

# National 'Back to Church Sunday' to be held in Cave Junction

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"Back to Church Sunday" is a nationwide initiative seeking to reach the "un-churched" or "de-churched" and will be held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cave Junction on Sept. 18, 2016 at 10 a.m. The goal of this event is to combat the decline of church attendance in America by encouraging the members of participating congregations to invite friends, family and acquaintances. According to the initiative's website there are 120 denominations of Christianity that are going to be represented, separately, nationwide. At the event in Cave Junction there will be a barbeque after the sermon and newcomers will receive a welcome gift in the form of a book of their choosing. No other churches in Cave Junction are participating but there are many in Southern Oregon that are.

Annemarie Richardson, the host of the event, has lived in Cave Junction since 2009 and is the only synod approved minister for her denomination in the state of Oregon. She is the sole minister at the Good Shepherd Lutheran

Church with three years of experience and will be giving the sermon at the event. She was inspired by the Back to Church Sunday initiative two years ago—when she hosted the event for the first time—because she felt that inviting people by word of mouth is the best way to build a close knit congregation. On this topic Richardson expressed, "If you're going to a church where you already know someone it's a lot more comfortable than going to a church where you know no one." According to Richardson, typical Sundays bring in a crowd of around 30 and she would like to expand that number.

When asked why she thought church attendance was down nationwide she stated that there are a variety of factors but responded allegorically that "Home itself has changed ... mom was home all the time, the kids came home—I mean there was this connectedness in the family. Now families ... are constantly off doing other things so there is not that kind of connection ... That's kind of a miniature of what's happening in society. We just don't have that connectedness to groups anymore." She added, "It used to be that in school there was a basis

taught of Christian principles even if they weren't trying to ... teach one denomination or another ... there was the idea that the founding fathers founded this nation upon Christian principles."

However, getting members to invite people proves to be a somewhat awkward proposition since most feel uncomfortable about reaching out. In Richardson's experience she stated that, "For some reason we always feel like were, I don't know, imposing on someone else when actually what we're doing is we're offering a gift ... Because it's a gift, people always have the opportunity to say, 'No, I'm not interested.'" Despite this, she is insistent that her congregation try because she feels that the lives of Americans are stressful and that church every Sunday, "... helps to provide an anchor and a base in a world that is just in so much turmoil," she finished her idea by saying, "It's really important for us to keep our balance and keep our bearing."

At this time there are only denominations of Christianity represented in the Back to Church Sunday event but, according to her, other religious groups are more than welcome to join.

## TALES...

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\*No one knew who owned the silver-colored Buick Regal that has been parked at 101 S. Junction Avenue for a week. Once located, the registered owner had paperwork showing the transfer, but the Department of Motor Vehicles did not yet reflect the recent change of the license plates. The Regal owner's parents were contacted to move his car at 2:35 p.m.

\*A deputy inspected the Six Mile Recreation Site at 12:40 p.m., and the Store Gulch Campground at 1:09 p.m.

\*Oregon State Police (OSP) had no units available at 2:41 p.m., so they requested assistance in locating two palomino horses running free near Redwood Hwy. at Hogue Drive. They galloped away before law enforcement arrived.

\*At 3:55 p.m., a guy was hitting something against a walking stick and causing sparks at MP 1.2 of Lakeshore Drive. Notes were faxed to OSP so they were aware of the situation with Sparky.

### Outside the Valley

\*Six listings.

### Saturday, Aug. 27

\*At 9:32 a.m. the 911 operator overheard a chap in the background asking a woman if she had called the cops, then the caller said that it was a mistake phoning 911. She claimed that she did not need law enforcement assistance, because they have a verbal argument every morning when her fella returns from his walk on Borica Drive. (Some people prefer breakfast to start their day.)

\*Campers at the intersection of Road 029 and Eight Dollar Road were advised that

they had to vacate the next day, and they were cautioned regarding registration issues at 9:57 a.m.

\*A 24-hour notice to vacate was given along with a warning for residing on U.S. Forest Service land at Little Falls Campground at 10:51 a.m. Another individual was warned for illegal parking at the same location at 11:52 a.m.

\*At 10:58 a.m. a resident in the 1400 block of Rockydale Road activated a Lifeline Alert regarding her neighbor who was cutting trees down. She also thought that he was demolishing a shed, stealing her vehicle and that he had firearms. Law enforcement could not respond immediately because they were diverted to a life-threatening emergency call. The issue turned out to be an unfounded property line dispute, and Lifeline was advised of the disposition.

