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## OUR UNIQUE IDENTITY

*Tim Sievers*



For a couple of years now, our church has been in the midst of a process called "Church Unique," the goal of which was to help us identify the "unique" mission to which God has called us. Throughout the process, the Church Unique team looked at our surrounding communities, assessed needs, and talked with people in our church community about their gifts, values and callings. There was much discussion, and the hallmark of the process was that it was centered in prayer.

In January 2016, our new mission, values, strategy and measures were unveiled to the church. Since then, hopefully you've seen an evolution in the way we talk about our identity. For more than a year now, you've been hearing phrases like, "Depending on Jesus," "[Imperfect] Lives," and "Worship, Grow, Serve & Share."

But, more than just changing the way we talk about our faith community - we're evolving the way we make decisions about church programs and staffing and the way we allocate our funds to help us achieve our mission of "Depending on Jesus to Restore our [Imperfect] Lives."

**"But, more than just changing the way we talk about our faith community—we're evolving the way we make decisions about church programs and staffing and the way to allocate our funds to help us achieve our mission..."**

Another part of the change we're making is to our visual identity - the way that, often times, people first interact with Palouse Federated Church. To that end, since coming on staff last year, I have been working

with marketing professionals as well as the church staff and executive board to develop our new visual identity.

This month, we are unveiling that visual identity - and you'll start seeing it reflected in church communication, advertising, the Web site and social media.

**"We wanted to be clear that we are a church and that Jesus is central..."**

A business or organization's primary visual identity is encapsulated in their logo; and I want to use this opportunity to introduce you to our new logo(s).



1. Hopefully one of the first things you notice is the cross. We wanted to be clear that we are a church and that Jesus is central - that's why the cross is in the center of the logo.



2. Next is the color scheme. The colors serve two functions: First, they represent the diversity of our faith community; and second they are traditional liturgical colors of the church. Green is the color of Ordinary Time (there are two seasons of Ordinary Time - one following the season of Epiphany and another following Pentecost). Purple is the color of Lent and Advent. Red is the color of Pentecost. Blue is an alternate color for Advent. And Gold is for Easter.



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3. You might also notice that the circle surrounding the cross is imperfect - this serves two functions as well - providing a more modern feel to the logo and also pointing to our mission statement, “Depending on Jesus to Restore our [Imperfect] Lives.” Our lives are imperfect, but there also is hope for the circle to be restored in Christ.

4. Next is the typography. “Palouse” and “Church” are displayed in a bold typeface that is all caps, presenting a more modern feel which also should stand out to the consumer. “Federated” appears in a scripted, more traditional, typeface - paying homage to our heritage.

“Our lives are imperfect, but there also is hope for the circle to be restored in Christ.”

5. Last is the “tag line.” We have two options which can be exchanged based on our needs. The first, “Depending on Jesus,” points to our mission statement and will help allay concerns regarding the word “federated” by clearly pointing

to Jesus and demonstrating that we are a Christian church. The second, “Worship | Grow | Serve | Share,” points to our strategies for achieving our mission and helps tell the story of what we’re about.

The development of our visual identity was a lengthy and intensive process. Starting from scratch with our mission as the foundation, we developed 50+ visual representations that were revised and tweaked and most of them thrown out. The direction we initially thought we were going was left behind as we worked through the refining process of representing our identity in a way that is true to our mission and that keeps Jesus central!

I want especially to thank Sharon and Taylor White, both talented graphic designers, who dedicated countless hours to this process, investing their time, energy, gifts and passion to help us through this process. We couldn’t have done this without their help!

Depending on Jesus,

*Tim Sievers*

Communication &  
Connection Director

## SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

Mikel Nisse



Hello from Junior High Camp 2017 at Ross Point! I will be here four weeks working at each camp! We may have had a rocky start, not even knowing if we’d have enough male counselors, but our God is a loving provider! Currently, we have two youth from Palouse Federated Church having the best week of their year - learning about a God who loves them and growing together with great counselors and new friends!

It isn’t too late to sign up for Senior High Camp, directed by Pastor Corey, with worship led by our 11 AM worship team. Camp is a great way for your youth to engage in asking tough questions about faith and stepping out of their comfort zones to learn about Christ and the church community.

