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THE LAMB WHO ROARED

“...one of the elders said, Do not weep! See the Lion of the tribe of Judah...then I saw a Lamb” Revelation 5:5

- No one name is enough.
- No one title is adequate.
- No one parable fully explains his ways and expectations.
- He is complex, mysterious...an enigma.
- He is beginning and end. First and Last...and the Center too.
- He is Father and Child.
- He is the great Lion of Judah and the Lamb of God.

At Christmas I see the lamb in him. I am more relaxed here at the manger. I like the cattle and the country boys watching their flocks. The stars are out. There is a chill in the air. It is like going home to my own childhood.

Watch him grow up and you see a lot of this lamb. He is shorn and keeps quiet. He is slain without so much as a bleat.

But don’t be fooled. Inside that baby is a man who can preach sermons to pierce the heart and wilt the spirits of darkness.

He is gentle and he is fierce. He is meek and he is mighty. He can take a beating, but with a mighty hand he will cast the wicked into eternal fire. He is a Lamb and, indeed, a roaring

Lion. He will outgrow the crib of his infancy and leave home at 30. It’s then that we need to encounter him again. Listen to this man preach; hear him out.

His call is revolutionary. Hear his demands to forsake the world and draw near to him. To put every possession, passion and part of you under his lordship. To love enemies and pray for those bent on killing you. Hear him call your heart to repentance and remorse over a life which is bankrupt without him. Hear him call you to a simple life with no pretense or duplicity. He demands total dedication to his will and purposes.

As the Lamb gave hints of the Lion in him, the crowds dwindled. It’s that way today. There is no sauntering or strolling into his presence. No such thing as, “I guess maybe I’ll be a Christian.” Conversion is radical, to say the least. And yet wonderful beyond description.

He is not soft on rebels or rivals... never was. And he was tough on Death. Roared a giant ‘Yes’ to Job’s question: “If a man dies will he live again?” Yes. Yes. (Roar) Yes.

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And we shall hear that roar again. At the judgment. He created this world with a powerful word. He shall consume it with fire. This Lamb knows how to roar.

But his best voice...a comforting voice...is reserved for those who come to him with a contrite heart, a broken heart broken by one's own sin. You find him to be gentle, mild, generous and gracious. So take him as a package. You must. Christmas and Easter. Child and Savior. Servant and King. Lion and Lamb.



WHY OLD TIME MOVIES...

FOR OVER EIGHT YEARS?

Who'd have guessed that so many people would become addicted to our monthly double features? They drive from Gold Hill, Eagle Point and all parts of the Rogue Valley to take in these classics of the silver screen. Mike Royer keeps pulling out these dusty but sparkling films of yesteryear, and the crowds line up to see them. And where else can you buy huge Polish sausages and beefy dogs for our prices? And we do it as a favor to our Valley. Folk discover that a church need not be a place where smiles turn to frowns. Evenings are full of laughter, loose fellowship and clean entertainment. Friendships spring forth. Some even decide to come back on Sunday. And some have found us to be their family...a forever family. Check out our December selections on the back page.

39PLUS...

DON'T YOU JUST LOVE IT!

The month starts with our adults congregating at Ma-

rie Hoffman's place (61 N. Mountain Ave). Mid-month we head for the Larsen's for Christmas Cookies and Coffee. Finally, 39PLUS people gather in Fellowship Hall to fold the newsletter, study and enjoy a bountiful potluck.



Wednesday, December 1

-Fun and Games (10), Bible Study (11) and lunch (Noon)...Marie's home.

Wednesday, December 15-Coffee and Sweets at the Larsen's. Stay to watch the movie, *It's A Wonderful Life*.

Wednesday, December 29-Show up at 10 to fold, stay for Jim's study and the potluck. Bring something for the buffet, please.

ROGUE RIDERS TO ENJOY COFFEE

-COOKIES

Jim and Karen have invited available adults to a Coffee/Tea/Eggnog time at their home on Wednesday, December 15.

Bring some

Christmas cookies to share, if you'd like. We'll watch the movie *It's A Wonderful Life* and enjoy a light lunch. All adults (young and not so) are invited. Arrive at about 9:30. Movie starts at 10. The Larsens live at 114 Autumn Ridge Drive, Talent. Need directions? Call Jim at 541-890-3209.



