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# THEY ALMOST SAY JESUS



Bloodied Maple leaves, slain by bullets of frost, stagger to the ground like fallen soldiers. Behind the house zucchini and melon vines breathe their last. The smell of garden death is pungent and sublime. It signals the surrender of summer and the arrival of the best time of the year.

For out of the buff and gray of autumn cornhusks and the red of a few lingering tomatoes will spring the golden days of the church...November and December. In no other season is the world so attentive to our story. They will find themselves singing the gospel put to music. In classrooms everywhere children will sing words in December which will seem a bit foreign in June, July and the rest. Virgin, Savior, King of Kings, Heaven, Messiah and Manger.

Folk who may not darken a church

door all summer find in the harsh days of winter a harbor for their hope. Avoiding language of commitment, our friends will gladly smile and speak of the spirit of Christmas, the spirit of Love and the spirit of giving. They almost say...Jesus.

That's what I love about these days when lake tops freeze stone solid and the last goose flaps its way south. It is the season of the open heart.

The songs speak of a gift from heaven. The world seems to hear a faint voice from home. The Father seems to be related to us. The gift is meant for me. Beyond the clouds, behind the singing angels, is a place where we belong. We seem to know it even if we don't say it.

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The sight of those plummeting leaf-soldiers and spent melon vines reminds us of our mortality. But just around the bend, in the depth of winter comes a message of eternal spring. That message is Jesus. See, they almost say it too...Jesus.



## ROGUE RIDERS HEAD TO JACKSONVILLE

Our plans for an excursion to historic Jacksonville were waylaid in October...so we will try again on Wednesday, November 17. Meet at the church at 10 to caravan the few miles to Jacksonville. There, we'll walk around Jacksonville for a bit before stopping at the Bella Union Restaurant for a bite. If you plan to meet us at the restaurant instead of leaving from the church with the group, please give me a call so we can make adequate reservations (541-890-3209). Plan to be home by 2 at the latest. All ages welcome! Jim Larsen.

## LIBRARY CORNER

The first book of my own that I remember having was "The Elves and the Shoemaker" – a fairy tale book given to me by my second grade teacher at Christmas. It is tattered and torn and coming apart but I still have it as a valued possession. A few years later a lady gave me a scrapbook which opened up a world of collecting poems, readings, etc. I guess I have always been a book lover. I not only want them available—I want to have them where I can see them, take them off the shelf and hold them. I'm thankful for books.

Give a child a book and it may be long remembered!

How fortunate we are—when the electricity goes off, we can still read a book.

Some books on loan (right side of library table)

- Second Wind for the Second Half – Marley
- Loving God – Colson
- Hearing God – Willard
- Knowing God – Packer
- Left to Tell – Immaculee' Ilibagiza

Happy Reading!

A bookworm (Eleanor)

## VICKI AND RAUL WED

It was a very private event, there in our church. Raul Villagomez and Vicki Son were married on Saturday, October 9. Rather than invite friends, they decided to have their private ceremony now, with plans for a bigger celebration when their families can join them. We'll all be informed when that grand event will occur. Congratulations to a special couple!



## MONTHLY POTLUCK...SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

The menu for the November Potluck will feature Pork Chops (provided) and Chicken (provided). We are asking our folk to bring any of the following: a side dish, a potato dish of your choice, cut vegetables for a veggie/dip platter, a salad or a dessert. The usual beverages will be on hand. This makes for a great time to bring a friend or family member. If you have a seasonal centerpiece to share, use the sign-up sheet for this as well. Table service is provid-

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ed. Sunday, November 21, Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship. Larsens are hosts this month.

## 39PLUS...

### TWO EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Marie Hoffman truly enjoys having our cohort invade her home every 'first Wednesday'. We duke it out in a few hot and heavy card games (or dominoes) and then settle down in Jim's Bible study. Marie caps off our pow wow by serving us all lunch. Some folk bring potluck items to round out the meal. It all starts at 10, with everybody heading home by one. Everyone welcome, of course. Marie lives at 61 N. Mountain Avenue.



