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Us with God and
one another

July 1, 2012

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Sunday Morning Services:

8:30 Traditional Service

9:50 Sunday School for all ages

10:45 Contemporary Service

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By the 15th of each month.



**First Christian Church of Loveland
invites children to
SKY:EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE
WITH GOD (Mark 10:27)**

A summer kids' event called Sky will be hosted at First Christian Church at 2000 N Lincoln from **July 23rd** to **July 27th**. At Sky, faith and imagination soar as kids

discover that everything is possible with God. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy treats, experience electrifying Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to trust God, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with Fly Away Finale—a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 8:05p.m.

Kids at Sky will join an international missions effort to squash malaria in the African country of Mali—sending more than a million mosquito nets to protect Malian children.

You can help Scout the Eagle with our supply drive for this event by stopping by the fellowship hall and taking an eagle from our congregation (no kidding, that's what a group of eagles is called) and bringing the supply that is on your particular bird in to the church with the eagle attached. Many hands shopping for these things makes light work and keeps our costs down. Thank you for any help you can give us.



We'll also be having a book exchange that week with books for all ages available. Bring in books that are in good shape but that you are done with and exchange them for new titles.

Sky is for kids from age 3 to those having just completed 5th grade and will run from 6p.m. to 8:30p.m. each day. For more information, call Tracy at 669-2808. You can register participants and volunteers at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/fcclove> or by calling the church office at 667-1318.

Tracy Morgan, Christian Education Minister

On the difference between Praise Choruses and Hymns. . .

A man accustomed to a mainline church went to a seekers' service on Sunday. He came home and his wife asked him how it was.

"Well," he said, "it was interesting. They did something different. They sang praise choruses instead of hymns."

"Praise choruses?" said his wife. "What are those?"

"Oh, they're okay, I guess. They're sort of like hymns, only different," said the man.

"What's the difference?" asked his wife. He replied, "Well, it's like this. If I were to say to you,

'Martha, the cows are in the corn,' that would be a hymn. Suppose on the other hand, I were to say to you:

'Martha, Martha, Martha, Oh, Martha, MARTHA, MARTHA, the cows, the big cows, the brown cows, the black cows, the white cows, the black and white cows, the COWS, COWS, COWS, are in the corn, are in the corn, are in the corn, are in the corn, are in the corn, the CORN, CORN, CORN.'

Then, if I were to repeat the whole thing five or six times, that would be a praise chorus."

As luck would have it, the same Sunday a young woman accustomed to seekers' services attended a mainline service. She came home and her husband asked her how it was.

"Well," she said, "it was interesting. They did something different. They sang hymns instead of praise choruses."

"Hymns?" said her husband. "What are those?"

"Oh, they're okay, I guess. They're sort of like regular songs, only different," said the woman.

"What's the difference?" asked her husband. She replied, "Well, it's like this. If I were to say to you,

'Ernest, the cows are in the corn,' that would be a regular song.

Suppose, on the other hand, I were to say to you:

'Oh Ernest, dear Ernest, now hear thou my cry; incline thine ear to the words of my mouth. Turn thou thy whole wondrous ear by and by, to the righteous, inimitable, glorious truth.'

For the way of the animals who can explain? There is in their heads no shadow of sense! Harken they not in God's sun or his rain. Unless from the mild, tempting corn they are fenced.

Yea, those cows in glad bovine, rebellious delight broke free

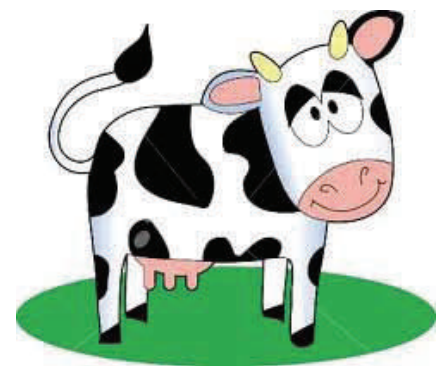
from their shackles, their warm pens eschewed. Then goaded by minions of darkness and night. They all my mild Chiliwack sweet corn have chewed.

So look to that bright shining day by day, where all the corruptions of earth are reborn, where no vicious animal makes my soul cry, and I no longer see those foul cows in the corn.'

Then, if I were to sing only verses one, three and four, and if I were to do a key change on the last verse, that would be a hymn."

~Author unknown (perhaps with reason!)

*Blessings,
Rev. Rebecca*



All About Camp...

