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From The Pastor's Desk
"Our Lenten Journey"

The most important celebration for followers of Jesus is Easter (Resurrection Day) which will be Sunday, March 31 this year. Because of the importance of this day believers over the years used as a time of reflection and preparation. In the early church those who were going to join the church would go through a time of preparation during this season known as Lent. New believers would then be baptized on Easter as a sign of the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection. Those who were already believers focused on prayer, fasting, and reflection on the significance of the Lord Jesus death and resurrection. This is where the practice of giving something up for Lent came from.

During this season of Lent, part of our preparation for Easter is to walk together, as a church family, through the ten commandments in the book of Deuteronomy. My hope is that this will give us a chance to reflect on our lives and why we need the Lord Jesus by the power of the Spirit to help us to live and love the way God designed us. I also hope to show why the Old Testament and the ten commandments are central to our journey with Jesus. It is very easy for Christians today to set aside the Old Testament as an antiquated set of laws that no longer apply however Jesus did not see it that way. Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished (Matthew 5:17-18). What role do the ten commandments play in your journey with Jesus and our lives together as a church family?

All of this leads up to the hope of Easter. We all need hope and the only lasting and solid hope is found in the Lord Jesus Christ. Palm Sunday and Easter will emphasize this hope. This is good news and we want to share the good news of hope in Jesus Christ with the world. We are going to work hard to get the word out and give you a chance to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members! Please pray about who you might invite and ask the Holy Spirit to provide the opportunity to extend those invitations. People are thinking about the Christian faith and church during the Easter season and an invitation from a friend can be all it takes.

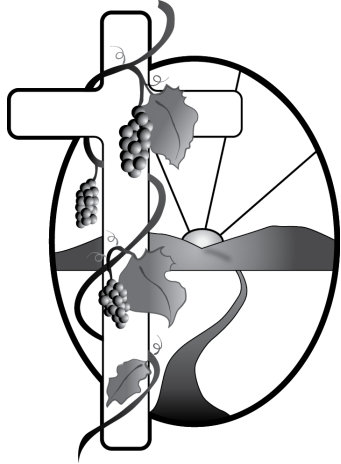
Blessings,
Pastor Paul



Thank you for serving coffee hour this month!
February 4: Snowman Sunday-Fellowship Team
February 11: Jeremy & Wendy Poteet
February 18: OPEN
February 25: OPEN



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February 4
Pastor Paul Fredericks

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Home-bound Communion

The first Sunday of every month is an opportunity for our church family to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through partaking in the Lord's Supper. We want everyone who has placed their faith in Jesus Christ to have the opportunity to participate, but we are aware that some in our family are not able to get out due to bad weather or physical problems. However, our Deacons will be available to bring Communion to those who want to receive it on that Sunday. Please call the church office (786-1594) and let us know if you aren't going to be able to be in church and would like to have Communion in your home.



One of the ministries we are dreaming and praying about is starting a Celebrate Recovery ministry. At this point we are working on the planning and looking for those who might feel led to help with the leadership and implementation. Below are some FAQs about Celebrate Recovery.

WHAT IS CELEBRATE RECOVERY?

Celebrate Recovery is a Bible-based, Christ-centered recovery program for those who struggle with life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. Its curriculum takes participants through The 8 Recovery Principles which are based on the Beatitudes.

WHO STARTED CELEBRATE RECOVERY?

Celebrate Recovery was created in 1991 by Pastors Rick Warren and John Baker at Saddleback Church in California. It is now used in over 35,000 churches worldwide.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF CELEBRATE RECOVERY?

The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to fellowship together and celebrate God's healing power in our lives by sharing our experience, strength, and hope through The 12 Steps and The 8 Recovery Principles. This experience allows us to "be changed".

WHO IS CELEBRATE RECOVERY FOR?