On Wednesday, November 24, we'll converge on Fellowship Hall for a jolly time of folding the monthly newsletter. When our task is completed we'll have a Bible study. At noon we enjoy our potluck lunch. Bring a little something to share. The action all begins at 10. Again, everybody (all ages) is welcome.

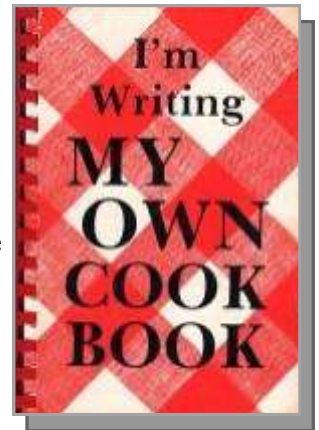
### SAINTS ALIVE AND HOWLING

Yes, sometimes the jokes are so great (or horrible) that the group is almost out of control. This is a 'fun' time, people. Come prepared to share a tall tale, a joke from the internet or something to elicit laughter (truth isn't necessary here). Order the menu or graze at the ample buffet. These 'First Saturday' events started as a Senior Adult function, but we've thrown the door open to younger folk too. Saturday, November 6, Iron Skillet in Phoenix (Oregon!), 9 a.m.

### PASTOR APPRECIATES

I've always been a little uneasy about Pastor Appreciation Month. I already feel like the luckiest preacher man in the valley, and now we want you to do something more? So I was quite jazzed at the

idea of members and friends bringing recipes to fill my new cookbook. This is superbly wonderful, everybody. I promise to try your recipes. You know I like to cook. By pastoral decree we have extended our time of collecting favorite family recipes through November. Be sure to put your name on the recipe. The book is in the foyer. Thanks to the deaconess cohort for promoting this precious project. A Pampered Pastor, Jim



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

Ed and April Macauley and I are taking on a class that is long overdue. Starting Sunday, January 9, we will begin a Sunday morning class that some might call Bible 101. We will address the most basic and essential core matters. So whether you are a new believer or are currently considering Christianity, this is your invitation to join us.

There will be reading assignments and light homework so that we can make the most of our limited time. Class begins at 9:30 sharp and ends at 10:30. Bring a notebook and a Bible for each person attending. The Macauley's and I long to assist you in getting a strong start in your walk with Jesus. Sorry...no veterans believers. More on this in the December newsletter.

With great anticipation, Jim Larsen

### 3-4-5 CLASS AND JUNIOR CHURCH AVAILABLE EACH SUNDAY

April Rudy is providing a fine worship experience for youngsters in grades 1-5 during the worship hour, 10:45-noon. Karen Larsen and Jennifer are now the teacher and assistant, respectively, of Bible school class for children 3-4-5 years old during the worship time as well. Thanks to these two for tak-



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ing on these vital roles. We are on the lookout for a lady or two who would coordinate the Nursery during this same time frame. Speak to Jim or Karen if interested.

## BAPTISMS IN NOVEMBER...

### MAYBE YOU TOO?

I know that it can be a bit challenging to stand in front of the church...or to be baptized. I thought you'd like to know that at least two of your friends will be obedient to Christ in baptism in the very near future. If this is your time to take the 'plunge' for Jesus, please call me so we can visit about his. Jim Larsen 541-890-3209

## THANKS KAY...

### WHAT A FINE SILENT AUCTION!



You all donated such fine items for the auction...and the bidding was fun. Yard work, special meals, deep tissue massage, graphic design, special services, Mike Royer's original Mr Pooh art...the list goes on. But it was Kay Killian who put this joyous event together. Thanks, Kay. For our winning bidders, we

ask that you turn your check in to Kay sometime in early November...deadline is the 28<sup>th</sup>. You know that our aim was to offset some of the expense of having the church painted and pouring a long stretch of new sidewalk around the church. What fun it was to see how we could turn goods and services into cash for the Kingdom. Thanks to all who participated!

## MISSION POTLUCK AND MEETING

Chairman Gene announces that our next Mission Committee meeting is planned for Sunday, October 31, following Sunday worship. It's a potluck event. Anyone interested in Missions is invited to attend.