Please be PRAYING for our camps, for the campers and for the counselors, who need energy and patience as we work with youth.

I’d also like to add a big thank you for those who’ve donated to our Ross Point Scholarship Fund for first-time campers



and students in need. Summer camp at Ross Point, and the opportunity for youth to meet Jesus, are made possible because of your generous support!



## YOUVERSION AKA THE BIBLE APP

You can have the Bible with you anywhere you go! If you have a smart phone or a tablet you can get a free app from YouVersion called “The Bible.”



On your computer this also is available at [www.bible.com](http://www.bible.com). The app allows you access to most all of the current English translations of the Bible that are in print. It also has Bible reading plans and resources to deepen your study of God’s Word. Consider arming your device with the Bible app today.



A kid’s version, “The Bible for Kids,” also is available and has Bible stories and games.

For questions contact Tim Sievers, Mikel Nisse or Pastor Corey.



What's the next step in your spiritual journey?

Baptism?  
Membership?  
Bible Study?  
Service?

# NEXT STEPS

Next class  
July 16 @ 10:15 AM

## Bible Studies

### Monday

Ladies Bible Study  
Sermon Scriptures  
3 PM @ Tina Laughary's

### Tuesday

Men's Way Too Early Study  
Sermon Scriptures  
5:30 AM @ PFC

Mom's Bible Study  
& Parenting Class  
Sermon Scriptures  
8:15 AM @ PFC

Free Child Care Provided

New Testament Bible Study  
10 AM @ PFC

(Free Child Care Available by Request)

### Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study  
Sermon Scriptures  
10 AM @ PFC

### **Starting Point: Bible**

Wednesday, July 5  
6:30 PM @ PFC

READING & UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD

## STARTING POINT

*Bible*

Could you use some basic help in understanding how to study the Bible?

Are there questions you want to ask about the Bible, but you might be embarrassed to do so in another Bible study?

Are you new to the Bible?

If you answered yes to any of those questions, or if you just want a safe place to start learning from the Bible, please consider attending Starting Point.

Our other Bible studies are GREAT. But sometimes it can be intimidating to join a Bible study group that has been meeting for a long time. We understand - and that's why we offer Starting Point: Bible.

On the first Wednesday of every month we meet around the table in the Fellowship Hall. Our next session is July 5th at 6:30 PM.

If you are interested in Starting Point: Bible, fill out a communication card, call Pastor Corey at (509) 336-9154 or e-mail him: [corey@palousechurch.org](mailto:corey@palousechurch.org).

## LIFE LESSONS 2017

Palouse Federated Church, Garfield Community Church, Garfield Christian Fellowship, and Gar-Pal Young Life are proud of our local high school graduates and we are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2017 Life Lessons Award:

Erik Anderson  
Jazlyn Perez-Briggs  
Mason Bates  
Elizabeth Bowles  
Alysha Daggett  
Dash Estes  
Logan Gorence  
Ben Schaffer  
Rachele Lund  
Cameron Springstead  
Tulip O'Neill  
Victoria Welch

Each student that completes the three classes and attends a mentoring session as part of Life Lessons receives a \$250 award.

A big thank you to the mentors and volunteers who give their time to make Life Lessons happen! There are truly too many names to list as we had 30 different volunteers this year.

This year we achieved yet another milestone as we surpassed more than \$10,000 given out to Life Lessons recipients since 2014, the first year of the program. If you are interested in giving to the Life Lessons scholarship or volunteering for next year, please contact Pastor Corey Laughary at (509) 878-1509.



# INTERNET & FAMILY LIFE

Pastor Corey Laughary

*"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light"- Matthew 6:22*

People are getting eaten alive by their Internet-enabled devices. And the crazy thing is that they are willing participants. We live in the Internet Age and we need to fight against the temptations that face our eyes, our households and our communities. Jesus said, "The eye is the lamp of the body," and that means what we take in to our soul is very important. We must understand that what we receive visually, whether it be entertainment, sports, commercials, gossip, news, profanity, or images **WILL** have an impact on us. Let's look at how you can grow in protecting your soul, and promoting holiness in your own life, household, and community.



