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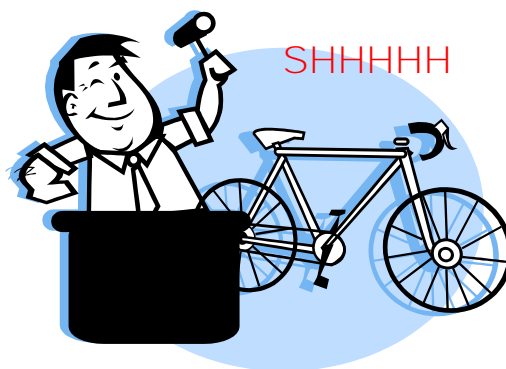
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# LOVE AND GENEROSITY

## TAKE MANY FORMS

It was mid-summer, I think, when Kay Killian first suggested a silent auction. My mind raced back to a church I pastored many years ago. Such an idea would have sent shock waves



through the flock. Yet at that board meeting Kay's creativity was met with smiles and nodding heads. We agreed that most everyone has something which can be converted to cash. Once the plan took hold, the Piece Corps (quilters) put one of their glorious quilts up for bidding. Others donated services, such as Gwen Jarrell's offer to do house-cleaning or light yard work. Wow! Our ladies...with needles in hand...and pruners and rakes too. I'm impressed. It isn't that we are destitute, but summer had spilled red ink on our monthly financial reports. Yet I think the excitement about the auction is more about enjoy-

ing each other as family members.

Harry Scharich passed away this last year. Arlene has put his fishing gear in the auction. Many of us would feel honored to end up with his rods and reels simply because it was his. I'll be whipping up a big dinner for six folk with the help of my cast iron Dutch ovens. And you are having the same sort of fun, looking for a deal but wanting to offer something of yourself to bless others...and your church. Somebody said that money is 'coined life'. This precious project is taking that idea quite personally and literally. Doyle will be doing some carpentry work at your home. Phyllis Smith's old, but working, typewriter will change hands. Emily's meal will be enjoyed by one of our families. Brian will be kneading someone's aching muscles (maybe mine). All of this will happen because of love.

And something else will happen. People connect. Ted will tend to that old photo you've always wanted to have restored. He'll know about you as you explain why the picture is so treasured. We'll spend time together,

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won't we? And we'll learn how we have skills and goods which will bless others some other time... perhaps for free. A new kind of sharing, giving and helping will emerge.

You'll find yourself thanking Kay Killian for the day she scratched her head and came up with this idea of giving, bidding, and delivering the goods.




## REAL MEN STILL LIKE THE OLD FARM HOUSE

It's Monday morning and a few guys pull two tables together and order coffee. All is well until we see two more men drive into the parking lot...then two more. By the time we've added another table, we fill all of the spaces. It's just great. After a little checking in and finding out how everybody is doing (and ordering chow) we pull out our copies of the Lookout and Bibles, too. We are not a loud bunch but our witness as a men's Bible study group is obvious. We've made friends with a good number of the patrons over the years, as well as all of the staff. Want to join such a cadre? Mondays...7:45... Old Farm House...Phoenix (Oregon)

## SAINTS ALIVE AND LAUGHING

This isn't supposed to be like Sunday morning, folks. It is a time of enjoying the Iron Skillet's ample buffet or ordering from the menu. Either way, you won't go home hungry...or depressed. The jokes are plentiful and goodies from the internet are expected. Here is a wonderful time to let your hair down and just enjoy yourself. Adults, come join the fun and feasting.

Saturday, Oct 2, 9 a.m.  
Iron Skillet, Phoenix (Oregon!)



## ALL-CHURCH

### **COUNTRY PICNIC...OCTOBER 9TH**

Wouldn't this be a great annual event...A stack of Dutch ovens cooking up beef brisket, chicken, and pork loins? And throw in a full buffet of potluck vittles. Hot coffee, hot chocolate and such. Desserts galore. And all this out in the country...at Tou Velle Park on the Rogue River! No promises about this becoming a yearly party, but at least it is a 'go' for October 9. A sign up sheet in the foyer will seek to match drivers with those in need of transportation. The church bus is also available.

We've reserved the large covered picnic site where Table Rock Road crosses the Rogue. Here is a magnificent opportunity to spend quality time with your church family, get in on the drama of Dutch oven cooking, invite a friend to meet our folk. Bring food, please...and an appetite. There will be plenty of time for fun games and fellowship. If you want to get in on setting up and doing some cooking, show up at 9 or so. Eaters, please be on hand by 11:30. Plates, plastic ware, napkins and cups will be provided. Rain or shine...the picnic is on! (You'll

need a few dollars for parking.)



