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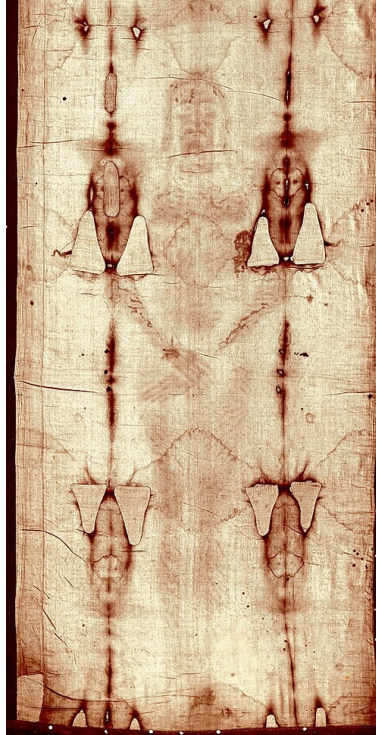
April 2026

Northwood News

Note from the Pastor

“Go to Church? Or BE the Church?” The name, Easter, is derived from a pagan holiday that Christian missionaries coopted and began to celebrate as the Day of Resurrection. In other words, as the gospel was making in-roads throughout ancient Europe, and the hearts and minds of Germanic people had devoted themselves to the goddess of fertility (her name was Eostre)—those initial church-planters told the story of a revelation even more invigorating than the onset of spring. Unfortunately, these days that dynamic becomes reversed—and we conflate the history-shattering claim of Christ’s resurrection with butterflies, white lilies, chocolate bunnies and jelly beans. Alas! And so, although I myself have enjoyed my fair share of Cadbury eggs, the only holy-day items of any significance in the four, canonical gospels are the linen wrappings and a rolled- up piece of cloth (John 20:5;11) which are left in the vacant tomb. Angelic messengers are mentioned. An indefinite number of women, (some named Mary), enter the craggy space. A stray disciple or two race back and forth. But none of them kibitz about the springtime weather. I mention all this because, although Christianity is today considered a very organized and institutionalized ‘religion’, at its origin there was a woeful lack of knickknacks, floral arrangements and other colorful paraphernalia to mark the occasion. And there was no Northwood Presbyterian Church, which is interesting... Isn’t it? The word Church in Greek is literally translated from Ekklesia—meaning Assembly—and when folks assembled in the early years, post-crucifixion/resurrection, they didn’t stay assembled for long. Instead, they dis-assembled and dispersed. They disseminated. The first followers of Jesus didn’t “go to Church”; they were Church in all the diverse places and times to which the Spirit of God had scattered and summoned them to speak, to listen and to serve in a tumultuous world. Worship—just one activity in Church—energized them to care for the most vulnerable and to confront the Roman Empire’s transactional values and enslaving customs. Decades and centuries would go by until things became more settled, systemized and sedentary. And it wouldn’t be until 1958 that a few charter members incorporated themselves on this stretch of road in north Spokane. So, what do you think? As your Interim Pastor (going on six or seven months now) I’m thinking that times have changed —and that we are once again in a condition of great flux and even chaos. Nominally-speaking, a vast majority of Americans still believe in “God” and some of them even “go to church.” But the question is—Who will be Church in the world and in this neighborhood today? I’ve been intrigued, as many of you might be, with the Shroud of Turin—a piece of cloth with the amazing image of a first-century, bruised and bloodied man. Is it Jesus? Is it a hoax, dating only back to the Middle-Ages? Does it prove that Christians are right and the rest of society ought to get on board... or else? My sense is that it doesn’t really prove Easter any more than my butterfly collection. On the other hand—if you and I were to put ourselves at risk, put our ideas and feelings and actions at risk, put our congregation’s existence at risk... that might be saying something. Something like: Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

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Session Highlights

Session Report for March 2026

At their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, the Elders prayed together for the congregation, and had the following business: -Loralee Bauer, Moderator for Pastor Scott

- Approval of transfer of \$1,000 to CD with the Synod
- Next Step Workshop(in consultation with C.O.M. rep) scheduled for March 28.
- Approval of new small group, Bowling at 2pm at Lilac Lanes
- Approval of giving money to Family Promise through their *Match Madness Program*.
- Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6pm Soup Dinner and Communion Service

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Financial Update:

February 28, 2026



Total Income:	\$14,237
Total Expenses:	\$14,980
Gain/<u>Loss</u>:	-\$743

Per Capita Income so far this year: \$640.00 – thank you!

Thanks for giving faithfully to the ministry and mission of Northwood!

The per capita for the 2026 year is \$40 and should be paid by each member of the Northwood congregation. This is the amount our congregation is charged for each member of the church

by the Presbytery of The Inland Northwest. (and General Assembly) for our congregation's yearly membership in the Presbyterian Church (USA).
-Ken Cathcart, Administration & Finance Elder

Worship & Music

Holy Week Offerings

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd - 6:00pm Soup Dinner and Communion Service in Fellowship Hall
Good Friday, April 3rd - 4:00p.m. "The Way Of The Cross"- See flyer- 4pm Gather at Salem Lutheran for a Processional or 5 pm meet at the Rotary Fountain in Riverfront Park
Easter Sunday, April 5th – 10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion

Worship Assistants for April

April 5 – Scott Robinson
April 12 –Tami Robinson
April 19 - Bill Ailes
April 26 - John Stramiello

Greeters for April

April 5 – Carol Christenson
April 12- Susan & Gerry Riddle
April 19 - Jane & Terry Nielsen
April 26 - Gayle & Mike Fetcho

****Easter flower orders are due into the office by March 31st!!!!**



THE WAY OF THE CROSS
A SPOKANE PILGRIMAGE



PROCESSION FROM
SALEM LUTHERAN
1428 W Broadway
4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC WITNESS
ROTARY FOUNTAIN
5:00-6:00 P.M.



