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The Messenger

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Dear Friends in Christ,

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Grace and peace to you from the one who reaches out to us from the Cross in love, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

The second week in August I had the most wonderful time at a Family Camp week at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, with my family as well as about 20-30 other families and RTLCL's incredible staff! We were joined for the week by pastor/theologian Peter Marty, and the adults spent over two hours each day in learning and conversation around the idea of what it means to live the Christian life. It was very fruitful and challenging conversation.

Our conversation turned one day to hospitality in our churches. We dialogued about what it means to welcome people in to our congregations as they 'visit'. One brave person even brought up their suspicion that we occasionally welcome people only for our own self-interest as a community—to make budget or to have greater attendance numbers. Though both are occasionally wonderful secondary results, this person did not agree with that as the core reason to show hospitality to strangers. Well, I guess I agree!

So what was the consensus for being a community of hospitality? The consensus was to become their guests. Yes, their guests. When we welcome others the purpose is not to get them to become like us, to fulfill the needs of our community first, or even to first change them. Rather, it is to sit at their feet and learn from them and experience their gifts they have been given from God—even if they come to us with great needs! Author/theologian Brian McClaren writes, "...and seeking to go with them to a place neither we nor they have been before – being drawn by the spirit." I cannot think of a greater act of faith!

In the two years I have been with you at Atonement we have often heard new folks to our community express the welcoming nature of our community, and I fully agree. Let's be reminders to one another that as we sit at the feet of our Lord Jesus and learn from him, that we too can be guests of those who bless us with their presence throughout the week. That means we see guests as the presence and body of Christ, and, I think that is great theology!

Honored to be on this journey with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Chad" with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Pastor Chad

Birthdays

Mary Bidinger	9/1
Jackie Glover	9/1
Jean Anthony	9/4
Andre Dion	9/4
Jamie Tull	9/4
Kathleen Redman	9/5
Leo Nelsen	9/7
Chris Wolny	9/7
Marilyn Morris	9/8
Joan Schempp	9/8
Matt Hermsmeyer	9/10
Anna Stevens	9/11
Teddy Snyder	9/12
Gerry Luethi	9/14
Patsy Korby	9/15
Peg Gorce	9/16
Julie Lundquist	9/17
Ailie Swanson	9/19
Ruth Akubu-Feza	9/23
Becky Korte	9/23
Lynette Schulz	9/24
Jean Koster	9/28
Mildred England	9/29
Andy Meas	9/30

Attendance in July

July 4	140
July 11	161
July 18	175
July 25	133

Thanks!

We are so grateful for your help on our recent build last month. You make it possible for us to accomplish our mission by joining the team of those who choose to make a difference, not just with their thoughts or words, but with their actions. Thank you for donning that hard hat and goggles and acting to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness.

Flatirons Habitat for Humanity

Anniversaries

Ken & Sue Carter	9/3	
Pauline & Bill Farrow	9/5	
Chuck & Joan Briggs	9/6	52 yrs.
Bill & Mary Anderson	9/7	
Bob & Mildred England	9/7	53 yrs.
Ken & Margaret Pinson	9/8	
Russ & Sonna Miller	9/9	
Jared & Lindsey Wolny	9/13	
Carl & Katherine Christensen	9/18	50 yrs.
Tracy & Patrick Moran	9/29	

Cantor/Director of Music Ministry Search

WELCOME, BEN!

We are very pleased to announce and introduce Ben Riggs as our new Director of Music/Cantor. Ben comes to Atonement with a very diverse background in both sacred and secular music direction. He is currently working to finish his DMA in Choral Literature and Performance at CU. Ben will also take the reins of the Boulder Chorale and Camerata, as well as continue as the Director for the Denver Gay Men's Chorus.

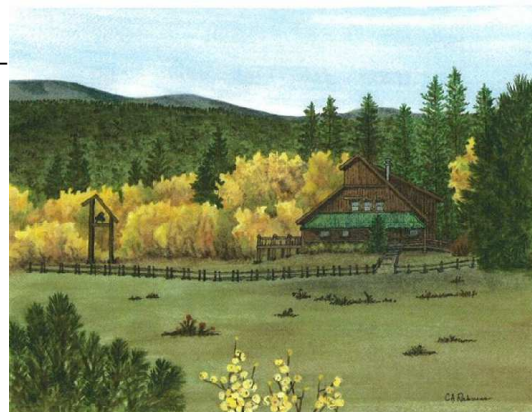
Ben brings a wealth of enthusiasm and understanding to our position here. He recently served a Denver church in a variety of capacities for 7+ years as well as teaching worship courses at Iliff Seminary. We are thrilled that he is joining our staff as Cantor. He will start Sept. 1 and his installation will be held on September 12, Community Sunday.

Special thanks go to Jan Ydstie-Roy and the selection committee on the timely work they did to have this position filled by the beginning of our busy season. Take a minute to say hello to Ben when he comes on board. We are looking forward to having him as part of the team at Atonement.