## YOUR SOUL

Do you have a lazy attitude toward what you watch on television or what you read or view on the Internet? In today's reality we must be vigilant and take responsibility for our own media consumption. How much time do you watch TV or movies? Is all of your entertainment honoring toward God? How

**"Today you can choose to turn your eyes away from darkness and toward things that are good for you."**

much social media time do you spend reading about the lives of people you don't have any real connection to? If it is a choice between being in God's light or being entertained by something of questionable content, it should be an easy decision for us. Unfortunately, sometimes we make the wrong choice. *Today you can choose to turn your eyes away from darkness and toward things that are good for you.*

## YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Do you know what media and entertainment is consumed in your household? Our family uses an Internet filter that controls all devices and all Internet usage in our household. The filter is called "The Circle" and we highly recommend it; but, it is only a tool. You have to set the standards you want for your home; whether you use a filtering tool or you have set rules about when, where, what and how you can use the Internet, someone has to take leadership in the home. In

the Internet Age, if you live without standards or a filter in place, you are opening your household to unnecessary troubles. Parents need to talk with their kids about healthy Internet usage, set standards and follow through on their rules. Grandparents - you should do the same with visiting grandkids and your adult kids. Just because it is their device does not mean they can do whatever they want, whenever they want, if they are in your home. If you can tell them not to smoke in your living room, you can certainly tell them "no devices on Christmas morning" or "no devices at dinner." It's your household, make your rules for the good of your health and the people who live with and visit you.

## OUR COMMUNITIES

We should not be the Internet police, but, we could be catalysts for change in our communities regarding healthy limits on media and Internet usage. For instance, Christians should stop spreading fake news, conspiracy theories and other garbage stories on social media. We also should carefully consider the things we post, exercising Godly discernment. Knowing that God's blessings have nothing to do with whether we share a post or forward an e-mail—is it responsible to perpetuate that kind of false representation of Him? Instead, we should strive to improve the usage of the Internet in our own homes and households, and from there we can have opportunities to talk to our neighbors, family and co-workers about how they too could gain control of their Internet usage.

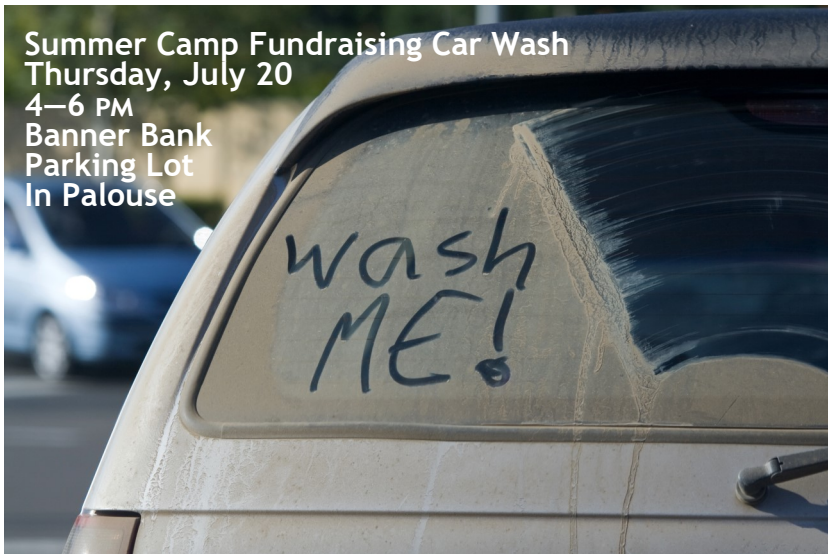
**"We should not be the Internet police, but, we could be catalysts for change in our communities regarding healthy limits on media and Internet usage."**

The Internet is here to stay, but we should use it, together with social media, for healthy purposes. We can use it to learn and to share scripture, to connect with others, and even to invite people to worship or Bible studies. Some of my prayer and study groups utilize texting and the Internet to help us share information back and forth, to bless each other, and to build up people in our community. Let us take encouragement from Paul's letter to the Colossians: "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus..." May our adherence to Paul's encouragement be the measurement of our actions every day.

