

**LIMEY PASTOR**

# A baptism, a funeral and a long weekend

Pastor Chuck Sabin at Zion Church in Newberg asked me to stand in for him last weekend while he was down in Southern California attending a family wedding. Palm Springs, not a bad place to be married in. I said yes, because most of the time it is always better to say yes, unless the Holy Spirit shakes your head to make you say no.

This weekend would need me for two funeral services — both of these on Saturday, one in the church in Newberg and another at the graveside in the cemetery in McMinnville. Both for the same woman who had passed, Joan, a woman who had lived one of the kindest and most self-donating lives I had heard of.

It would be an honor to preside at this woman's services. Each of the family members seemed to have inherited different qualities from this matriarch whose family line was English and extended back to the time of the War of Independence. Both she and her late husband in their work life had traveled around the world and, in their retirement, had enlisted with the Oregon Coast Guard Auxiliary and were involved in water patrols of all kinds.

On the Friday night prior to the funeral, I drove over to McMinnville to meet with the children of this woman, to sit and hear what stories would be told. Without this interview, whatever I produced as a reflective sermon would be minimal in its meaning at best. I wanted to hear the religious roots of this family, and the story of how they picked Zion, Pastor Chuck's church, as their church so many years before.

Her Saturday church service was packed the next day, and family members had flown and driven in from all over. I was taken by surprise by a family member who wanted me to baptize their son prior to the funeral. I was in a quandary, as I was guest pastor for the church and the baby boy and his parents had traveled down from Idaho. I felt quite difficult about this.

Spirit seemed to whisper to me that it would be not only appropriate but advisable that a church be found in the Idaho area that would be acceptable to the parents of the baby — and that godparents in that vicinity would be able to be fully involved in the spiritual education of the child.

It is important that a baptism be backed up with a little army of Christians who get fully involved with that child and be the charity of God to that child.

So I shared those thoughts with those who requested this, but we did have the congregation come up to the altar and place their hands on the little boy, whose name was Lincoln. There the congregation blessed Lincoln and loved him. Lincoln will remember this. Just to reassure you, I did tell his parents that I would go to Idaho and baptize Lincoln should there be an absence of resources to do so.

In our funeral service we remembered. A slide show was shown of our subject's life and tears were shed, a lot of tears. After the first funeral service at Zion, we sat to break bread and talk between us.

The bread here was the life of our friend who had graced the church

for so many years. After this I drove down to the cemetery in McMinnville and located the plot where an urn of remains and a memorial stood for Joan, and I waited for cars to arrive of family members for a very private service, which in itself gave a permission to grieve greatly.

The next day, Sunday service also required my work — a communion, a children's sermon, and a sermon for the grown-ups (appropriately perhaps) on the parable of the prodigal son. The story of many of us, I think. I love children's sermons — everyone listens to them!

Then I turned to the grown-ups. The story of a young man who squanders his father's fortune rings a bell for many. It is the story of the unconditional love of the father, for the thoughtless rascal who doesn't understand the amazing gifts he has been given. It is both true, in that the love of God is like that for us, it is also a model for us to be as forgiving and loving as the father was in our dealings with others.

As a limey, I particularly saw myself in this story, as the young man who went to a distant land and initially struggled quite a bit. I certainly ended up repentant and contrite also. In this distant land God found me and I became a man who lives in Christ as much as I am enabled to.

God bless you, and may you learn his love the easy way, not the hard way.

Amen.

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COLIN BROWN  
Faith

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Sandra Lee Sandford**  
Vancouver, Wash.  
March 3, 2018

Former Pendleton resident Sandra Lee Sandford, 73, of Vancouver, Wash., died Saturday, March 3, 2018, at her home. Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver is in charge of her arrangements.

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 9**

**LINDBERG, GINNIE** — Recitation of the Rosary is at 5 p.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton.

**RAMIREZ, FRANK** — Recitation of the rosary at 11:30 a.m., followed by Mass of Christian Burial at noon, at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

**STRUTHERS, BARBARA** — Recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 525 N. Gale St., Heppner.

**WILSON, KATHLEEN** — Graveside services at 3 p.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10**

**LINDBERG, GINNIE** — Services at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 800 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton.

**PFNISTER, MARILYN** — Memorial service at 3 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2260 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston.

**STRUTHERS, BARBARA** — Funeral mass at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 525 N. Gale St., Heppner, with a luncheon to follow at the church parish hall. Interment of ashes will be held at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Condon.