## NO BOREDOM WITH THIS BOARD

For the first time in our memory, all board members were present for the September meeting. Here's the group: Ted and Kay Killian, Irma Potter, Gene and Janice Stringer, Emily Rogers, Doyle Cornwell, Ed Macauley, Janie and Jerry Moore, Mel Metcalf, Ava and Brad Fish, Julie Hamilton, Eleanor Olson and Jim Larsen (ex officio).

After accepting the Treasurer's Report (Eleanor Olson), we moved on to Jim's minister's report. He expressed great joy that Nathaniel Rogers was baptized this morning. Yipee! He also reported that Laurie Royer has agreed to help him by posting photos of our friends and members on a new bulletin board in the Foyer. This will appear when the Silent Auction is completed. Helen Jane has asked him to take over the duties as wagon master of our Rogue Riders program for a time. Jim acknowledged the loss of the Wing family since Michael has been hired in the music department of a Medford church. He concluded by noting that Fall is actually the beginning of much of the church's year. These are good times for us, he said.

The Elders recommended the purchase of additional pew Bibles, some of them with large print. We all agreed.

The Deacons reported that a work day is planned to help Katie Anderson move her supplies to a central location. Another work day is slated for October 16...everyone is invited.

Deaconess report: They joined the Deacons on work days in August and September. They have purchased shelving to assist Katie in storing her equipment and supplies. We'll still have a church

potluck in October since the picnic is on a separate week-end. October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Jim said that the perfect gift for him would be a collection of recipes from our folk. We'll present these to Jim and Karen at the October potluck. (A cookbook with blank pages is in the foyer where you can tape you recipe as a gift to Jim).

Doyle and Ed, our trustees, reported that they are recommending that non-designated memorial and estate funds be put together in a church building fund. The Wilson Fund will remain separate from this.

Regarding worship, Jim noted that Lori Jo will be planning services now.

The Missions Committee recommends that we fund a college scholarship for one student from Christian's Haven (\$2160). They also want to help Karen Larsen (\$1500) join Jim on his next trip to Peru. The committee also suggests that we fund travel expenses (\$500) for Cory and Janice Lemke who will be conducting a seminar her early next year. All of this was approved unanimously by the board. The money will come from the Opportunity Fund.

Kay Killian reported on the current Silent Auction..a goodly number of items have been donated and enthusiasm is running high. The funds received will help offset recent expenses of painting the church and replacing a long stretch of sidewalk.

We agreed to purchase three additional shelving units from the Building and Maintenance fund.

Eleanor Olson had to leave before we had a passerby take a photo, but otherwise the whole group is here for you to see. A fine bunch of visionary folk. Reporter: Jim Larsen



NATHANIEL  
ROGERS  
BAPTIZED!

Certainly the angels rejoiced when Nathaniel Rogers was baptized on

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Sunday, September 12. Nathaniel is a one of the core members of the Youth Bible school class. You've seen him recently helping serve communion and receiving the offering. Congratulations to a fine young man as he takes this step of faith and obedience.

### PASTOR FEELS APPRECIATED

'Friends, I can't think of anything I'd rather receive from you than your treasured recipes. I'm not a great cook by any means, but it would be so great trying to cook or bake dishes which you and your parents have enjoyed. Breakfast dishes, salads, desserts, you name it...I'll consider it a real joy possessing a book of your special recipes. I am blessed to know and work with you. This project makes me feel loved.'  
Sincerely,  
Jim

### POTLUCK & COOKBOOK

October is traditionally pastor appreciation month. Jim would LOVE to have your favorite recipe (Karen said she is all for it - if Jim is doing the cooking!).

There is a red cookbook at the back of the sanctuary. Hand write or type your recipe and stick it in the book. Recipes must be turned in no later than Oct 10 Join us on Sunday October 17th for a special Appreciation Celebration for our much loved pastor and his equally loved wife....Jim and Karen Larsen.

Come and be part of the Celebration...the beginning of the Larsen's 11<sup>th</sup> year helping us fulfill God's purposes in Ashland, Oregon, The Rogue Valley....and the World.

***We have updated the letter breakdown***, if your last name begins with **A-M**, please bring a **main dish and a dessert**. If your last name begins with **N-Z**, **please bring a main dish and a salad**. Single folks just bring one item to share.