As many know, June is the month of summer camp for our youth and children. They look forward to it all year, and they reminisce about it all summer. I've often shared about camp before by telling you what we learned from our theme and/or keynoter, but this time I'd like to tell you more about camp by running through a typical day of CYF (high school) camp:

Morning: We wake in our bunks around 7 am. Our cabins are nice; each cabin sleeps 8-18 people in small bedrooms with 2-4 bunk beds per room, two bathrooms, and a living room. We go to a dining hall for breakfast, then trek across the meadow to another large meeting space called Inglis Hall. Once there, we hear morning announcements, sing warm up songs (like "Rise and Shine"), followed by a couple of more worshipful songs, then we hear the day's keynote. (This year our CYF Keynoter was Brandon Gilvin from Week of Compassion.) This is followed by about 15 minutes of "solo time", during which campers spread out across the meadow in silence and spend time journaling or in prayer. Afterward, we meet in our "family groups", which are small groups consisting of 8-12 campers, an ECOY leader, and two adult leaders, that meet together throughout the week. In our family group meetings, we play group building games, discuss our responses to the keynote, complete activities that help us dig deeper into the scripture and message for the day, and otherwise build relationships and offer our support to one another. For example, my group this year discussed the questions and problems that are most getting in the way of our relationship with God, and offered each other support on how to overcome those. (Lifelong friendships often begin in family groups.) We have a brief break in the meadow while the camp directors, counselors, keynoter, and chaplain gather for a staff meeting, then we have lunch in the dining hall.

Afternoon: Lunch is followed by a time called FOB ("flat on bunk", aka nap time / quiet hour), which is then followed by about an hour and a half of free time, which can be spent playing games in the meadow or 'hanging out' in a few of the designated meeting spaces. We then have two "interest group" times; interest groups are 1 hr. small groups led with a focus on a particular interest. Some examples are: arts and crafts, Nertz (a card game), ultimate Frisbee, guitar jam session, sexuality and spirituality, worship planning, labyrinth walking, pie baking, hiking, and more... Campers sign up for the interest groups of their choice, and can sign up for different groups each day. (One afternoon of the week is reserved for a service project for the camp.) We then gather for dinner.

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Weekly Youth Meetings

for youth in grades 6 – 12

Sundays: Rush Hour

Our Youth class is taking a break for the summer; all youth are invited and encouraged to attend Tracy's intergenerational prayer class.

Wednesdays: Xone 77

We WILL continue to get together as a youth group at various times throughout the summer, but most meetings will be in alternate places/times until regular Xone begins again next school year.

Please be sure to pick up a summer youth schedule (there will always be an extra one posted outside Rachel's office). There will be NO Xone June 10 through July 7, or July 29 through August 4, due to camps and mission trips.

Upcoming Youth Events

Summer Mission Trips

CYF June 23-July 2, home repairs on Native American reservation in Montana
Chi Rho July 29-August 4, serving in a homeless shelter in Alamosa, CO.

Please pray for our mission groups throughout these amazing life changing experiences!

VBS

July 23-27

Many youth will be helping out with Vacation Bible School this summer. This is a really fun way to learn more about God alongside our children, while also serving others. If you aren't plugged in yet and would like to help, contact us and we'll get you connected!

Want more info? Email

Rachel@lovelanddisciples.org if you'd like to join the youth e-news list for more details on upcoming events and activities. You can also "like" us on Facebook! – just search for "Xone 77 Youth" to find our page.

FCC Youth Ministry Mission Statement

Our Youth Ministry exists to **EXPOSE** teenagers to God's love, to **CONNECT** them with other Christians and help them **GROW** in their faith, challenging them to **SEEK** God's presence and to **SERVE** others for Christ.

Evening: After dinner in the dining hall, we have our second daily family group meeting, followed by some sort of whole camp activity. (Monday was group hip hop dancing, Tuesday was a pool party, Wednesday was a special evening of worship and meditation called "Meditation Night", during which campers silently and individually visit worship stations designed by all of the family groups, Thursday was a special celebration of the graduates and the camp "frolic", and Friday was a "gift share" or talent show, with t-shirt signing and camp slide show.) On the nights with shorter big group activities, we have a "campfire" time where we take turns leading funny skits and silly songs around a campfire (often made of flashlights due to fire bans). Every night concludes with worship in the chapel, each service uniquely led by a family group, with songs, scripture, portrayals of the day's message, and communion. We sing a lullaby to each other in the courtyard of the chapel, then walk back to our cabins where we share in a final devotional time with our cabin mates before bed. Our heads hit our pillows between 11pm and midnight (occasionally later), our bodies exhausted, but our hearts filled with the Holy Spirit.