## LADIES NOVEMBER LUNCH BUNCH

Janie and Betty Tine will be hosting the "Lunch Bunch" at the church Fellowship Hall on Tue Nov 9 at 12:00 noon. The weather is cooperating with the menu, because we are planning a big pot of "Papa's Stew". Surprise is the word for dessert! So join us for food, fun, and fellowship at the Ladies Lunch Bunch.

## REAL MEN AND BOYS

As you can see, we are getting our guys started young in showing up at the Men's Monday Morning deal. The Old Farm House, where we converge, was recently voted to have the best breakfast in the Rogue Valley. Come try



out the chow...and the study-fellowship-prayer event. Monday mornings, Old Farm House, Phoenix (Oregon, mister!) at 7:45.

## LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Christmas is just around the corner. Please mark your

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calendar for Dec 11 from noon until 2:00 and plan on joining us for the Ladies Christmas Fellowship Lunch. We'll try to re-instate a lot of last year, after our cancelation due to the ice storm. Some repeated items:

- We'll be having the Giving Tree for the Pregnancy Center
- We'll also try to tie in with the Ashland Food Bank, since the 11th is their big day
- We will even try to enjoy the same lovely decorations as last year!

Stay tuned for more information. Point of contact for this event is Kay Killian.

Kay Killian

## ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Just a note that the picnic out at Tou Velle Park on the Rogue River ought to become an annual event. Attendance was superb and the food scrumptious. The weather cooperated wonderfully. It proved to be a great 'mixer' for long time members and newcomers. Thanks to all who attended, provided transportation and/or food.



## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

### BULLETIN BOARD

Thanks to Laurie Royer for developing the fine foyer bulletin board of our church members and friends. And thanks to Jim Larsen for being our church photographer. Each week we are adding

more photos. If your picture is absent from the bunch, please contact Jim so we get you 'on board'. What a dandy family!

## BOARD NEWS

Jerry and Janie Moore, Irma Potter, Gene and Janice Stringer, Brad and Ava Fish, chairman Doyle Cornwell, Eleanor Olson, Ted and Kay Killian, Mel and Betty Metcalf and Jim Larsen were in attendance. Janie brought a devotion called "I Am" and led us in prayer.

The treasurer reported that the general fund balance was \$2,903 in the negative. It was also reported that memorial and estate funds which have seen no activity in some time have been placed in a Building Fund which is dedicated to taking care of our facility, including updating and such.

Jim reported his optimism about our church family and noted the new faces we are seeing. The Elders expressed satisfaction with Junior Church activity and the new class for 3-4-5 year olds. They reported that pew Bibles have been ordered, including some with large print. We discussed the new church plant in Eagle Point. Jim said that local churches are getting behind the effort.

Our deacons continue to have monthly work days, joined by the deaconesses.

We discussed a need for a good nursery crew. It was generally agreed that we'd rather not have moms of the little ones working in the nursery when they need a little time away from childcare and would benefit from being in worship. Jim Larsen volunteered to work with the children's teachers in addressing the matter. They will be invited to be on a Christian Education Committee.

The Missions Committee announced that the young person from Christians Haven whom we'll be giving a scholarship to is Romeo Antonia.

Kay kept us up to date on the Silent Auction.

There was a fine spirit of unity and cooperation enjoyed by all in attendance.

Jim Larsen, reporter

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Remember—Daylight Savings ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning, November 7, 2010. Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



## VETERAN'S DAY

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thursday, November 11th is Veteran's Day. Why not drop by Pioneer Hall across from Lithia Park to enjoy the Annual Veteran's Day Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the local posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. This event has been a tradition in Ashland for many years and several of our church members have been part of it. Menu includes: pancakes, ham, eggs, juice, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Breakfast is from 7:00 a.m. to Noon.

Brad Fish

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Clyde Fuller
- 8 - Sandee McDaniel
- 12 - Martha Bosworth
- 12 - Lori Jo Marlia-Larsen
- 16 - Gene Stringer
- 20 - Betty Lillibridge
- 22 - Jim Farmer
- 26 - Brandon Witt
- 27 - Genice Normand

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

At last count we now have 19 shoe boxes on the altar ready to be sent around the world to a needy child in the name of Jesus. Thank you to all who have participated this year. We will be dedicating our shoe-



boxes Sunday morning, November 21st. We will pray for each child that will receive one of the boxes, that they might learn of and experience the love of Jesus. There are still 4 Sunday's to bring in any shoeboxes that you are working on. There are empty shoeboxes and some filling items in the back of the sanctuary. Be sure to pick up a brochure with all the information and the labels needed for the outside. Pay close attention to what can and cannot go in the box. Please remember the \$7 per box, made out to Samaritan's Purse, to cover shipping.