Depending on Jesus,

Pastor Corey

Summer Camp Fundraising Car Wash  
Thursday, July 20  
4-6 PM  
Banner Bank  
Parking Lot  
In Palouse



## ATTENTION CAMPERS

Our car wash fundraiser for camp scholarships is Thursday, July 20 from 4-6 PM (or until 6:30 PM if we're busy) at the Palouse Banner Bank parking lot. The last two years we tried a June date, but got rained out, so we'll go for July this year. This fundraiser typically raises between \$500-\$800, so add this event to your calendar!

I will need 2-3 other adults to help me direct kids for the full two hours. Please let me know if you can help.

**Just a reminder...any youth or adults who receive camp scholarships need to participate in at least two fundraisers or 4+ hours of volunteer time for our church.** Please let me know if you have questions.

Thank you!  
Brenda Cook



## OIKOS

Oikos is a Greek word meaning extended household. Pastor Tom Mercer says your Oikos is made up of the 8 to 15 people you interact with on a regular basis that God has supernaturally and strategically placed in your life—friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. Nobody is better equipped to share the truth of Jesus with them than you.

An Oikos list is your personal “household” of relationships. Pick up and fill out one of our new Oikos Prayer Cards and start praying for the people in your Oikos to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Already have a list—maybe you need to revisit it and add or remove people who have moved in and out of your sphere of influence.

And remember—pray for them daily.

8to15

**Did you know there's an Oikos app for iPhone and Android? Search “8to15” in your app store and you'll be on your way to receiving daily reminders to pray for your Oikos!**

MEN'S  
BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast will take place Saturday, July 15. We gather at 7:30 AM to cook and start eating at 8 AM. Bring a friend and your favorite breakfast item to share.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

At Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School (August 14-18) at PFC, curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly created by God and built for a purpose.

Be a part of it all—as volunteers or participants.

Contact VBS Director Heidi Fluegel for more information:

[hfluegel@hotmail.com](mailto:hfluegel@hotmail.com)  
(208) 816-2766



## TIME WITH GOD WHEN THERE'S NO TIME TO BE HAD

Betty Sawyer

In a recent Mom's Bible Study (held every Tuesday morning at 8:15 AM at PFC), we discussed ways to carve out "time with God when there's no time to be had." A great way to connect with God is by spending time in daily devotions and prayer. But how do we make the best use of limited time and still have quality time with God and our families?

Below are some helpful ideas:

- ♦ Listen to Christian radio or to Christian CDs in the car.
- ♦ Reset priorities and refresh your heart during the first 20-30 minutes of your children's nap or "room" time.
- ♦ Look for a Bible study to fellowship with other Christian women and moms, with childcare available for the kids. (Hint...PFC offers a weekly Mom's Bible study with free childcare.)
- ♦ Keep a weekly prayer journal that's divided into three parts: "thanks, confession and requests."
- ♦ Watch and enjoy your children without the distraction of electronics. These moments can make you more aware of God's presence, you can thank Him for your children and recognize how blessed you are for your kids, your spouse, and yourself as a mom or dad.
- ♦ Pray while in the shower or when you're getting ready for the day.
- ♦ Write reminders and memory verses on sticky notes and place them around the house.
- ♦ Set a reminder on your phone or computer to prompt you each day to fit in some quality time with God.
- ♦ Read the Bible *with* your kids, even if they're playing on the floor and don't seem to really be listening. You set a good example and they will surprise you on what they absorb!

**"There IS time to be had with God, but we must be intentional with our devotions and our devotion."**

Visit [www.bible.com](http://www.bible.com) or use the Bible App to listen to a chapter or a few verses of the Bible each day with your family. Click the audio icon and let the app "read aloud" to you as you hike, eat a snack, do household chores, cook dinner, fold laundry, carpool, or during craft time, Lego building, painting, etc.

