



The View

April 2024

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What have Bob and Karen been up to?

By the end of March we will have each preached five times, meaning we have shared ten Sundays with you in worship. We have planned and carried out a Lenten Service, a Maundy Thursday Service, and a Good Friday noon time of meditation



We have visited the homes of some church people for whom it is hard to get out. We have begun working on a new church directory.

We have mixed and mingled among you in the Great Falls community by

- attending a Black Heritage Event at the GF Public Library
- attending the St Patrick's Day Parade, and
- visiting HELPING HANDS at the former First English Lutheran Church.

As your pastors, we express deep appreciation to each of you for your ministries whether you sense them to be large or small. For some of us there is a lot of "church work" for a brief time, for others—like moderator, elders and diaconate, control booth operators and musicians—a lot of work all along.

I realize how much we are indebted to you, and you are indebted to one another, like a basket woven together. It is a spiritual weaving or web of people working with each other for a social and spiritual common good because of a common commitment to Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:3 states that God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. Chapter one of Ephesians goes on to describe a marvelous spiritual relationship that we have with God in Christ. Please take a Bible and read all 23 verses of that chapter. Then offer a prayer for this congregation, including the leaders, the minister and yourself. THEN lest we be found thanking only ourselves, let us conclude by thanking God for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in 2024 and for the hope that is always ours in Christ for the days ahead.

Bob & Karen

Search and Call

The search committee has invited the candidate for the minister position, to visit the our congregation and community. They will be visiting our community April 6th thru the 9th and preaching April 7th. Please be at worship or on YouTube and give them a Warm Montana welcome!

Following the service there will be a potluck lunch. Please signup in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

Your pastoral search team: Jerry Ness, Jeremy Comstock, Ken Palisin, Kevin McCafferty, LeAnn Budeski, Sheryl Knowles and Viv Hunter.

Joys/Concerns

Our thoughts and prayers go out to:

Our World

- For those lost in the Baltimore Harbor bridge wreckage.
- For our leaders to take action against gun violence
- For a permanent ceasefire and the return of all Israeli and Palestinian hostages.
- For Jews, Muslims, and Arabs across the world facing persecution and violence.

Our Community

- For the local agencies working on food needs.
- For our unhoused neighbors.
- For those suffering from drugs and mental health issues.

Our Church

- For Bob & Karen Frank-Plumlee who have blessed us with their ministry.
 - For Paul Allen in becoming our next Regional Minister.
 - For Elaine Higgins who has been diagnosed cancer free.
 - For church members who are recovering from Covid.
 - For Jean Muir who is recovering from an infection.
 - For Mauri Novak on his retirement and also that his pickup fire did not consume his house.
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REGISTER for 2024 Regional Assembly!

One in the Spirit

2024 Regional Assembly

May 3-5, 2024 - Wenatchee, WA

Visit northernlightsdisciples.org/2024-regional-assembly for all the information you'll need for this year's Assembly in Wenatchee, WA.

The Region has secured a block of rooms nearby, and there are a number of other places to stay around the assembly location.

Over the weekend we'll officially welcome Regional Minister & President Paul Allen as he is installed by DOC General Minister & President Terri Hord Owen. There will be breakout groups, a business session, preaching and a keynote address by Rev. Marco Cable of Disciples Overseas Ministries, as well as updates from two of our mission coworkers from Colombia and reports on their work there. There will be time for fellowship, worship, breaking bread, local adventures, and meeting and greeting fellow Northern Lighters from across the Region!



[Register now for this exciting event](#)

FISH

Central Christian Church served at Fish from March 18-22. We handed out food to 51 needy people for a total of 1835 pounds of food that was given out. Thank you to our church volunteers, Barb Kakalecik, Dennis Hill, Sheryl Knowles, Gary Hill, LeAnn Budeski and Louise Hill.

Lydia Group News

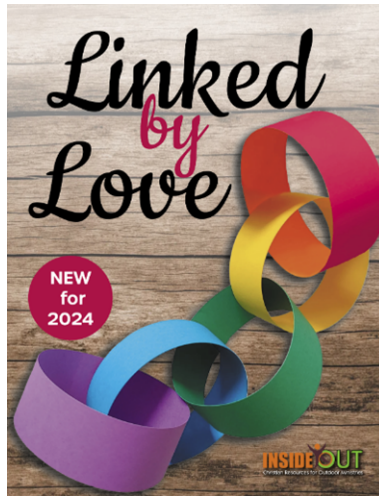
A **BIG THANK YOU** from Lydia group for your support of the St Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner! We raised \$1,540 from the dinner & Silent Auction! We are sending two of our ladies to the Regional Assembly in Wenatchee, WA and will be doing repairs on our refrigerator! We couldn't have done this without you!

God's Peace & Blessings!

The next Lydia Group Meeting will be held on April 18th at 1:30pm.

The next Evening Lydia Group will be held on April 25 at 6:00pm.

Register now for the 2024 Summer Camps!



Linked By Love!

Mark your calendars & watch for registration forms soon!

Gwinwood Retreat Center – Lacey, WA

July 22-25: **Kids Camp** – Entering grades 2-3 (Mon-Thurs) – \$175

July 22-27: **Junior Camp** – Entering grades 4-5 (Mon-Sat) – \$250

July 22-27: **ChiRho & CYF** – Entering grades 6-'24 HS Grad (Mon-Sat)–\$250

Cane Ridge West – Lincoln, MT

July 8-13: **Kids Camp** – Entering grades 2-3 (Mon-Sat) – \$250

July 8-13: **Junior Camp** – Entering grades 4-5 (Mon-Sat) – \$250

July 12-14: **GMPK Camp** – Grands/Mas/Pas/Kids (F pm-Sun am) – \$100

July 15-20: **ChiRho & CYF** – Entering grades 6-'24 HS Grad (Mon-Sat)–\$250

[Register Here!](#)

\$15 Early Bird discount through June 3rd!

Financial Corner

I would like to know the NEW way to use my retirement to support the church and my heirs.– Ask our endowment and trust chair, Randy Knowles



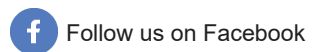
Wishing a very **Happy April Birthday** to our members celebrating soon:

- 2 Rachel Buley
- 4 Shelly Fagenstrom
- 4 Andy McKerrow
- 4 Lydia Comstock
- 22 Brandee Nieman

April Calendar

- 15 Tax Day
- 18 Lydia Group Meeting
- 21 Board Meeting
- 25 Evening Lydia Group

For entire church calendar go to: [Church Calendar](#)



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