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# THE FUTURE KNOCKS



It is pretty exciting to see the steps of faith that our congregation has been taking. You recently upped Mission giving from 10% to 12% of our general giving. You also approved a visionary budget in financially tough times. You have supported evangelism methods which are progressive and stretching. And your attitude toward my own style of ministry! I'm impressed. I spend a great deal of time outside the church walls engaging our community in service and conversation. I'm completing my year as president of the Rotary. This is time-consuming and has included a good deal of my attention and energy. But it has allowed me to touch so many people I'd not otherwise have opportunity to know.

And my involvement with Project New Hope International! This mission work calls for two trips to Peru each year. And you cheer me on in this labor of love. Pastors and church leaders in Trujillo have little access to college-level instruction. I am able to transfer my years of teaching for Northwest Christian College into this leadership training endeavor. It is as if you, the Christian Church of Ashland, are right there by my side.

Here in Ashland we are knocking on every door we can to get a hearing for the Gospel. Our neighbors flock to our church house each month to watch fabulous old movie classics. Some of our current members came to us via this ministry. Now we add a monthly Second Friday Preview where the community can view a movie that has yet to hit the theaters or has not been released on DVD, thanks to David Bruce. Watch the movie and have your review video-taped for the internet. Still another way to connect with our neighbors.

BuddyTime is going crazy in South America. I began this service-based ministry early this year. The BuddyTime.Org website is under construction right now. Thanks to Mike Royer and Ted Killian for their artistic labors

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on BT. In Trujillo the police department has jumped on board. You may remember that the three pieces that make up this program are ***Camaraderie, Character Conversations and Compassionate Action***. The chief of police recently gave his life to Christ and has invited us to lead the police force in all three areas. University students are currently striving to get each of Trujillo's seven universities to buy into this exciting work. Imagine that...police departments and universities inviting us to provide character training and planning 7-week campaigns of compassionate service in their neighborhoods! We are just now getting Buddy groups started here in Ashland. Interested? Let me know.

All of this is to say that our flock has become Kingdom oriented and more and more global in perspective. I borrow the apostle Paul's words, "Thank you for your partnership in ministry." Walking together is superb. Running is becoming more the norm. Doors are opening wider and wider.



## SAINTS ALIVE

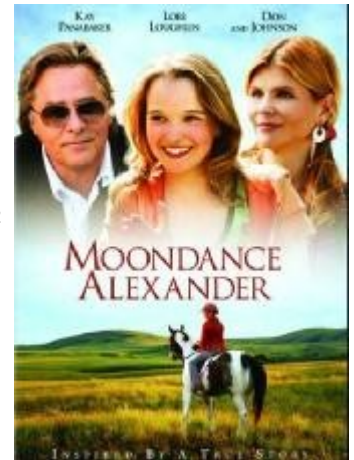
We have such a grand cadre of retirees, don't we? The seniors converge on the Iron Skillet every First Saturday morning at 9 o'clock for relaxed conversation, tall tales, laughter and chow. It is all good. New to the church or a newcomer to Saints Alive? Jump right in and experience a highlight of the month. Order from the menu or select your own vittles from the hearty buffet, senior discount of course.

## PREVIEW MOVIE NIGHT

Our next Preview Movie Night will feature the upcoming DVD release of *Moondance Alexander*.

*Inspired by a true story, this family adventure features an all-star cast, including Don Johnson, Olympic-skating silver medalist Sasha Cohen, Lori Loughlin and Kay Panabaker. Life is a rough ride for awkward, friendless, 15-year-old Moondance (Panabaker). But when a Pinto pony named Check-*

*ers leaps into her life, Moondance pursues a dream she never knew she had. Convinced that Checkers has champion potential, she enters him in the Bow Valley Classic, and in the process learns only perseverance lands you in the winner's circle. Directed by Michael Damian, and featuring an irresistible soundtrack, Moondance Alexander is an uplifting story the whole family will enjoy.*



Our Preview Movie Night (Normally the 2nd Friday of each Month) is an opportunity to come, bring a friend and get a look at a new film (often before release). After the film we will video record anyone who would like to comment about the film for posting on the Internet.



## DUTCH OVEN PICNIC BREAKFASTS

Picture this...ten, fifteen or twenty folk watching Jerry Moore baking Dutch oven biscuits. Janie Moore has country gravy ready. Mel and Betty Metcalf are working the grill with its mushrooms, peppers, sausages and onions. Helen Jane Slack is cracking eggs so Jim can whip up custom omelets for everybody. Emigrant Lake is calm and blue. The shade has us all cool and comfortable. So there you have it...a fine picture and savory

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aroma. All that is missing is you.

Dutch Oven Breakfasts

Saturday, May 31 and June 28

Emigrant Lake (just down the lawn from the toll booth)

Breakfast at 9, arrive at 8 to help cook

Cost: \$3 for parking and a donation for breakfast

Bring a lawn chair and a friend



Matt Wing and others from the St Mary's Choir at last April's Annual Meeting

## ANNUAL MEETING AND JAZZ BAND CONCERT...THURSDAY, APRIL 17.

For many years now, Michael Wing has brought a music troupe from St. Mary's High School to provide excellent music on the evening of our Annual Meeting. This year we will be treated to the Jazz Band. Our business meeting is always kept to a mere 30 minutes. Then we move to the Auditorium for fine music. Lastly everybody descends to Fellowship Hall for an ice cream and pie social. What fun.