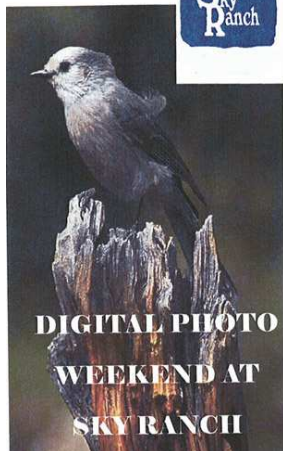
Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp

Ride to the Ranch Saturday, September 18

Ride to the Ranch is designed to get friends of camp-old and new-up to Sky Ranch. The goal is for you to see all the changes that have been made over the past couple of years, to hear about the new programs that Sky Ranch is offering, and to experience the wonder and beauty of Sky Ranch for yourself. A coach bus will pick up guests at two stops in Denver and then head north to pick up guests near Fort Collins. At camp, you will be served lunch, take a tour of camp, attend a closing worship, and then head back down the mountain. To reserve your spot on the Ride to the Ranch, please email [Steph Dugger](mailto:Steph.Dugger@sky-ranch.org) or call the Sky Ranch office at 970-493-5258.



Digital Photo Weekend



Digital Photography Weekend at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp

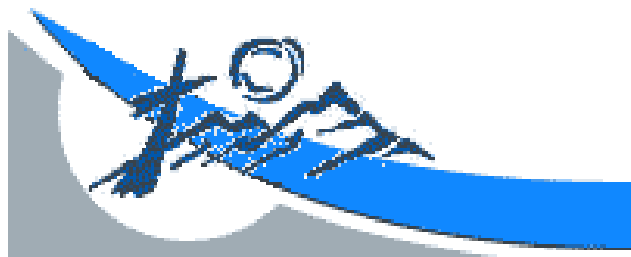
September 17-19

This photography week is designed for adults with any digital camera and is open to anyone from beginners through experts. The emphasis will be hands on training! Facilitators are Scott Sprain, retired photography teacher, his wife Ruth and son Andy.

Explore the beauty of Sky Ranch through your lens. The cost for this weekend workshop is only \$125.00 per person. You may register online at www.SkyRanchColorado.org or by calling Linda at 970-493-5258.

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp

Men's Adventure Camp September 16-19



This action packed weekend is filled with rock climbing, hiking, mountain biking, fishing, archery, beer brewing, and high ropes. Morning and evening worship bookend our days and provide a lively and engaging opportunity for great conversation and growing in faith. Hearty meals and time to hang out with new and old friends round out this incredible weekend. Individuals and men's groups welcome. Download a [registration form](#) or [register online](#) today. You may also contact Ben Larson at 719-942-4220 for more information.

First Friday Fellowship

September's First Friday is scheduled for the **2nd Friday**. We will gather **September 10**, 6:00 pm, at the home of Jan and Dale Roy. **Address:** 1102 Eldorado Drive, Superior. Adults of all ages are invited! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Soft drinks are provided, bring wine if you wish. Contact Jan (303-554-0311) if you know you can join us ahead of time, or come anyway! In October we will meet at Kay and Ed McDowell's. Questions or offers to host, contact Jan Ydstie-Roy (303-554-0311) or Jan Bundy (303-604-0869). Hosts needed for November.

Moment for Moms

FALL Into Support

After taking a month off during August to honor our busy summers, *Moment For Moms* is stepping back into our regular, monthly meetings beginning in September.

As another school year begins, some may find it easier (and others may find it more difficult) to juggle taking care of ourselves, our families, our work and other commitments. We will gather on **September 16** from 6:30-8:00pm at church to share wisdom and discuss Finding The Balance. Childcare will be provided. Please bring a snack to share.

Our time together this fall will offer great opportunities for bonding, support, enrichment and encouragement! Mark your calendars for the following meetings:

September 16 – Finding The Balance (Family, Self-Care and Work)

October 14 – Atonement “Wise” Moms Annual Gathering/Potluck (Prayer Partner Reunion)

November 11– Fitness, Nutrition and Motherhood

December 2 – Holiday Gathering and Cookie Exchange

Moment for Moms is a group formed to support mothers in a variety of ways. Mothers who have participated in our group have children ranging in age from birth to junior high school. We've discussed such topics as recipes, self-care, our favorite things, helping our children through transitions, and holiday traditions. *Moment for Moms* is not limited to mothers from ALC, but looks to support any mother interested in attending. We always welcome visiting moms and love to have new members join our group!

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Aly Kohlmeyer at 720-862-7644 or alyehrenberg@hotmail.com

Bike to Church Day!

September 19

We are going to try a first annual bike-to-church day on Sunday, September 19th! Why? To honor our need for physical exercise, to appreciate the motor vehicles we have, and to reduce the impact we have on the environment—even if just a bit! Join us—it will be a fun tradition!



Guatemala Vision/Mission Trip



You have received news about a trip Pastor Chad is leading to San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala, January 28-February 5, 2011. The trip will involve service projects, cross-cultural conversation opportunities, group reflection and even a few amazing Guatemala 'views' (see the July and August messengers for more information). **There is still room for about five more trip members**—come on board, we'd love to have you!

To begin to secure airline reservations and accommodations, participants are being asked to **submit a \$100 deposit by Sunday, October 3**, made payable to Atonement Lutheran Church with 'Guatemala Trip' written in the memo line. Questions? Please contact Pastor Chad Kohlmeyer.

