

Church News

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Voice of the Shepherd (John 10:1-10)

Two men were called on, in a large classroom, to recite the Twenty-third Psalm. One was an orator trained in speech technique and drama. He repeated the psalm in a powerful way. When he finished, the audience cheered and asked for an encore so they could hear his wonderful voice again. Then the other man repeated the same words--"The Lord

is my shepherd; I shall not want..." but when he finished, no sound came from the class. Instead, people sat in a mood of devotion and prayer.

Then the first man stood to his feet. "I have a confession to make," he said. "The difference between what you have just heard from my friend, and what you heard from me is this: I know the Psalm, but my friend knows the Shepherd."

John uses many images in his

Gospel, but my favorite is that of Jesus as a shepherd. Like a shepherd, Jesus is concerned with the welfare and the care of His sheep; he loves his sheep.

Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd on purpose. He didn't call himself King Jesus. He didn't call himself President Jesus. He didn't call himself Doctor Jesus, Reverend Jesus or Chairman Jesus. Instead, he called himself a shepherd: A servant,

a caretaker, a watchman, a provider. A shepherd is all of that. And that's what really stands out in my mind. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Jesus came from heaven to earth to be close to His sheep. The Good Shepherd became one of us, took on our nature, and lived a human life just like us. That's why He is the good Shepherd. Jesus knows the peculiar traits of His flock and watches over

us with love and concern.

Jesus loved us so much that our sinfulness became his burden.

He loved us so much that his perfect righteousness became ours.

He loved us so much that he suffered on the cross for us: To save us from eternal death; to prepare us to meet His Father; to turn our lives around. He will love us, protect us, and lead us on the right paths. We just need to listen for his voice.

Community Bible Church

Dirt Behind the Ears

"And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." *Acts 2:47b*

It's the Lord's design that those who come to know Jesus as their Savior join in with other believers for spiritual growth, united prayer, and fellowship. Over the years I have heard lots of excuses why people don't participate in a church. The following has been circulated around for years, but it makes a point in a rather satirical fashion:

People who don't attend church often give some rather interesting reasons for not doing so. To show the weaknesses of those excuses, someone has compiled a humorous list called "Ten Reasons Why I Never Wash." 1. I was forced to wash as a child.

2. People who wash are hypocrites – they think they're cleaner than others. 3. There are so many kinds of soap; I could never decide which was right. 4. I used to wash, but it got boring. 5. I wash only on Christmas or Easter. 6. None of my friends wash. 7. I'll start washing when I'm older. 8. I really don't have time. 9. The bathroom isn't warm enough. 10. People who make soap are only after your money. The application is obvious. Most excuses for not going to church are weak.

The point of the church is not to propagate a church, but to proclaim to the world that there is the forgiveness of sin in Jesus who is the Messiah, and then to help those who come to Him for forgiveness to grow and share their faith. Might God help us to be a church that honors and proclaims Jesus!

**In Christ,
Pastor Dave**

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Backyard bird watching with Harry: by Harry Johnson

The May Bird of the Month: The Black Capped Chickadee

Spring is here and you should be seeing the summer birds showing up and your winter and fall birds moving on. The hummingbirds are here in full force. We have five feeders going strong. This month is the Chickadee. They are one of my favorite birds here at my home. They're small and fast. I love just sitting here listening to them sing.

Description: They're one of the smaller birds in your front yard. They are 5-5 1/2 inches tall. The male and female are identical in coloring. They have a black cap and throat with a white chest and tan belly.

Nesting: They like to excavate nest holes in rotted wood or your birdhouse if you have one out. Both male and female build or excavate their nest. They like to use green moss and animal fur as a liner for the nest. They have one brood per year with five-seven eggs that are white with fine red-brown speckles.

Feeding: They love black oil sunflower seeds. They will visit suet feeders from time to time. They also love peanut hearts and pieces. Put some nutty peanut butter out and watch them feed. They love it. If you can, watch them feed while in the tree. They also love mealworms, doughnuts and raw hamburger. I'm sorry, if I have a perfectly good doughnut; it's not going to the birds. No way. I don't get doughnuts for myself very often, why would I give them a perfectly good doughnut? They are very acrobatic feeders. You can see them hanging upside down feeding on berries or insects. They don't like to feed on the ground. If you want to use a feeder, make sure it's a

platform or hanging feeder. The important thing is keep it off the ground. They don't like to eat feed that's on the ground.

Habit: They are year round residents in the Illinois Valley and Rogue River Valley. During winter they will build flocks of 6-10 birds. Their winter feeding territory is about 20 acres. In the spring the flock breaks up and the males start to sing and they pair up.

Did you know?

- They come to your feeder for one seed at a time. I've watched them dart in from a near by tree and grab a seed and dart back to the safety of the tree. Watch them when they're in the feeder. You can see them weighing the seed in their mouth and dropping it if it is too lightweight and then choosing another.
- Maine and Massachusetts claim the chickadee as their official state bird.
- Chickadees are a type of Titmouse.
- Their call is actually a complex language used to recognize other members of the flock and warn of predators.

I enjoy my chickadees very much. They're entertaining to watch and lovely to listen to – especially when they are mating. I hope you enjoy them as much as I do.

If you want to talk about the birds in you backyard send me an email at birdwatching@frontier-net.net. I have my Saturday morning breakfast at My Place Family Café in Cave Junction. I'm there around 8:30 a.m. and I would love to meet you.

**Harry Johnson
O'Brien, Oregon**



Black Capped Chickadee

Places of Worship

**BRIDGEVIEW
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
5181 Holland Loop Rd., CJ
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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Sonny Moore
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265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ
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Saturday Worship 11 a.m.
Pastor Christian Martin
Church (541) 592-3218
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541-592-3330

**IMMANUEL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
200 Watkins St., CJ
Phone 541-592-3876
Pastor Charles Chase
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.
Child-care for small children

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Pastor Dave Gordon
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ
Office: 541-592-3896
Email: cbccca@gmail.com
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Christian Academy
Pre-K to 12th grade
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

**ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
407 W. River St., CJ
541-592-3658
Fr. William Holtzinger, Pastor
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m..
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days TBA

TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH
10343 Takilma Road, Takilma
Pastor Dan Robinson
Bible Study / Prayer Time
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m

First Baptist Church of Selma
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma
541-597-4169
Pastor Monty Pope
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.

**GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
East River Street
& Lewis Court, CJ
Annemarie Richardson
Lay Pastor.
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Church Phone: 541-592-2290
www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net

**VALLEY EVANGELICAL
FREE CHURCH**
498 Laurel Road, CJ
P.O. Box 1248
Pastor Marvin Porter
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
evfree@frontiernet.net
541-592-6160

**FOUNTAIN OF LIFE
ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ
541-592-3956
Pastor Mark McLean
Morning Worship
9:30 & 11 a.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Adult Bible Study

**ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**
25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ
541-592-2006
Rev. James Boston
Worship Service - 5 p.m.
1st Sunday of each month

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY
SAINTS**
209 S. Junction Ave., CJ
Sacrament Meet - 10 a.m.
Sunday School - 11:20 a.m.
Priesthood, Relief Soc. -
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Larry Hammersmith
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