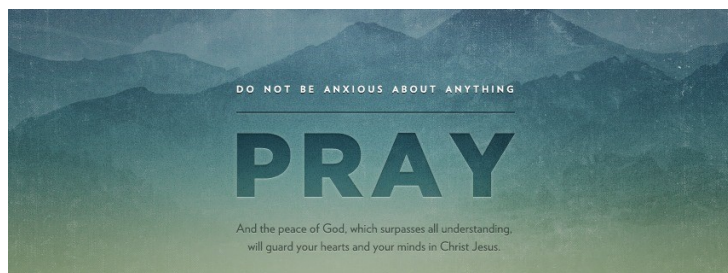
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We can never be too busy for God. How can we be examples of Christlikeness to others when we aren't spending one-on-one time with our Savior? There IS time to be had with God, but we must be *intentional* with our devotions and our devotion.

Many of these ideas were originally shared by moms on [www.focusonthefamily.ca](http://www.focusonthefamily.ca)

## QUARTERLY MEETING 2017

The PFC Quarterly Business Meeting is scheduled for July 23 at 10:17 AM between the morning worship services. The Executive Board, Pastor Corey and other ministry leaders will provide updates about church ministries.



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ◆ Oralene Romjue—undergoing a new round of chemo.
- ◆ Keith Sievers—continued health concerns.
- ◆ Don Comstock’s health.
- ◆ Mylee Fruits, friend of the Sievers with cystic fibrosis.
- ◆ Tecla Blood—recovering from shoulder surgery.
- ◆ Bruce Baldwin—recovering from bone marrow transplant.
- ◆ Patty Myott and her declining eyesight.
- ◆ Callie Anderson (4-year-old with cancer)
- ◆ Judy Hart (stroke)
- ◆ Sue Foster (cancer)
- ◆ Brenda Brown (cancer)
- ◆ Meredith Willcox-Norris (cancer)
- ◆ Carol Heinlen’s niece Barbara (cancer)
- ◆ National and community leaders.
- ◆ Your Oikos—those that God has strategically and supernaturally placed in your life.
- ◆ Active duty service members.

## PRaises AND PRAYERS FOR THESE MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES:

- ◆ Praise God for our Summer Camp program and pray for the youth we are sending to camp—that they might meet Jesus!
- ◆ Praise God for the Bishop Place worship service. Pray for Pastor Matt Jorgens and his family.
- ◆ Pray for the Bible study at Eastern State Hospital and the residents.
- ◆ Praise God for providing volunteer youth ministry leaders. Pray for youth to come to Christ.
- ◆ Pray for our missionaries and partner church and orphanage in Uganda (pastors, teachers, orphans).

## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Richard Keyser	Patty Myott	Bob & Dory Tuttle
Reuben Merry	Joanie Bagott	Don Gilliland
Arnetta Tompkins		

## Remember Those Who Have Moved Away From our Fellowship:

Virginia Baldwin	Frances West	Catherine Tuck
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Miss a Sermon? | [www.palousechurch.org](http://www.palousechurch.org)

Click on “Resources” then “Sermons”  
CDs or mp3 files also are available upon request—  
contact Tim Sievers in the church office.

## REACH OUT

Tracy Lee Sievers



In March our church leadership began using an evangelism and training strategy we call Relational Outreach. As a group we’ve been reading through three books (all by Kevin Harney): *Organic Outreach for Churches*, *Organic Outreach for Individuals*, and *Organic Outreach for Families*. What we’ve discovered is that outreach, or evangelism, seems scary to many people. One way to break through that fear-factor is to focus on the relationships we already have with others.

Many of you have heard Pastor Corey talk about Oikos - the 8 to 15 people in your sphere of influence that you interact with on a regular basis. Relational Outreach looks deeper at those relationships to bring Jesus in a practical way to non-believers.

Our leadership team is learning that outreach is something we live every day, not just something we do once in a while. By choosing to share the love of our living Lord with others they begin to see how He can be a real part of their lives.

“Outreach is something we live every day, not just something we do once in a while.”

Outreach is not always about going door-to-door to hand out tracts or standing on corners in the cities preaching from a milk crate platform. More often, and most effectively, outreach means sharing a meal with a non-believer and choosing to pray aloud before the meal; inviting a friend to a church function where you introduce them to others in your community of

faith; visiting the sick or elderly; and being mindful of living your faith consistently on a daily basis.