ALL ARE WELCOME, RSVP AT [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/GOODFRIDAYSPO](https://tinyurl.com/GoodFridaySPO)

**The first Christians refused to ignore Christ's suffering.
We see Christ in our immigrant neighbors.
We will not ignore their suffering now.**

Christian Education

Small Group Study on Mondays – 12:30pm

The Adult Small Group Bible Study continues to meet on Mondays at 12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. The Study material is from 'Mark For Everyone' by, N.T. Wright. -Rod Christenson, Elder

Mission & Outreach

One Great Hour of Sharing - Easter Offering

On Sunday, April 5, we will be receiving your offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing. For more than 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has connected us in God's healing, tending, and growing to create a world where all needs are met. One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in more than 100 countries. 100% of all funds given is sent to Presbyterian Mission Agency and is used as follows: 36% Presbyterian Hunger Program, 32% Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and 32% Self-Development of People. The back of your insert, which begins April 6, gives you three ways you can give a gift. Let's be there to help support those who need us now! Thank you for your generous support of One Great Hour of Sharing.

Family Promise= Match Madness

The updated Mission & Outreach bulletin Board highlights Family Promise's Match Madness which coincides with the college basketball March Madness. This campaign continues to April 10th. Please donate to the following site <https://www.familypromise> or send a check to Family Promise of Spokane, 2002 E. Mission, Spokane, WA 99202. In person (at Church) you may download the QR code located on the bulletin board and give electronically. Thank you for your participation.
-Elder, Jane Nielsen Mission & Outreach

Fellowship

April's Fun Friday is April 24th at 6:00 p.m. we will have a potluck and then our program starts after dinner and this month's presentation is on Alzheimer's from Sean Jonz. Please find a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.
-Sharon Cathcart, Fellowship, Elder

Bowling is a new small group! We gather at Lilac Lanes Bowling Alley at 2 p.m. on Thursday's. The cost is \$10 and this includes shoe rental and 2 games. The address is 1112 E. Magnesium Road. Any questions contact Robin Johnson.

Whitworth Auxiliary Annual Spring Tea and Style Show @ St Luke Lutheran, 9704 N Division - Tuesday, April 28th at 1:00-3:00pm, Doors open at 12:30pm. The theme is "Behold, I am Making All Things New". Clothes by Chico's and their will be raffles, fun and fellowship. Please see Cathy Bowers for tickets, as there is no fee.



April 17 John Stramiello

April 20 Diane Monteith

April 26 Teddie Bell

April 28 Cathy Brown

Community News

All Community Hymn Sing

Sunday, April 19 @ 6:00 p.m.

Spokane First Nazarene Church

9004 N. Country Homes Blvd.



Join us Easter Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Northwood Presbyterian Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Scott Kinder-Pyle

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-2:00p.m.



Wednesday – April 1

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Maundy Thursday – April 2

2:00 pm Bowling at Lilac Lanes
6:00 pm Soup Dinner with Communion

Good Friday – April 3

The Way To The Cross Procession, 4pm
from Salem Lutheran or gather @ 5pm At
Rotary Fountain in Riverfront Park

Easter Sunday- April 5

10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion
Scott Robinson, Worship Assistant

Monday – April 6

12:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study group

Wednesday – April 8

12:30 p.m. Admin. & Finance Meeting
6:00 p.m. Bell Practice
7:00 p.m. Vocal Choir Practice

Thursday – April 9

2:00 p.m. Bowling at Lilac Lanes

2nd Sunday of Easter – April 12

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Tami
Robinson, Worship Assistant

Monday – April 13

Meals on Wheels
12:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study group

Tuesday – April 14

7:00 p.m. Committees

Wednesday – April 15

Meals on Wheels
6:00 p.m. Bell Practice
7:00 p.m. Vocal Choir Practice

Thursday – April 16

Meals on Wheels

2:00 pm Bowling at Lilac Lanes

Friday-April 17

Meals on Wheels

3rd Sunday of Easter- April 19

10:30 a.m. Worship- Bill Ailes, Worship
Assistant

6:00 p.m. Hymn Sing @ Spokane Church
Nazarene

Monday – April 20

12:30 pm Adult Bible Study group

Tuesday – April 21

7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday – April 22

6:00 p.m. Bell Practice
7:00 p.m. Vocal Choir Practice

Thursday – April 23

2:00 pm Bowling group @ Lilac Lanes

Friday – April 24

6:00 pm Fun Friday potluck and program

4th Sunday of Easter – April 26

10:30 a.m. Worship, John Stramiello,
Worship Assistant

Monday – April 27

12:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study group

Tuesday - April 28

1:00 p.m. Tea & Style Show @ St Luke

Wednesday – April 29

6:00 p.m. Bell practice
7:00 p.m. Vocal Choir practice

Thursday – April 30

2:00 p.m. Bowling group @ Lilac Lanes

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