Carrie Newcomer Concert

On Saturday, September 25th, at 7:30 pm, Carrie Newcomer (www.carriewcomer.com), named one of the top 50 folk singers in the last 50 years, will present a concert at Atonement. Tickets are \$16 in advance / \$20 at the door. Newcomer will also be offering a writing workshop at 2 pm. You can purchase tickets between worship services Sept. 5-Sept. 19, or visit www.atonement-lutheran.org to purchase online will-call tickets, or call Pastor Chad with questions.

"I love Carrie Newcomer. The Geography of Light is full of gorgeous arrangements that frame her soulful vocals, and the song 'Geodes' will make you catch your breath with its wisdom and beauty."
-Mary Chapin Carpenter

"Heartbreakingly perfect production and a voice at its all-time best, I have fallen madly for this one."
-Barbara Kingsolver

Unfolding Grace: Jesus' journey continues...

and so do we in worship this fall! We've been talking a lot about following Jesus as he teaches, preaches and heals his way to his destiny in Jerusalem. It seems the closer he gets to Jerusalem, the more challenging his lessons. Yet these difficult lessons are treasure troves containing deep layers of God's persistent grace. Join us in worship this fall as we open our hearts to God's grace in our lives today.

eLEVEN-FIFTEEN

Community Sunday, September 12

A full Sunday of new beginnings and loving good-byes as we kick-off the program year! New beginnings will include installing Ben Riggs as Cantor and the dedication of the new Columbarium at the 9:00 a.m. worship service. And very fitting for Community Sunday, a loving goodbye will be given to Kent Bowron as his ashes are interred in the Columbarium. Between services there will be a special fellowship time hosted by the Council and various committees, with information about ways to get involved in ALC ministries.

'Education' Sunday, September 19

We begin a new season of Sunday School and Christian Faith Development. Teachers will be installed during worship, and young students will be presented with Bibles. Pastor Chad will offer the concluding 4 weeks of the popular series, 'Making Sense of the Scriptures.' All are encouraged to attend, regardless of whether or not you attended the first half of the series in the Spring.

Eleven-fifteen worship continues to be an important ministry of outreach in our community. We're finding that the more participatory and less formal structure is very meaningful to many people.

We have a special need for hosts at 11:15 to welcome people to the celebration and invite them to help lead worship in one of the roles that is open —reading the prayers of the people or being a communion assistant or maybe reading one of the texts for the day. It opens the door for some very special involvement and those who have volunteered have given us great feedback about it. The service is shorter, much less formal and gives everyone a chance to share God's love in a very experiential way. The chance to worship with your whole mind, heart, self and soul is very powerful.

My Story!! Resumes September 14

Remember the sound of the bell from the ice cream truck in the summer? Cooking in the kitchen on the farm? Buying a popsicle at the local pool? Working your first job? Get out those cobwebs and share parts of your story with the group. We all have a story to tell, and there are no requirements...just a willingness to try to write and to share if you want.

We will meet the **second Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Community Room. Writing prompts for remembrances and recollections as well as those for our faith journeys are supplied monthly. Sometimes we deviate a bit, and the prompts involve writing fiction based on one's background and point of view. Occasionally writing tips are sprinkled in. Please drop in and see what the fun is about! Questions, contact Ron Freund at (303) 589-2292 or Ron.Freund@UCDenver.edu. The following two excerpts come from writings from last years' group.

Prompt: Prayer changes things; write about a time when prayer changed things for you.

THE SEARCH

By Norm Cizek

1940 had been a good year for me. I was 6 years old and had started my career in education – Kindergarten. School had just let out at 4:00 and I was in a hurry to get home to play with the puppies. Our dog, Trixie, had a litter of nine pups and they were old enough to have a lot of fun with. We kept them in the barn in a corner that was surrounded by baled hay and they were just big enough for some of them to claw their way out of their prison and become a nuisance.

I ran over to the barn as soon as I got home, but there were no puppies in their straw home. I immediately found my dad and told him about the missing pups. He said that the mother dog probably was trying to wean them off of her milk and in so doing, lost them in the pasture. We had about 25 acres of pasture for our milk cows and 10 acres of hay for cutting, adjoining that.

Dad said that the puppies would eventually find their way back home, but I wasn't so sure. I pestered him until he agreed to go with me to look for them. He picked up a five-gallon wooden basket, that we used to pick up corncobs for the house, and we started out. We found little Rover and Princess, just

outside of the barn fence. Then we picked up Spot, Racer, and Beauty half way into the pasture. We heard some whining just at the top of the hill and there were Barky and Babe huddled next to the gate of the hay field.

It was nearing 6:30 and it would get pitch dark by 7:15. Dad said that we would have to quit because he still had to milk and feed the cows and anyways, they would probably find their way home by themselves. With tears in my eyes, I promised him I would be home before dark if he would let me look just a while longer. He said, "OK, but it will be very hard to find them in this hay grass." It was almost as high as my waist, but I kept looking and it was growing darker. In desperation I sat down in the hay and remembered what my mother told me about God in the many Bible stories she had read me. If, I was asking God for a favor for someone other than myself, he would listen and grant it if I was really sincere. So there, in the middle of the hayfield I talked to God, blinking through my tear swept eyes, and asked him for help in finding the last two puppies. Just as soon as I had done that I heard some yipping sounds behind me and there, in the hollow of the bent grass where I had just walked, was Ooly Pooly and Queen. God had indeed listened to the voice of a determined boy, and I carried the puppies home, back to their straw den and Trixie.

