



Ascension In Action

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God's Work, Our Backyard – Two Community Panels at Ascension

When I was about twelve years old, my great uncle and his family came to visit. We went to the zoo, drove through Garden of the Gods, and went to Seven Falls. I think it's one of only a handful of times I remember going to Garden of the Gods as a kid. It's the only time I've been to Seven Falls.

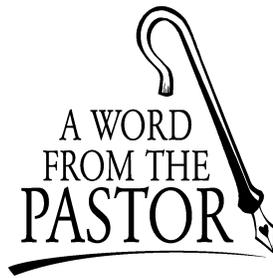
I bet you can share a similar story. I bet some of you have been to the top of the Empire State Building, but not Pike's Peak. Maybe you've seen Niagara Falls, but not the Pioneer's Museum. We miss the stuff in our own backyard, maybe precisely because that's where it is.

And it's not just fun stuff, either. Most American's know their elected Senator, but not their city council person. We know about the wars across the world, but are fuzzy on the fight over a neighborhood park. I remember reading all about a new Pope in 2013, and then being caught off guard when a high school just blocks away closed.

As we'll read later this month (Acts 17), when Paul was travelling and preaching, he recognized the needs and issues of the places he went to. In Athens, he discovered an altar "to an unknown god." (Probably the sort of place people only visited with their great uncles.) And he talked about how the message of the resurrection mattered *in this place*.

As Christians, we are entrusted with the gospel, the good news of God's undefeatable love. But the way that news is told and lived out changes in different places. It looks different in first century Athens than it does in sixteenth century Germany than it does in twentieth century Ethiopia than it does in Colorado Springs today. To know what God's doing *here* we need to know about *here*.

So, we're going to do that. On April 15 and 22 between services, Ascension will host two panel discussions with leaders from our city. We'll have folks really close to



home – like the director of KPC and the principal of Audubon Elementary. We'll have folks who can speak to specific populations in Colorado Springs – like the Homelessness Prevention and Response Coordinator for Colorado Springs and the director for a center on Aging. City Council, the Police Department, Ft. Carson, and UCCS will all be represented.

All we need now is you! These community panels are part of our Purpose Mapping Process, and the whole thing is pointless if we don't show up and listen. Your support for and engagement in the process so far has been great. Thank you! Let's keep it up in April and discover the treasures and challenges in our own backyard.

God bless,
Pastor Daniel



Recognition of Co-Pastor Calls

On March 11, 2018 Bishop Jim Gonia of the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod presided over a service of recognition for our Called Co-Pastors, Dan Holt and Daniel Smith.

CHURCH COUNCIL



There were no pressing issues for the CPC to meet about in March. The executive committee decided to not hold a CPC meeting for the month of March. Instead CPC members sent information in which was distributed via email minutes. The following are a few items from those minutes:

- Board of Lay Ministry is working on cubbyholes for church correspondence. The board will be recognizing Bev Godec in April for all his work with the small groups. They are looking into a number of small projects.
- Board of Parish Education informed us that they are working on two events. One is the confirmation reception on April 29 and the other is RTLC Day Camp which is scheduled for June 18-21.
- Board of Social Outreach is continuing their Wells for Life campaign during Lent.
- Board of Youth are continuing to sell the Texas Roadhouse rolls and are working on the Easter Vigil service. They are also planning their pancake breakfast fundraiser.
- Pastor Daniel reported Annie is getting going on website updates. Online giving is up and running as well. He is getting the new paraments committee back together to start looking at new paraments for the sanctuary.
- Pastor Dan reported things were moving along as we journey though Lent to Holy Week and Easter.
- Greg Gulliksen reported the light installation has been completed and that the next phase of work will begin after Easter.
- The approved minutes of recent meetings are posted on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall and are available in electronic format from the church office.

Small Group Fair April 8th!!

Get ready, the Small Groups Fair is coming on **April 8th**! You'll get your chance to talk to someone from each of our small groups between services. You won't want to miss out because you'll get the chance to find out about the various groups, sign up & sample all of the tasty treats that are there to entice you in. Thanks!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

**the family of Cynthia Berkman at her death.

HE IS RISEN!!!!

What a wonderful celebration on Easter Sunday as we celebrated the empty tomb.



What's Happening

We thank you for responding to our "Wells for the World" campaign during Lent this year. You all helped raise money so communities could put down wells to provide clean and safe water for their people to drink. Yes, with your generosity, you have saved lives.

