

SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE & JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Co-workers in the Gospel,

As we begin summer, the church heads into its longest liturgical season, Pentecost. This time of what seems like the hundreds of Sundays in Pentecost is called Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time. Let's be honest that doesn't seem interesting or exciting at all. Most of our lives we are looking for extraordinary. In the church, we have the extraordinary stories of God's faithfulness in Christmas and Easter. We have the miracles of the Old Testament and New Testament. Even with our careers, lives, and our children, we want extraordinary. When was the last time did you hear someone brag that their child was just ordinary? Ordinary is associated with dull, simple, boring.

So why would the longest season of the church want to be called Ordinary Time? Perhaps it is because that is where most of us, if we are honest, live a majority of our life and faith. It is the time where remaining faithful can seem harder to maintain. When we live in the extraordinary or disastrous times, we call upon God and we can see His miracles. It is the ordinary time that we feel lulled into complacency. We forget to look for those miracles and signs that are all around.

So perhaps Ordinary Time is the perfect time to remember that God is in the ordinary, the mundane, the boring. In these times, we should be mindful to continue to look for Christ and the Spirit moving in this world. After all, God came to Elijah, Samuel and other faithful not in the extraordinary but in the still, small, and quiet voice. It is my prayer that during this Ordinary Time, you look for God working in the ordinary.

In Christ,

Pastor Josh

SUMMER SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

We continue our fellowship time during the summer on Sundays, **after our one 9:30am** service. This is a great time to visit with members from the "other" service.

If you would like to bring pastries or other goodies, please sign up in the atrium.

JUNE & JULY EVENTS

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

In keeping with our namesake, Saint Luke, we will offer the opportunity for blood pressure checks **Sunday, June 3rd**, between services. This is available for anyone who is interested and will be confidential between you and your nurse. We plan to continue offer this service every other month, on the even numbered months.

MOPS/MomsNEXT

MOPS/MomsNEXT is an organization for mothers of children, school-aged and younger. If you are a mom of children in these age groups, please consider checking us out.

MOPS Sign Painting Party, **Tuesday, June 5th (5:30-8:00pm)**. Instructions & painting will begin at 5:30pm at Leslie's (6385 Peak Vista Circle – CS/CO 80918). Please go to the website: <https://paintasign.com/shop/june5thmopsparty/> to choose your project. Child care provided on site.

Watch the Weekly or check out our Facebook page for other meetings!

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Hansen or Shannon Marchese.

WOMEN'S COFFEE

Women's Coffee is held the 2nd Saturday of the month at **8:00 am** at the Panera on North Academy. We will meet **Saturday, June 9th and July 14th**.

All are welcome to join us.

TUESDAY LUNCHES

Tuesdays, June 12th and July 10th at 12:30 pm we will have lunch at church.
Tuesday, July 17th, at 12:30 pm will go to Rocco's (3802 Maizeland). Please sign up in the atrium.

All are invited to all lunches.

WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT

All women of the church are invited to Panino's, 3015 New Center Point, for food and fellowship on **Wednesday, June 27th at 6:00pm**. Please sign up in the atrium.

WEEKLY EVENTS

WEEKLY EUCHARIST

Sunday morning worship services are held during the summer at **9:30am**. This is a traditional service with music, sermon and Holy Communion. Nursery and Children's Church are available.

Tuesdays at Noon there is a spoken service with a homily and Eucharist. **NOT** meeting June 19th, 26th nor July 3rd.

Wednesday at 7:30am there is a spoken service with a divine reading and Holy Communion. Please join us in regular worship.

M.E.S.H. Monday: Experience, Strength, & Hope/NFG

This fellowship group is for those affected by someone else's addiction. They meet **Monday evenings at 7:30pm**. Contact Melody at 660-6545 if you have questions.

KIDS & YOUTH EVENTS

"Super-Sized, Thin & Crispy, Hot & Spicy, Hold the Onions, Finger Licking, Tasty Treats" VBS is on its way!

