

LIMEY PASTOR
Mixing fire and water, we gather by the river: a prayer

September 10 is upon us. I write this several days before with the glow of fire above and ash sprinkling in spirals around me. At 11 a.m. on Sunday, our friends in Christ will gather at the water's edge in Boardman at the marina to share a common moment. Consider this your moment. The moment. We want to know each other, know the followers of Jesus, here in Boardman, by the water that reminds us of our baptism.



All are invited. You also. You ... especially. We will be together this Sunday, one church made of many churches, one God, one son of God, one people united in faith, hope and love. All different, but of the same family. Jesus Christ, our brother, came to draw us all together under the soft blessing of his love. Let us show our hearts to him and pray for his guidance in our lives. Let us join together to pray for a world that is rent with suffering. Let us pray for those whose hearts are breaking and broken. Let us pray for those suffering under the affliction of abnormal weather events, of cities afloat in water, of oceans in turmoil, of howling winds and tornadoes — of fires tormenting the hillsides of our gorge and trees burning on mountainsides. Let us pray for all of those broken by poverty and sickness. Let us pray for those unnoticed in sadness and depression. Let us pray for those who do not yet know you.

Let us receive your Holy Spirit, Lord, let us receive and rejoice in the Spirit of God. Oh Jesus, like a song, let your call be heard by all the earth. May you who love us, please teach us your way, show us your way and let us walk in the way of love. Let us follow you into your abyss of light and unimaginable love and proclaim the good news to all mankind. Whatever the cost, let us follow you. Let us receive your word of life. Let rise up and walk in your astonishing love. Let your gaze be our gaze as we look into each others' eyes. Joy, Peace and Love abounding. All the days of your life, let us follow you, Lord. Show us the way!

Colin Brown is the pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Boardman.

PENDLETON
Wrangling Round-Up worship

Two Christian church services planned during rodeo week

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East Oregonian

A pair of faith-based events during Pendleton Round-Up will feature a trio of accomplished rodeo participants. Texas cowboy Corey Ross will present the message during the Round-Up Sunday Community Worship Celebration, and Kennewick veterinarian Dick Schoenberg will share during Tuesday's Cowboy Church Service. Coordinated by the Pendleton Ministerial Fellowship, the community worship service is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. A free barbecue will be served after the worship service. Those attending are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair. Fresh off a win at the Ellensburg Rodeo, Ross, a steer roper, hails from Liberty Hills, Texas. He's the founder of the Cowboy Ministries Outreach Center. He's known throughout the professional rodeo circuit, both as a cowboy preacher and as a competitor. While participating as a professional rodeo athlete is an important part of Ross' life, he said nothing compares to the relationship he sings and preaches about all across the country. In addition to pioneering several cowboy churches, including the Williamson County Cowboy Church where he's a pastor, Ross has recorded a couple of albums.



Photo contributed by Jaime Ross
Corey Ross beat the field in the steer roping average at the Ellensburg Rodeo. The Liberty Hills, Texas, cowboy will share the message during the Sept. 10 Round-Up Sunday Community Worship Celebration at Roy Raley Park in Pendleton.

Sponsored by the Blue Mountain Christian Cowboys, Schoenberg and his wife, Jill, will also present special music. Everyone is invited to the cowboy church service, which is Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the South Grandstands at the

a nine-time Northwest breakaway champion and won at the United States Team Roping Championships in 2004. The couple started a Bible study years ago in their home and then expanded it as a regular cowboy church service — moving it to Schoenberg's veterinary practice, the Equine Clinic in Kennewick. Called the Watering Hole, Schoenberg regularly provides the message and he and his wife team up for special music, with Dick on guitar and Jill on keyboard. Married for 18 years, Jill, whose maiden name is Rugg, was raised in Heppner. The couple met after Schoenberg's first wife died of cancer. Active in western lifestyle and rodeo, neither Dick nor Jill were raised in a church. They were introduced to Jesus Christ through others. Now, the couple enjoys sharing their faith — especially through the cowboy ministry. Schoenberg said bringing a faith-based message to cowboys on the road is an important ministry. Providing a worship service right in the grandstands is convenient for cowboys that are constantly on the road traveling to different rodeos throughout the season. "It's hard to slip off to church during a regular service time," Schoenberg said. "The idea is to have a service after slack where they could come and re-boot their faith." For more about Sunday's worship service, call 541-276-6350; and for Tuesday's Cowboy Church Service, call Gloria Rodriguez at 541-449-3280.

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Pendleton church hosts financial course

PENDLETON — A Biblically based money management course is being offered in Pendleton. The Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University provides information about budgeting, investments, retirement and giving. The upcoming course begins Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 215 N. Main St. The cost for the nine-week course is \$99 per person or couple — the first week is free. The fee covers materials and online access to information and forms used in the class. Previous attendees are welcome to attend free of charge. For more information or to register, contact 541-276-5358 or office@fccpendleton.org. For more about the program, visit www.daveramsey.com.

Yakima minister to speak at Aglow

WALLA WALLA — Michael Danforth, referred to as a modern day prophet from Yakima, will speak at the Walla Walla Aglow Community Lighthouse meeting. The event is Saturday at 10 a.m. at The Center in the Park, 720 Sprague St., Walla Walla. A freewill offering will be taken for the event, which includes lunch. Danforth is an author and founder of Mountain Top Ministries. Aglow, which started in 1967, is an international organization that seeks to minister to its members and share God's word in the community. In addition to the regular monthly meetings, there are weekly prayer groups and Bible studies. For more information, call Kathy Owsley at 509-540-2684,

Lora Sykes at 509-540-0212 or visit www.ecwaglow.

attend the free service. For more information, call 541-449-3434.

Adam's Road shares their faith

STANFIELD — A Christian nonprofit group will share about Jesus Christ through song and testimony. Adam's Road is being hosted by Crossroads Community Church. The free program is Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at 350 N.W. Sherman St., Stanfield. Over the past decade, the group has produced numerous albums, including a pair featuring Christmas music. One of the members was rescued from a fundamental polygamous Mormon group. The other three are former Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints missionaries. Everyone is welcome to

Christan church resumes fall schedule

MILTON-FREEWATER — With the season changing, the Milton-Freewater First Christian Church is resuming its fall schedule. Beginning Sept. 10, regular Sunday services and Junior Church begins at 10:45 a.m. In addition, a special Dress-Up Round-Up luncheon will follow the service. The church is located at 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Valet parking and entry via a ramp are available on the west side of the church. Also, there's an elevator at the north entrance. For more information, call 541-938-3854 Monday through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

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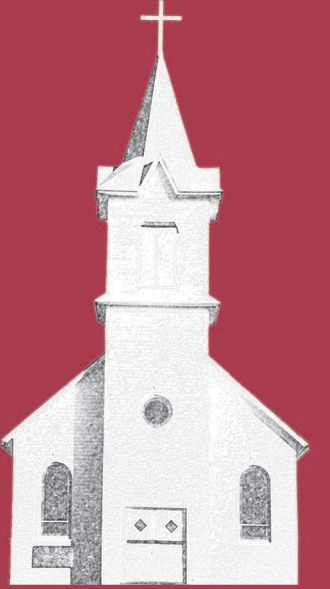
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