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Us with God and
one another

August 1, 2013

Interim Senior Pastor:

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Kirsten Bayne (ext 21)

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Max & Marcia Peters

Music Ministers:

Troy Schuh, Pianist

Karen Lee, Organist

Gina Schuh-Turner,

Choir Director

Nursery Coordinator:

Tammy Swartz (ext 24)

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Sunday Morning Services:

9:00 Worship Service

10:30 Sunday School for all ages

If you have information for our
Link, please e-mail that

information to:

kirsten@lovelanddisciples.org

By the 15th of each month.

News from the Christian Education Department:

I was just wondering, "where has my summer gone"? Are you thinking the same thing? With that in mind it is time to start thinking about this year's Sunday School programs. We will have our Sunday School kick off on Sunday September 8, 2013 starting at 10:10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. we will have children's classes from preschool through 5th grade with some fabulous teachers, along with a couple of adult studies that will begin at this time. Bev Reeves will be starting a class, and Bible 101 will resume again this year. There will also be a couple of mid-week classes that will be starting. Stay tuned for more information on what each of these classes will be offering. If God has been nudging you to lead a Sunday School class or a mid-week study it is not too late to get on board, let me know when and what you are wanting to do and I will be glad to help you. If you need suggestions Pastor Michael or I could help with ideas. I also have a couple of fun opportunities available for you to help out with. How about helping out with our preschool program, or a grade school youth program. If any of this sounds intriguing please come and visit with me. Here's to another great Sunday School year.

Your Humble Servant

Tammy Swartz

Christian Education Director

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10 THINGS THAT ARE GOING GREAT

For some reason it has become popular on the internet and elsewhere to make lists as a way of conveying information. I don't always find this trend helpful, but it seems a good time to give it a try. Here are 10 things we are accomplishing together that indicate (and build) a new spirit of vitality in our congregation.



1. Even with vacations, weekend getaways and the choirs on hiatus, worship attendance has been remaining steady. We have been gifted with many volunteers who share their talents in special music, lifting up our worship and our spirits.
2. The **Trustees and Property Team** have continued to oversee completion of the HVAC project. We again have cooling in the sanctuary and the choir room, and the other phases will be commence in the next couple of weeks. After a few unexpected snags, we now anticipate completion the first week in August.
3. The **Communications Team** is revamping our website and working on other changes to improve communication inside and outside the congregation. They have begun making video of worship services and sharing parts of the service on YOUTUBE. Go to www.lovelanddisciples.org for links to these resources.
4. The **Christian Education Team** is reconfiguring the Sunday School rooms and "sprucing them up" to make a more appealing place to learn about God's love and Christ's direction. Two Wednesday evening classes are drawing participants, and the *Financial Peabace University* is being offered again this fall.
5. In spite of the fires near LaForet, campers and counselors from our congregation were able to be part of camps this summer. In addition, two youth mission trips have helped to teach our young (and older) members the importance of walking our faith.
6. The Narthex continues to be transformed from underused space into a place of welcome. In the *Welcome Corner*, the **Congregation Life Team**

coordinates serving of refreshments to facilitate fellowship each Sunday. On the other side, plans are being explored to make the *Gallery* more inviting and useful in the church's mission.

7. Working with the Personnel Team, we are taking a look at staff responsibilities so that we may more effectively lead and serve the congregation. **Rachel Nelson** will be expanding her position as *Minister to Emerging Generations*, recruiting volunteers and providing direction and support to ministry with youth and young adults.
8. As I mentioned last month, the **Worship Team** is planning the launch of a new worship service in the fall, as well a continuing to maintain the quality of the traditional service. Worship planners will soon meet with musicians to plan for fall.
9. Our **LifeCare Team** is working to network members in effective service to and care for each other. They have compiled the results of the congregation inventory and are helping all of us find new ways to be family together.
10. Our **Mission Sunday** was a lighthearted way to emphasize our congregation's commitment to doing the work of the Gospel outside our walls through local, nationwide and world missions.

In order to capture this momentum and move forward, we will meet for our annual **Congregation Retreat** at Sylvandale Ranch on Sunday, August 25th. Through conversation, fellowship, and worship, we will take a big step in the transformation process we began together in November.

The retreat schedule is still being finalized, so please keep an eye out in the worship bulletin and on the website. We will begin at 9:30am and continue into early afternoon. Please plan to bring your dreams and visions for the future of the church as we gather together on this special day.

Thanks to all who contributed their hard work and patient leadership through the past months. We are definitely a church on the move!

Love, Grace and Peace,
Michael

Camp Was Still Camp...