Come and see all the cool stuff Pastor Dan could buy at the Youth Garage Sale in April. Better get there before he does!

The board of lay ministry is planning the Small Group fair in April. Come and find a small group to be part of.

"A Community of Grace, Called to Serve."

Peace be with you, Greg Gulliksen, President CPC
637-9313 / greg.gulliksen@gmail.com

RUTH CIRCLE

All ladies of Ascension are invited to join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9:30am for fellowship and casual Bible Study. We will be discussing Chapter 8 from the book *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, by Joanna Weaver. You can join at any time. Hostess for the April 12, 2018 gathering will be Elaine Glover. If you are new Ascension or just looking for a casual Bible Study group, we hope you will come and join us! Please see Nancy Shatto for a book, 719-426-9444 or njshatto@yahoo.com.

Walk to Jerusalem

Ascension exercisers have been "walking" for four weeks! All of our collective activity has now brought us across the continental United States! We will be heading across the Atlantic Ocean towards Portugal in the upcoming weeks. Please stop by the Walk to Jerusalem table set up in the fellowship space, log your activity, pick up a weekly geographic/cultural education sheet on the regions we travel, and see if you won a collapsible water bottle! (provided by Penrose Hospital) We encourage you to use the Ashes to Fire devotionals for prayerful contemplation during your exercise time each week as well. It is never too late to participate!

~~US & THEM~~ WE:

Easter Greetings from your Board of Social Outreach! We are so thankful for the generosity you have already displayed in giving to our 2018 ELCA World Hunger “Wells For Life” campaign! We look forward to seeing how many wells we can purchase this year. Stay tuned for updates as we continue to collect donations for the next couple of weeks.

In the meantime, please enjoy an update from the “Handmade, Heartfelt” card-making group. This bunch of ladies has been creating beautiful cards, selling them on a “donation only” basis, and then using the proceeds to help make a tangible impact. Thanks, Ascension family, for your support of their work!

Blessings, Sharla Saunders – Director,
Ascension Board of Social Outreach

You bought a washing machine!

Thanks to your support of the card ministry, KPC Kids place has a new washing machine. Theirs went on the blink at the same time that we were reaching out to them as our chosen entity to receive the card ministry’s 2017 profits. Coincidence? Traci, the KPC director, is very excited and grateful for the donation.

We have chosen the CLC as the 2018 recipient, so please continue your support. New cards are placed at least every month, and you can check out Easter, Mother’s Day, and Confirmation cards on the rack now. We suggest a \$2 donation, but feel free to contribute whatever your heart desires. Some money is also used for supplies. Thanks!

Connecting Ascension Riders and Drivers (CARD) Program

A few months ago, the daughter of one of our senior members approached me to see if our church had a ride sharing program for members without cars. Her Mom could no longer drive, but she still lives at home and needs rides to doctors’ appointments, grocery stores, church, etc. The daughter lives out of town. I was sorry to say that we didn’t have a ride sharing program at Ascension, but that we would start one up. As a result, the Board of Lay Ministry is connecting people who need rides with drivers who have some spare time. If you are in need of rides or are interested in providing rides, please contact John Hayes at (719) 572-1052 or at blazehayes@aol.com. Drivers would need to use their own cars and have their own auto insurance. *We are now providing rides for three of our members.*

STEW CREW NEWS

John Donne, the 17th Century, and Stewardship

During a recent sermon, reference was made to *Meditation XVIII* by John Donne. This lamentation was written in 1624 and the pertinent quote follows:

No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were: any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bells tolls; it tolls for thee.

The above excerpt is part of a much larger piece of work. For those so inclined, the full content is available at: <http://www.online-literature.com/donne/409/>. To lend some historical context: Donne is approaching death. Hearing a church bell signifying a funeral, he observes that every death diminishes the large fabric of humanity. We are all in this world together, and we ought to use the suffering of others to learn how to live better so that we are better prepared for our own death, which is merely a translation to another world.

In the full two-paragraph meditation, Donne meditates upon the sounding of a church bell signifying a funeral and connects it to his own present illness. He wonders if the person is aware that the bell has sounded for him. Donne then applies the idea to himself, using the bell to become aware of his own spiritual sickness, and to everyone else by noting that the church is a universal establishment. Every human action affects the rest of humanity in some way.

