

SPOKANE WORD

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August

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Sunday Schedule:

Unprogrammed Worship
8:45
Education Hour 9:30
Meeting for worship
10:45

August brings to mind Jesus' transfiguration and that select group of followers especially chosen to witness it. One of those three is James. He was one of the first disciples of Jesus, a son of Zebedee and Salome and brother to John. To distinguish him from another disciple named James, (the son of Alphaeus,) later church voices call him James the Greater or James the Elder. In the book of Acts we are told that James was beheaded by Agrippa I. Most likely it was his mother's request of Jesus that her sons be named to the most important positions in his coming Kingdom that allowed political and civil intrigue bring James back to the attention of people schooled in the church as a tool for control.

The English name "James" comes from the Italian "Giacomo", a variant derived from Iacobus or Jacob in Latin. In western Iberia it became "Iago" from the Hebrew Ya'akov, which when prefixed with "Saint" became "Santiago". So it is a matter of some interest that the relics (earthly remains) of St James are venerated in what is considered the third most revered places in all Christendom, the church of Santiago de Compostella in Spain. There is a tradition that St James appeared at the battle of Clavijo in the year 844 and assisted the Christian army to defeat the much greater Muslim forces of the Emir of Córdoba. Artistic representations of St James show him on a white charger and quite cheerfully wielding a sword and hacking down the enemies of Spain, earning him his title as *Santiago Matamoros* — the Moor-slayer. Cervantes has Don Quixote say: "St. James the Moorslayer, one of the most valiant saints and knights the world ever had...has been given by God to Spain for its patron and protection."

Beginning in 1478, intent on forcing conversion to Christianity on Muslims and Jews alike, the fires of the *auto da fé* were kindled by the sheer brutality of the Spanish Inquisition. In the 1540s its fires were turned on Protestants. It wasn't suppressed until 1834. The sinister power of Spain's Inquisition haunted the literary imagination long before it became a piece of ridicule in Monty Python sketches. Perhaps Dostoevsky, most famously, explores the themes of freedom and faith in his novel, *The Brothers Karamazov*, where we find Ivan Karamazov's imagined poem, "The Grand Inquisitor".

The poem was set in 16th century Seville. Jesus has returned to earth, and walks the hot streets of the dusty city in which the fires of the *autos-da-fé* burn each day. He is silent, but recognized. People flock to him, and on the steps of Seville Cathedral he raises a little girl out of her coffin, using familiar words of the Gospel: "*Talitha cum*" — "Little girl, get up."

At this moment, the Grand Inquisitor walks across the square opposite the Cathedral. He is a gaunt figure, dressed not in the red finery of a cardinal of the church but in the austere habit of his monastic order. He orders the immediate arrest and imprisonment of Jesus. The guards follow the instruction, and the rest of the poem imagines an encounter, late at night, between prisoner and Inquisitor.

It is a chilling monologue, in which Jesus never speaks. The Inquisitor turns out to be an agent of the terrible, wise spirit of self-destruction whom Jesus had originally met in the desert: the devil. He displays all the wisdom of the world that understands control and how to make people do things. This double agent sees with rapier clarity all the systemic flaws in the divine plan that hungers for the response of freely given love.

The Inquisitor understands that Jesus is dangerous because his gospel subverts the processes of control. Jesus had condemned signs that satisfy the crowds; it is "an evil and adulterous generation" that demands them (Matthew 16.4). Divine love is not regulated; nor can the human response of love be compelled: this freedom is the mark of our dignity, and is God's gift.

By contrast, the Inquisitor will manipulate "acts of faith" in the certainty that control can deliver happiness: "Man is born a rebel, and can rebels be happy?" he asks.

St James the Great, the *Matamoros* in Spanish myth and legend, represents for us a struggle between control and freedom. Matthew presents Salome, James's mother, as the person who comes to Jesus in search of control over the future — a privileged place at the table. The response from Jesus is characteristically elusive and challenging. Jesus doesn't reply to the mother of the brothers; his response is addressed to them, to James and John: "You do not know what you are asking." The brothers want control of the future. Christian discipleship requires risk; the brothers want a guarantee of the rewards.

In contrast to St James's historical reputation, his shrine at Compostella is best known today as a place of pilgrimage. People from many different backgrounds walk the ancient pilgrimage road. For most, this is a new pattern of travel and of learning. It calls for patience and humility, for the acceptance of hospitality from others, and the giving of welcome

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and respect to strangers. Whatever the invocations of St James have been in the past, today they take us to the heart of the Gospel. Those who seek to become pilgrims, the symbol of Christian identity, can learn along its way the virtues of service and freedom — authentic rebellion against the deadly control of the world's values.