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

### SILENT AUCTION

Here is a great way to help your church's treasury by

converting your earthly goods, personal skills and services into cash. Doyle Cornwell has donated 4 hours of handyman services. Ted Killian will design your logo. He'll also restore an ailing photo. Gwen Jarrell will run errands, do light yard work or house cleaning. Jim will use his Dutch ovens to prepare and serve a full meal for six. Arlene has donated Harry's fishing gear. Harry passed away this year. How about a deep-tissue massage by Brian Marlia-Larsen? There is more...much more. There is room for more donations. Place your item on the card and tack it to the bulletin board in the foyer. Bids can be registered there as well. The last chance for bidding is the third Sunday in October... at the potluck dinner. Kay Killian's intentions were that this campaign would help put funds back into the church treasury to offset serious funds which were spent to paint the church and get new sidewalks.



### NEW CLASS FOR NEW-TO-THE-BIBLE AND YOUNG-IN-THE-FAITH

If you are new to the Bible or just getting started in your walk with Jesus, a new class is in the making... just for you. You'll hear more about the topics to be studied and reading assignments to be completed before the course begins. We'll try to make every minute count, since students will only have one hour per week to cover a bunch of material, with high expectations from your teachers.

Starts: January 9, 2011

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Sign-ups start November 7  
 Details in November Newsletter

WEDDING BELLS!  
 LISA AND JOSE!

Congratulations to the Villalobos couple. Lisa Prieto married Jose on Saturday, September 18. The wedding was planned to take place outside at the Rogue Regency. Rainy weather resulted in the vows being taken in our church. It was a beautiful event. Congratulations you two! May God bless you richly.



MISSION MEETING AND POTLUCK

All mission committee members and others interested in the church's mission program are invited to a potluck on Sunday, October 31, following the morning worship service. Bring a dish to share and plan for a not-too-long gathering in fellowship hall.

ROGUE RIDERS TO JACKSONVILLE  
 OCTOBER 20

Meet at the church to caravan or car pool to Jacksonville on Wednesday, October 20. We'll leave at 10 a.m. with plans to be back in Ashland by about 2. We'll stop for lunch at the Bella Union at 11:30. Everyone is invited to join us on this jaunt.

**39PLUS STARTS AT MARIE'S PLACE ON OCTOBER 6**

You know the fun routine... games at 10, Jim teaching from the Bible at 11, followed by Marie's fine lunch served at noon. First-timers are quite welcome. Marie lives at 61 N Mountain Ave.



We'll join Rogue Riders when they head to Jackson-

ville on October 20.

Let's all help fold newsletters on the last Wednesday, the 27<sup>th</sup>. Arrive at 10 for this labor of love, followed by Jim's Bible study. Bring something to share in our noon potluck. Wednesday

WEDDING MEGHAN AND TOM

Perhaps you remember Meghan Lovell, one of the core members of Friends of Faith, the group of young folk Jim has been meeting with in Klamath Falls. She was baptized in Hyatt Lake a few years ago. Now she is to be married to Tom McMackin, a fine guy. The wedding will take place on Saturday, October 2. Congratulations to you, Meghan and Tom!



KIDNEY DONATION TO DAD BY LYNDA

Lynda Bell, we salute you. With little fanfare, our dear friend Lynda donated a kidney to her father this summer. Both are doing well. What a generous and loving act, dear lady. Thank you for a living demonstration of sacrifice and compassion. Hats off to you.



KAREN LARSEN AND JENNY MA-CAULEY TEACH 3-4-5 YEAR OLDS Little ones will be blessed to have Karen and her assistant, Jenny, teaching them about Jesus and learning the Bible. This new class will launch on a Sunday in October. Parents, watch for the big announcement. Thanks to April Rudy who has been teaching our kids and covering a large age span.

KEYBOARD BLESSES JACKSON HOUSE MINISTRY

Thanks to a generous soul who has provided a like-

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new keyboard for this weekly ministry at Jackson House in Talent. And additional kudos to Eleanor Olson for blessing the residents there with her fine playing. Care to drop by and hold a hand or otherwise engage these dear ones with your love? Tuesdays at 3



### LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

Many thanks to the creativity and dedication of Laurie Royer for planning the September "Fiesta". In October Ava and Kitty are planning a Pasta Luncheon for the Ladies in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Ava at 541-944-4831 or notify the office if you plan to attend so they can plan for the correct number of guests. Everything will be provided. A basket for donations will be available..