The church’s universality comes from God, who oversees all “translations” from earthly to spiritual existence which occur at death. Although God uses various means to achieve this changeover, God is nonetheless the author and cause of each death. Donne also compares this death-knell to the church bell calling the congregation to worship, as both bells apply to all and direct their attention to matters more spiritual than material.

Loving and caring for your neighbor is an important aspect of stewardship. Stewardship is part of everything we say and do, and every decision we make. God has entrusted much to us, and that includes one another. As we embrace the goal of “A Community Called to Serve,” we must remember that part of that service is to one another.

Your Board of Stewardship

Who's That Girl?!

Last Sunday, during the congregational meeting, a new member was officially added to Ascension staff—the website manager.

But who is this web manager? What will he/she be doing? And how does one reach them? To quote Marlo Thomas, “That girl is this girl, I’m that girl!”

I’m Annie Saunders and I’m your resource into the wonderful Ascension website. I’m a senior at UCCS pursuing my undergraduate degree in organizational and strategic communication. That means I’m fully qualified to be a website manager, in fact this job is valuable experience for my career!

My role will primarily be making sure the website is up to date and dynamic. I’ll be adding pictures, videos, maintaining streaming quality, posting information for upcoming events within small groups and boards, and writing reflections. I’ll also be actively seeking out congregation members to add your voice to our site...so prepare yourselves.

These days websites are *the* first impression people get from organizations. My hope is that Ascension will be perceived as the warm, welcoming, grace-filled place we all know it to be. This is the church that raised me, and I’m eager to represent you as the web manager.

Please use my abilities! I can do it! Contact me at: web@ascensioncos.org or (719) 244-0321

Best, Annie S.

Create A Legacy



*Ascension Lutheran Church
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Chuck Hatcher
Clara Remele

Notes from the Music Room

If you look carefully at your calendar this April, you may notice two different dates for Easter - Catholic/Protestant and Orthodox. There are complicated reasons for this difference, including the change from Julian to Gregorian calendars, but it is just one of many fascinating differences between how we and our Orthodox brethren worship.

In the Lutheran church, like most liturgical Protestants, we use an English adaptation of the Latin mass texts also used by the Roman Catholic Church for centuries. Martin Luther did not object to the Confession, the Word, and the Sacrament, but he wanted to clarify their context in the light of God's Grace given freely. In the Orthodox Church, the standard Sunday liturgy (script for worship) is the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, which was written in the 5th century AD under the leadership of John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople. This text is shared by Orthodox Patriarchates around the world, and though they sing it in different languages and styles, and each Patriarchate operates independently, they remain in communion. The musical traditions of the Greek Orthodox and Russian Orthodox Churches are the most well-known.

The service music in the Greek Orthodox Church may seem quite exotic to us. Firstly, Orthodox worship uses no instruments, so the only sounds is the human voice. Greek Orthodox musicians use different modes, like the unusual scales of medieval Europe, though theirs often sound like Greek folk music or even middle eastern music (remember, Constantinople is in modern-day Turkey). And like our chanted psalms, they often use repeated tones (repeated patterns of notes), though they may add a low drone note underneath.

Music in the Russian Orthodox Church is a lot more familiar to our ears, being more related to western classical music. Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov both wrote beautiful settings of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, much as Mozart and Schubert (and even Bach once) wrote settings of the Latin mass. As in the Greek Church, music is usually led by a choir and cantor, but the Russian Orthodox Church often favors lush choral songs over the chant-like call and response of the Greek Orthodox Church.

If you have time to listen, there are many recordings of the Greek and Russian liturgies online. They are mesmerizing and transporting examples of the many ways to praise and give thanks to God with the human voice alone. Consider adding them to your devotions.

Soli Deo Gloria, Megan Miller

SANCTUARY FINISHES – PHASE II

In April we will be completing phase II of the sanctuary finishes. We could use some help with moving platforms and a few chairs this time. We should not have to move all the chairs for this work. We would like to move the platforms after second service on April 8. We are hoping we can leave the alter and choir platforms in a temporary position during this phase of work. We will be looking to get some help on Saturday morning, April 28 at 9:00am to move the platforms back and reset chairs. If you can assist in helping with any moving it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks much
Capital Campaign Completion Team