– A True Story

Challenge Prompt: Write a fantasy involving magic.
(Perhaps a turn of events occurs because of some magical event.)

BENEATH ONE LAYER

by Ron Freund

I wasn't planning on turning around. I was late already for a meeting at church—an important meeting—to decide which charity to offer a sizeable gift that was willed to the church. But something tugged at me to take a second look at the rumpled figure on the curb near my car. Against my better judgment, I turned and looked at the man. He looked to be in his early thirties, dirty, unshaven, destitute. He looked down at the street in front of him and then up at me. Why me? Why now?

I expected a hollow look. That look of desperation that street people seem to practice to perfection. The look that says, "I need your pocket change more than you do." But instead, he met my eyes with a growing smile. His eyes exuded a warmth that I usually associate with a generous man of means. A wealthy philanthropist. Or an uncle who provides you with whatever you need. But this man was a jobless, homeless beggar. What could he have to offer?

'I must go,' I thought. And yet his gaze held me transfixed as he arose and stood before me, his eyes now level with mine.

"Look," I said, "I am late for a meeting." I dug into my pocket for my loose change. I had all of 57 cents to give him, and I held the coins out in front of him.

His smile broadened, and he said, "I don't want your money." He looked down at his tattered boots. The smile was disappearing, and in its place, a serious, yet caring look took over his visage.

"My grandmother lives in Northview. She is not doing well, and I feel I must go to her. Spend some time with her. Brighten her day. Share a meal." He looked down again, and then back at me. The man nodded in the direction of my car and pleaded, "Do you suppose you could give me a ride there? I know the way – 40 minutes on foot – but it is getting cold and dark to be walking in this part of town."

I knew what the man meant. From here to Northview was a corridor rife with muggings and murder scenes, or so it seemed from accounts on the local news. I really couldn't say no, so considering the danger, I offered him a ride.

Now, when I had made the decision to give the man a ride, my inclination was to speed and make this trip as short as possible. Get him there, and then get over to church. But something about the man's

demeanor made me relax. When he got in the car, he was purposeful and deliberate, closing the door slowly and carefully. He talked to me about his grandmother, turning his face toward me when his words needed emphasis. Circumstances had thrown the man and his grandmother together the year after her husband had died. He needed a place to stay near the summer job he took in Northview, and she needed companionship. It was heartening to hear how the two had come to adore and care for each other, across the generations.

I parked my car on the street and walked the man up to the house. He walked right in, and there was his round little grandmother in a chair near the front door. She beamed at the sight of her grandson, who leaned over and kissed her. The house smelled like a wonderful mix of foods – vegetable beef soup and warm bread. After the grandson introduced me to his grandmother, she invited me to stay for the meal. The meeting was starting now, so if I left right away, I would be no more than fifteen minutes late. But something compelled me to accept her offer. I sat down in the chair she pointed toward. A steaming bowl of soup was placed in front of me, and then we bowed our heads to give thanks. The street man turned to me, a warm smile on his face. He took a piece of bread from a plate, and then passed it toward me, saying, “Take and eat.”

Then my eyes were opened, and I recognized the man, as he disappeared from my sight.

Next thing I knew, I was sitting at the meeting at church, not knowing how I got there. I looked in amazement at those around me, and exclaimed, “I have seen the Lord! And I know where he wants our money to go.”

TRUST *in the Holy Spirit for Guidance*

Sunday School



Time To Gather

It seems these days that I am hearing an echo of “where has the summer gone?” I was reading my local newspaper this week and in a column that asks community members their opinions on a certain topic, the question to adults was “What do you look forward to most about the school year?” Overwhelmingly, the response was to the tune of getting back into a routine. There is something comforting about routine and regularity that the school year brings. As time seems to slip away from us during the summer, the time is now ours to gather and nurture our children through our Spark Sunday School classes for another year.

We have many opportunities for your children and grandchildren to be involved in our Sunday morning education classes. Beginning at 10:15, we gather for Opening Music. Following the 10-minute opening, children will go to their individual classes, which consist of:

- Birth - Age 3
- Pre-K - Kindergarten
- 1st - 5th Grade (most of our students are 2nd - 3rd graders)
- Confirmation (6th-8th)

We still have opportunities for volunteer aides for our classes. Please consider serving in this way! Classes meet weekly, but are team-taught to share the commitment and time needed to prepare.

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On **Community Sunday, September 12**, we will have a celebration of all of Atonement's ministry opportunities. We'll have a Parent Meeting that morning to talk about the school year and answer any questions you might have. We'll also have our classrooms open for students to meet their teachers.

Along with our music and classes this year, our students will be taking on a mission project! Our 2011 Atonement Sunday School will be supporting *Pennies For Peace*. This is a project developed by Greg Mortenson, author of Three Cups of Tea. The project is designed to create global awareness and to provide education opportunities for school children in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Watch for more information this Fall to see how ALC will take part in this effort.

Please look for Sunday School Registration forms in the Fellowship Area near the Sanctuary. If you'd like to enroll your child in Sunday School and have questions or would like to learn more, please contact Aly Kohlmeyer at 720-862-7644 or at alyehrenberg@hotmail.com

Youth Confirmation

Our 2010-11 joint confirmation program with Grace Lutheran will be starting on Wednesday, September 8. The program will meet on Wednesday evenings at Atonement from 6-7:30pm as well as on Sunday morning during the education hour from 10:15-11am. An invitation letter has been sent out to those students in 6th-8th grade within the congregation. Please contact Pastor Chad if there are any questions or if someone you know would benefit from participating in this group.