**WELSHEIMER, JAMES** — Memorial service at 1 p.m. at the Cowboy Church, 81012 N. Highway 395, Hermiston.

**ZYPH, BILL SR.** — Celebration of life service at 2 p.m. at the Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. A potluck reception will follow in the Vert Club Room.

**OBITUARY POLICY**

The East Oregonian publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at [www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform](http://www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform), by email to [obits@eastoregonian.com](mailto:obits@eastoregonian.com), placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office. For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

**BRIEFLY**

**Fundraiser features Irish food, entertainment**

A traditional Irish meal and entertainment by John Doherty & the Irish Singers will serve as a fundraiser to support the Life Teen program.

Youths from St. Mary's and St. Andrew's Catholic churches invite the public to the fourth annual Traditional Irish Dinner. The event is Sunday, March 18 from 5-7 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. The cost is \$12 per person or \$35 for a family.

The meal features Irish stew, corned beef and cabbage, salad, Irish soda bread and trifle. In addition, Irish beer will be available for purchase.

In addition to musical entertainment by John Doherty & the Irish Singers, the event will include both live and silent auctions.

The Life Teen program helps area youths earn their

way to various Catholic-based conferences, retreats, camps and activities. In 2016, a group of 18 youths and leaders participated in a 10-day pilgrimage to Kraków, Poland as part of World Youth Day 2016.

Tickets for the event can be purchased by calling Tiffany at 541-310-0856 or Jacquie at 541-969-9333. In addition, they will be available at the door. For questions about the event or Catholic youth activities, contact Jacquie Hitzman at [hitzman4@msn.com](mailto:hitzman4@msn.com) or 541-969-9333.

**Jews for Jesus missionary to speak in Boardman**

BOARDMAN — Alan Bond of Jews for Jesus is a guest speaker at the Boardman First Baptist Church.

The public is invited to hear Bond's presentation, which is titled "Christ in The

Passover." The free event is Friday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at the church, 200 Willow Fork Drive, Boardman.

Founded in 1973, Jews for Jesus started as a small group of young Jewish believers in Jesus in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco. It has expanded to 13 countries and 25 cities around the world and has embraced new, creative modes of ministry to keep up with today's technology. Bond is a senior missionary at the San Francisco branch of Jews for Jesus.

For more information, call 541-481-9437. For more about Jews for Jesus, visit [www.jewsforjesus.org](http://www.jewsforjesus.org).

**Nazarene church hosts paint night**

HERMISTON — A ladies paint night is planned at the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene.

Paint with Friends is Tuesday, March 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the church,

1520 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. The activity is open to girls in fourth grade through adults. A donation jar will be available for donations to assist with expenses.

No experience necessary for the beginner's level painting project. All supplies are provided. Although, if you have a favorite paint brush you can bring it along.

**Volunteers needed:**



**Do you have a few free hours a month?**  
Volunteering to help the seniors in our community enriches our lives and the life of those we get to spend time with. Come to McKay Creek and have fun with us. Playing games and participating in activities while making friends is a great way to volunteer. Just call to register at (541) 276-1987 to get started.

We are also hiring for a part time cosmetologist contact us for details.  
Passing a background check will be required.  
Prestige Senior Living, L.L.C.  
McKay Creek Estates • 1601 Southgate Place • Pendleton, OR 97801

**LOTTERY**

**Wednesday, March 7, 2018**

**Megabucks**  
01-03-21-26-33-35  
Estimated jackpot: \$8.8 million

**Powerball**  
06-13-19-36-51  
Powerball: 18  
Power Play: 2  
Estimated jackpot: \$348 million

**Win for Life**  
26-27-33-42

**Lucky Lines**

04-07-09-13-FREE-17-24-28-29

Estimated jackpot: \$16,000 million

**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 1-9-5-2  
4 p.m.: 1-8-3-5  
7 p.m.: 8-9-9-8  
10 p.m.: 1-1-6-1

**Thursday, March 8, 2018**

**Pick 4**  
1 p.m.: 3-3-9-7

Destiny Theatres Fri - Wed, March 9 - March 14, 2018  
Subject to change. Check times daily.