\*Grayback Campground Road was patrolled by JCSO at 11:58 a.m.

\*The operator of a Suzuki was warned for speeding in the 1000 block of Caves Hwy. at 1:49 p.m.

\*Jubilee Park was apparently crime-free at 2:15 p.m.

\*All was fine on Kerby Mainline at 2:23 p.m.

\*At 3:37 a motorist in a white Chevy pickup truck at the Six Mile Campground on Illinois River Road was warned for not wearing a seat belt.

\*Another driver was warned for seat belt violation at 4:12 p.m. on Redwood Hwy. at Draper Valley Road.

\*Both license plates were reported missing from a silver-colored Honda Accord in the 5400 block of Lakeshore Drive at 4:46 p.m.

### Outside the Valley

\*A dozen items.

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7 p.m. vs. Brookings  
Fri. Sept. 23  
6 p.m. @ Bonanza  
Fri. Sept. 30  
7 p.m. vs. Clatskanie  
Fri. Oct. 7  
7 p.m. @ Rogue river  
Fri. Oct. 16  
7 p.m. vs. Lakeview  
Fri. Oct. 21  
7 p.m. vs. Cascade  
Fri. Oct. 30  
7 p.m. @ St. Mary's (Speigelberg Stadium)

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## Volleyball

Fri. Aug. 26  
8 a.m. @ Hidden Valley  
Tue. Aug. 30  
6 p.m. @ Dayton  
Thur. Sept. 1  
6:15 p.m. vs. Del Norte  
Tue. Sept. 6  
6:15 pm @ Harrisburg  
Thur. Sept. 8  
6:15 p.m. @ Del Norte  
Sat. Sept. 10  
8 a.m. @ Hidden Valley  
Mon. Sept. 12

6:15 p.m. @ New Hope  
Thur. Sept. 15  
6:15 p.m. @ Lakeview  
Tue. Sept. 20  
6:15 am vs. Cascade  
Thur. Sept. 22  
6:15 p.m. vs. Rogue River  
Sat. Sept. 24  
8 a.m. @ St. Mary's JV tournament  
Tue. Sept. 27  
6:15 p.m. @ St Mary's

Thur. Sept. 29  
6:15 p.m. @ Chemawa  
Tue. Oct. 4  
6:15 p.m. vs. Lakeview  
Thur. Oct. 6  
6:15 p.m. @ Cascade  
Tue. Oct. 11  
6:15 p.m. @ Rogue River  
Thur. Oct. 13  
6:15 p.m. vs. St. Mary's  
Tue. Oct. 18  
6:15 p.m. @ New Hope

## Girls Soccer

Sat. Sept. 3  
noon vs. Douglas  
Tue. Sept. 6  
4:30 p.m. vs. Pleasant Hill  
Wed. Sept. 7  
4:30 p.m. @ Coquille  
Sat. Sept. 10  
11 a.m. vs. Del Norte  
Sat. Sept. 17

1 p.m. @ Lakeview  
Wed. Sept. 21  
6 p.m. vs. Cascade  
Wed. Sept. 28  
4:30 p.m. @ Rogue River  
Sat. Oct. 1  
1:30 p.m. @ St. Mary's  
Sat. Oct. 8  
1 p.m. vs. Lakeview  
Wed. Oct. 12

4 p.m. @ Cascade  
Sat. Oct. 15  
noon @ Coquille  
Wed. Oct. 19  
4:30 p.m. vs. Rogue River  
Sat. Oct. 22  
noon @ St. Mary's

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## Boys Soccer

Tue. Aug. 30  
4:30 p.m. vs. Crater  
Fri. Sept. 2  
2 p.m. vs. Milo Adventist  
Wed. Sept. 7  
4 p.m. @ Cascade  
Sat. Sept. 10  
1 p.m. vs. Pacific  
Wed. Sept. 14  
4 p.m. @ St. Mary's

Wed. Sept. 21  
4:30 p.m. vs. Canyonville  
Sat. Sept. 24  
1 p.m. vs. Rogue River  
Wed. Sept. 28  
4:30 p.m. @ Lakeview  
Fri. Sept. 30  
4:30 p.m. vs. Cascade  
Wed. Oct. 5  
4:30 p.m. @ Pacific

Sat. Oct. 8  
10 a.m. vs. St. Mary's  
Sat. Oct. 15  
noon @ Canyonville  
Wed. Oct. 19  
4:30 p.m. @ Rogue River  
Sat. Oct. 22  
noon vs. Lakeview

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