High School Youth Group ~ Fall 2010

There are several exciting things for our High School Students to participate in this fall!

We are continuing our tradition from last year of meeting monthly on Sunday at noon for brunch and fellowship dates. The location is different each month, so join us in the Fellowship Area following Eleven-Fifteen worship. The dates are: Sept. 12 (AND following brunch, we'll all head out to Gateway Park for Mini Golf, Go-Karts and maybe even the driving range), Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 12.

ALSO, Nov. 19-21 is the Senior High Youth Gathering in Estes Park. The theme is "Whatever!?!". Registration costs for youth are \$95 and are due by Sunday, Nov. 3. There is a sign-up sheet on the Youth Bulletin Board as well.

High School students 16 and older are also invited to join us for our three remaining Apostles' Build dates with Habitat for Humanity—Sept. 11, Nov. 13, and Dec. 3. For all of these opportunities, contact Pastor Chad for more information.



Young Adult Bible Study and Fellowship

We'll start out studying 1 Thessalonians, most likely the earliest writing in the New Testament, to discover how the early church can enrich the church today. So...here are the first dates:

September Fellowship: Sunday, Sept. 19 at 4:30 pm. Location TBA.

September Bible Study: Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 6:30 pm at the home of Brian and Candace Cadena: 5598 Pennsylvania Ave., Boulder.

We're looking forward to time together in the upcoming months! Invite a friend and contact Pastor Chad at church or chad@atonement-lutheran.org to be placed on the e-mail list for either event.

Atonement Women's Bible Study



Everyone is invited to the Women's Bible Study Group on Thursday, September 2 from 11:30 am to 1 pm. The topic will be *The People of God* – Reading the Bible with the Theme Verse: Romans 15:4. Please bring your own lunch and drinks. Dessert will be provided.

Women of the ELCA

The Rocky Mountain Synodical Women's Organization 2010 Convention is coming soon! The theme is *Who is Your True North? God's Positioning System*, which will be led by Pastor Barbara Lundblad, Associate Professor of Preaching at Union Theological Seminary, New York. The Convention will be held on September 24th, 25th, and 26th at Bethany Lutheran Church in Denver, CO. The registration fee of \$100 should be sent by September 23rd. If you would like more information, please contact Carol Winston at winston_consulting@yahoo.com or go to the following Rocky Mountain Synod webpage: <http://www.rmselca.org/ministries/women/index.htm>.

Prayers...

Jan Bundy and family, on the death of her cousin; **Dee Soppeland and family**, on the death of her brother; **Scott Winston and family**, on the death of his mother; **Jeff Jenson and family**, on the death of his mother; **John Cumalat and family**, on the death of his father; **The family of Amanda Peebles**; Comfort for **Rev. Norman and Esther Freund**, Ron Freund's parents; Healing and comfort for **Don and Lucille Ritchart, Bob Steinke, Mark, Nicole, John, Jeanne, Nancy & John**, that they may feel the Lord's peace; Safe transitions for **all school students**.

...& Praise

"On behalf of the Social Ministry Committee, we want to thank the congregation for the successful fundraiser for **Impact on Education's** Crayons to Calculators program. We raised over \$1300, plus the backpacks and school supplies you all brought. Thank you so much!"

The wedding of **John Cumalat and Tanya Sichko**.

Christian Faith Development

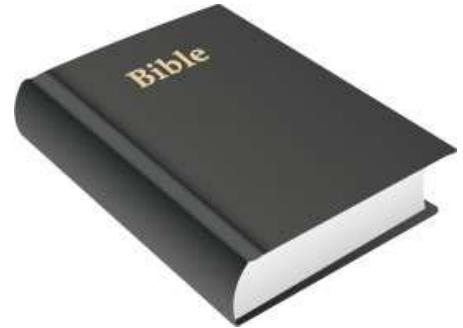
Christian Faith Development

Sundays at 10:15 in the Chapel – September

Making Sense of Scripture: Big Questions about the Book of Faith

Sundays at 10:15 in the Chapel – Sept. 19, 26 & Oct. 3, 10

For four Sundays, beginning September 19th, Pastor Chad will be teaching the continuation of a course from this past winter called “*Making Sense of Scripture: Big Questions about the Book of Faith*” We have previously discussed the questions, “What is the Bible? Is the Bible true? How is the Bible the Word of God? Where did the Bible come from?” We will continue asking three questions following a review of the first four weeks: “How can I read the Bible with greater understanding? Is there a ‘center’ to scripture? What kind of authority does the Bible hold?”



It is very easy to ‘jump in’ the middle of this course, as there will be an extensive review as well as books available for your purchase to guide you in your study. If you’d like to purchase a book, contact Pastor Chad. There are currently four copies available and more can be ordered. **Bring your questions! The God of Scripture invites us to engage the Bible with both our intellect and faith.**

In mid-October, CFD will split into three tracks in October and November. These will include: Hot Topics in Children’s Health, Stewardship of the Earth and Lutheran Theology (led by Pastor Debra). More details later.