Thank You to Bev Godec

One of the many things that make Ascension Lutheran so special is our Small Group Ministries which are a great way for our members to stay connected with each other. **They are an integral part of our Ascension family.** Tiffany Malcolm and Bev Godec started the planning for our Small Group Ministries back in 2005. It started when Bev expressed interest in having small groups at our church. He believed it would help people get connected and involved. Tiffany was totally supportive. They worked together to develop an organizational plan....a written structure. They took this to Pastors Keith Hedstrom and Dan Holt and who gave their approval. It was then taken to the church council for approval. Bev and Tiffany also received inputs and guidance from a similar program at Bethel Lutheran. Some informal groups already existed and they became the core of our Small Group Ministries. When Tiffany moved on, Bev took over the leadership. In past year and a half, Bev has been getting help from Aimee Calderon. Now Bev is stepping down from his role and handing over leadership to Aimee. **Bev, thank you for everything you've done with our Small Group Ministries and Aimee, thank you for stepping up to continue this important part of our Ascension Family.**

Bridge Group

Our Bridge Group will meet on a TBD date in April at 5:30PM at Ascension. The specific date will be provided in the church bulletin. If your card playing skills are a little rusty or you would like to learn how to play this great game, we have help sheets and bridge instructors available to help. Feel free to contact John or Kathy Hayes at (719) 572-1052 or at kittypawz@aol.com if you have any questions about this group.



SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES QUARTERLY UPDATE

All are welcome; come join in the fellowship!

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Contemplative Prayer Group

Discussions on theology and practice of contemplative prayer and contemplative silence together.

Meets: Bi-monthly on Monday at church 7:00 pm.

Contact: Pastor Dan Holt, 634-1694 or office@ascensioncos.org

LIGHT (Ladies in God's Hands Together)

A gathering of moms who support each other in our parenting roles.

Meets: Monthly on Sunday at church 9:15-10:15 am. Contact Katy for actual dates.

Contact: Katy Snider, 603-767-6274 or katy.snider@asd20.org

Ruth Circle

Women in fellowship and Bible study from the book Having a Mary Heart in in Martha World by Joanna Weaver.

Meets: 2nd Thursday at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall except for June & July.

Contact: Nancy Shatto, 426-9444 or njshatto@yahoo.com

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

One of the Pastors leads study on Bible or religious topics chosen by group, or scripture for the week.

Meets: Tuesday morning at church 10:30 am, except during the summer months.

Contact: Pastors Dan or Daniel, 634-1694 or office@ascensioncos.org

Thursday Night Serendipity

Six-week studies with topics decided by the group.
Meets October through May.

Meets: 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 pm at the church.

Contact: Rich & Judi Johnson, 264-8196, or
jrajohnson@aol.com

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Ascension Artists

Bring your current art or craft project or start a new one & work on it with other creative folks. We share and learn from each other.

Meets: Weekly Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 at the church in the Fellowship Hall or downstairs.

Contact: Arlayne McKee, 649-8265 or
arlayne@juno.com

Bridge

Come play bridge once a month with others who love this card game!

Meets: monthly Saturday night at the church. Actual dates in church bulletin

Contact: John & Kathy Hayes, 572-1052 or
kittypawz@aol.com

Dining Out

Group participants take turns selecting the date, time, and restaurant each month. The hosts then make reservations for all those who are able to attend.

Meets: Monthly on Thursday or Friday nights. Call to add your name to the email list. Actual dates in church bulletin and by email.

Contact: Laurel & Art Thorstensen, 550-2882 or
revmeme@hotmail.com

Knotty Kneedlers

Bring your latest project and enjoy coffee & fellowship with others while working on it.

Meets: every Wednesday at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall

Contact: Bonnie Vawter, 579-6707 or
bonnievawter@q.com

Men's Breakfast

Get together with other men for fellowship over breakfast.

Meets: Thursdays at 7 am at Big Train Restaurant, 3050 N Nevada.

Contact: Rich Johnson, 264-8196 or
jrajohnson@aol.com

Faith Seeking Understanding

Ascension's newest book club is bringing back civil conversations! We read books that usually address hot-button issues. The discussions at the end of each book are friendly, honest, and happen over a potluck. Our

next book is "The Best We Could Do" by Thi Bui. We'll discuss it over lunch at church on April 29. All are welcome.

Meets: Occasionally. Dates will be advertised in the bulletin, What's Up, and on the website.

