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XPLOR Report

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It's been several months since I first came to the city of Spokane, Washington and it's a very surreal feeling. It's hard for me to believe it's already been this long when the time I've spent here seems so short. I also look back and I can't believe how quickly this all came together. Truth be told, if someone told me back in July of this year that roughly a month and half after I first learned about XPLOR I would be in Spokane, I wouldn't have believed them.

Coming to Spokane was a major transition for me. This is the first time that I've ever lived this far from home. When I was in college at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, I only lived about a half hour away from home. Also, it's a very different world here. The arterial streets have taken some major getting used to. The weather here seems crazy to me as there was a literal snowfall in September, and the sun now sinks completely below the horizon by 4:30 p.m. every evening.

Despite some of the difficulties I faced with the transition of coming to the city of Spokane, I can say with complete confidence that coming here was one of the best decisions I've ever made. For one thing, the natural beauty that surrounds this city is enough to take anyone's breath away. Also, I've enjoyed exploring some of the local areas including the gorgeous city of Coeur d'Alene and the beautiful lake that surrounds it. I have also been enjoying my internship placement here in Spokane. I've been working at several places run by the organization Transitions



Prayer Concerns

- Continued prayers for Kellyn Kohler and his family.
- Prayers for the refugees at the border.
- Prayers for the Kurdish people.
- Prayers for the Hong Kong protestors.

Joys

- NHCC is now part of the new Northern Lights Region.

Financial News

December Financial Information

Income

December	\$12,808
YTD	\$134,257
YTD Budget	\$133,024

Expense

December	\$10,582
YTD	\$145,422
YTD Budget	\$156,646

YTD General Offering was almost \$2,000 above budget.

Birthdays

None for January

Anniversaries

None for January

which includes the New Leaf Bakery & Café, along with the Women's Hearth. At the bakery and café, I help with the job training programs that are offered at those locations, and at the Hearth I've been helping the staff run things behind the scenes by organizing donations and assisting with their weekly food bank.

Along with all the experiences I've had here in Spokane, another thing that makes me so glad I came here is looking back and seeing just how much in this short three months I've grown in faith and as a person. For one thing, my time here so far has taught me the true power of gratitude and how much being grateful for every little thing you have can elevate your life. Also, I've learned how much exuding positivity can brighten not only my life, but the lives of others around me. It's been such a life changing experience to see some of the

Flurries from Chris

As I write this, it is still 2019 and I am looking forward into the new year, with hopes and expectations of what lay before us. I am reminded of the imagery that was brought forth during the Christmas Eve service. As we remembered, re-heard, and celebrated the birth of Jesus, we watched as the Light slowly grew within the sanctuary before coming to each one of us. We heard the story anew, and as we made our way through the service we became a part of the story. We each had our own roles to play, and were each changed by our savior entering into the world and our lives.

As we each received the light of the Christ candle into our own hands, we were given the charge to take that light out into the world and let it shine. It is easy to let the light shine each Sunday in worship, but it is much harder to do so in the world, where we face many expectations and challenges. We may face storms that seek to blow out our light. There may be those that want us to hide the light that we hold within us so that they may be left unchanged. Yet, we are called to be bearers of the light that has been passed on to us.

As we enter into the New Year shortly after a weekend of violence in places of worship, I am ever mindful of the importance of the light that we hold onto. I am reminded of the imagery that arises out of the "Lord of the Rings" books and movies regarding the light of Eärendil, that was to be a light to Frodo in the dark places, when all other lights go out. A light that remained a guide and provided security even in the dark places of Mordor.

individuals I've been working with and learning from their example of always showing love and positivity. Also, I've grown in faith on my Sabbath time on Fridays by learning about the origins of the Bible and learning about the interesting processes of exegesis and eisegesis and understanding the books of the Bible in a different set of contexts.

When I first moved here, I wasn't sure, but I can say with certainty now that my learning about XPLOR and coming here was a God moment. This move has allowed me to grow in so many ways, and this is only the beginning. I still have another seven months before the program ends and I look forward to seeing what God and this program have in store for me later down the road.

The light of Christ is even stronger. It is one that as we nurture it and tend to it, it will not only give us hope and encouragement through the darkest valleys, it will do so as well for all those who are touched by it. Let us be bearers of the light, so that we may bring forth God's promises for the world, providing hope for the hopeless, rescue for the lost and oppressed, provide peace to those in struggle, and most of all love to a world in need of healing.

Peace in Christ,

Chris Snow

Homemade Soup Luncheon

by Janie Selley

You are invited to participate in fun, fellowship and food after worship on **Sunday, January 26th**. We will be attempting to beat the cold weather by having hot, homemade soups provided by congregational members.

Help us enjoy the annual, warming and tasty event by sharing lunch with us in Hazen Hall.

Questions? Call Janie at 468-3713.

Citizenship Class

by Sarita McReynolds

The citizenship class will reconvene on January 9, 2020. They could use one more teacher. If you are interested, please contact Sarita at 509-863-9377.

January

2020

December

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February

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			Northern Lights Region comes into being!!!			
5 Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour after worship	6 Monday morning work crew 9 AM	7 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 AM	8 Choir Practice 6:30 PM	9 Citizenship Class 6PM	10 De-decorating the church 10AM-12PM Game Day 12-3 PM	11
12 Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour after worship Board Meeting	13 Monday morning work crew 9 AM	14 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 AM	15 Choir Practice 6:30 PM	16 Citizenship Class 6PM	17 Newsletter Article Deadline	18 Att. Adj. Potluck 4-8PM Hazen Hall
19 Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour after worship	20 Martin Luther King Jr. day (March and Rally)	21 Monday morning work crew 9 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 AM	22 Choir Practice 6:30 PM	23 Citizenship Class 6PM	24	25
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January 2020 --- Serving Schedules

	Jan. 5	Jan. 12	Jan. 19	Jan. 26
Coffee Hour	Deranleau	Luher/Morris	Jennison	Soup Lunch
Count	Natasha Carter Arlene Pandelis	Bob Tibbetts Sally Deranleau	Linda Alexander Vivian Knapp	Sheila McCrea Madaline Luher
Diaconate	Don Morgan* Arlene Pandelis	Linda Alexander* Michele Fleck	Sally Deranleau* Nathan Burford	Karl Kohler* Patty Morris
Elder	Janie Selley	Madaline Luher	Dan Stewart	Sheila McCrea
Greeter				
Lay Leader	Dan Stewart	Rachel Shomali	Debbie Jennison	Tristan Cole
Power Point	Liz Kohler	Debbie Jennison	Jenn Snow	Cat Borquin
Sound	Bill Jennison	Tristan Cole	Liz Kohler	Nathan Burford
Monday Work Crew	Bob Hooker	Don Morgan	Bob Burkhead	Chris Snow