SERVE as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the World

Social Ministry / September Love Offering

ELCA Disaster Response ~ Disaster in the Gulf of Mexico

The oil leak disaster in the Gulf of Mexico could not have come at a worse time. While homes and personal property have not been destroyed by rising waters or raging fires, the economic toll has been devastating to thousands who are unable to pay their bills and put food on the table. The ELCA’s Disaster Response has been on the ground conducting assessments and identifying vulnerable populations.

“Take 2”

During Fellowship Time, Remember to “Take 2”

Our Church Council is encouraging everyone at Atonement to “Take 2” during Fellowship time, before or after worship service. What does that mean? It’s easy! “Take 2” is a way to remember to:

- **Introduce yourself to two people you don't know**

or

- **Spend two minutes talking with someone you haven't talked to in a while**

It’s easy to remember, simple to do, and helps make Atonement an even stronger, more welcoming community. **Take 2!**

Friends Helping Veterans Now



You are cordially invited to a free luncheon and fundraiser to benefit Veterans Helping Veterans Now (VHVnow). The organization helps those still in, or already out of, the service and supports mothers of active veterans, wives and families of all veterans. Their mission is to build healthier lives for the veterans and their families by reaching out to those who would not be reached and honoring those who have served in the past. They 'd love your support for our vets!

Date: Thursday, September 23

Place: Spice of Life Event Center
5706 Arapahoe, Boulder

Time: 12:00-1:00; Appetizers at 11:30

The luncheon is free, but guests will be invited (not obligated) to contribute to VHVnow. Please RSVP by September 6 at 720-620-3215 or www.vhvnow.org

Office Volunteers in August

Sincere thanks to **Sue Carter, Kate Crawford, Sandy Droeger, Barton Kiburz, Mary Kiburz, Cherie McCandless, Jeff Ramsey, Don & Lucille Ritchart, Audrey Schlack, Peggy Simpson, Ailie Swanson, Wayne Tatro** and **Carol Winston**.

CROP Hunger Walk / Food and Film Series

Fall will be here before we know it and I wanted to make sure that you had the **Boulder County CROP Hunger Walk** on your calendar. This year the Walk will be on **Sunday, Oct. 17**. Registration starts at 1:15 and the Walk starts at 2pm. We'll start at St. Andrew Presbyterian, 3700 Baseline Rd., and end at Har HaShem next door. I hope you will walk with us this year!

I also want to bring to your attention another related event. The Boulder County Interfaith Working Group for Economic Justice is partnering with St. Andrew Presbyterian to offer a **Food and Film Series** leading up to the CROP Hunger Walk. Films will be offered Wednesday evenings **Sept. 15 – Oct. 13**. The purpose of the Food and Faith Film series is to bring together people representing a variety of faith traditions to engage in conversation about our food systems. Through films and conversation, we'll examine some of the economic injustices and social inequities perpetuated by industrial food systems and discuss how our faith traditions call us to respond to such issues. Films will start at 6:30 pm, but you are invited to come at 6:00 pm for a \$5 dinner provided by the church. I hope you can join us!

The Interfaith Working Group for Economic Justice is an organization representing a variety of faith traditions within Boulder County that is working on three economic justice issues, including homelessness issues in the Boulder community, social injustices perpetuated within the food system, and education about three State ballot initiatives.

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Haiti Update

Earthquake Tragedy

Eglise Lutherienne d'Haiti Response

By Louis O. Dorvilier, Director of International Development and Disaster Response for the ELCA

Background

The earthquake of January 12th that killed more than 120,000 and left more than 1.2 million people homeless brought to light a human, political, social and economic disaster that was already buried in the Haiti wide spread poverty yet visible to the state and the international community. The quake just woke up those who were blindfolded and refused to see the devastations of landslides and repeated tropical floods, the results of two consecutive hurricanes and 20 years of political unrest, as well as 80% of unemployment couple to a poor social and economic infrastructure. Haiti, which also made the glorious days of both the Spanish and the French colonial empires, has never recovered from 500 years of hegemonic power and exploitation, the pillage of its mineral resources and agriculture production, dictatorships and consecutive military and repressive regimes for the last 25 years. Today both the international community and the Haitian themselves must not squander the tremendous opportunity this tragedy provides to make due and rebuild the nation. Nevertheless many fear that the recovery could stall because of the slowness of the recovery.



Lutheran Response in Haiti

The Lutheran community has heard that cry and wants to engage. In January this year, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) enters into a church to church relationship with Eglise Lutherienne d'Haiti (ELH) while it continues to sustain a relationship of more than 30 years with the Lutheran World Federation/Caribbean Haiti program in collaboration with the Florida Bahamas Synod.

As a result of the generous support provided by the ELCA constituencies, today there is a great deal of activity being initiated by Eglise Lutherienne D'Haiti (ELH) and the ELCA International Development and Disaster Response team. We have received reports prepared by Rev. Livenson Lauvanus, the coordinator of the ELH, together with Rev. Eniel and Mr. Bernard Gianoli detailing some of the achievements of the church to this point.