Contact: Pastor Daniel, 634-1694, or
d.smith@ascensioncos.org

Red Hat Flashes

Ladies 50+ invited to come out in red hats (optional) & purple to eat brunch & have a good time!

Meets: Monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at various restaurants. Actual location & time in church bulletin.

Contact: Darcy Ayen, 488-0414 or dkdayen@gmail.com

Walking Group

Walks at various venues.

Meets: Tuesdays & Thursdays mornings as weather permits. Please call to confirm special times & locations as they can change from week to week.

Contact: Wini Klein, 636-1232 or wklein636@msn.com

SERVICE & SUPPORT GROUP

Quilts for New Beginnings

No experience necessary to make quilts for Family Promise and World Relief. We'll teach you all you need to know. Kits are available for those who would like to contribute, but cannot attend.

Meets: Wednesdays 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Contact: Anita Arends, 573-4747

Terrace Gardens Bingo

Have fun helping nursing home residents play Bingo and win prizes.

Meets: Terrace Gardens monthly, 3rd Wednesdays from 9:45-11:15 am

Contact: John & Kathy Hayes, 572-1052 or
kittypawz@aol.com

SEASONAL GROUPS

Biking, Holy Pedalers

Most weekends, rides are scheduled. Group members can sign up to schedule and lead rides. Bike riding is mostly on trails, with some lightly traveled roads. Most rides include a stop for breakfast or lunch in support of fellowship.

Meets: Weekly, March – October, weather permitting. Most rides are on Saturdays with occasional weekday rides. Time & location by email & in Ascension Office's *What's up* weekly email

Contact: Bev Godec, 550-9202 or bgodec@msn.com

Camping

Bring your RV, motor home, pull behind trailer or tent and join other folks who enjoy the great outdoors for fellowship and fun! We will share calendar dates and great camping sites with one another via email.

Meets: During the late spring and summer months at different times and locations based on interest.

Contact: Donna or Scott Crump, 622-0927 or dannec664@aol.com (please contact Donna or Scott if you would be willing to help plan the trips)

Hiking/Snowshoeing

Breathe the fresh air and enjoy the pristine scenery as you explore Colorado's great outdoors.

Meets: Group will be notified by email when an outing is planned. Please contact Aimee if you would like to plan an outing!

Contact: Aimee Calderon, 387-7379 or aimeebuesing@yahoo.com



BECOME INVOLVED...

****Ascension's Free Pantry:** A thank you note, "Thank you so much for your food pantry! We appreciate you so much!" Remember to pick up groceries for the pantry when you do your own grocery shopping. They can be placed directly in the pantry outside the CLC or in the cupboard in the Fellowship Hall. It's making a difference.

****Coffee Hour – Smell the Aroma!** Please help keep the coffee hours going by signing up to host a Sunday morning Fellowship Hour! All directions for coffee making are in the coffee station, or just ask for assistance. One or two people is all it takes, and you are so appreciated! See the sign-up sheet on the Kiosk in Fellowship Hall.

****Prayer Ministry** – as we pray for people it helps us to have updates to keep us connected to the person and situation. If you have a prayer concern or would like to become a member of our Prayer Chain, contact the office, 634-1694 or office@ascensionlutheranelca.org.

****Quilts for New Beginnings** – meets every Wednesday from 9-1 in the Fellowship Hall. They spread out quilts in all phases of creation, and if you'd like to help put together quilts for a good cause, come and join us. No experience necessary, just a good heart willing to learn and participate.

****Mercy's Gate – formerly Northern Churches Care** – Pantry items and toiletries are collected in the cupboard in the Fellowship Hall. Ongoing needs: crackers, mac & cheese, oatmeal, spaghetti, corn, green beans, spaghetti sauce, tomato products, tuna, gravy, toothpaste, tooth brushes, face soap.

****Knotty Kneedlers** – We continue to make small blankets and hats and now baby burial buntings for the Indian reservations, as well as prayer shawls. If you would like to become involved in this ministry, or just want to join us for fellowship and work on your own project, we meet every Wednesday at 1pm, in Fellowship Hall. Contact Bonnie Vawter, 579-6707, with any questions.