You may be thinking that recovery is only for those with alcohol or drug problems. This could not be further from the truth. Most of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups can be addressed through this one ministry, including problems with abuse, anger, grief, alcohol, drugs, depression, guilt and shame, financial loss, divorce, dysfunctional families, sexual problems, eating disorders, and much more!

If you have questions or are interested in helping with this kind of ministry, please call Pastor Paul (office – 509-786-1594 or cell 509-303-0765). Thank you for your prayerful consideration!



January 2024

Actual Income: \$21,175.00
Actual Expenses: -\$24,168.44
Shortfall \$ -2,993.44

February EVENTS

A Sacrificial Life

We finished our stewardship emphasis a few Sunday's past. If you haven't had the opportunity to fill out your 2024 pledge card please take a moment to fill yours out. They are available at the back of the sanctuary by the offering plate or fill yours out through our website. Thank you!

Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **February 18** right after worship. At this meeting we elect Elders and Deacons, review 2024 budget, and approve Pastor's salary package. Immediately following this meeting we will open the Annual Corporation Meeting which allows us to elect our corporate officers to simply make that designation for the state. We look forward to what God is going to accomplish through our church family.

The following Sunday, **February 25**, we will welcome our new Elders and Deacons through ordination and installation during worship. We hope you plan to join us in support of our incoming leadership and keep them in your prayers as they lead and serve.

RENOVATE

RENOVATE 3 YEAR GIVING TOTAL (2018-2020):
\$432,041.40 (96% of pledges were fulfilled)

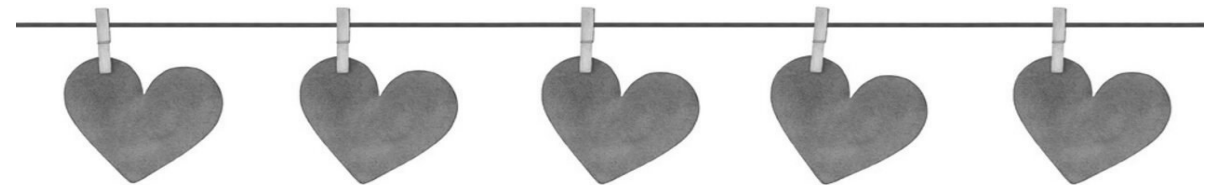
RENOVATE EXTENSION (1/2021-6/2023):
Total Received: \$139,872.00

TOTAL RECEIVED SINCE 7/1/23: \$59,675

LOAN BALANCE 1/31/24: \$36,477.42

Giving options:

- bring to worship on Sunday's
- mail your check (we have a secure, locked mailbox)
- drop your check off at the office
- set up bill pay through your bank
- go to our website and look for the giving tab

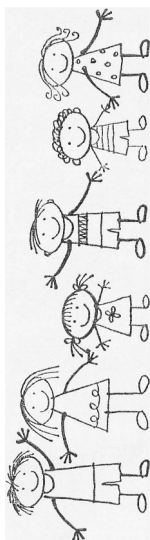




PROMISELAND

for children 4 years old -5th grade

Please join the PL Team as we begin a journey through the Book of Judges.



MARKET STREET KIDS

Market Street Kids, our mid-week ministry for kids Kinder-5th grade

Wednesday's 4:30-6:30p

Come join us for Large Group Bible Time, Small Group Teaching, and family style dinner!

For more information: Jacki McNair at 786-1594,
jackim@prosserpres.org



Youth Group

Wednesday's 5:30-7:30p

dinner, Bible study, friends, fun, and ...

MARCH 1-2, 2024

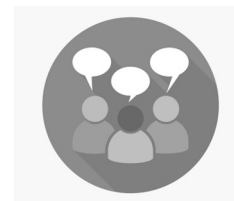
WEEKEND IN THE WORD

A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP AND DISCIPLE-MAKING

Dr. Jim Singleton, a retired professor of Pastoral Leadership and Evangelism of Gordon-Conwell, who also brings 30 years of church leadership as a pastor. One of the founders of ECO: A Covenant Order of Presbyterians, Jim has academic and practical interests in evangelism, discipleship, congregational leadership, and the mission of the local church. He has a passion for helping equip congregations to revitalize their approach to ministry in the 21st century.