A nine (9) person Committee for the Response to the Disaster has been formed. Members are all Haitian. Field visits have been made to eight of the church sites and committees formed by each congregation. Food has been purchased, transported and distributed in 9 locations. Food being delivered includes rice, beans, spaghetti and cooking oil -- this constitutes the basic foods Haitians are used to having. Six thousand people have been provided with food for one month. Cash for food assistance has been given to 2400 adults. There has been repair of 5 water points and provision of 1200 water containers for 600 families. Care and specific drugs have been given to 500 patients. There has also been the purchase of tents and plastic sheets and latrine construction. It should be noted that all distribution was orderly.

A guesthouse has been rented for two years, which now serves as the office of Eglise Lutherienne D'Haiti as well as the headquarters for disaster response and development. The house now has electricity (generators), running water and Internet. Office equipment has been put in place. Bernard Gianoli, who formerly worked with Lutheran World Federation, is the point person for following through on the projects initiated by the Executive Committee of ELH. Other staff includes an administrative and financial officer, a chief accountant and other support personnel including one guard/maid, one messenger and one

driver. Those responsible for financial accounting are members of respected financial institutes in Haiti and have had excellent experience and training.

Four young people from Carrefour who are members of the Church of Spotille (ELH) are working to inform and mobilize the community in connection with the work ELH will be doing to clear rubble, improve the road and begin the building of a community center. (Four centers are being planned which will serve many purposes --including a sanctuary. The intent is to utilize the skills and abilities of as many church members as is possible. An ELH civil engineer/topographer is collecting data and doing feasibility studies for the construction of the center. All acquisition of materials and supplies will continue to be achieved through a bidding process.

ELH Assembly

Plans are being made for an Assembly of the Pastors and key laity of ELH the end of August. Invitations will be sent to the ELCA and the Florida Bahamas Synod (FBS) to attend when the exact dates are known. Women of the ELCA within the FBS will also be invited to attend to work with the women of ELH. Other trips will be available after the first of the year -- probably in January and then during spring breaks. We will provide more information later.

Call to Prayer and Solidarity

There is no quick fix for Haiti. The recovery will be long and costly. Your walking together and accompaniment on the long term is needed to give hope and to help Haitians to rebuild their life and communities. The ELH counts on your prayers, advocacy for the undocumented Haitians in the United States, speedy recovery and service delivery and the effective implementation of the funding plan for recovery promised by the international community and for your continued support to the rebuilding effort.

Lutheran Family Services of Colorado

Internships for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors are needed for young people who are under the age of 18 who have been resettled in the United States through Lutheran Family Services of Colorado. At the invitation of our government they come to the US without a parent or relative to care for them and are now living in foster homes. These youth are anxious to work, to learn skills and to better understand the culture. If you would like more information about providing work experience on a part-time basis for one of these courageous, deserving young people, please contact Cindi Newkirk-Noah, Director of Foster Care at 303-217-5846.



Blessed with a picture-perfect day in the Rocky Mountains, 124 golfers enjoyed a day on the links at Hiwan Golf Club in Evergreen for the Lutheran Family Services 2010 Annual Golf Classic. Reggie Rivers was the guest emcee and conducted a great live auction, helping to raise over \$35,000.

Thank you to the golfers, sponsors and volunteers for a great tournament! Your commitment to helping vulnerable children, families and older adults in our community is sincerely appreciated. Partnerships with people like you allow us to truly make a difference. Through our programs of foster care, adoption, refugee and asylee services, assistance for older adults and their caregivers, pregnancy counseling and disaster response we have seen many lives changed for the better. Thank you!

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Tips To Talk Money With Your Children

By Deidre Farrell, MBA, LUTCF, FIC

Kids these days. They're constantly bombarded with information from all directions on every topic imaginable--except money. In fact, the financial literacy of high school students has fallen to its lowest level ever, according to a survey of high school seniors and college students released last year by the Jump\$tart Coalition.

The survey reveals that just 17 percent of high school seniors understand basic differences between stocks, savings bonds and savings accounts. Only about 40 percent of them realize that their own health insurance could stop if their parents become unemployed.

Who is responsible for teaching kids financial basics? Parents say they want to be the source of that information, yet they admit they aren't following through. Fewer than 50 percent of parents believe they are competent teachers of financial issues (Money Lessons Survey, about.com, March 2009). "So many parents tell us they don't know where to start," says Laura Dierke, financial education program manager with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a faith-based financial services organization. "We empower parents to have conversations about money with their children through [financial education workshops](#) in communities across the country."

While attending a [financial education workshop](#) may be an option, don't hesitate to start the conversation today. Here are a few tips to get started:

Tips to Talk about Money

The key with kids is find some lessons that work and then repeat them until they sink in. Money skills are learned over time, and some of the best lessons are taught by what you do, rather than what you say.

1. Remember cash? With credit cards dominating our wallets, kids simply are not 'in touch' with money. Help your kids see what money *is* by showing them coins and dollars and talking about their worth. Help them understand what money *does* by using cash for your purchases whenever possible.



Dierke adds, "We can't expect kids to understand the value of a dollar when they rarely see visible evidence of money leaving your pockets."

2. Demonstrate the idea of 'interest earned' by adding a small amount to what your kids save. Or offer to match the amount they save to help double their effort. Better yet, open a [savings account](#) for your child, either online or in person at a bank, and make the effort to talk about the value of saving over time.

3. Try this when shopping with your older kids. When they want to buy something *now*, ask them to 'Stop, think and choose.' *Stop* to consider whether they want or need it, *think* how the money could be used more resourcefully and *choose* if the item is more important than other wants and needs.

