

Connections

April 2019

You're Invited

THIS EASTER

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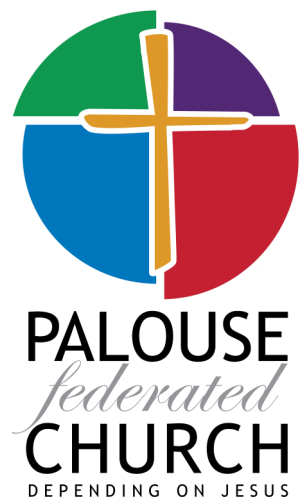
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COMING AROUND

And Jonah stalked
to his shaded seat
and waited for God
to come around
to his way of thinking.

And God is still waiting
for a host of Jonahs
in their comfortable houses
to come around
to His way of loving.

Thomas John Carlisle
You! Jonah!

JONAH OR JESUS?

Pastor Corey Laughary

I am deeply encouraged by our journey through the little book of Jonah. This book tells a GREAT story of God's GREAT mercy for people who are running from Him.

God has used this book to challenge me. How am I running from God's call to love others? Am I running like Jonah, away from a call to radical mission towards others? Have I shaped God into someone who always agrees with my likes and dislikes? Have I remade God into someone who always affirms my personal political and ethical convictions?

Jonah did. God busted up Jonah's false ideas. God loves us when we disagree with Him, but God loves us enough to deepen and broaden our view of Him. God made sure Jonah knew that God loved Nineveh and wanted to see them turn from their evil ways. God made His love for broken people abundantly clear by using Jonah not only to reach Nineveh, but also to reach the sailors that were aboard the ship taking him to Tarshish. Jonah ran from God's call on his life to reach out to "heathen" sinners, and God taught Jonah of His love by using him twice in a very short span of time to do His will to reach His "heathen" children.

INSIDE JONAH

I was so obsessed with what was going on inside the whale that I missed seeing the drama inside Jonah.

Thomas John Carlisle
You! Jonah!

Sometimes people in the Church can be lost, just like Jonah was lost. God loves us and wants our hearts to be like His. Jesus told a story about two brothers - you can read it in Luke 15. The older brother in the story was not glad when his little brother returned home after a selfish and sinful journey. The older brother is like Christian religious people who are not excited about welcoming in people who are far from God; he is like Jonah who doesn't want the people of Nineveh to have a second chance. God wants us to learn from the example of Jonah and choose instead the way of Jesus - to love the outsider, the broken, and those who appear far from God.

If it were not for Jesus and His love for me, I would not be here. I would not know God, and I would not be serving Him. I would not be seeking to bless people on the Palouse. But God loved me and, through Jesus, rescued me from a life of selfish living and called me to do His will. His way is much better than my way.

I want to have the Jonah in me changed into the likeness of Jesus. How about you?

Depending on Jesus,
Pastor Corey

"And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

Jonah 4:11



MORE THAN A FISH TALE

JONAH OR JESUS | LENT 2019



MORE JONAH RESOURCES: Check out the Bible Project online at thebibleproject.com and look for the Jonah video or check out TimMackie.com and look for "The Amazing Jonah" sermon series by Tim Mackie.



SAVE THE DATE VBS 2019

AUGUST 5-9

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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SUMMER CAMP @ ROSS POINT

REGISTER FOR ALL CAMPS & RETREATS ONLINE
WWW.ROSSPOINT.ORG

Junior High Camp | 6th - 9th Grades | June 16-21

My First Camp | 2nd Grade and Under | June 21-22

Middler Camp | 2nd - 4th Grades | June 23-26

Junior Camp | 4th - 6th Grades | June 23-28

Senior High Camp | 9th - 12th Grades | June 30-July 5

REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP BY 5/20
AND SAVE \$10

YOUTH RETREAT

At Spring Retreat this year, we will focus on the idea of intentionality in faith. Intentionality is doing something for a reason—on purpose.

