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ROGUE RIVER, FINS AND SINS

Thirty miles from the Pacific Ocean I like to step into my canoe at a place called Agness. Within five minutes of shove-off I'm in rapids riddled with subsurface rocks. Better be careful... but if I was I wouldn't be here, paddle in hand. A few years back I invited sixteen guys to enjoy that long and challenging trek to the ocean with me. Wildlife...everywhere. Steelhead and Chinook salmon shuddered and shimmered up through the shallow riffles, heading to spawning grounds. Great Blue Herons flapped their way up that great canyon. Osprey dove into the trout infested waters. And there was old stuff...smooth boulders slowly worn smaller and shapely by eons of flood waters and salty wind. Time is dished out slowly there.

Yet the most glorious moment on that journey packed with great moments was the sight of Larry Jones, waist deep in the elongated baptistry...the Rogue. Could all that lived up and down this familiar stretch of river begin to comprehend what was about to happen? Larry, himself a rogue, had taken his tumbles and spills in life. Now he was ready to take the holy plunge. Kenne Horton and I invited him to make his confession before our cadre of sojourners. And he did it well. He told how he believed that the



God who carved this narrow channel in the Coastal Range...the God who spoke the star studded universe into existence...the God who authored this grand balance of fish, fur and surging liquid had also stepped onto this planet with kind intentions. He spoke of the cross and his need for redemption. Kenne and I laid him back into that chilly, watery grave.

He became ageless. All of this backdrop, the trappings of splendid creation, would one day become but dust. But Larry Jones would be forever young. The Pacific Ocean, just a few

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turns downstream would be mere vapor. These glorious mountains...only a dim memory. But Larry. Ah, Larry and all who share his journey from forlorn to forever...why, he and we will be with God, enjoying endless rivers and endless love. Will you take *that* trip with me?




OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT... THE SILVER SCREEN'S BEEN GOOD FOR US

I like what Mike Royer told the reporter from Channel 10. He explained that our congregation gifts the community...all the way to Rogue River and sometimes Yreka...with wholesome movies for the family. He also noted that by walking through our doors folk discover that we are actually not weird or dangerous. We serve these amazing Polish dogs for a pittance and nearly give away our other snack bar stuff too. I think of the friendships which have developed over the 7+ years we shown these old classics each Third Saturday. As noted in my article, some have chosen to stay and make this their home. A man told me the other night that he doesn't go to church, "but if I did this is where I'd go".

We'd pay a ton of advertising dollars to get the mileage we receive from this wonderful community function which the newspapers now call Ashland's Old Time Movie Night. It is a fixture in the life of Ashland and the Rogue Valley. Thanks to the set up and take down crew and the snack bar people who do so much be simply being themselves. Thanks, Mike, for your superb selection of movies. And thanks to Brad for the bunch of work he does to make this project a great success. Jim Larsen

39PLUS STARTS AT THE CHURCH ON MARCH 3

Part of Lori Jo Marlia-Larsen's requirements for her nursing program is to make public health presentations in the community. We will

provide the venue to such a presentation on Wednesday, March 3. 39PLUS will meet at the church at the usual time, 10 a.m., then zip over to Marie Hoffman's place (61 N Mountain) for the rest of the morning and lunch. Even if you don't usually attend 39PLUS, Lori invites you to drop in for her presentation of Identifying Stroke Risks.



Our end-of-the-month pow wow will feature the usual folding of the church newsletter. Let's meet at 10 to work together, then dig into the Bible (Colossians) before having our potluck lunch together. This all takes place in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 24.



SAINTS ALIVE ...LAUGHING

How long has this been going on...these Senior's breakfasts? Although we'd bid farewell to a good number of our older folk who have moved on to heaven, our numbers grow. Extra tables have to be set and chairs moved to our area. What fun! The jokes are pretty good and the food just fine. The centerpiece of the First Saturday event is fellowship. Our folk arrive early and stick around afterward.

So...if you are new to Christian Church of Ashland, please check us out. Our preacher will buy breakfast for first-timers. No joking. Saturday, March 6, 9 a.m., Iron Skillet Restaurant, Phoenix (Oregon!)

REAL MEN EAT PANCAKES... AT LEAST SOME DO

The Old Farm House has become our home. Every Monday morning finds some hunks gathering for breakfast and finding truth for life from the Scriptures. First-timers may want to wait until April when Jerry Moore will buy your initial breakfast. Drop ins are welcome. Old Farm House... Mondays...7:45 a.m....Phoenix (Oregon, buster!).