LARSEN'S HAVE THEIR ANNUAL

OPEN HOUSE

Karen and I are eager to welcome you into our home on Sunday afternoon, December 12, for a grand time of fellowship and Christmas treats...4-6 p.m. We'll have a table full of all sorts of sweets, veggies, finger food and such. Bring the children. Traveling from Ashland on Highway 99, you'll turn right at the second light...Suncrest Road. Go one curvy block to

our street...Autumn Ridge. Ours is the house with the halo...114 Autumn Ridge Drive. If you get lost just call...541-535-7959. We're hoping our entire CCA family can make it.

Jim and Karen

BOARD IS FULL OF ACTION

These folk are go getters. The Deacon/Deaconess folk reported on their last work day. Ceiling tiles were replaced, leaves raked up and there was the usual cleaning and fixing that a church needs.

The Deaconess crew announced this year's 'Hanging of the Greens' which will take place on Saturday, December 4. This is for both men and women. Hot chili and corn chowder will be served to entice and reward those who come to help.

Mel Metcalf proposed that we build a much needed new bathroom, handicap accessible. Wow! Everyone agreed this is a great idea. The entire project would include upgrading the nursery (cabinets and floor) and construction of a bathroom between the foyer and the parking lot, using room from one of the existing classrooms. The current bathroom just outside of the nursery will be converted into a janitor's closet. Mel's plan would have a cap of \$20,000. The vote was unanimous...for sure! Doyle, Brad and Mel will be the construction committee. The congregation will vote on the color of paint (just kidding!).

We applauded Kay Killian for heading up the Silent Auction. Money is still coming in. It all benefits the general fund. She is eager to lead this wonderfully enjoyable project next year. It turned out to be a time of learning so much about one another...skills, interests, etc.

Jim and Ed Macauley announced their eagerness to get the 'New to the Bible and Young in the Faith' class going in January. April will help with visuals and PowerPoint presentations.

Gene S. reported that the Missions Committee is doubling our church's support of SABI (South Africa Bible Institute) for new facilities and scholarships. Steve Caulley reports that enrollment is expected see an increase and extra funds are really needed right now.

As an elder, Gene told of plans to have Janice and Corey Lemke spend a long week-end with our church, February 18-21. They are missionaries on furlough who have an amazing ministry. More on this later.

Gene, as the Alpha Course leader, said that we are looking to begin another session of Alpha this winter, since we have a bunch of new folk.

Comments about our worship time were very positive. Many thanks to the worship team.

The new pew Bibles are in. Next time we'll order all of them with large print.

The trustees reported that our church recently received money from Vera Lashua's estate. We salute those, like Vera, the Wilson's, the McGees and others, who had the foresight to make provision for the church in their estate planning. Thank you dear Vera! Money from several of the estates is funding our building projects like the new bathroom.

The finance committee reported that the 2011 proposed budget will be presented to the congregation in mid-December, with a congregational vote taking place on January 9.

All in all...a very productive, well-attended and optimistic event.

Reporter, Jim Larsen

BUDGET PRESENTATION AND AFFIRMATION OPPORTUNITY

Your budget committee has been working hard to arrive at a sensible, yet faith-stretching, budget for the new year. It includes a slight increase, mainly due to additional funds for our Bible School program. You'll see the proposed budget in mid-December. We'll wait to vote on it on January 9, when most of us are back from holiday travels.

NEW CLASS NOT JUST 'SUNDAY SCHOOL'

Ed Macauley and I have decided that Young In The Faith and New To The Bible people need not wait until they are old like us to learn a bunch of

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good stuff about the Bible and our faith. So we are constructing a class which will help acquaint such people with the plot of the Bible, how it is strung together and such. Unlike plenty of classes we've been in, there will be serious homework, outside reading and experience in sharing God's plan of salvation with others. Our course begins on Sunday morning, January 9 at 9:30 a.m. Come early hot pastries, coffee and hot chocolate. Sign up in the foyer during December.



Jim L and Ed M

nix. You will then be given your assignments. About noon we will break for a light soup lunch. This will take the place of our usual Deacon and Deaconess work day for December.

REAL MEN DIG IN



It is a serious morning. Breakfast portions are large enough for sharing. Those Old Farm House biscuits are as big as a small pie. The Bible study... it's all about digging, serious mining, sifting and sorting to get to the precious nuggets. Friendships... pretty rich and potent. They have to be, when some guys have cancer, others have tough jobs and such. We hang on to God, hold on to his word and hold as precious, those deep friendships. Could a new guy step in and feel welcome? Yes, indeed! Come by some Monday morning...7:45. Jerry Moore is still buying breakfast for newcomers. You'll need this ad, the title to your car and a note from your doctor. Old Farm House...Phoenix (Oregon, buster!)