Is living life on “autopilot” what God really wants for us? No! God calls us to so much more—to follow him and follow Jesus’ example as we live out our lives. Through this retreat, our speaker, Andrew Derr, will help you understand who God is, why he cares about you, and why he calls us to live intentional lives every day where no moment is wasted.

Come ready to experience what God has prepared for you, whether it be learning who he is for the first time or growing deeper in your faith.

April 5-7

Theme | Living Life
on Purpose

Ephesians 2:10

WOMEN’S RETREAT

April 12-14

Theme | Dancing
in the Rain

James 1:2-3

At this year’s Women’s Retreat at Ross Point we’ll learn how to choose joy in the midst of life’s storms. Featured speakers include:

Kim Metcalf | *Reclaiming Joy in the Wake of Loss*

Tina Laughary | *Walking with Others Through the Storms of Life & How to be Light in the Midst of Darkness*

Suzanne Holling | *How You Get to Wanting to Dance in the Rain & Freedom in Christ*

Dr. Andi Edwards | *The Basic Anatomy of Grief & How we Navigate Through it All, Compassion Fatigue and Wellness*



PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE SUPPER AND TALENT SHOW



April 14 | Dinner at 5 PM | Talent Show at 6 PM (ish)

Let us cook for you Sunday night, April 14! Our amazing chefs Nicole and Daniel Wegner will be running the kitchen and serving delicious pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage and ham! This dinner is a fundraiser for our camp scholarships. All donations are used to send youth and adults from our community to summer camps and retreats at Ross Point throughout the year. MANY people have been able to attend thanks to the generous support for this fundraiser. Another way to help is to sign up to bring a food item for this dinner. Sign up sheets will be passed around during services or you may find it by the coffee in the Fellowship Hall!

If you have been a scholarship recipient in the past or will be this year, please plan to come help set tables, bus tables, or clean up afterwards. This is an easy way to earn your scholarship hours!

ALL are WELCOME to share a talent of most any kind, please let Brenda Cook or Pastor Corey know...this is a good, old fashioned fun time!

THE STAGE IS WAITING...
FOR YOU!



What's the next step in your spiritual journey?

Next Class
May 19
@ 10:15 AM

NEXT STEPS

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

First Thessalonians Bible Study
10 AM @ PFC

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study
Sermon Scriptures
9 AM @ PFC

Lent Soup Suppers & Fish Tales
6 PM @ PFC
(Through April 17)



CHURCH ON A HILL PODCAST

Each week, Pastor Corey Laughary and Tim Sievers co-host the Church on a Hill Podcast - reviewing the sermon, discussing upcoming events and ministry opportunities and

generally having a good time. Each podcast is about 20 minutes so it's easy to listen to on your way to or from Pullman or Moscow...or anytime!

Find us on the "SoundCloud" App (for smartphones, tablets, etc.) - search "Palouse Church on a Hill," or click on the link in the weekly e-mail or on the church's Facebook page.

The podcast is a great way to keep up with what's happening when you're on the go. Check it out and feel free to share it with a friend.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

VISITATION MINISTRY

From Pastor Corey: I am so thankful for our visitation ministry team. Our team members regularly visit people in our communities and church family. Our team members visit "shut-ins", widows and widowers, people on Hospice and others in our community.

Are you called? Would you would like to join our visitation team? Pastor Corey will provide all the training you need for this ministry. You can be partnered with another person - we find that many on our team like to visit as a team of two.

PRAYER TEAM

We are looking for volunteers who would pray daily for our community and people in our church in need. God could be calling you to serve on the prayer team. We send out prayer needs via e-mail or text to those who are willing to pray daily. We are looking for people who love God and will be dedicated in prayer. There are times when there are confidential prayer requests, so trust and discretion is also required. Please contact Pastor Corey if you are interested - corey@palousechurch.org

APRIL COMMUNITY FOCUS

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PRAYER FOCUS

FRIENDS OF HOSPICE- SERENITY HOUSE A HOME FOR THE DYING

Please keep this new service in your prayers. Pray for the house leader, Terrie Teare, and all the staff that are serving individuals in their final days/ weeks of earthly life.



COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION GIVING FOCUS



Thank you to all who have been giving to Palouse School's Food Pantry.

Please consider giving to the Palouse Food Pantry that serves our community and those in need of food. As you plan your gardens consider planting plants that you could harvest and donate to the food pantry.

PRAYER OUTREACH FOCUS YOUNG ADULTS WHO DON'T KNOW JESUS

Would you please join the Executive Board of PFC in praying to see God move among young adults aged 18-40 in our communities? We are longing to see those who are far from Christ come into relationship with Him. Pray that God would soften our hearts toward these folks, and deepen our concern and improve our outreach to them as friends, neighbors and mentors.

Pray that God might raise up a leader from our area who would feel especially called to reach young adults with the good news of Jesus. We are discerning that this person would likely be age 18-40 and be an alum from a school in our area.



MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Pastor Corey Laughary

I feel God has been leading me in a journey towards a Mental Health Ministry for a long time. Before going to seminary and becoming a pastor I worked for two years on a Mental Health/Suicide Prevention hotline called "First Call for Help" run by Spokane Mental Health. I then worked at a group home for troubled youth that had many residents who lived with mental illness. At the time, I considered going to graduate school for a Master's in Social Work or counseling. God clearly called me on a path toward being a pastor, but I have never forgotten those experiences and lessons learned on the hotline and at the group home. Talking daily with people who are depressed and struggling to find hope in life doesn't leave your soul easily.



"I have felt a calling to involve mental health ministry in my calling here on the Palouse as pastor."

Since December, I have felt a strong calling to involve mental health ministry in my calling here on the Palouse as pastor and in our ministry at PFC. The brief list below includes some of the areas I am called to, and also that we are getting involved in as a church. If you have questions, concerns, or want to receive help, or perhaps join in on this journey - PLEASE contact me.

FAQDDDD | A group meeting at PFC once or twice a month that learns about mental health related issues. It is a safe place and time to ask questions and talk about important issues that we sometimes struggle to talk about. So far, we have discussed depression, anxiety, suicide and suicide intervention. FAQDDDD stands for: Fear, Anxiety, Questions, Doubts, Despair, Depression and Discouragement. If you are interested in learning more contact me.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a national program, and in early April I am becoming a certified MHFA trainer. This will allow our church to bring trainings to the Palouse. Because of generous donations I am able to attend this course and provide initial trainings at no cost or low cost to students. The MHFA trainings here in the Palouse will include 8 hours of content and certify people as Mental Health First Aid Responders. Keep your ears open for our first classes- hopefully sometime in April.

Chaplaincy | I will continue to serve as a volunteer chaplain to our local Police, Fire and EMS. I have received training for helping individuals in crisis and will be receiving group crisis intervention training in mid-April. This course also was provided for by individual donations. At PFC we feel called to serve people affected by crisis - individuals, families, and first responders and we will continue to be a resource for our local schools as needed.

Companionship | I have a vision for how together, we can begin helping people become companions and better friends to those who struggle with an ongoing mental health issue. This ministry is not yet developed, but I would gladly begin coaching any individual who feels called to be a helping companion to someone who lives with a mental illness.

Counseling | We are developing better relationships with Christian Counselors in our area and will refer people in need to trained counselors when appropriate. One such counselor is Laura Rehwaldt, (MA) who is willing to meet with people in Palouse or at her office in Pullman and offers rates on a sliding scale depending on income.

OFF THE SHELF

A REVIEW OF: **IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY**

AUTHOR: **LYSA TERKEURST**



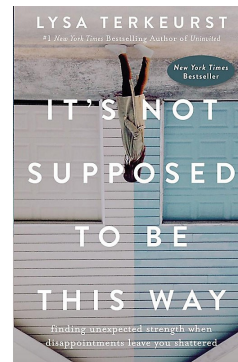
Rarely do I start and finish reading a book in one weekend. Rarely - as in never. Never had I read an entire book in two days until I picked up the book, *It's Not Supposed to be This Way* by Lysa Terkeurst.