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Jerry Moore
- 3 - Spencer Hayes
- 3 - Adam Christie
- 3 - Thom Phillips
- 4 - Kathy Wing
- 5 - Jazz Hernandez
- 5 - Phil Fullerton
- 8 - Kevin Smith
- 10 - Ava Fish
- 10 - Linda Cornwell
- 17 - Julie Smith
- 21 - Janice Stringer
- 22 - Jon Vellinga
- 24 - Marjorie Russell
- 25 - Benjamin Stringer
- 29. 29 - Lyle Petersen



### OCTOBER ANNI VERSARIES

- 3 - Jon and Amanda Vellinga
- 16 - Dominic and Juanita Hernandez

*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*

"JESUS, LORD OF ALL"						
"The Family of God"						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Adam Christie, B'day Jon & Amanda Vellinga, Ann Thom Phillips, B'day Spencer Hayes, B'day	4 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday After- noon Bible Study <i>Y-Love Stage 1 Free</i>	5 9:30 AM Piece Corps Juzt Hernandez, B'day Paul Fullerton, B'day	6 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marrie Hoffman's Home	7	8 Kevin Smith, B'day	9 11:30 AM Church Pick- nic - Tourville Park
10 12:30 PM Board Meeting Ava Fish, B'day Linda Cornwell, B'day	11 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday After- noon Bible Study <i>Chloe's Day Church</i>	12 9:30 AM Piece Corps 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch	13	14	15	16 9:00 AM Deacon's Work Day 9:00 AM Deacons Work Day 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night <i>Deacons &amp; Friends @Hennepin Ave</i>
17 12:15 PM Potluck Julie Smith, B'day	18 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday After- noon Bible Study	19 9:30 AM Piece Corps	20	21 Janice Stringer, B'day	22 Jon Vellinga, B'day	23
24 Marjorie Russell, B'day	25 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday After- noon Bible Study <i>Deacons Street 3:45</i>	26 9:30 AM Piece Corps	27 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding	28	29 Lyle Peterson, B'day	30
31 12:15 PM Mission Com- mittee Meeting/Potluck - Fellowship Hall						

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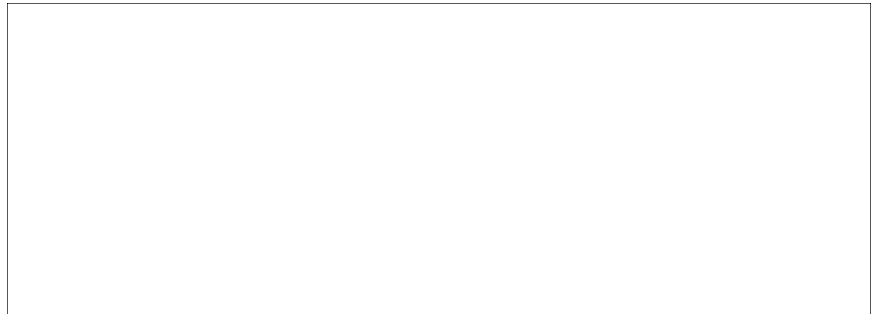
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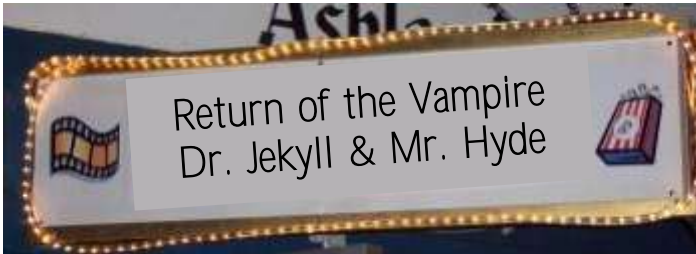
Sunday Service Schedule

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



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OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT!  
OCTOBER 16TH

Join us Saturday evening October 16 for a screen full of classic motion picture stars. Doors and snack bar open at 6:00 pm and the show starts at 6:30 pm. Or first film is **The Return of the Vampire** followed by **Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**.

If you can, rustle up something non-perishable for the Ashland food bank, and don't forget the "shoe boxes." for Operation Christmas Child if you are interested. See ya! You'll have a great time.

**Doors open at 6:00pm, movies and FUN start at 6:30pm.**

*While you're at it, consider bringing something for the Ashland Emergency Food Bank.*