EASTER SUNDAY...APRIL 4TH... EARTH SPLITTING CELEBRATION

You'll want to bring a few friends and family members with you to church on this big day. Our guys will prepare and serve breakfast in Fellowship Hall from 9 to 10:30 (donations accepted). We'll have our traditional Flowering Cross. Expect special music too. We'll celebrate the cornerstone event of our faith, Christ's resurrection. On each Sunday of March we'll have cards available for you to give us names and addresses of friends you'd like to have an invitation sent to for Easter Sunday.

FLOWERING CROSS

One of the beautiful traditions of our church is the Flowering Cross. Our folk are asked to bring cut flowers to place on the cross. An object of great agony and shame was changed to an object of beauty when Jesus died there and paid for our sins. So...Easter Morning...April 4...Bring flowers!



PRAYER RETREAT

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 19 thru the 21st for our next Prayer Retreat at Ireland's Rustic Lodges in Gold Beach!

We have reserved space in two beautiful beach houses that will accommodate a crowd and still allow for privacy. The "Laguna" and the "Nantucket" await us with full living rooms, kitchens, and ocean view balconies. Come midafternoon Friday for early check in and plan on gathering around 7 pm for a worship time that will kick off a weekend that will include some special prayer focused activities and plenty of free time to relax and unwind. We have arranged for 11am check out on Sunday so there's no rush for those who want to take advantage of the full weekend. Plan on spending sixty dollars per person for two nights lodging and talk to Jim or Julie soon if you are interested as space is limited. Julie: 773-5048; Jim: 890-3209.

CHURCH AT ARBOR PLACE

Sometimes I fill in at Arbor Place (an assisted living complex in Medford) when the Stringers are out of town. Each time I'm there it strikes me what a fine ministry they have going. Gene has become their pastor. He treats them with deep respect, despite the challenges which some of these oldsters face. Janice and Gene select music from a few years back...music which allows these good people to express their faith and worship in a strong way. Although the Arbor Place congregation gives me a warm and generous welcome, it is evident that they miss the faithful couple who tend to this flock every Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. I thought you should know about this 'out of sight' shepherding that is taking place. Jim L.

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JACKSON HOUSE MINISTRY

I'm so appreciative of Eleanor Olsen for partnering with me to serve the little flock that meets with us over at Jackson House each Tuesday. Perhaps you'd like to join us. Folker, Keith, Blanche, Bob, Elizabeth, Marty, Lucille and the others join in the singing of old ballads and gospel music. I tell them a Bible story and Eleanor spends precious time with each of our friends. Come on by Jackson House any Tuesday at 3 p.m. It is located on Suncrest Road in Talent. Call me with any questions. No special skills needed. Smiles required. Jim L.



A CULTURE OF FELLOWSHIP

Thanks to Julie Hamilton for taking her role as our Prayer Ministry Leader so seriously. First we headed to Hyatt Lake for a great season of prayer. Then it was the fine prayer conclave up at the Prospect Hotel which was so well attended. In March a cluster of our folk will spend a week-end together at Gold Beach. There is nothing like extended time together to develop a 'culture' of fellowship in a church. I'm hoping that our congregation will participate in Family Camp at Grove Christian Camp, September 3-4-5. You know that every summer we have those great outdoor breakfasts the last Saturday of May, June, July and August. These, too, provide fabulous opportunities to share prep skills, cooking duties and dining time.



Monthly potluck dinners contribute to the connections a healthy church needs. You are encouraged to take advantage of some of these culture developers. The rush to sign up for the Prayer Retreat was a good indicator of our hunger to latch onto God and each other. Thanks, Julie.

THOUGH GONE, THEY BLESS US RICHLY

Some years back Ruth and Floyd Wilson thought about us when making plans for how their estate would be settled when they went on to heaven. We receive the income from their trust fund every quarter...it amounts to \$1200 to \$1600 most quarters. We put those checks in an account which is used for special projects that come along...projects we couldn't easily afford otherwise.

Everett and Donzella McGee made similar provisions for the eventual disbursement of their earthly possessions while they attended here. They have graduated to Glory but left our church over \$200,000. We have put that money on deposit with the Church Development Fund to help provide money for churches building new facilities. The interest from the account, by the McGee's instructions, is used primarily for missions. Imagine that! Though they are no longer sitting in our pews, their thoughtfulness helps us have a strong missions program. Thank you Everett and Donzella!

Just the other day we received word that Eva Wagner's estate was settled. Of that estate, we received a check for \$8,500. A check of that same amount was sent to Emmanuel School of Religion. What good news! We are challenged by such generosity. The challenge is to consider how we, too, can make decisions while we are alive which will provide funding for God's work long after we have departed the planet. We thought you'd want to know of the loving-kindness of beloved saints who loved Jesus and this church.