Spokane Friends Summer Family Weekend

Where: Twin Lakes Camp north of Rathdrum Idaho (map available on web at <http://twinlakesfriendscamp.org/>)



When: August 20 – 22, Friday evening to Sunday afternoon

Bring: bedding/sleeping bag, swim suit, sunscreen, games, flashlight, towels, bug repellent, and any personal items you will need. (You may also enjoy bringing your kayak, sailboard, craft supplies, guitar, etc.)

Program will include a movie (Amazing Grace) on Friday evening (soup and bread will be provided), worship Saturday and Sunday mornings, time for swimming and crafts on Saturday, and a presentation by Judy Maurer on Saturday evening. After Judy's presentation, we will have either music or show the movie "Basket".

Amber will bring materials to begin the Spokane Friends Family Album, so bring personal family photos to include (and craft supplies to share).

Please sign up on the list in the church foyer or call the church office to reserve your space! Information



Spokane Friends Family Album Project

Imagine a family photo album for Spokane Friends. An album that is as diverse, interesting, and creative as the people who make up our meeting! An album that records our history AND updates itself. The only way to do that is to ALL contribute by making our own family page!

Why? Through this album we can get to know each other better, see the faces of the people we pray for, look back to remember, or even check the photo's to figure out someone's name.

Ideas for what to include: Photos that tell about you and your life: a photo of your immediate family, your extended family, a loved one far away, pets, car, work, favorite sport or activity, and a flag or map showing your family heritage.

Tools and supplies to bring: Creative Memories, Stampin' Up and other photo album and card making tools, such a fancy scissors, stamps, national flags, maps, ribbon, archival pens and glue.

Who should make a page? Everyone who participates at Spokane Friends! Kids can make their own page! (If you don't like to do crafts, bring photos anyway and we will find a volunteer to create a page for you!)

When and How? This will be an ongoing album, so folks can add, delete and update their pages as life changes and new folks join us. We will decide on the size and format of the album at the Twin Lakes Weekend. The album will have many extra blank pages for folks to work on at home.

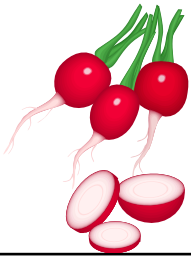
We will "kick off" this album at the **Summer Family Weekend at Twin Lakes, August 20 – 22**. Remember to bring a few family photos, and craft supplies to share!

Contact Amber with questions, advice, and offers of tools and materials.

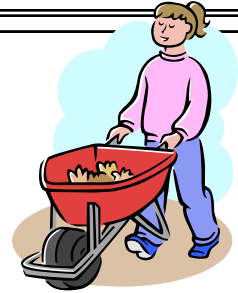
FOOD BANK



August 15 is the scheduled monthly meeting as well as food bank Sunday. Please remember to bring your donations for the food bank and place them in the containers in the foyer.



The Gardening Group meets weekly at Charlene and Jonas'. We would love to have you join our group on Thursday at 6:00 PM for dinner and gardening. Various types of lettuce and radishes are ready to pick! Charlene's contact number is 509-



Report on Youth Ministry, Second Quarter 2010 (April, May, June)

During this quarter, our Children's Meeting experienced some changes as Sarah Peterson stepped down as Youth Worker and Camila Flowers stepped in as Interim Youth Worker until the end of August.

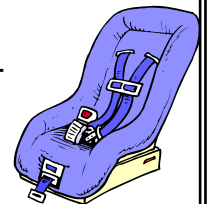
In April, Jeanette Eaton started up Kid's Club again on Wednesday nights. Camila provided support to the group. The night that Kid's Club started up, they roasted hot dogs in a fire pit. The following weeks, the group learned about parables. Specific lessons included Isaac and Ishmael, the Good Samaritan, and the Parable of the Sower and the Wheat and Weeds. Each week, 2 or 3 boys attended, all between the ages of 10-12.

In May, Children's Meeting and Kid's Club continued learning about various parables. Children's Meeting learned the difference between Old and New Testament, the Gospels, and Parables. Parables reviewed specifically were the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant and the Laborers in the Vineyard. After the lesson, we do a game or craft. Kid's Group talked about the Parable of Two Brothers and had a planting theme as we painted flower pots for Mother's Day and the 3 Parables about the Kingdom of God. Jeanette and Lois took 3 youth to an IMAX show. Youth also had an evening where they could do a craft and ask any questions about God, the Bible, or Quakerism. Kid's Club continued to have 3-4 youth in attendance each week, while Children's Meeting has had no more than 2 youth.

In June, Kid's Club wound down for the summer. Youth participating in Kid's Club expressed that they wanted to continue meeting regularly. Camila will continue meeting fairly regularly, although Jeanette will not be available. Camila's husband Scott will assist her. Children's Meeting began using the Peace Trunk materials in mid-June. Kid's Club has had 3-5 youth in attendance each week, while Children's Meeting has had about 2 youth participating each week.



