGE — The Wallowa Lake Chapel announced that all are welcome to “worship in the beauty of God’s holiness” at 8 a.m. each Sunday through August. The chapel is at the Wallowa County Park on the north end of Wallowa Lake. Morning prayer services are led by members of the Wallowa County Ecumenical Ministry Society.

Pendleton church hosts weekly outdoor song circle

PENDLETON — On Tuesday evenings, Peace Lutheran Church is holding an outdoor song circle at 6 p.m. in the church’s outdoor courtyard, accessible from Carden

between Eighth and Ninth streets. This gathering is for anyone who would like to sing. People of any faith and background are welcome to join, and are asked to bring a lawn chair.

The Observer seeks local spirituality content

LA GRANDE — The Observer welcomes announcements and photographs of local faith-based events and activities for inclusion on the Spiritual Life page. We also invite thoughts and comments from community members on spiritual matters. If you would like to share how you experience spirituality, email lkelly@lagrandeobserver.com or leave a message at 541-624-6019. Ongoing monthly columns and one-time submissions will be considered. Columns are generally 500-600 words and include a photo of the writer.

—The Observer

Hermiston woman sings praises of Desert Rose Ministries

By Tammy Malgesini
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — Sheena Tarvin’s life was on a downward spiral. Her addiction to methamphetamine resulted in legal issues, the breakup of her marriage and homelessness.

At her lowest point, Tarvin said her family refused to enable her. Initially angry, she’s now grateful because it led her to Hermiston’s Desert Rose Ministries and an opportunity to change her life.

Founded in 2014, the ministry continues to expand. Pastor Jason Estle said they are planning to open Desert Rose Minis-



Pastor Jason Estle prepares a plate of food for Joseph Day on April 5, 2017, at Desert Rose Ministries in Hermiston.

tries Lighthouse. The sober living facility will offer addicts who want help with a place to live. It will provide hands-on help with

things like recovery plans, goal-setting and teaching life skills.

“What we really do is share Jesus with people. I

know he can help them,” Estle said. “The volunteers we have are people who have come right off the street whose lives have been changed by Jesus.”

In addition, Desert Rose is reaching out to older adults in the community to help with home repair projects. At no cost to the seniors, materials and labor are provided.

Estle initially didn’t know what direction the ministry would take. It now features informal and nontraditional church services. Providing support to the unhoused and people experiencing alcohol and drug problems grew organically from the first prayer meeting.

“We were in the

building praying and a guy came in higher than anything and we led him to the Lord,” he said. “Ever since then, the passion for helping people just grows and grows.”

Tarvin is especially grateful for that. Nearly five years ago, she was hungry, tired and needed a shower. With nowhere else to turn, Tarvin went to Desert Rose.

“They helped me when I was an addict on the street,” she said. “Because of what God’s done for me through them, I’ve been able to get back on my feet and have a life worth living.”

In addition to getting clean, Tarvin completed her

probation early, is no longer homeless and works at the Power House Treatment Center in Hermiston. She said she thinks the world of Dan Madore, her former probation officer with Umatilla County Community Corrections, and Erica Sandoval, the Hermiston Police Department officer who arrested her.

“God put these people, Desert Rose and others in my life,” she said. “They were teachers of love, compassion and accountability.”

For more information about Desert Rose Ministries, visit www.facebook.com/desertroseministries-hermiston or call 541-667-9566.

St. Patrick Episcopal plans community cider pressing

The Observer

ENTERPRISE — The cider will flow once again as St. Patrick Episcopal Church holds its second annual community cider pressing Saturday, Sept. 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public, to be held in the church’s parking lot at 100 NE Third St. in Enterprise.

Katy Nesbitt, St. Patrick Church priest, in a press release said, “We want to celebrate the change of seasons by providing an opportunity for people to press their apples into cider and to enjoy a barbecue lunch with us.”

Participants are asked to bring their own containers

and apples. The church will provide the press and do the pressing. Hamburgers, hot dogs, cookies and sodas will also be provided at no cost.

Nesbitt said the church is turning its grassy lawn into an edible garden and with grants from AARP and the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon more fruit trees and bushes, in addition to those already established, will be planted this fall and next spring. One day, she said, she hopes to press apples grown in the church yard.

“By turning our lawn into a garden, we can grow food for local schools and food banks and live out our mission to feed our neighbors,” Nesbitt said.

Attention Union County 4th-12th graders!



GRH Children’s Clinic

Call 541-663-3150

MONDAY 9-12-22

GRH Union Clinic

Call 541-562-6180

WEDNESDAY 9-21-22

GRH Elgin Clinic

Call 541-437-2273

FRIDAY 9-9-22

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1708 Jasper St., Cove, OR

NORTH POWDER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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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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IMBLER CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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

GRACE COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 am
Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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

CHURCH Service DIRECTORY

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Sunday Services:
Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 9:45AM
Children’s Church & Worship Service 11:00AM
Family Worship Service 6:00PM

Wednesday:
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“OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS”
1612 4th Street – 963-2498

Pastor Roberta Smythe

For service information go to www.lagrandeumc.org

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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A Place where hope is found in Jesus
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Saturday Worship 11:00 am

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Little Friends Christian Preschool/Childcare 963-6390
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FIRST LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1812 1st St. La Grande
541-605-0215

We use the King James Version Bible

Sunday School - 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Bible Study - 3:00 pm (Effective June 10)
Wednesday Evening - 6:30 pm
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Services This Week