



Merry CHRISTMAS

FROM THE SCHWEITZER CHAPEL

My feet dangled off the pew while snow slowly dropped off my ski boots in clumps onto the floor. It was hard not to doze off. The warmth of my ski parka and the soothing words of the pastor made me both tired and peaceful. I laid my head on my Dad's steady shoulder, his ski sweater scratchy. I loved hearing his deep bass voice singing the familiar hymns, even if a bit off key.

I'm not sure how many times this scenario repeated, but it is a memory burned deep in my childhood. To this day when I open the door to the Schweitzer Chapel the smell takes me right back to those formative years spent in that pew. Even the sound of ski boots climbing the familiar stairs is like a comforting warm blanket in the middle of winter to my spirit.

The Schweitzer Chapel is special. It joins a one of a kind mountain environment with nourishment for the soul, a combination that creates lasting impact. More than ever our world is in need of these sacred spaces where people can hear from God, turn down digital input, and turn up abundant life.

Even during COVID19 the Schweitzer Chapel will (tentatively) continue to host weekend services starting in January. We are hoping to be able to open the full retreat center to churches and youth groups in 2021 as regulations and wisdom permits.

Though we will not be able to host Christmas Eve services this year, we are hosting an outdoor candle lighting at the Chapel that night. Join us in praying for the peace, health, and unity of our broken world.

We would be so grateful if you would consider partnering with the Chapel this year with a donation. Your contributions help us maintain our vision for providing a safe space for adults and youth to come ski or snowboard, enjoy the outdoors, and spend time in fellowship and worship.

May 2021 bring renewal and deeper faith as we all continue to fix our eyes on Jesus – the author and perfecter of our faith.



Krista Gilbert, Schweitzer Chapel Fan & Board Member

"SO SINCE WE STAND SURROUNDED BY ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE, AN ENORMOUS CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US DROP EVERY EXTRA WEIGHT, EVERY SIN THAT CLINGS TO US AND SLACKENS OUR PACE, AND LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE THE LONG RACE SET BEFORE US.

NOW STAY FOCUSED ON JESUS, WHO DESIGNED AND PERFECTED OUR FAITH. HE ENDURED THE CROSS AND IGNORED THE SHAME OF THAT DEATH BECAUSE HE FOCUSED ON THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM; AND NOW HE IS SEATED BESIDE GOD ON THE THRONE, A PLACE OF HONOR."

-HEBREWS 12:1-2 (THE VOICE)





HOW TO DONATE



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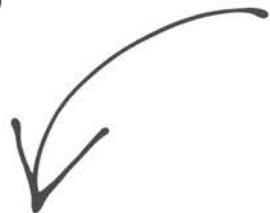
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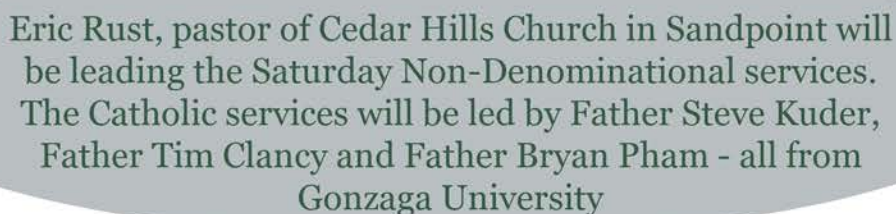


Regular Services are
tentatively **OPEN**
at the chapel beginning
January 2nd

(check website for updates)

Non-Denominational Service 3:30pm

Catholic Service 4:30pm



Eric Rust, pastor of Cedar Hills Church in Sandpoint will be leading the Saturday Non-Denominational services. The Catholic services will be led by Father Steve Kuder, Father Tim Clancy and Father Bryan Pham - all from Gonzaga University



CHRISTMAS
EVE
SERVICES
ARE
CANCELED

COME LIGHT A CANDLE OUTSIDE
INSTEAD. DETAILS OF CANDLE
LIGHTING ON LAST PAGE.



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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

4:30-5:30pm with Live Music!

On Christmas Eve, in place of a service, we will be lighting candles symbolizing the light of Christ that overcomes darkness. We will place these candles in the snow in front of the chapel. Please feel free to come with your family, light the provided candles, and say a prayer or sing a Christmas carol. Music & candles will be provided.

May we proclaim the hope of Christ together
in a new way this year!