"This is a book about expectations, disappointments and God's goodness to us in the midst of incredible suffering."

Lysa is the founder of Proverbs 31 Ministries and has written devotionals and encouraging articles primarily for women for nearly 20 years. *It's Not Supposed To Be This Way* is a collection of Lysa's reflections and lessons God taught her during a 3-year period of time during which she suffered two major health crises and discovered her husband, with whom she has five children, had been unfaithful. This is a book about expectations, disappointments and God's goodness to us in the midst of incredible suffering.

Lysa creates an image of her life being shattered, not into pieces that could be mended or glued back together but crushed—until it was nothing but dust. The beautiful reality she learned is that dust in the hands of our maker and creator, Father God can become clay. The clay can be molded and shaped by His skilled hands to become something different, something new - perhaps stronger and more beautiful than it had been before. To see this, we have to give up control—give up thinking that our way is best, that we know how our pieces should fit. Relinquishing control is terrifying for most of us - we must learn to trust the hands of the potter.

Lysa also talks about the temptations that await us when we are faced with disappointments. We have the temptation to think we deserve control and a better outcome. We can go looking for this "better" outcome in all the wrong places and end up making our difficult situations even worse. Often times, the difficult and even tragic circumstances we will face in life are not of our own making. What we can control is how we face them - our attitude and perspective can certainly change that outcome. Will we trust God through the unknown? Will we hold on to our belief in His goodness even when our circumstances are not good?



Whether you are currently going through a disappointing and challenging time or not, I would highly recommend this book. It rang true to me in many ways and I believe it will for you too.

Tina Laughary is director of spiritual formation at Palouse Federated Church and is a regular contributor to the Connections magazine.

EXTRA ACTIVITY EXTRA OPPORTUNITY

Tracy Lee Sievers



Easter comes with a lot of extra activities in the life of the believer. Beyond community egg hunts and Easter buffet meals, there are extra services in this season - Wednesday Soup Suppers, the Pancake Supper/Talent Show, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Sunrise service on Resurrection Sunday. And we have all our regular Sunday services too including Palm Sunday and Resurrection Sunday. For someone new to faith it can seem like a lot and to those who are not yet believers it is downright overwhelming or even just totally off their radar.

"This time of year...there are great opportunities to share your faith in natural and authentic ways!"

Despite the extra full calendar, this time of year can lead to wonderful conversations with our neighbors and loved ones! You may hear questions like, "Isn't Easter just about bunnies and flowers?" or, "What is this church thing you have to do? I thought church was just on Sundays." or, "What is Easter anyway?" or even, "I've never heard of Maundy Thursday...what is that?" Talk about truck-sized openings!!

These all are great opportunities to share your faith in natural and authentic ways! Maybe you want to invite that friend to join you and come along to one or more of the special things going on in the life of the faith community. Visitors always are welcome at PFC events! Perhaps just being open to talking more about it with them is more your style. Either way, it's easy to be real with your loved ones and acquaintances about faith at this time of the year. If you're not sure what to say, talk with any of the leaders here at PFC about it. We'll help you figure it out! Who knows, you might learn something new about the season too!