Annual Congregational Meeting...6:30 p.m.. Jazz Band Concert...7:00 p.m. Dessert...7:45 p.m.

## POTLUCK

What better way to get acquainted! Here is a great opportunity to experience plenty of fine food and enjoy it with your church family. **April 20**...right after morning worship. Irma Potter is coordinating

the April Potluck, so please be sure to give her a hand when she asks.

If your last name begins with **A-K**, please bring a **main dish and a dessert**. If your last name begins with **L-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.*



## JIM TO PERU...LEADERSHIP LIBRARY

I would like to purchase some books for the pastors and church leaders in Peru, in Spanish, of course. If you'd consider donating money for a book or two (or even a dozen) I'll tote them with me when I go there in early May. I have a source for excellent texts which would be so very beneficial to these leaders. Please let me know if you'd like to help with this. Some books will need to be owned by individuals. Others can be placed in their library. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Jim Larsen

## BOARD MEETING...APRIL 13

Just a friendly reminder to all board members, you are needed at our monthly gathering. With some folk away for the cooler months, you are needed to assure us having a quorum.

The person who takes time for prayer will find ample time for all the other things needing his attention.



**A GRAND STORY AND GLORIOUS MORNING...EASTER**

What a magnificent Easter Morning! The guys whipped up a grand breakfast and so many came to partake. Special thanks to Margo Kelly for the spiral ham, plus biscuits and gravy! And then the worship time. Thanks to the praise band for a stirring worship time. You took us to Heaven's gates. Our folk are really loving the tradition of having the Flowering Cross. Those tall Killian guys helped us put flowers to the very top. A horrible instrument of torture and execution became a glorious sight, reminding us that Jesus' death, as brutal as it was, became our salvation and doorway to eternity. The best attendance I've seen in years, including a bunch of newcomers, made the morning stupendous. Superlatives necessary? Absolutely!

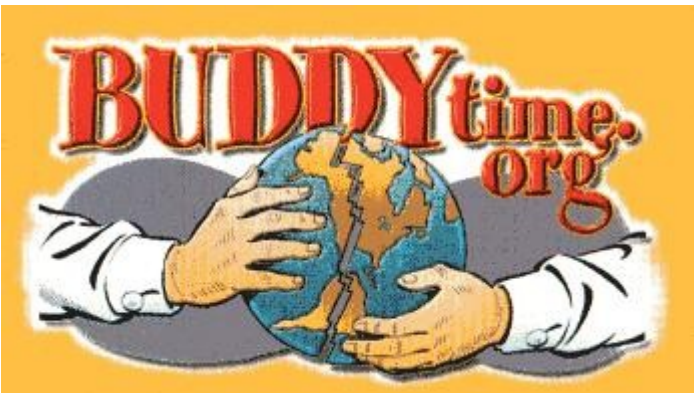
Jim Larsen





## MISSIONARIES PROGRESSING IN NURSING PROGRAM

Lori Jo reports that her hubby, Brian, is at the top of their class in pursuit of becoming Registered Nurses. The two Marlia-Larsens are making A's in this accelerated program. You know that after graduating they'll be back on the mission field, then equipped with certification to make them even more effective as ambassadors for Christ. Keep Cielo's parents in your prayers since this schedule puts great demands on the whole family.



## BUDDYTIME GETTING UP AND RUNNING

Would you meet with a small group for about an hour each week? Friendships would deepen and as a group you'll discuss matters of ethics and character. Perhaps the highlight of your year together will be the 7-weeks of Compassionate Action. Your group will find a person or family to lovingly serve for this extended period. BuddyTime sound interesting to you? Let's talk. Jim Larsen 890-3209

## 39PLUS: GREAT GAMES, BIBLE STUDY AND VITTLES

A note to newcomers...consider 39PLUS! Picture this...meeting with other adults for games, Bible Study and fine dining. Bring your Bible but also your spirit of competition and a good appetite. Remember the plan? Games at 10, Jim's study time at 11 and noontime chow. Here's how April's Wednesdays shape up...

- **April 2** Meet at Laurie Royer's place, 2780 Cedar Links Drive (Medford) 772-0689
- **April 9** Cook-Out at Larsen's, 114 Autumn Ridge Dr. (Talent) 890-3209
- **April 16-** Join the Rogue Riders Trek (see Rogue Riders Article)
- **April 23-** Marie Hoffman's home, 61 N. Mountain (Ashland),
- **April 30-** Fold Newsletter in Fellowship Hall, then Games, Study and Potluck



## FRIENDS OF FAITH, OUR OVER THE HILL GANG

What a pleasure it is for me to bring greetings to our Klamath Falls friends on your behalf. Many of our brothers and sisters in Friends of Faith are in the Air National Guard or work at Kingsley Field. Jim Witt has developed Jeopardy game which serves both as entertainment and a Bible teaching tool. Then, too, we sing together, share testimonies, memorize scriptures, eat well and watch the video, *The Gospel of John*. You know how special it is when they drive over the Cascade Mountains to worship with us. Let's celebrate our connection with this young group of believers.