Be sure to **register by June 19th** for Vacation Bible School, **June 25th – 29th from 9:00 – 11:30am** for all children who are 3 years old – 5th grade. A couple of the stories included are "Feeding of the Five Thousand" and "Jesus Cooks Breakfast". We do need volunteers; both adults and youth, those entering 6th grade and older. Please contact Karen Hansen or Jami Miller if you would like to help or have questions.

HEAVENLY ROAST

(AA Coffee Time for Youth on Sunday Morning)

Hey, all of you middle and high school youth! Join us on Sunday **July 1st** and **August 5th** for coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and fellowship at Pikes Perk (Vickers and Academy) between services at **10:35am**. Looking forward to seeing you!



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Keep your eyes open for more information and details about movie nights, trips to Water World and Elitches, Whirly Ball and much much more!! If you have questions, please contact Jami Miller or Karen Hansen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd)

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

The families of John Butler would like to thank the wonderful people of Saint Luke's who helped and supported us during our time of sorrow.

God bless you all,
The Butler's, Hansen's and Sirr's

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call;
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've now found peace at the end of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peach to thee,
God wanted me now-He set me free.

Author; Shannon Lee Moseley

EDITOR'S NOTES

Please contact Judy Lehman (719-272-1918) if you have any suggestions for the newsletter.

CHILDREN'S CENTER REPORT

SAINT LUKE'S CHILDREN'S CENTER

Welcome to Summer camp 2018- "Cooking Up A Great Summer" –

Our summer program starts on May 29th and runs through August 16th. The older campers will be visiting Rock Ledge Ranch, Wishing Star Farm, Patsy's Candies, King Soopers, Papa Johns, Deerfield Spray, Red Lobster, the Space Center and then Kathy's Kritters will visit our classrooms. On Thursdays, they will visit the Library for several different events and Fridays they will work on their cooking projects. The younger campers will be creating their own cooking activities, enjoy several water days and visits to local parks.

Looking ahead to August, on the 2nd we will hold our Family Fun Fest from 5:30 - 7:00pm. (See other announcement for more details.)

We hope everyone has a great, safe, and fun summer!!

Diane Van Horn
Center Director
Saint Luke's Children's Center
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SAINT LUKE'S FUN FEST

Plan now to attend our annual Saint Luke's Children's Center/Church Fun Fest **August 2nd, from 5:30 – 7:00pm** in Luther Hall. All are invited to this free event with food and fun. There will be a Cake Walk, Bouncy House, music and the balloon man.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR GRADUATES

Michael Bishop

Rampart High School, May 16
Plans to attend Iowa State University,
enrolled in the Aerospace Engineering
Program

Erik Eaton

University of Colorado Boulder May 10
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

Olivia Brownworth

Dougherty High School, May 23
Plans to attend Texas A & M University,
majoring in Chemical Engineering

MaKayla Foster

Crestview High on May 25th
Plans to attend North Florida State
College

Christopher Byrd

California Polytechnic University, San Luis
Obispo, June 16
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology,
with a minor in Global Politics

Dani Freeman

Doherty HS on May 23
Plans to attend PPCC in their 4-year
Nursing degree (BSN)

Katherine Cook

The Bear Creek School, June 9th
Plans to attend Washington State
University

Renee Lane

Mitchell High School, May 22
Plans to attend CU, Boulder, majoring in
Psychology (Peace and Conflict Studies)

WELCOME NEW MEMEBERS

Please welcome Pastor Dave & Audrey Swarthout and Charles & Megan Hall, who joined our congregation May 20, 2018. Blessed to have you as members of the Body of Christ.

WATCH THIS SPACE.....

The next newsletter will have a short bio on Teresa Watt, Lay Vicar and, hopefully, the rest of the Executive Committee; Mike Brownworth, Secretary; Philip Narwold, Member-at-Large; Drew Schafer, Financial Secretary.

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SUMMER SUNDAYS

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FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING

Church Staff

Pastor:
The Rev. Joshua J. Hansen

Deaconess:
Kathy Berrill

Children's Center Director:
Diane Van Horn

Director of Music:
Keith Lundquist

Business Manager:
Emily Johnson