



The Messenger

Winter 2018

Thank you to our Member Churches

- American Lutheran Church, Kellogg
- American Lutheran Church, Newport
- Calvary Lutheran Church
- Christ the King Lutheran Church
- Community United Methodist Church
- First Lutheran Church, Sandpoint
- First Lutheran Church, Spirit Lake
- First Presbyterian Church
- Lake City Community Church
- Lutheran Church of the Master
- Peace Lutheran Church
- Our Savior Lutheran Church, Pinehurst
- Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
- St. George's Catholic Church
- St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- St. Pius X Catholic Church
- St. Thomas Catholic Church
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Coeur d'Alene
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Bonners Ferry

Save The Dates

March 10

PEACE Workshop (First Presbyterian Church, CDA)

March 24

Garden Tea (Fundraiser for the Garden)

April 5

Annual Meeting of Corporate Churches

July 13

Family & Resident Butterfly Event

August 2

Butterflies & Memories Fundraiser



The Greatest Gift is Faith

Growing up in Edmonton Alberta Canada Jean (Milne) Smart has many fond memories. One of her favorite memories was running home from school as fast as she could to be able to take her toboggan with her sister, family dog and friends and sled down two gigantic hills and landing across the lake that would be frozen over. The best part would be their dog would grab the toboggan ropes and pull all the children up the hill!

After graduating high school, Jean studied to become a Registered Nurse at the University of Alberta. After receiving her Bachelors degree she had the opportunity to receive her Masters at Wayne University in Detroit, Michigan. She was quite nervous about the trip and prayed she was making the right decision. After a long three day train ride, one of Jean's friend's arranged for their brother to pick her up at the train station and take her to the university. After getting off the train, Jean was clueless what the brother looked like until someone



tapped her on the shoulder and said, "Are you Jean Milne?" Jean turned and saw the most handsome fellow. His name was Harold Smart. Jean and Harold married on July 4, 1954.

By Amy Boni
Director of Development



Shortly after marrying, Jean and her husband were offered positions at the prestigious Cranbrook Schools just outside of Detroit. Jean worked as the school nurse and Harold as the Director of Arts for over 40 years! During their summers, they also ran the Lookout Camp in Lost Trail, Montana. The camp started off as an all boys camp but eventually Jean was asked if she would be willing to start a girls camp. Twenty five girls arrived the very next summer. Those summers were filled with hiking, camping, fishing, swimming, laughter and love. After many years of running the summer camp and working at Cranbrook, Jean and Harold retired and moved west to Coeur d'Alene to be closer to their three sons and their families.

They built a house in Dalton Gardens and lived there for over 20 years. Being the social butterflies that they were, every year they held a block party for their entire street. They also had a passion for volunteering and worked with Habitat for Humanity for many years. When building the homes wasn't an option anymore, Jean and Harold brought lunch to all the volunteers every Saturday out at the building sites. Jean was also a Master Gardener and volunteered her expertise to Habitat by creating beautiful landscaping for the Habitat neighborhoods.

Jean moved to Orchard Ridge one year ago after the passing of her beloved Harold. "The hardest day was coming into a place by myself without Harold."

But soon Jean engaged herself into every activity available and she knew the more activities she did, the more people she would get to know, and the more friends she would make.

Jean's deep faith has guided and comforted her through her long life. Her faith was a special gift given to her by her mother and father. When life's difficult decisions need to be made, Jean asks the Lord to lead her in the direction she is meant to go. He has given Jean a wonderful life! From a 60 year loving marriage, 3 sons, 6 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and positive outlook. Jean hasn't wasted a second!

One small example of Jean not wasting a moment; At 38 years old, 5 months pregnant with her last child she decided to do a 100 mile hike in 10 days! The only stipulation her doctor had was she had to be able to get in contact with a flying service just in case something happened. Not so surprising, she had a way to contact air support. "The Lord blessed us with healthy bodies, we have to use them!" YOU are a true inspiration Jean!




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A Message from our Executive Director Ann Johnson

Ninety-seven years ago, a loaf of bread cost 10 cents, Einstein won the Nobel Prize, gas was 11 cents a gallon and Coeur d'Alene Homes opened our doors to our first senior residents. Many things have changed, even our name, but one thing remains constant, we continue to open our doors to those seeking compassionate Christian care for their loved ones. We are STILL community owned, we are STILL church sponsored, we are STILL the only non-profit faith based assisted living home in the area.

Through the decades we have learned quite a bit about keeping older adults happy, healthy and in a safe home. We don't see anything changing except growing our campus so in the end we can help MORE residents who have depleted their finances. Without your help, Orchard Ridge would not be able to welcome those low income residents. We thank you and are grateful to be part of a such a STRONG community.

"He has made EVERYTHING beautiful in its time"

~ Ecclesiastes 3:11

Honor Your Love One throughout Spring & Summer

The flowers we plant in the spring are a beautiful reminder that God's Grace is everywhere! After a long winter, our residents look forward to going outside to enjoy the warm & bright sunshine and the beautiful landscape.

A donation of \$30 helps us purchase the flowers we plant in both the Serenity and Terrace gardens. We would commemorate your donation with a lovely marker with your loved ones' name on it displayed all through the summer months.

**Simply use the enclosed remittance envelope,
mark Tribute Gift with the name of the
person you wish to honor.**



Tribute Gifts

Giving a gift in honor of a loved one is a truly special way to pay tribute to your loved one. Thank you to our friends who honored their special someone through a Tribute Gift in 2017.

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By Holly Johnson
Community Relations Director



We are so happy to be partnering with our member churches to present the PEACE (Professionals Easing Aging Concerns through Education) workshops to their members! A while back we met with pastors of our member churches and asked them how Orchard Ridge could assist them. Through much discussion it became evident they were feeling the need for more education about aging issues to share with their parishioners. This workshop was created as a gift to our member churches.

have personally seen how people have valued the information and it has given them peace of mind to gain the knowledge shared during the



PEACE is a 5 hour, information packed opportunity! The panelists are very knowledgeable in their field and are passionate about sharing information with those who are looking for it. We

workshop. We have had a wide variety of people who attend: elderly looking for personal information, children helping to care for their parents, those

in senior ministry or lines of work that want to help others, caregivers, etc.

- PEACE covers 4 pillars:
1. Navigating the Journey (Strategies for Successful Aging)
 2. Accepting our Season of Life (Levels of Care & Managing Transitions)
 3. Preparing for the Future (Making informed Legal & Financial Decisions)
 4. Encouragement & Support (Holistic Approaches to Care)

Our first workshop this year is scheduled at First Presbyterian Church on March 10 from 9am-2pm and we are working on scheduling two more this spring! If you are interested in attending, please call Susan at (208)664-8119 to sign up.

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