## ROGUE RIDERS

Helen Jane Slack has been working for a couple of months on plans for our Wednesday, April 16th outing, but she has not been able to finalize them as of the time this newsletter goes to print. Keep an eye on the weekly bulletin for further details. Everyone going on this Rogue Riders trip will need to let Helen Jane know if you are planning to attend, because she will need an exact head-count.



## LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

The April Ladies Lunch Bunch will be hosted by Laurie Royer in two parts at two locations. At noon on Tuesday, April 8 ladies will meet at the McDonalds in the CostCo Shopping complex in Medford. Following Lunch ladies will caravan to Laurie's home for dessert. Please contact Laurie at 772-0689 to let her know you are coming so that she can plan accordingly.

## LARSEN AND STRINGER TEACH RESTORATION HERITAGE CLASS

How's this for an opportunity to get a good look at the Restoration Movement? Our congregation is part of a movement begun 200 years ago... a movement to see the church restored to the teachings and practices of the church of the New Testament. Jim will be our teacher starting Sunday, March 30, through April. Gene will join him in late April.

Although not a denomination, Restoration churches such as ours are the fastest growing in the country. What is the appeal to 'simple' Christianity? How has this movement regained momentum in the face of over-all church decline in America? What are the guiding principles and what is the scriptural foundation of our existence. Join the Heritage Class on Sunday mornings, beginning March 30...9:30 a.m. Bring your Bible and notebook. Coffee and donuts, as usual.

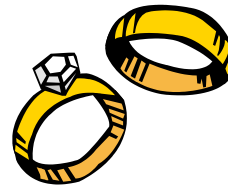
## MEALS ON WHEELS, THANK YOU

A big thank you to those who delivered meals to shut-ins for 8 days in March. Hal Bosworth, Tim Tuttle, Kecia Collins and Laurie Royer all helped me get noon and evening food to people who are unable to cook for themselves.

Jim Larsen

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Jim Larsen
- 2 - Marial Vellinga
- 5 - Tahnee Kent
- 7 - Doyle Cornwell
- 11 - April Macauley
- 11 - Gwen Jarrell
- 16 - Nellie Creel
- 21 - Mel Metcalf
- 25 - Chris McDonald
- 25 - Nathaniel Davis
- 26 - Alex Davis
- 26 - Olive Doods
- 28 - Dalton Wilson
- 28 - Doug Fenning



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 - Brad and Ava Fish
- 16- Nyla and Doug Fenning
- 17- Dan and Ericha Tiller

*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
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Bible Study-Ruby's home Doyle Cornwell, B'day</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps April Fools Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Laurie Royer's Home Jim Larsen, B'day Marial Vellinga, B'day</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet Brad &amp; Ava Fish, Ann Tahnee Kent, B'day</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM Ladies Ministry Mtg 12:30 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Bible Study-Ruby's home</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Larsen's Home</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 PM Preview Movie Night April Macauley, B'day Gwen Jarrell, B'day Lance &amp; Donna Knauts, Ann</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>20</p> <p>12:15 PM Potluck</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Bible Study-Ruby's home Mel Metcalf, B'day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 AM Rogue Riders Doug &amp; Nyla Fenning, Ann Nellie Creel, B'day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 PM Annual Meeting Dan &amp; Ericha Tiller, Ann</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:45 AM Men Alive- Annie's Cafe 2:00 PM Ladies Bible Study-Ruby's home Dalton Wilson, B'day Doug Fenning, B'day</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffman's Home</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Chris McDonald, B'day Nathaniel Davis, B'Day</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Alex Davis, B'day David Jones, B'day Olive Doorns, B'day</p>
		<p>29</p> <p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Fellowship Hall - Newsletter</p>			

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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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In our second feature Legendary William Wellman directs a brilliant cast, including Gregory Peck, Ann Baxter and Richard Widmark in the Universal western drama *Yellow Sky*, photographed in rugged Lone Pine, California and Death Valley. (1948) Running time 98 minutes.

Plus the usual extras and surprises.  
Join us for the fun!

**Snack bar opens at 6:00 p.m.**  
**First movie starts promptly at 6:30 p.m.**

**OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT**

Every month the crowds are cheering Mike Royer's selection of movies for our Third Saturday presentations. Greg Luce began this visionary work back in 2002 and Mike has given it his own vision and flavor. OTMN is now an anticipated monthly piece of Ashland life. On **Saturday, April 19** you'll want to bring a carload of family and friends to see another double feature, snack bar goodies and all.

Everyone goes south of the border in a comic tale of horseracing, irresistible songs and lavish musical numbers in the romantic Technicolor adventure with Betty Grable and Don Ameche, *Down Argentine Way* (1940) with a running time of 88 minutes.

