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Us with God and
one another

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WEAR RED TO WORSHIP SUNDAY

Sunday May 24th is PENTECOST! In the ancient tradition of the church, Pentecost Sunday celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to ignite the flame of the faith. It is sometimes referred to as the "birthday of the church".

As part of our celebration, we are invited to wear red garments to worship, recalling the "tongues of flame" described in the second chapter of *Acts of the Apostles*.

SUMMER MISSION SUNDAY MAY 31ST

During worship we celebrate and commission our adult and youth missions. **Bring a large side dish or desert to share**, and we will join our GROUP Week of Hope guests for a potluck lunch following the service. Everyone is invited!

MINISTRY PARTNERS CELEBRATION

Sunday June 21st our Interim Regional Minister Dean Phelps joins us for installation of Rev. Michael Stein as our called Senior Minister and Pastor.

Following worship we will consecrate the new community garden project and enjoy a **cookout!**

PARTNERSHIP IS OPPORTUNITY

When we began our Northern Colorado Mission Station Project in fall 2013, we had little idea how the ministry would evolve over time. We anticipated mostly Disciples related work groups of up to 20 participants, staying for a week at a time while they helped our communities rebuild from the fires and flooding.



Over the past year our guests have included long-term stays of AmeriCorps teams and DOC groups from California and Kansas, with a few others on the calendar. These workers have been a blessing to individuals and towns in our area, and to our congregation as well. In addition to disaster recovery, these teams have also completed maintenance and repair projects in our church building.

Late last fall, the station steering team was approached with an exciting – but challenging – opportunity. GROUP Mission Trips, a nonprofit arm of Loveland-based GROUP Publishing, was looking for a location to house their local *Week of Hope* (WOH) programs this summer.

Since we were already operating the mission station ministry, it seemed a possible fit. The two major differences between WOH and our existing mission are in scale and scope. Where we were set up for groups of around 20, WOH regularly gathers up to 100 youth and adult sponsors each week for 7 weeks. Although the youth will be doing some flood recovery, they will also be working on projects for other individuals and nonprofit organizations in our area.

After conversations with GROUP staff, the steering team thought we could accommodate a partnership with the WOH program. The proposal was then brought to both the Trustees and Church Board for discussion and approval. Since that time, we have been working to prepare for the program and to minimize the impact on our current ministries.

The first phase begins Memorial Day, when around 75 WOH staff and trainers move in for a 2-week training period. While here, they will attend training sessions and prepare to

disperse in 3-person teams to operate locations in cities across the country.

One of these teams will remain with us, heading up the local WOH centered here. From early June through the end of July, youth groups and their sponsors will **arrive each Sunday afternoon and remain until Friday morning**. They will sleep in our Christian Education and meeting rooms, use our showers, prepare meals and eat in the kitchen and fellowship hall, as well as have morning and evening programs in Minnerly Hall. During the day they will go out to work locations throughout the area.

In addition to the off-site work projects, participants will have “hospitality tasks” here throughout the week. They help prepare meals, clean their areas of the building, and possibly complete some maintenance projects as well.

As part of the agreement, church staff has **retained space for exclusive use by our ministries and regular outside users**. The sanctuary, gallery, music room, fireside room and former sacristy will not be used for WOH guests. Additionally, Minnerly Hall, fellowship hall and kitchen will be available to us during weekdays and all weekend.

So what does our congregation gain from this partnership? Here are a few benefits:

- We have the opportunity to serve our community and to participate in teaching hundreds of youth the values of Christian service.
- We have the opportunity to interact with and learn from leaders and youth in one of the premier youth ministry organizations in the country.
- As with all our Mission Station guests, WOH is **reimbursing us for costs** associated with their stay. Part of this reimbursement will be forwarded to the general fund, with the remainder retained for further operation of the Mission Station.

We love forward to sharing and modeling Christian hospitality with these young guests!

Love, Grace and Peace;
Michael

It's Time for Camp!

As many of you know and/or personally recall, summer "church" camp is a time of faith development and transformation that makes a lasting mark on the lives of many campers. It is a beloved opportunity to step outside the norms of daily life and experience life that is fully centered on God without the usual distractions and conflicting commitments. It is a time to make friends who have similar beliefs, but come from different places. It is a time to ask questions, to express ideas, to let loose and 'be yourself' in an environment that accepts and celebrates our God-given uniqueness. It's also a time to enjoy crafts and outdoor activities, to sing silly songs and perform skits around a campfire, and to create and lead worship services that bring awareness to God's presence. Camp days are long, full, and rich.