Our youth, especially as they get older, come to camp with a lot of questions that need answering and hurts that need healing. At the end of the week, we head home newly transformed, more connected to our Creator, on a path toward wholeness, more fully alive. The vast majority of youth who regularly participate in camp remain faithful to God in their adult life. We greatly appreciate your support of the camping ministry, for we are not just sending our youth away on vacation; we are making lifelong Disciples of Christ.

With hope and gratitude,
Rachel

Clothing Drive Successful!!!!!!!!!!

Greetings to all, I just want to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped out with this year's clothing give away, whether you donated clothing, brought in food for our lunch on Saturday, helped sort and fold clothing, greeted our visitor's or were in prayer for this event, THANK YOU! Without all of you this event would not have happened, I would also like to say thank you ABC Storage for donating a 10x5 storage unit to help us out with storage. The community helped pay it forward by bringing in an abundance of non-perishable food items that we will send with the youth on their mission trip along with donating what they are unable to take with them to HNS. We estimate that we had 275 community members along with our own church families; here are just a few comments that I have received via email from the community:

Thank you so very much for all the great clothes, shoes, bedding, and bath towels! My husband is out of work and I am a full-time online student so the free clothing give away was a smash with us. We loaded up two bags of groceries because we did not know how much to bring for the HNS. We were both impressed with all the nice people who were helping and assisting with the wonderful event! Thank you again!!! God Speed!

I have been in need of clothes, and this was a great way to get them, as I am out of work right now and can't afford to buy.

I went today, and the clothes was nice, and so were the people that was there for clothes. Everyone was courteous, and respectable to one another, and it was just a really nice deal all the way around.

Sincerely,
Tammy Swartz



Church in the World

Global Ministries has provided us with a year of missionaries that we can pray for each week. Each month I will give you the featured people that we can be praying for. Feel

free to visit the Global Ministries web page to find a Weekly Prayer. www.globalministries.org

July 1st Laura Jean Torgerson and Tim Donaghy
Nicaragua

July 8th Elena Huegel Chile

July 15th Lynnea Walker and Tom Morse China

July 22nd Kristine Tisinger South Africa

July 29th Jeffrey Mensendiek Japan

First Sunday Food

First Sunday food collections is going great, thank you all who is making this Ministry so valuable to our local community. You will find below what we as the Body of Christ have collected in March, along with what food items are for the rest of the year. Thank you for being the Hands and Feet of Christ! If you have any questions regarding this ministry please contact Tammy Swartz.



June: We collected 64 boxes of cereal, 4 cans of infant formula, 10 pkgs of ramen, 1 spam, 4 beef stew, 6 fruit, 5 vegetables, 1 salmon, 4 pedisure, 10 ensure, 1 tuna, 1 chicken, 2 dressings, 2 pasta mixes, 4 mac n cheese, 1 jelly, 1 spaghetti sauce, 2 box granola bars with a total of 142.4 lbs worth an estimate of \$240.00

July-Peanut Butter & Jelly

August-Mac & Cheese

September-Canned Meat

October-Canned Vegetables

November-Dry Mixes (muffin mix, cake mix, stuffing, seasonings, flour, sugar)

December-Canned Meat

The Essential Turkey: Reflections and Discussion after Three Decades Experience!

Ken and Betty Frank have been missionaries' in Turkey for Three Decades with Global Ministries, and will be in Ft.Colins and would like to share their experience with everyone.

When: Tuesday, July 17, 2012, 7:00 PM

Where: Plymouth Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
916 W Prospect Rd Fort Collins, CO

Time: 7:00 p.m, followed by discussion and refreshments

The Turkey mission since the end of World War I has been one of witnessing in a Muslim country through education and medicine. At the same time, democratic Turkey has played a very important exemplary role as a moderating Muslim democracy in the Middle East after the "Arab Spring".

Please contact Jean Griswold, member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Phone (970) 484-5954, Email: griswold@lamar.colostate.edu for more information.

Future Owl events

July 13 @ 5 p.m. Hobos (in place of the steak bbq.)

August 10 --10:00 a.m. Coffee break at the Fairgrounds Park.

Dear Church Family,

It is with sadness that I inform you today of my resignation from the Director of Music position at First Christian Church, Loveland Colorado effective July 1st, 2012. I am truly grateful to the church for the experiences I have had, the lessons I have learned, and the friends I have made during my seven years as your music director. I will take those experiences and lessons wherever I go. Therefore, all of you are a part of my future ministry. Thank you all for the privilege of serving you in this capacity. I will never forget First Christian Church. In His Service, Neil Forsythe

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Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a growing, welcoming, diverse community of faith that worships, shares, and expresses through our service the love of God.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to know, grow, and show the love of God.

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