It was a whirlwind of uncertainty this year when the Black Forest wildfire broke out just days before our summer camps were scheduled to start at LaForet. Thankfully, our beloved church camp was spared by the work of firefighters, though the surrounding landscape will be changed for years to come. While our hearts went out to those less fortunately affected by the fire, we were blessed to be able to still have camp, relocating to YMCA's Snow Mountain Ranch the first week (for CYF and Junior campers) and Estes Park Center the second week (for Chi Rho and Discovery campers).

It was an adventure in new-ness, fitting well with our theme for the year "All Things New", as we explored how our faith makes us new in a new setting with new dynamics, new layout, new challenges of sharing space with hundreds of other people, new recreational opportunities, new food, etc. God was with us, though, and campers of all ages were relieved and thrilled to discover that "camp was still camp", gaining a deeper understanding that it truly is not the camp's location that makes camp so special, but rather the community.

May our churches be open and intentional recipients of this timely reminder, and may we strengthen our communities along with our youth as we move into the new future of ministry together.

With hope and gratitude,
Rachel



Brooke, Jayla, and Andrea at Chi Rho Camp, June 23-29

Weekly Youth Meetings

for youth in grades 6 – 12

Sundays: Rush Hour

Our Youth class will resume on September 8.

Wednesdays: Xone 77

Regular youth group meetings will resume the week of September 8; in the meantime, pick up a summer schedule!

Upcoming Youth Events & Important Dates

Chi Rho Mission Trip to Alamosa

July 28-Aug 3

Our Chi Rho group, along with Rachel, as well as youth and adults from FCC Greeley and Heart of the Rockies, will be serving the homeless of the San Luis Valley this week, learning about compassion and justice as they work and play together.

6th Grade Orientation Night

Aug 21, 6:30-7:30pm

This will be a special night for incoming 6th graders and their parents to meet our youth leaders, learn about youth group, and ask any questions before their first youth group meeting!

Xone 77 Kick-Off

Sept. 8 or 11 (TBD)

We are considering a move from Wednesday evenings to Sunday afternoons. Either way, Xone 77 Youth will kick off this week – please keep in touch with Rachel to express your Sun vs. Wed preference and hear the decision!

Find us on Facebook!

[facebook.com/FCCLovelandYouth](https://www.facebook.com/FCCLovelandYouth)



Anita Hayes Visit Itinerary August 3 – 4, 2013

Anita Hayes, Manager at Tse Daa Kaan Chapter near Shiprock, NM, will bring her family: sister Rhonda and Rhonda's husband, Lemuel; Anita's daughter, Mykelty, and Anita's niece, Caitlin, to Fort Collins and Loveland. Anita will be sharing her insights into the meaning and value of the Navajo Work Mission that has been happening with Christian workers for span of almost 19 years. She also will share from her wealth of knowledge of the Navajo culture and traditions to deepen understanding of the Navajo Nation and the life of the people.

Scheduled Events: Saturday, August 3rd

Lunch at First Christian Church, Loveland, 2000 N. Lincoln, 12:00 p.m.

Sandwiches, drinks, salads

Informal sharing and conversation

Navajo Taco Dinner at Heart of the Rockies, 6501 Brittany Street, Fort Collins, 6:00 p.m.

Come a little early and learn how to make Navajo Fry Bread or just watch

Cultural conversations and Tse Daa Kaan Chapter life and update

Sunday, August 4th

Worship Service: 8:30 a.m. Heart of the Rockies Christian Church

Anita Hayes, sermon with PowerPoint of "Coming of Age" ceremony

Adult Class: 10:00 a.m. – Informal conversation with Anita and Family

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Anita Hayes, sermon with PowerPoint of "Coming of Age" ceremony

OWLS Outing (Older Wiser Livelier Seniors)

The OWLS will be venturing to Nunn, CO on August 9, 2013. The Drylanders Museum sponsored by the High Plains Historical Society is an amazing community treasure/effort. Please meet at the church (south parking lot) at 9:30 am. We will do lunch before returning to the church. As always please use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Questions see Ann M. or Bonnie R.

Rockies Faith Day

FCC has purchased 35 tickets for the August Rockies Faith Day. Please contact Tracy Morgan at 669-2808 to purchase tickets for \$23.00 each. Tickets include the game and the postgame concert Colorado Rockies vs. Pittsburgh Pirates

Date: Sunday, August 11

Game Time: 2:10 p.m.

Musical Guest: David Crowder

Shiprock Scramble Golf Tournament

This year's Shiprock Scramble Golf Tournament to benefit the 17th Annual Navajo Work Project will be held on Saturday, August 17th at the Cattail Creek Golf Course in Loveland. Those wishing to play may contact the Church Coordinator, Joyce Walker at 970-667-5653, to get a registration form. The registration fee per person is \$50.00, and that includes green fees, a supply of balls and tees, refreshments at the course, a meal after golf, and prizes for all contestants.