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTIES,

ANYBODY?

Although there will not be a New Year's Eve party at the church, we are hoping that several of our folk will host gatherings around the Valley. If you turn your clock back three hours, you can celebrate midnight with New Yorkers and be safe and sound at home a bit after 9 p.m. If you are planning an event that is open to others from the church, please call or email the church office so we can publicize it.

LIBRARY CORNER

"Some of the best stories are those spun from everyday life or from our past. Family histories are held together and handed down from generation to generation in stories. And these strong cords of memory actually become the ties that bind." Charles Swindoll

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Each year on the first Saturday of December we have a tradition of decorating the church for the Christmas Holiday season. Everyone is invited to help out. Our volunteer head decorators already have the plans prepared so all you need to do is report to the Fellowship Hall at about 10:30 a.m. Saturday the 4th of December following the Saints Alive Breakfast in Phoe-

SILENT AUCTION

Kay Killian suggested this as a way to sort of defray the cost of our recent paint job on the church and the long stretch of new sidewalk. In the end we were all enriched. Somebody will be weeding somebody else's garden. Another person will enjoy Brian's deep tissue massage. Meals will be



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cooked...lawns mowed...photos restored...and lots more. This is all people to people stuff. The money became a secondary blessing. A massage or foot care will breaks down some walls. Thanks, Kay, for making this a grand adventure. Thanks as well those who donated items for the auction and those who bought them.

3-4-5 YEAR OLD CLASS AND JUNIOR CHURCH

They are off and running! Karen Larsen and her able assistant Jenny Macauley are working with the 3-4-5 year olds during worship each Sunday morning. In another area, April Rudy is having a great time with those in grades one through five, during the same time. We are still working to get a director for the nursery. In the meantime, it would be superb to have a few volunteers who would work with the wee ones once a month. Volunteers? Speak to Betty Tine Metcalf if you would consider helping out.

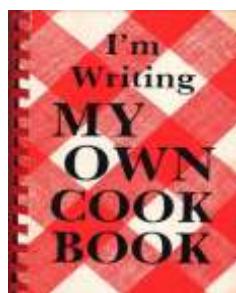
LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

December 11th from noon – 2:00 PM. Quiche will be provided by Deaconesses, bring salad or bread to share. Also something for the “baby” tree and donations for the Ashland Emergency Food Bank are encouraged. The Quilt winner will be announced. RSVP’s are also encouraged and guests are welcome. Contact Kay Killian at 541-608-7143 for questions or to RSVP.



LAST CALL...RECIPES FOR JIM

Pastor Appreciation month stretched into a two-month fun time. My little recipe book is filling up. You say you’re including old family treasures as a gift to me. Thanks a million! I will hold on to this representation of our



church family forever...promise! This Sunday is the last day for bringing your recipes and placing them in the red cook book in the foyer. I’m delighted with this collection of thoughtful sharing. Jim Larsen

SAINTS ALIVE AND LOVING IT



For many of us, a little trip and a fine meal is a good mix. But toss in some goofy jokes and a few hugs...it doesn’t much get better than this. There is even a Senior’s discount for the breakfast bar. Lately there has been a cook whipping up omelets for us...with ingredients of our selection. That is part of the buffet. Yikes! You may need to waddle out to the car afterward.

Newcomers? Hey this is absolutely the best way to get acquainted with a bunch of terrific people.

The Iron Skillet
 Pear Tree Truck Stop
 Phoenix (Oregon!)
 Saturday, December 4 at 9 a.m.

DECEMBER POTLUCK

Our **December 19th** Potluck will feature a Baked potato bar. Baked potatoes will be provided by the Deaconesses who are hosting the potluck. Bring a favorite baked potato topping along with a salad if your last name begins with **A-K** OR a dessert if your last name begins with **L-Z**. Single folks just bring one item to share.

As always our monthly potlucks are a great opportunity to get to know others in the congregation and especially newcomers.