HELP OUR HAITIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS

The recent earthquakes in Haiti resulted in much damage to our sister churches and Christian schools in that country. IDES

(International Disaster Emergency Services) is gathering money to help rebuilt the homes, schools, churches and hospitals belonging to our brothers and sisters there. Your mission committee is committed to matching any funds (up to \$10,000) given by members and friends of our congregation for this cause. We will keep this drive going through Easter Sunday. You'll find containers in the church foyer for saving money during March. Please bring your containers with you Easter Sunday so we can make a tally. If larger amounts come in during March we'll send them (and matching funds) on to IDES so they can put the money to work soon.

ROGUE RIDERS

Rogue Riders will not plan a trip this month as there will be several going to Gold Beach on the Prayer Retreat. If there are enough that would like to go to lunch on the 17th, I have in mind a local restaurant fairly close that we might investigate. Let me know-----Helen Jane

MY BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU, SAYS JIM

Like most preachers, I have an abundance of books. I'd be happy to share them with you. As an experiment I'm placing about twenty of them in the church library, along with a clipboard. Check out one of my books for up to two weeks if you'd like. Be sure to sign your name, the name of the book and the date. If this goes well, which I expect it will, I'll bring more books for your consideration. Jim L.

PERU, AGAIN

I've been asked to head south to Peru again. This will be a preaching and teaching foray. The young pastors in Trujillo and outlying areas are eager for training and deeper studies in the Word. I'll be heading to Peru in mid-June. Between now and then I'm cleaning our attic and putting items on Craig's List to raise airline ticket money. If you have items for my yard sale or for internet sales I'd be happy to pick them up and apply the money to purchasing my ticket. Jim Larsen...890-3209

ANDY BLORE, OFF TO MEXICO

Keep Andy Blore in your prayers. He'll be heading to the Baja Peninsula of Mexico in mid-March. Andy's brother's church is



sending a group of guys down to do physical labor as well as one to one ministry. Your ministry team at Christian Church of Ashland is investigating how they can be of assistance to Andy in this venture for Christ.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

It's not Christmas in Kilarney or Saint Patrick's day but LADIES LUNCH BUNCH will party with everything GREEN and IRISH on MARCH 9th, at 12 NOON, in the FELLOWSHIP HALL. You are invited to join Eleanor O'Olson and Janice O'Stringer in this cross generational fellowship time. Invite a Saint or a Pat to be your guest and win a prize for you both. We plan to share a few Irish blessings, Irish songs and Irish Limericks in addition to the Irish meal. Donation basket will be available. Childcare needed or children attending with you? Call Janice at 541 512 2856.



Janice Stringer

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Our church has been recycling for a few years. We have a big recycle cart by the back door. There are

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smaller recycle containers inside: Brad's office, the kitchen, and a small tray in the big classroom used by Junior Church.



You can reuse foil pans under flower pots, the big ones are great for starting seeds. Newspapers are great under messy projects, then toss them into the trash. Plastic jugs, filled with water then frozen are great to put in coolers for outings. Food tubs are good for leftovers or to pass along some goodies.

Ashland Sanitary asks that we "Please empty and rinse all food and beverage containers." This is the list of what we can (and should) recycle: aluminum foil, large metal lids, food and beverage cans, detergent and shampoo containers, milk and juice jugs; water bottles, tubs from yogurt & cottage cheese (not lids), flattened b (cereal, crackers, etc.). Corrugated cardboard, non-foil gift wrap, paper, envelopes, magazines & catalogs, paper egg cartons. Glass bottles must be set aside; they have to be recycled separately.

Once you're used to it, it takes very little time or effort. It's all part of good stewardship

Ava Fish.

MONTHLY POTLUCK

Everyone is invited to participate in this wonderful time of food and fellowship. What a great time to relax and enjoy getting caught up with old friends and getting to know new ones.

We are still looking for a host/hostess for the March through December potlucks. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the Volunteer Office in the Fellowship Hall

You won't want to miss this special time of good food and good fellowship, **Sunday, March 21** following our morning worship

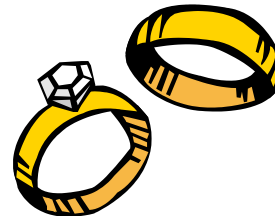
If your last name begins with **A-K**, please bring a **main dish and a salad**. If your last name begins with **L-Z**, please bring a **main dish and a dessert**. Single folks just bring one item to share.