4. With online bill pay and electronic bank statements, you have to be intentional about showing your kids the regular income and outflow of your family budget. Make a point of sitting at the computer with them to demonstrate these tasks.

These four tips are just a few ways parents get the lessons started at home with younger children. Make the conversations and real-life examples about money skills and responsibilities part of your life everyday to help prepare your children for a bright future. *(cont'd)*

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Thrivent Choice Program Update

News from Thrivent Financial by Carol Winston

The Thrivent Choice Program is now up and running. This new program replaces the former Thrivent charitable program (Giving Plus) under which Thrivent Financial provided funds to individual Lutheran churches like Atonement. If you are an eligible Thrivent member, you should have received a letter the week of August 23rd, which describes the program and how to direct your Choice dollars to the organizations of your choice, including Atonement. For information on your eligibility and how many dollars you have available to direct, go to Thrivent's webpage at <https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/index.html>.

You can also call 1-800-THRIVENT (1-800-847-4836) and state "Thrivent Choice." An operator will help you through the process.

Flatirons Habitat for Humanity

A number of exciting events are coming up – Please join us as you are able! Join with members from Grace Lutheran, as we are part of the Apostle's Build program. We have three confirmed build dates left to help build another house in North Boulder:

Saturday, Sept. 11
Saturday, Nov. 13
Friday, Dec. 3



See Pastor Chad or Scott McCormick to volunteer for these dates or receive more info.



September 2010

Sunday Worship Calendar 9:00 a.m.

We thank all those who offer their gifts in leading worship this month.

9:00 am	September 5 Pentecost 15	September 12 Pentecost 16	September 19 Pentecost 17	September 26 Pentecost 18
Readings	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31
Assisting Minister	Tim McCandless	Stan Jackson	Jan Ydstie-Roy	Cherie McCandless
Greeters	Carolyn Beach Bonnie Brooks	Doris Bjornson Karen Shepard	Andrea & Steve Vahl	Andre & Kim Dion
Ushers	Andreas Beuschel Jim Kelly	Mary Jenson Carol Winston	Jim & Jeanne Fetterman	Contact Kathy Stith to volunteer with Carol Winston
Lector	Lori Alt	John Erickson	Liz Drexler	Pauline Farrow
Acolyte	Ben Ramsey	Chase Elliott	Clara Frostman	Clara Frostman
Altar Care	Bonnie Brooks	Max & Mary Kiburz	Bill & Mary Anderson	Kate Crawford
Communion Asst.	Contact Kathy Stith to volunteer	Carolyn Beach Ester Matheson	John Erickson Julie Stuenkel	The Moran Family
Musicians	<i>Unavailable at press time</i>	<i>Unavailable at press time</i>	<i>Unavailable at press time</i>	<i>Unavailable at press time</i>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>September 2010</i>						
29	30	31	1 PASTOR DEBRA OUT 9:30 AM Ani's Hope Cancer Support-CH 1:30 PM Staff Mtg -CH 6:00 PM SpiritSong Rehearsal-SA 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir-SA	2 PASTOR DEBRA OUT 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study/Lunch-FE/KI 6:00 PM Exec Council Mtg -PO 6:30 PM HospiceCare Drop-In	3	4
5 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion, Children's Church 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:15 AM No CFD or Sunday School 11:15 AM "Eleven-Fifteen" Worship	6 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	7 9:00 AM LifeSpark Sessions-R8 (occasionally throughout week) 6:00 PM Boulder Chorale Rehearsal-SA/CH/FE/MR 6:30 PM Worship/Music Committee-CR	8 9:30 AM Ani's Hope Cancer Support-CH 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Carillon Choir-SA; SpiritSong-MR; Children's Music-R11; Confirmation-CH 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir-SA	9 2:00 PM Music Class-R11 3:00 PM Pastoral Care Team-LI 3:45 PM BC Children's Choir-MR/CH/FE/SA 6:30 PM Church Council-CH	10 6:00 PM First Friday (on the 2 nd Friday) Fellowship @ Home of Dale Roy & Jan Ydstie-Roy	11 Atonement Apostles' Build Date
12 COMMUNITY/RALLY SUNDAY!! 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion, Children's Church, Columbarium Dedication, Interment of Kent Bowron, Installation of Ben Riggs 10:00 AM Fellowship Time 10:15 AM Community Sunday Activities 11:15 AM "Eleven-Fifteen" Worship	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14 7:00 AM 'Early Bird' Breakfast-KI/FE 9:00 AM LifeSpark Sessions-R8 (occasionally throughout week) 6:00 PM Boulder Chorale Rehearsal-SA/CH/FE/MR 7:00 PM "My Story" Writing Group-CR	15 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE 9:30 AM Ani's Hope Cancer Support-CH 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Fellowship Dinner 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study-CR; Confirmation-CH; Carillon Choir-SA; SpiritSong-MR; Children's Music-R11 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir-SA	16 12:30 PM ALC Ladies Bridge Group @ Marilyn Morris's 2:00 PM Music Class 3:45 PM BC Children's Choir-MR/CH/FE/SA 6:30 PM HospiceCare DI-CR; Moment for Moms 7:00 PM BCBoard Meeting-CH	17	18
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