For most people, the journey to faith is one impacted by their everyday relationships. Think back on your own story - who impacted you? A friend, parent, sibling, grandparent, pastor? Jesus himself did relational outreach. He did not send the disciples out to find everyone in town and bring them to a central location; rather, He chose to minister to those who were around Him, telling stories and sharing about God’s love and grace as He lived among them.

Relational Outreach is something each of us does often without realizing we’re doing it. I challenge you this month to think of a way to *purposefully and intentionally* reach out to your Oikos. Choose one or two people that are not believers and plan time with them; send a note of encouragement; invite them for a meal; pray for them throughout the month. When the opportunity arises to authentically and naturally share your love for Jesus Christ, do so. If you’re nervous about not knowing what to say, pray about that. Ask God to help you know when the time is right and He will give you the words you need.

Everyone, young or old, can do outreach. In fact, Jesus himself commands us all at the end of Matthew’s Gospel to do just that: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19-20).

Let’s commit together to purposefully *reach out* this month to those around us with the truth of a loving, living God who changes lives.

# PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH CALENDAR

JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>JULY</b> 9 AM   Worship 10:15 AM   Fellowship 11 AM   Worship 1:30 PM   Bishop Place 3 PM   Youth Group 6 PM   Simple Service	3	4	5 6:30 PM   Starting Point	6	7	8
9 AM   Worship 10:15 AM   Fellowship 11 AM   Worship 1:30 PM   Bishop Place 3 PM   Youth Group 6 PM   Simple Service	10 3 PM   Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	11 5:30 AM   Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 8:15 AM   Mom's Bible Study & Parenting Class* 10 AM   Bible Study*	12 10 AM   Ladies Bible Study*	13	14	15 7:30 AM   Men's Breakfast
9 AM   Worship 10:15 AM   Fellowship <b>10:15 AM   NextSteps</b> 11 AM   Worship 1:30 PM   Bishop Place 3 PM   Youth Group 6 PM   Simple Service	17 3 PM   Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	18 5:30 AM   Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 8:15 AM   Mom's Bible Study & Parenting Class* 10 AM   Bible Study* 7 PM   Board Meeting	19 10 AM   Ladies Bible Study*	20 4-6 PM   Camp Car Wash @ Banner Bank	21	22
9 AM   Worship <b>10:17 AM   Quarterly Mtg.</b> 11 AM   Worship 1:30 PM   Bishop Place 3 PM   Youth Group 6 PM   Simple Service	24 3 PM   Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	25 5:30 AM   Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 8:15 AM   Mom's Bible Study & Parenting Class* 10 AM   Bible Study*	26 10 AM   Ladies Bible Study*	27	28	29
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# JULY SERMONS

July 02	9 & 11 AM	Moving with God	Exodus 33:1-11
	6 PM	Joy for the Journey: Live Out God's Will (Part 1)	Philippians 2:12-13
July 09	9 & 11 AM	The Scarcity of Hope	Romans 5:1-11
	6 PM	You are God's Answer	Exodus 3
July 16	9 & 11 AM	God Passing By	Exodus 33:12-34:9
	6 PM	Joy for the Journey: Live Out God's Will (Part 2)	Philippians 2:12-13
July 23	9 & 11 AM	Ministry: Barnabas and Saul Prepared	Acts 12:25-13:3
	6 PM	Joy for the Journey: Live Better—Beyond Complaining	Philippians 2:13-18
July 30	9 & 11 AM	Ministry: Partners with Power	Acts 13:4-12
	6 PM	Joy for the Journey: Live Better—Beyond Arguing	Philippians 2:13-18

## TRONSEN FAREWELL LUNCHEON JULY 30, 12:30 PM

After many years of fellowship and ministry among us, Dale and Kay Tronsen are moving to the Spokane area. With gratitude for their ministry and friendship we are hosting a farewell luncheon, Sunday, July 30 at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Look for more information as the date approaches.

## BISHOP PLACE WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays at 1:30 PM.  
All are welcome.