Remember the ovens are on for keeping food warm, so please bring your food already cooked.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Karen Larsen
- 7 - Ernest Potter
- 10 - Desire' Vellinga
- 14 - Matt Wing
- 14 - Irvin Jace Smith
- 26 - Corey McDonald
- 26 - Irma Potter
- 27 - Brad Fish
- 27 - Matt Sutton



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 - Jerry and Janie Moore
- 17 - JD and Bonnie Maulsby
- 30 - Bill and Jean Doods
- 30 - Ernie and Irma Potter

Editor's Note: If I have missed your birthday or anniversary please let me know so I can update my calendar and include them in the future. If I have included any that you would like removed please let me know that also. Just send corrections to the church office.

Brad

Brad

"JESUS, LORD OF ALL"

"The Family of God"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 12:30 PM Ladies Ministry Mtg Ernest Potter, B'day	1 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study	2 9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University-Fellowship Hall	3 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home 6:00 PM Alpha Dinner and Meeting Karen Larosa, B'day	4	5	6 9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet
8 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study	9 9:30 AM Piece Corps 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch 7:00 PM Financial Peace University-Fellowship Hall	10 6:00 PM Alpha Dinner and Meeting Desire' Vellinga, B'day	11	12	13	
14 12:30 PM Board Meeting Matt Wing, B'day Daylight Savings--not ahead 1 hour Ivan Isaac Smith, B'day Jerry & Janice Moore, Ann	15 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study	16 9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University-Fellowship Hall	17 11:00 AM Rogue Riders - Lunch? 6:00 PM Alpha Dinner and Meeting JD & Bonnie Maulsby, Ann St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night
21 12:15 PM Potluck	22 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study	23 9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University-Fellowship Hall	24 6:00 PM Alpha Dinner and Meeting	25	26 Corey Mc Donald, B'day Irma Potter, B'day	27 Brad Fish, B'day Matt Sutton, B'day
28 12:30 PM Deaconess Meeting - Volunteer Office	29 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study	30 9:30 AM Piece Corps 7:00 PM Financial Peace University-Fellowship Hall Bill & Jean Dooms, Ann Ernie & Irma Potter, Ann	31 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding			

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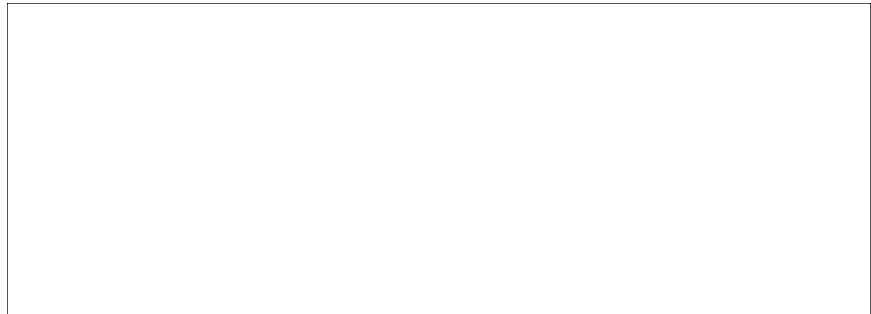
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Service Schedule

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Discovery Club
- 10:45 AM Worship



Faithful to God, Responsive to People



OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT

REALISTIC GRITTY DRAMA AND SWASHBUCKLING THRILLS AND ROMANCE

Drug addiction, disenfranchised war veterans, class anger and social unrest, capitalist bosses failing America, downsizing of labor forces, protests erupting into violence, homeless men on the road....ripped from today's headlines? Nope. It's the 1933 William Wellman depression era classic "HEROES FOR SALE," a film that's message just might resonate with audiences of today. Richard Barthelmess, Loretta Young and Aline MacMahon head the cast in this entertaining and moving film.

Following is the brilliant Technicolor 1948 MGM romp "THE THREE MUSKETEERS" starring a radiant Lana Turner, June Allyson, Angela Lansbury, Vincent Price and in his greatest non-dancing role, Gene Kelly. It's a lavish and faithful production of the Alexander Dumas classic tale of romance, intrigue and wonderfully staged

swashbuckling hi-jinks.

Of course, expect the usual surprise or two. Bring a friend or neighbor and maybe something for the Ashland Food Bank for an evening of moving drama and exciting thrills and romance on Saturday March 20. The doors open at 6:00 pm and the movies/fun starts at 6:30 pm. Don't forget to tell your friends that it's FREE.

**Doors and Snack bar open at 6:00 p.m.
First movie starts at 6:30 p.m.**

