



Paliggensia. It's not a prehistoric era. At least, I don't think it is. "Paliggensia" is one of the powerful Greek New Testament words translated as "renewal." Within that prehistoric sounding word we have the roots of a title of a book within the Bible – *Genesis* or "beginnings" - alongside a word often interpreted as "again", together translated as a word for **renewal**.

Maybe that's one of our greatest hopes for today, renewal - within us, within families and congregations, within this nation and every nation. A renewal of spirit within as family struggles weigh heavy. A renewal of love, learning, and growing amidst what can be radically different viewpoints. A renewal of hope that springs into even the smallest yet mighty act of kindness.

And within these three Scriptures below we have another word for renewal springing forth from words for "completing a process" and "making fresh".

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing** of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

"So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being **renewed** day by day." (2 Corinthians 4:16)

"...and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being **renewed** in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that **renewal** there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!" (Colossians 3:10-11)

May the renewing way of life of Jesus that actively flows with grace, generosity, and humility give you new life in worship and service of God. What's a renewing step you can take for you today?

How amazing is it that the Creator of the Universe desires to reach you with renewal and enlist us in Christ's renewing way of life in the world. Thank you for being a community together growing and sharing in the renewing way!

Let us worship God!  
 Grace and courage,  
 Ryan



## Life Beyond Adulthood

How to make the last chapter of your life the best chapter of all.

### Pioneer Sunday School Class - Room 101

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Sundays - July 21, & 28

Ron Ross, teacher

**July 21: Harvesting Life** – How can we awaken dormant corners of the brain? How can we recall knowledge, remember events, and access the storehouse of wisdom we've learned? How to invest our wisdom, faith, and values into the hearts and minds of our children and grandchildren.

**July 28: The Last Best Chapter** – How to deal with the weakening of body, mind, and spirit. The last and greatest challenge of life.

**BRING YOUR BIBLE: It says a lot about aging.**

The Starfish Ministry Team would like to thank ALL of you for your school supply donations and your monetary dollars that will help us to do even more incredible things with the supplies that will be purchased. We have exceeded our goal of sponsoring 35 students because of you!

We are currently in need of food supplies to replenish our shelves. We can use anything from hygiene products to food items; toilet tissue, toothpaste, cereal, soup, tuna, stuffing mix, vienna sausages, canned vegetables (no green beans, corn or chili), spam, canned fruit, hamburger helper, laundry soap, dish soap.



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# Vacation Bible School

## July - 2024

On Monday, July 8, and Wednesday, July 10, children attended SonTreasure Island VBS program. A great time was had by all! A big thank you to our pirates, Jack Garcia and Pastor Ryan as well as all those who came and participated in the events of each evening and those who donated snacks. We could not have done it without you!



**Please pray for the following individuals:**

Jane Williams, Ann Meyers, Barbara Moran, Betty Sue Foster, Tatum Turpin, Sandra Hess, Beth Bailey, Sharon Glover, Keith Adcock, Maria Keller, Dan Keenan, Dorothy Cantrell, Ron Sproatt, and Carol Palmer.

If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact the church office.



There will be a wonderful music event here next month with Ryan Luttrull and Melanie Baker!!

Sunday, August 25, at 4:00 p.m.  
Recital: Ryan Luttrull, horn; Melanie Baker, piano

Admission is free and open to the public.



# 2024 Mission Trip