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

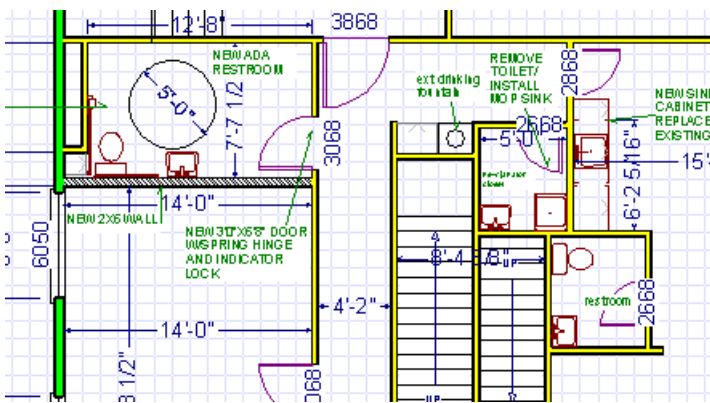


A big thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child this year. Last Sunday November 21 following the morning worship Ava and I delivered 32 shoeboxes full of toy for needy children around the world. Now that the boxes are on their way please remember to pray for the children that will receive them. We have tracking barcodes on some of the boxes and will keep folks updated on their destination country.

We will kick off next year's Operation Christmas Child in September.

Brad & Ava Fish, OCC coordinators

BATHROOM & NURSERY REMODEL



As Jim mentioned earlier the Board has approved a long overdue upgrade to our facility. We have selected Jeff Plankenhorn of Progressive Builders, Inc. as our primary contractor. Brad and Jeff submitted the plans to the City for their review and approval. Once the permits are received construction will begin and will probably run about two weeks.

The main feature will be the ADA bathroom carved out of part of classroom 5. The old bathroom will be converted to a janitor's closet. The final part of the project will be to replace the sink and cabinets in the nursery along with replacing the carpeting in half of the nursery to make it easier to clean and care for.

Brad-for the building committee.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Janie Moore
- 7 - Phyllis Smith
- 10 - Jade Rudy
- 12 - David Wing
- 18 - Catherine (Kitty) Ellis
- 19 - Kiley McDonald
- 21 - Timothy Killian
- 21 - Isaac McDaniel
- 22 - Allicia Pepper
- 25 - Ala Jones
- 26 - Donna Beize
- 26 - John Wing
- 27 - Kay Killian
- 27 - Theo Killian



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 24 - Mike and Laurie Royer
- 30 - Gene and Janice Stringer
- 30- Russ and Marge Russell

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"

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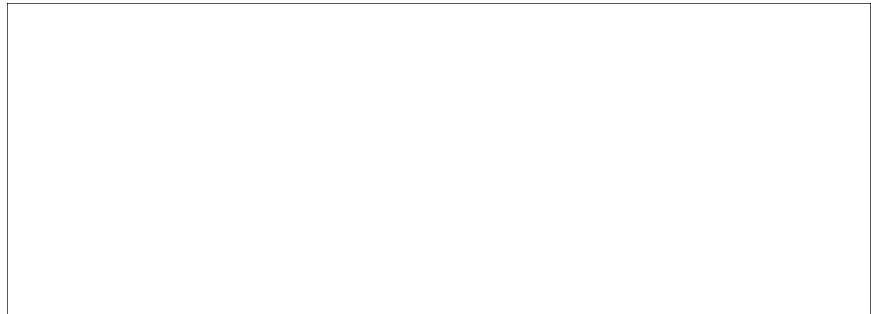
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Service Schedule

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



Faithful to God, Responsive to People



This classic will be preceded by some entertaining short subjects starring Laurel and Hardy, Popeye and even Superman.

Please join us for this special evening of thrills, laughter and Frank Capra's lavish (today's equivalent cost of close to 40 million dollars) classic "LOST HORIZON." Tell your friends, neighbors, strangers on the street, shout it from the rooftops! It's a theme befitting this joyous season and it's FREE!

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.

OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT!
PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARDS ALL
"In these days of war and rumors of war, haven't you ever dreamed of a place where there was peace and security, where living was not a struggle but a lasting delight?...One man had such a dream and saw it come true." Thus begins one of the great motion pictures of Hollywood's Golden Age. "LOST HORIZON," released in 1937, running 132 minutes in it's roadshow engagements, was cut by several minutes for general release and cut again for reissue during World War 2 (a total of 25 minutes.) After 17 years of painstaking restoration work, the complete unedited masterpiece awaits your enjoyment as the main attraction of OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT, the evening of December 18. If you've never seen, or have only seen the truncated versions of this two time Academy Award winner, Ronald Colman, Jane Wyatt and an all-star cast will hold you spellbound in this lavishly produced, beautifully photographed, uncut classic about the enchanted paradise of Shangri-La, where time stands still! You never forget this enduring masterpiece.