LIFE LESSONS 2019

April 28 @ 6 PM
Palouse
Federated
Church

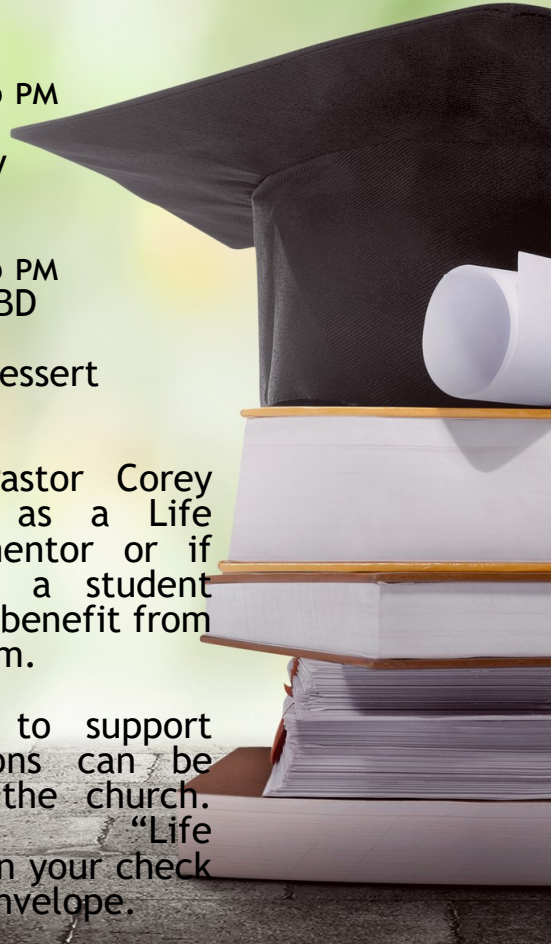
May 05 @ 6 PM
Garfield
Community
Church

May 19 @ 6 PM
Location TBD

Dinner & Dessert
Included

Contact Pastor Corey to serve as a Life Lessons mentor or if you know a student who could benefit from the program.

Donations to support Life Lessons can be made to the church. Designate "Life Lessons" on your check or giving envelope.



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

God is calling me to share with...

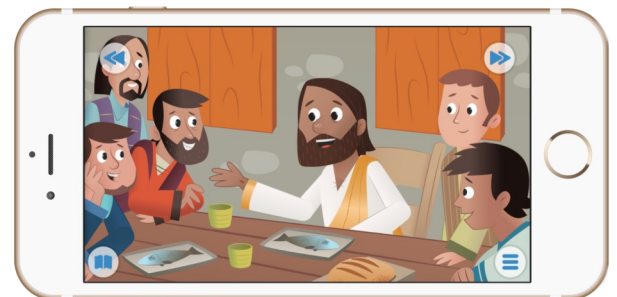
**"The one who showed him mercy."
luke 10:37**



The Bible App
FOR KIDS

Did you know that YouVersion has created a Bible App just for

kids? By introducing children to 41 of the "big" Bible stories, the Bible App for Kids helps them understand the overall story that the Bible is telling. Kid-friendly navigation helps them find and select whichever story they want, then reads it aloud to them in a friendly narrative style. Throughout each story, fun, interactive animations keep children engaged, and select stories even include games designed to help them learn, understand, and retain important Bible story concepts.



YouVersion



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the people of Venezuela.
- Pray for Zack & Kelsey (daughter of Will & Penny Thurman) Spear. Zack recently deployed to Afghanistan and Kelsey is working and pursuing a Master's degree.
- Pray for Kaynan Zachow, for strength in his new path.
- Pray for Keiona Zachow, Multiple Sclerosis and for her future and a safe and healthy pregnancy.
- Pray for Bill Dernell, Sr., health issues.
- Pray for Pastor Martin's wife Mary in Uganda, serious health concerns.
- Pray for Mike Burnett, cancer.
- Pray for Doreen Hanson's brother Frank, kidney failure.
- Pray for Mary Kernan, broken arm & cancer.
- Pray for Lynda Mills, daughter-in-law of Angie Cochran, heart issues.
- Pray for Sarah McCusker, friend of Tracy Lee Sievers, advanced Huntington's Disease.
- Pray for Ellen, friend of Tecla Blood, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Don Comstock, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Barbra Vail, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Carol Stillman, cancer.
- Pray for Bev Glass, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Tecla Blood, ongoing health issues.