The church has 2 car seats that can be borrowed by anyone in the meeting. Perhaps you have a young person visiting or you need a children's seat for a longer time. Let the office know if you need to borrow one of these.



From the July Business Meeting

In July's monthly meeting, we discussed the following items:

- We've had ongoing consideration of how to share information within our church community about the discussions and decisions at business meeting. Within the next 3 months, Leann Williams is going to call together a meeting of all committee clerks, along with anyone else who is interested, to discuss how we communicate as a meeting.
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- In preparation for NWYM Annual Sessions (July 25-29), Nick Block shared items of yearly meeting business for discussion, including boards' proposed 2011 ministry plans, and revisions to NWYM's Faith and Practice, the document that defines our yearly meeting's organization and processes. Representatives to NWYM (Bruce Williams and Martha Puckett) were charged with bringing home more information, particularly about revisions to Faith and Practice, so we can discuss it at the next business meeting. Comments or questions that can't be addressed at business meeting should be brought to Leann Williams.
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- Linda Nixon was approved to serve on the Elders committee for a 3 year term and Lois Kieffaber is to serve another year. Jonas Cox was approved to serve as a Trustee on the Stewardship and Trustees committee for a 3 year term.
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- The Stewards and Trustees committee has arranged to have railings, roof trim, and several exterior doors of the meetinghouse painted. They will also arrange repairs or replacement of the basketball hoop in the back.
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This is a summary of July's meeting and is not an official report. The minutes from July's meeting will be read, corrected if needed, and approved at the next business meeting, and this corrected and approved version is the official record of the meeting.

Hello Caritas friends,

It's still July but we at Caritas have thoughts of kids returning to school and we plan to provide school supplies to those in need in Northwest Spokane. Thanks to collections taken at a couple Vacation Bible Schools, our Back to School Project has a head start on donations. Here is a list items we still need to ensure our clients children have everything they need for school:

Backpacks
3 ring binders
Folders
ruled College paper
Wide ruled paper
Spiral Notebooks- wide ruled
Spiral notebooks- college ruled

Art/Pencil Boxes
Composition books
Colored pencils
Pens
Purple Pens
Scissors
Rulers



This month's list of food bank needs is short:

Jam/jelly
Syrup

We are also searching for a volunteer (or a couple) who would like to deliver bread donations from Yokes on Indian Trail to Caritas every other Thursday. This is easy but involves some lifting. If interested in joining the Caritas team of volunteers, please call Sue at 326-2249.

As always, many thanks for sharing this with your congregation and for your continuing support of this ministry.. Summer blessings,

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Barclay book study	2 3. Gideon Meal Peace with Justice	4 Music	5 TOPS	6	7. NAMI 10:30 <i>Damien & Sheera Cunningham</i>	
8 Barclay book study <i>Lois Keiffaber</i>	9 Education commit- tee	10 Elders 6:30	11 Music Kid's club	12 TOPS Trustee/Stewards	13	14
15 Barclay book study Monthly meeting/ potluck <i>Shaura Larson</i>	16	17 <i>Bob Vaughn</i>	18 Music Kid's club <i>Elizabeth Fritsch</i>	19 TOPS	20 <i>Linda Nixon Jonas & Charlene Cox Twin Lakes Camp</i>	21 Interfaith pancake breakfast 
22 Twin Lakes Camp 	23	24	25 Music <i>Scott Flowers</i>	26 TOPS <i>Anna Lee Foster</i>	27	28 <i>Kevin Eaton Jeremy & Summer Cushman</i>
29	30	31 <i>John & Gwen Innes</i>			* birthdays and anniversaries	

WINTER MEETING

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- * Nick Block as he deals with an injured knee.
- * Milt Asher's mother who has suffered a stroke.
- * Sue Keenan's mother as she continues her treatment for lung cancer..
- * Becky William 's mother, Gloria Juarez & her father, Henry, as they each recover from cancer surgeries.
- * Dwaine William's brother, as he continues his battle with lymphoma.
- * Jeannette & Kevin Eaton as she continues treatment for lymphoma
- * Johan & Judy Mahrer request for a visa so they can continue teaching.
- * Bruce & Leann Williams' new reconciliation ministry.
- * Those in our meeting who are in search of employment.
- * All of the unspoken prayers and concerns.
- * For our Meeting as we seek God's will in areas of our life together.
- * We pray for the safety of Josh, Joel, Scott, Rich, Chris & Eddie, friends and loved ones of families in the Meeting, as they are in military service.
- * We pray that the leaders of countries at war, including our own, will seek just and non-violent ways to resolve conflict,