Funds raised from the event will be used to purchase supplies and materials for work to be done at the Hogback Chapter of the Navajo Nation in Shiprock, NM. Hole sponsorship is also available at \$50.00 per hole. Any donations or cash or in-kind goods for prizes are appreciated. Donations can be given to Joyce Walker or checks may be written to First Christian Church with 'Shiprock Fund' in the memo line.

The Navajo Work Project will be held this year from September 18th - 22nd on the Reservation. Those interested in volunteering may contact John Shaw at 970-493-0572, or email at jshaw65@q.com. All skill levels are needed for the work to be done. Projects are assigned to teams of workers. Volunteers eat and sleep on the Reservation unless other arrangements are made.



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

August 4th Ashley Holst-Dominican Republic

August 11th Martha Mensendiek- Japan

August 18th Alison Stendahl-Turkey

August 25th Sara and Victor Makari-Jerusalem



First Sunday Food

July: 6-boxes cereal, 2-box Girl Scout cookies, 1-box of rice, 1-bag of chocolate chips, 1-bottle of cooking oil, 2-lg cans of soup, 1-sm can of soup, 1-cranberry sauce, 1-can of peas, 22-18oz jars of peanut butter, 8-28oz jars of peanut butter, 13-40oz jars of peanut butter, 18-lg

jars of jelly, 3-squeeze jelly, 11-small jars of jelly.

With a grand total of 160.7 lbs that was collected.

- August-Mac & Cheese
- September-Canned Meat
- October-Canned Vegetables
- November-Dry Mixes (muffin mix, cake mix, stuffing, seasonings, flour, sugar)
- December-Canned Meat

Grocery Coupon Ministry (Corrected)

How do you dispose of the various grocery coupons that arrive with most Sunday papers? Would you like to help our military families rather than tossing them in the trash or recycle bin? Did you know that the grocery coupon ministry sent **260,000** coupons abroad last year? Please contact **Joy Brownrigg** at **970-669-8533** for details how you can help.

Mailing Address for Andy Morgan

For anyone interested in sending our newest military recruit, Andy Morgan, mail here is his address:

SR Morgan, Andrew D.
Ship 12 Div 314
Recruit Training Command
3515 Sailor Dr.
Great Lakes, IL 60088-3515



Please note that their mail may be screened so don't send any political stuff or say things you wouldn't mind others overhearing and no food is allowed either.

Calling ALL Bunco players and anyone interested in learning Bunco!

If you can roll dice and want to have some fun and good fellowship, we want you! We are looking for adults, male or female, to start up a Bunco club. We need at least 12 people to get started, but would love to have many more join us. Bunco is a simple dice game that is easy to learn and requires no special skills. If you are interested please sign up in the Narthex or contact Kathy Vaughn, 663-3260.

What: Potluck and BUNCO

When: Fri. Aug 16

Fri. Oct 18

Fri. Dec 20

Where: Minnerly Hall

What time: 6:00pm

August Birthdays

MAGNUSON, Herman	2-Aug
JESSUP, Susan	3-Aug
KOSCHEL, Gilbert	3-Aug
DAYHUFF, Eric	4-Aug
GRIMES, Samantha	4-Aug
WEBB, Judy	5-Aug
BERGSTROM, Colleen	7-Aug
FUCHS, Linda	10-Aug
HORTON, Ethel	12-Aug
MAHONY, Tadan	13-Aug
DAYHUFF, Joan	14-Aug
MULLINS, Marge	14-Aug
DAYHUFF, Jame	15-Aug
JESKULSKI, Todd	15-Aug
RUEGSEGGER, Dave	15-Aug
BUEHLER, Beverly	17-Aug
LAFFERTY, Sandy	17-Aug
POOVEY, Diana	17-Aug
OLSON, Esther	20-Aug
PERSON, Sarah	21-Aug
THOMPSON, Marsha	21-Aug
GRANDIA, Mary Frances	23-Aug
HAYDEN, Kevin	23-Aug
MCCAULEY, Juanita	23-Aug
SPENCER, Julie	24-Aug
HYATT, Carolyn	25-Aug
PICKERT, J.T.	25-Aug
RUEGSEGGER, Janean	25-Aug
WEBB, Bradley	27-Aug
DEPPERSCHMIDT, Rod	28-Aug
KEELER, Cherie	29-Aug

August Anniversaries

PICKERT, Scott & Linda	5-Aug
HANSEN, Tod & Karen	6-Aug
DYNOWSKI, Boris & Shannon	7-Aug
MAHONY, Michael & Nancy	7-Aug
SWARTZ, Dennis & Sharon	8-Aug
SWARTZ, Matthew & Tammy	10-Aug
BURCH, Terry & Sandra	14-Aug
BARNETT, Duane & Karen	16-Aug
JESKULSKI, Todd & Samantha	26-Aug
HARRELL, John & Kathleen	28-Aug

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Mission Statement

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

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