Camp can also be challenging for our campers. They may miss their home, family, friends, and pets. They may be tired by the higher level of physical activity they get at camp. They may take a little more time to adjust to the sights, sounds, and smells of sharing a room with other campers, and other aspects of living in close community. They may be challenged intellectually and/or emotionally by new ideas, information, or encounters with God.

Camp life is powerful in many ways, and it is important to our campers that they know they are surrounded in spirit by their church family every moment that they are there. That's where you come in. Part of our commissioning of campers (in worship on May 31) is to send them forth with our blessings and our prayers. Please remember to keep them in your prayers as they prepare for camp, as well as throughout their experience, and even afterwards as they transition back home. Another common show of support is to send mail – including notes of encouragement - to campers. Whether they know you or not, they will appreciate knowing you care for them and have thought of them! If you would like to send a note or letter to any of our campers, you are welcome to deliver it to me by June 7 and I will make sure they receive it, or you can mail it to them directly (no later than June 17 for Junior or CYF camp, or June 24 for Discovery or Chi Rho to make sure they receive it) as follows:

Camper's full name

Specific camp attending (Discovery, Junior, Chi Rho, or CYF)

c/o LaForet Camp & Conference Center

6145 Shoup Rd.

Colorado Springs, CO 80908

With hope and gratitude,
Rachel

IMPORTANT INFO AND UPCOMING DATES

FOR YOUTH:

including grades 6 – 12

Youth Group

Our youth group is taking a break from weekly meetings to participate in summer camps and mission trips, but we enjoy staying connected with BBQs and trips to the park or pool in between those adventures, so please make sure you're on our email list by contacting Rachel@lovelanddisciples.org.

Mission Trips Parent and Participant Meeting

June 7, 4:30-6:30

This meeting is required for all youth and parents of youth attending a mission trip this summer. We will meet our trip groups and share important information about our trips! Please bring an item to share for a potluck dinner.

Summer Camps

June 14-27

Please keep our campers and adult leaders in your prayers as they participate in summer camps this month:

Discovery: Tracy

Junior: Eli & Kyle

Chi Rho: Chloe, Jayla, Aiden,
Abbie, & Rachel

CYF: Tyner, Brooke, Kate, Ana, &
Rachel.

FOR YOUNG ADULTS:

College Aged YA Gathering

This fellowship group for anyone aged 18-23ish meets a couple of times a month for dinner, conversation, fun, and spiritual growth - Email Rachel@lovelanddisciples.org for more information.

To My **Family** at Loveland First Christian Church (D.o.C)

By Dora M. DeVan

First Christian, I must say that in my service as an "Intern" at First Christian Church; with God at the helm, Pastor Michael in the lead, we were able to accommodate FCC in its search;

Its search for a Pastor who welcomed **all** because he knew that was part of his pastoral call;

I am blessed to have a family of Sisters and Brothers like you, who will welcome me, and love me just as you do;

You have encouraged me and helped me in so many ways, and left me with so many precious memories of you to pick me up on some of my darkest days;

You have given me gifts in remembrance of Jesus The Christ that I will hold so dear, as I remember some of you standing with me as I administered communion with such fear;

You would encourage me and say you will do fine as I trembled and thought Pastor Michael would say in his police voice: "Mam you are treading a fine line."

Though Pastor Michael never said such a thing, for he was very encouraging too or he'd give me some suggestions/pointers and I could rework them and make them mine.

FCC (Loveland) allow me to say I love you so very much, the love, support and encouragement I have received from you, remains (in my assessment) untouched.

We have a great leader in Pastor Michael Stein;

So let us love him & his wife Carla so they will **not** say, we went there, we tried, no one cared, so never mind. Let us keep them in our Prayers.

Finally, and more than you will ever know, Thank you all for my Beautiful Chalice Set!