**Hermiston Stadium 8**  
Hwy 395 & Theatre Ln • 567-1556  
[MoviesInHermiston.com](http://MoviesInHermiston.com)

**A WRINKLE IN TIME (PG)**

**HURRICANE HEIST (PG-13)**

**AT NIGHT STRANGERS: PREY (R-17)**

**GRINGO (R-17)**

**RED SPARROW (R-17)**

**DEATH WISH (R-17)**

**BLACK PANTHER (PG-13)**

**PETER RABBIT (PG)**

**\$5.50 Bargain Tuesdays\*\***  
**\*\*ALL DAY TUESDAY, MOST MOVIES.**

Check ONLINE for more information!

**WORSHIP COMMUNITY**

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— Abd'ul Baha

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Thursday Seminars on World Religions @ 7pm

(541) 276-9360 or visit us at [www.pendletonbahais.com](http://www.pendletonbahais.com)  
[www.facebook.com/pendletonoregonbahais/](http://www.facebook.com/pendletonoregonbahais/)

**Living Word Christian Center**

401 Northgate, Pendleton

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
Sundays 10:00 am  
**Youth:**  
0-6th grade

**MIDWEEK SEVICE**  
Wednesdays 6:00 pm  
**Youth:**  
0-6th grade

**Pastor Sharon Miller**  
541-278-8082  
[www.livingwordcc.com](http://www.livingwordcc.com)

**Belong**  
PENDLETON FIRST SUNDAYS

Morning Celebration - 10am  
Morning Kids Place - 10am  
Evening - 6pm  
Adult - Study  
Youth - Small Group  
Kids - Rangers & Girl's Ministries

**THURSDAYS**  
Celebrate Recovery - 6pm  
Celebration Place - Kids - 6pm  
The Landing - Teens - 6pm

**WEEKLY**  
Groups For All Ages

**AN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
1911 SE Court Ave.  
541.276.6417 • [pendletonfirst.com](http://pendletonfirst.com)

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
- Presbyterian Church (USA) -  
201 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton

Service of Worship - 10:00 am  
Children's Sunday School - 10:20 am  
Fellowship - 11:00 am  
[www.pendletonpresbyterian.com](http://www.pendletonpresbyterian.com)  
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**To share your worship times call 541-278-2678**

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10:30 am Fellowship  
11:00 am Sunday School & Adult Class  
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on 1290 KUMA noon each Sunday

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church LCMC**

Sunday worship at 11:00 AM

420 Locust St. • Boardman, OR  
541-481-6132  
Colin Brown, Pastor

**Grace Baptist Church**  
555 SW 11th, Hermiston  
567-9497

**Nursery provided for all services**

Sunday School - 9:30 AM  
Worship - 10:45 AM  
6:00 pm  
Wed Prayer & Worship - 7:00 PM  
"Proclaiming God's word, growing in God's grace"

**Community Presbyterian Church**

14 Martin Drive, Umatilla, OR  
922-3250

**Worship: 10 AM**  
**Sunday School at 11:30**

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352 SE 2nd Street, Pendleton OR  
**Sunday Worship 9am • 541-276-2616**  
Worship Broadcast on KUMA 1290 @ 11am  
Worship Livestream at [www.facebook.com/FUMCPendleton/](http://www.facebook.com/FUMCPendleton/)  
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**Rev. Dr. Jim Pierce, pastor**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
in Mission for Christ LCMC

Sunday Worship.....9:00 AM  
Bible Study.....10:00 AM

**Red Lion Hotel**  
( Oregon Trail Room )  
[www.faithpendleton.org](http://www.faithpendleton.org)

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108 S. Main • 276-9569  
**Worship Service: 10:30am**  
**Sunday School: 9:30am**  
[pendletonfaithcenter.org](http://pendletonfaithcenter.org)

**Redeemer Episcopal Church**

241 SE Second St. Pendleton  
(541)276-3809  
[www.pendletonepiscopal.org](http://www.pendletonepiscopal.org)

Sunday Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Holy Communion Noon  
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Sunday Service: 10am & 6pm  
Tuesday Kingdom Seekers: 7pm  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm

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**Pastor Dan Satterwhite**  
541.377.4252  
417 NW 21st St. • Pendleton, OR 97801  
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (Nursery Provided)  
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Check Out our Facebook Page or Website for More Information

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1401 SW Goodwin Place  
276-0882  
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**Worship Service 10:45 am**

**The Salvation Army**  
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9:30 - Sunday School  
**10:30 - Worship Service**

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5:30 Family Fellowship Meal - 6:00 Bible Study

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