****Terrace Gardens Bingo – Prizes and Volunteers are needed.** Our church has been supporting bingo at the Terrace Garden Healthcare Center for about 35 years. We call three games of bingo from 10:00-11:00AM on the third Wednesday of each month for the residents. We normally have about 15 players. We call out numbers until every player wins in each game. After they win, we help them (if needed) to the prize table where they can pick out a prize of their choice. The prizes are all donated by members of the Ascension family. We could use some of the following prizes: our #1 need is for gently used men's clothing (sizes Large and higher), then we also have a need for women's clothing (large and Plus sizes), hygiene products (body washes, lotions, tooth paste, shampoo, etc), playing cards, some small containers of ladies' perfumes, adult coloring books/crayons, and lady's jewelry. Please mark items as "Bingo Prizes" and place them in the Terrace Garden Bingo box located on the counter behind the Welcome Center. The residents really look forward to our bingo each month and it is rewarding to help them. Please contact John Hayes at 572-1052 or at blazehayes@aol.com if you'd like to help or learn more about this Outreach program. *Thank you for your continued support of this program.*

****Campbell's Soup Labels:** Please just cut the UPC bar code and the picture of the "point value boy" from the following products: Campbells - soups, chunky soups, Healthy Request, Supper Bakes; Pepperidge Farm, Spaghetti-Os, Swanson, V-8 beverage caps and Prego Spaghetti Sauce. Thanks for continuing to collect these to help the people with disabilities.

****Pop can tabs** help the Ronald McDonald House. They may be placed in the container in the cupboard in the Welcome Center.

Youth and Sunday School News

In June, 17 youth and adults from Ascension will be traveling to Houston for the National Lutheran Youth Gathering. This gathering is held every three years where over 30,000 Lutheran youth come from across the country for a week of faith formation in worship, Bible Study, service and fellowship. We have been working towards funding for this gathering since the youth returned from Detroit 3 years ago, but we still have a little ways to go! How can you help?



- Donut Sundays will be held on April 15th and May 13th. All donations benefit the youth going to Houston!
- The theme this year is "This Changes Everything". The youth will be bringing out change jars with the hope that we can fill them all! The goal is to earn enough to pay for their meals for the week they are gone (About \$150 a person).
- Interested in donating a little more than donations of change or donations for donuts? See one of the youth or adult youth leaders for our Faith Share partners.
- This is a great investment in these youth as they look to strengthen their faith in their daily lives.

need help getting items to church? Please contact Kirsten Johnson at 440-5896. Please NO chemicals, TVs, mattresses, lightbulbs, computers, or other hazardous materials as we will be taking items to ARC after the garage sale.

Questions? Please see Kim Knoche, Kirsten Johnson or Mary Stonebeck

Confirmation Sunday April 29

Confirmation Sunday is April 29 at the 10:30 AM service. Please join us as we celebrate this joyous milestone with: Evan Asiano, Millie Bramschreiber, Sandra Hagen, Emmalee Krieg, Emma Snider, Joel Thompson and Riley Tichenor. The Board of Parish Education will host a reception between services, 9:15–10:15 AM. For questions or if you'd like to help with the reception, please contact Elisa Thompson, 719.641.5184.

Save the Date for Rainbow Trail Lutheran Day Camp!



The Board of Parish Education is hosting RTLCLC Day Camp Monday June 18 through Thursday June 21, from 9 AM – 12 PM. Day Camp will wrap up with an ice cream social on June 21 at noon. Please join us for an exciting week of arts & crafts, Bible stories, recreation and of course, MUSIC! Registration will start in May. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact Mary Stoneback, 303.475.4886 or Elisa Thompson, 719.641.5184.

Are you interested in volunteering at RTLCLC Day Camp this year?!

Youth and Adult Day Camp Volunteer Registration will start Sunday April 15, 9:15–10:15 AM. There are many types of opportunities to help make Day Camp successful! You can prep activities beforehand, donate supplies or help with the campers the week of Day Camp. If you want more information, or if you already know what type of job you want to do, feel free to call Mary Stoneback, 303.475.4886 or Elisa Thompson, 719.641.5184.



ANNUAL CHURCH GARAGE SALE

When: April 28th from 8am to 2pm (early bird at 7:30am)
Where: Lower level of Ascension Lutheran
How? The youth will be holding this garage sale as a fundraiser for Houston youth gathering. We will begin collecting items after Easter until Friday, April 27th at 5:00pm. Items can be brought to the lower level of the church. We will start with collecting them in the back Sunday school room - look for signs! This is a great time to clean out those cupboards and closets. Questions or

Thank you for your continued support of our youth!



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