OWLS(Older Wiser Livelier Seniors)

The OWLS(Older Wiser Livelier Seniors) will venture to Cozy Cow Dairy on Saturday June 13, 2015. Cozy Cow is not only an operating dairy

farm but they also make dairy products including ice cream, cheese curds etc. We will have a tour as well as an opportunity for visiting the on-site store. We will meet on the south side of the church at 9:30 am to carpool to the dairy which is south of Windsor. We continue fellowship with lunch before returning to the church. Please use the sign up sheet near the kitchen to indicate your participation.

Backpack Program Returns



Back to School

Yes I know it's only June, but we are getting ready to work on the backpacks for the Community Backpack Program. With God's help and volunteers we are looking to fill at least two hundred backpacks with school supplies. We need volunteers to be on the committee and we also need donations.

Items we need include:

- Large backpacks
- Kleenex
- Loose notebook paper
- Binders
- Pencils
- Pens
- Colored pencils
- Erasers
- Pencil boxes
- Rulers
- Glue sticks
- Spiral notebooks

We will have a barrel just out side the sanctuary for you to put your donations in. If you are interested in helping out please contact:

Linda Galus
667-7072 home, 231-3616 cell
auntiqueauntlindy@msn.com
Peace and love

It's BBQ Time!

Join us as we reveal and dedicate the new Community Garden. The committee is hosting a cook out and you are invited. Come one, come all, bring a friend, bring two friends!!!!

Sunday, June 21st
Immediately following worship

Randy and the gang will be slinging up hamburgers, hotdogs, brats and side salads.

Come join in on the fun, look for the sign-up sheet so we know you are coming.

The BBQ lunch is free. Good Will donations will be greatly appreciated.

First Sunday Food Bank



"Help for today... Hope for tomorrow"

On the first Sunday of each month, we invite our church family to contribute non-perishable food items for the community food

bank. **Cereal** is the suggested food for June, but any contributions are appreciated.



financial ministry

April Stewardship

Income: \$18,240

Budget *SHORTFALL* of \$3,811

Expenses: \$22,238

***OVER* budget by \$571**

April expenses included substantial quarterly payments for insurance premiums.

*For the year to date, our **cash flow** (income/expenses) is **\$5,245 short**. All of this shortage is in income, as current YTD expenses are **nearly \$10,000 under budget**.*

As we head into the summer months with vacations and other activities, it is vital for our financial health that we maintain our stewardship commitments.

Randy Kettenhofen, Treasurer

Birthdays

Anniversaries

COOPER, Loraine	06/03
GREEAR, Freda	06/04
PERRY, Garry	06/05
HARMES, Charlene	06/07
MORGAN, Howard	06/07
MORGAN, Bryan	06/11
BOUDREAU, Tom	06/12
KRINGS, Jan	06/14
ROBERTS, Mary	06/14
ERDLEY, Marjorie	06/15
KNAUS, Travis	06/15
NELSON, Ben	06/15
WILSON, Amber	06/15
CULVER, Terry	06/17
PICKERT, Preston	06/17
SPIGHT, Janice	06/21
DILL, Mike	06/22
IMEL, Terry	06/25
AUTREY, Eudora	06/28
LIDDLE, John	06/28
BYERS, Jake	06/29
NELSON, Rachel	06/29
POMRANKA, Carol	06/30

DILL, Chuck & Judy	06/01
BENTLEY, Duane & Cheryl	06/06
ESTRADA, Patrick & Julie	06/10
RUEGSEGGER, Harvey & Bonnie	06/10
LINDSEY, Randy & Janet	06/18
KNAUS, Keith & Christina	06/21
NELSON, Ben & Rachel	06/21
SAUL, Wilbur & Jeanette	06/26
ZAKAVEC, John & Tracie	06/26
FRAZER, Ray & Ruth	06/27
HINKLE, Lyle & Lou	06/28



JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9a Worship 4:30p Youth Group <i>First Sunday Food— Cereal</i>	8 9:30a Rachel Circle 7p Program Ministries	9	10 9:30a Trustees	11	12	13 9:30a OWLS Outing
14 9a Worship 4:30p Youth Group	15 Link Deadline 7p General Board	16 7p Mary Circle	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day 9a Worship 10a BBQ luncheon 4:30p Youth Group	22	23 7p Elders Meeting	24	25	26	27
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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.

**If you have information for our Link,
please e-mail that
information to:
kirsten@lovelanddisciples.org
By the 15th of each month.**

Sunday Morning Services:

9:00 Worship Service
10:10 Sunday School for all ages