Friday, March 1 from 7-8:30pm: How Do You Become a Disciple?
Saturday, March 2 from 9-noon: How Do You Make Disciples?
Special Saturday Meeting for church leadership 12-2pm.
(lunch provided for leaders that RSVP by February 19)

Our Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Ephrata
RedeemerEphrata.org
509-754-3503



Social media platforms to keep connected:

Instagram: [prossercovenantpres](#)

Twitter: [@PCovenantPres](#)

Church website: www.prosserpres.org

Find us on Facebook too!

509-786-1594

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You are invited!

**Ezra Bible Institute One Day Class:
What to Do When Someone Hurts Us; Lessons on Forgiveness and
Reconciliation from the Book of Philemon**

Teacher: Dr. Adam Copenhaver, Pastor of Grace Church in Mabton

Date: Saturday, February 17, 9-3pm

Location: Grace Fellowship Church in Prosser

Cost: \$25

Register online: www.ezrabibleinst.org

As Christians, we all experience hurt and broken relationships. We sin against other people and they sin against us, and we often carry anger and bitterness in our hearts. We know we ought to forgive, but forgiveness is not easy to do. We will first develop foundational theological principles from the books of Colossians and Philemon. We will then engage with relevant questions for our lives such as: What does it mean to forgive? How can we learn to forgive when we are bitter? How do we reconcile broken relationships? Are there times when we should not forgive or reconcile?

Saturday, **April 13** from 9-12pm we are offering our Covenant Partners Class. We are taking a Saturday morning to provide people with tools for spiritual growth, as well as an orientation to our church and our mission. Those going through will have the chance to join us as partners in ministry. Maybe you have called this home but haven't taken the steps to make it Official please join us. We will look at what we believe, our mission, an overview of our ministries, the history of our church, our dreams for the future as well as some practical tools for growing spiritually. If you are interested please sign up in the narthex and let us know if you need childcare.



Your journey from mourning to JOY
Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse,
child, family member, or friend.

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At GriefShare you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

**This Bible based, 13 week ministry will meet
Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00
January 9th – April 2nd**

If you would like information for yourself, family member or friend, please call Jacki @ 786-1594

Learn more about GriefShare at www.griefshare.org



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Coffee hour is simply providing the treats. Treats can be store bought or homemade. We provide the paper goods and will make the coffee.

Please sign up at the coffee bar-thank you!

February Birthdays:

- 2/01 Martha Williams
- 2/02 Mary Ellen Carman
- 2/02 Nekha Roehl
- 2/04 Colin Jansen
- 2/05 Beth Poteet
- 2/07 Damon Jansen
- 2/10 Gavin Steen
- 2/10 Hailey Rankin
- 2/11 Martha Nelson
- 2/12 Jeff Jensen
- 2/14 Matthew Taylor
- 2/15 Aaron Steen
- 2/16 Kayla Johnson
- 2/18 Monte Shaffer
- 2/20 Michelle Hall
- 2/20 Laurel Bishop
- 2/22 Bill Nelson
- 2/27 Jerry Fitzgerald
- 2/27 Scarlett Rune Poteet



March Birthdays:

- 3/01 Karen Bell
- 3/02 Katie Don
- 3/04 Audrey Bonham
- 3/04 Jenny Urbanski



February Anniversaries:

- 2/06 Chad & Nancy Buckles
- 2/12 Jerry & Dawn Fitzgerald
- 2/14 Monty & Sandy Richman

FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 10a WORSHIP Nursery Available Promiseland Pastor's small group	5 530p Team Mtg 6p Session Mtg	6 10a Sun Terrace Bible Study 6p GriefShare	7 430-630p MSK 530-730p Youth Group	8	9	10
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