Brad Fish



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 - Mel and Betty Tine Metcalf
- 24 - Jim and Gwen Jarrell
- 27 - Chris and Corey McDonald

*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
7 Daylight Savings Ends--set back 1 hour 	1 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Café 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study	2 9:30 AM Piece Corps	3 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home	4 Clyde Fuller, B'day	5	6 9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet
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14 12:30 PM Board Meeting	15 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Café 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday Afternoon Bible Study	16 9:30 AM Piece Corps <i>Gene Stranger, B'day</i>	17	18	19	20 6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night <i>Betty Lilbridge, B'day</i>
21 12:15 PM Potluck	22 7:45 AM Men Alive-Old Farm House Café 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group 2:00 PM Ladies Monday After- noon Bible Study <i>Jo Ferner, B'day</i>	23 9:30 AM Piece Corps	24 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding <i>Jim &amp; Gwen Jarrell, Ann</i>	25 Thanksgiving 	26 Brandon Witt, B'day	27 Chris & Cery McDonald, Ann Genice Norman, B'day
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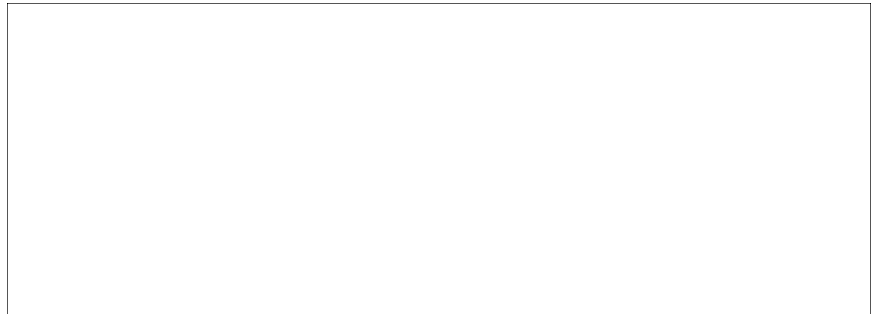
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### Sunday Service Schedule

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



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tain us all these years after they were first released. Tell your friends and neighbors. Strangers on the street. Shout it from the rooftops. It's free! Expect the usual surprises. THANKS!

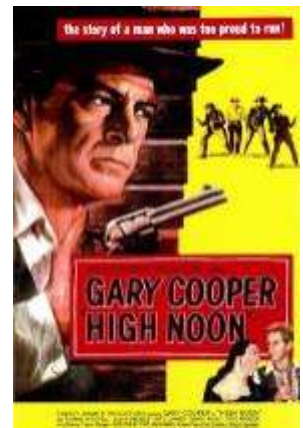
**Doors open at 6:00pm, movies and FUN start at 6:30pm.**

### OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT!

#### THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE TIMID!

Wow! November's here already! It's the month of Thanksgiving and with that in mind OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT on Nov. 20 is pleased to present two classic films of renown.

First up is Bob Hope's biggest box office hit, 1948's "**THE PALEFACE**," co-starring Jane Russell as Calamity Jane. Hope, as timid correspondence school dentist "painless" Potter is used by Calamity in her scheme to round up a gang of dangerous outlaws. It's uproarious slapstick in gorgeous Technicolor.



Our second feature, winner of four Academy Awards, is the classic tale of a lawman who stands alone to defend a town of cowardly citizens against a gang of revenge-seeking badmen. In one of the screen's greatest show-downs, Gary Cooper stands to lose not only the town but his new bride, Grace Kelly, in her first starring role. Yep...it's 1952's "**HIGH NOON**." We can all be thankful that these cinematic gems are still here to thrill and enter-



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