- Pray for Carrie Doramus' dad, Richard Gamet, dementia/cancer.
- Pray for Charlotte, friend of Don Gilliland, Parkinson's.
- Pray for Don Gilliland, ongoing health issues.
- Pray for Paula Fielder Leftwich, cancer.
- Pray for Monte, friend of Tecla Blood—ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Brittany Sawyer's Uncle Jon—Alzheimer's.
- Pray for Patty Myott, hospice.
- Pray for Judy Hart, stroke.
- Pray for Meredith Willcox-Norris, cancer.
- Pray for our national and community leaders.
- Pray for our nation - that peace, compassion, love and unity win out over hate, discord and division.
- Pray for your Oikos—those that God has strategically and supernaturally placed in your life.
- Pray for active duty service members.

PRAISES AND PRAYERS FOR THESE MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES:

- Pray for Young Life and Wyld Life.
- Pray for our International Mission Partners.
- Pray for the Bible study at Eastern State Hospital and the residents.
- Praise God for our 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 Kayser
Catherine Tuck
Arnetta Tompkins

Patty Myott
Don Gilliland
Frances West

Dory Tuttle
Steve Gill



Sunday, April 14 | 5 PM
Palm Sunday Pancake Supper & Talent Show

Wednesday, April 17 | 6 PM
Lent Soup Supper

Thursday, April 18 | 7:30 PM
Maundy Thursday Service
Holy Trinity Chapel

Friday, April 19 | 7:30 PM
Good Friday Service
Palouse Federated Church

Sunday, April 21 | 5:45 AM
Sunrise Service
Greenwood Cemetery

Resurrection Sunday Services | 9 & 11 AM
Palouse Federated Church



APRIL SERMONS

April 07	9 & 11 AM	Jonah or Jesus: Don't I Deserve My Way?	Jonah 4:1-11
April 14	9 & 11 AM	Judas or Jesus?	Matthew 26:14-16, 20-25, 47-50; 27:1-5
April 21	9 & 11 AM	Tell Me Where He Is!	John 20:11-18
April 28	9 & 11 AM	Tim Sievers	



PULLMAN WORSHIP SERVICE

You're invited to join us for worship in Pullman at our Bishop Place Worship Service. Worship Services are at 1:30 PM in the Social Room - 815 SE Klemgard St.



APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Fellowship 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place	1 APRIL	2 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 10 AM Bible Study*	3 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6 PM Lent Soup Suppers 6:30-8:30 PM Youth Group	4 7 PM Turkey Leg Pajama Party @ Palouse Library	5 10:30 AM Story Time @ Palouse Library	6
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14 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Fellowship 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place 5 PM Pancake Supper Fundraiser and Talent Show	15 3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	16 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 10 AM Bible Study* 3:30 PM STEAM Activity @ Palouse Library 6:30 PM Cribbage Club @ Palouse Library	17 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6 PM Lent Soup Suppers 6:30-8:30 PM Youth Group	18 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday @ Holy Trinity Chapel	19 10:30 AM Story Time @ Palouse Library 7:30 PM Good Friday @ PFC	20 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Noon Easter Egg Hunt @ Palouse School Playfield
21 5:45 AM Sunrise Service @ Greenwood Cemetery 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Fellowship 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place RESURRECTION SUNDAY	22 3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	23 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 10 AM Bible Study* 3:30 PM STEAM Activity @ Palouse Library	24 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 1-2 & 4:30-6PM Food Pantry @ Calvary Chapel 6:30-8:30 PM Youth Group	25	26 10:30 AM Story Time @ Palouse Library	27 8 AM Palouse Leadership Breakfast
28 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Fellowship 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place 2-4 PM PEO Talent Show @ Palouse School Gym 6 PM Life Lessons @ PFC	29 3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	30 5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 10 AM Bible Study*	1 MAY 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6:30-8:30 PM Youth Group	2	3 10:30 AM Story Time @ Palouse Library	4 Bible studies with an * are held at PFC.

Depending on Jesus to Restore Our [Imperfect] Lives