

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN YOUTH

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ELITCHES TRIP SUPER MUCH FUN!!!

As expected, the Sr. Highers and adults who attended the June 10 day at Elitches had a really great time. No one puked on any rides (though Gene had a pretty close call) and no roller coasters got stuck in mid-ride (Kristen's greatest fear). The youth who went were: Lauren Abromski and her friend Ally, Jacy Neuhaus and her friend Becca, Ethan Ritzen and his friend Josh, Jaryd Tiff, and Amy and Sarah Loberg. Check out the pictures on the youth photo bulletin board in the hall by the Youth Room.



THANKS FOR THE MUSCLES!!!

We have begun rearranging a couple of the rooms in the church building to accommodate our growing staff. This past week the orange room was emptied of youth stuff to be ready for the incoming choir staff. **BIG BICEP THANKS go to Caleb Payne, Barb Payne, Pastor Mark, and Rob, JR, and Maddie Baltrum** for their time, energy, and muscles!

MOOSE OF A TIME HAD AT FAMILY CAMP

Six families (Bumps, Britts, Z/S Petersons, Herbsts, Wisers, and Baltrums) had a spectacular day hanging out at Sky Ranch on July 14. We drove up the mountain amazed at the beauty, played games, enjoyed a hike to the water falls, relaxed on the porch, and had a campfire in the evening. The next morning we downed the breakfast of a lifetime (amazing breakfast burritos) before heading back down onto the flat lands. Be sure to check out the pictures – including pix of the MOOSE that hung out around our cabins! – in the Narthex.

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CONFIRMATION CAMP is COMING!!!

Seven of our youth will be headed up the mountain on July 27 for the *SEEKERS Confirmation Camp*. Please keep Michaela Goecke, Lindsey Loberg, Megan Loberg, Abigail Thornburg, Justin Dirkes, Vincent Byrne, and Danielle Drieth in your prayers. They will be up there for an entire week of learning, worship, outdoor activity, and of course moose sighting! If you would like to send them some mail, send it to "**Name of camper**"-**Seekers Camp, Lutheran Ranches of the Rockies, 805 South Shields, Fort Collins, CO 80521.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: All things camp in 2 hours.

Not going to confirmation camp this time around? No worries! Come on over to BLC from 4-6 PM on Sunday July 27. We will do a little bit of all the stuff they do at camp, including: low ropes, a nifty craft, songs, a "hike," and of course *S'MORES!!!* Bring a friend if you'd like!

HELP NEEDED AT VBS!!!

Like kids? Love VBS? Excited to hang out with the camp counselors from Sky Ranch? Guess what? They like you too! And they need your help! The counselors like to have one helper each when then come to BLC to do the VBS Day Camp. So that means we need a total of three or four young people to help! You'd be here at BLC from 9:00-3:00 M-Th, July 14-17 and 9:00-12:00 on Friday the 18th. If you can only commit to half a day that is fine, or if you can only do 2 days out of the week that is fine too---the counselors are very flexible and easy to work with. The more help we have the better! As far as what you will be doing it will vary---helping get snack, a lot of help with the craft time, and most importantly, you will be hanging out with little kids showing them how cool it is to love and serve Jesus!!! Contact Dawn Reed at the church office to sign up!

Camp

MADAGASCAR COMES TO LRR (Sky Ranch and Sleepy Owl Camp)

Partners from our companion sister synod in Madagascar will be visiting the Rocky Mountain Synod in August and we have planned a special retreat just for high school youth and their leaders. This will be a fun and educational week-end centered on community building and learning about our Malagasy brothers and sisters and their amazing faith.

Leaders will include our special guest Mme Holiharifetra Rakotondramiadana - We call her "Holi"! (pronounced hoo-li), Malagasy exchange counselors, Sky Ranch staff with Madagascar experiences, and Northern Colorado Youth Ministry leaders.

We will focus not only on building community locally, but also on understanding our role and place in our global community as we "accompany" one another in our shared faith and ministry.

Cost for meals and camping Friday evening through Sunday breakfast and worship is a bargain at \$38 per person!

To register contact Kristen Baltrum no later than July 15!!!.

FLY FISHING BEGINNER

Jul 12, Aug 2 -- \$30 per person

Enjoy a day at Sleepy Owl Ranch and learn the basics of fly fishing. Learn to choose the right equipment, explore the world of insects, and to read the signs in selecting the right fly for the right waters.

Summer Camps - Pick your program

Jun 8-Aug 8 – Cost varies with program

Enjoy time at Sky Ranch with people from all across the country and the Rocky Mountain Synod as we take "A Different Point of View" and explore our stories and God's story. We have programs for youth in grades 1-12 and for adults & families. See our brochure or visit the website for program options.

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**2009 ELCA YOUTH
GATHERING
July 22-26, 2009**



New Orleans, Louisiana

- **WHAT IS IT?** It's the tri-annual gathering of Lutheran Youth from across America as well as around the world.
- **WHO CAN ATTEND?** All youth ENTERING 9th or GRADUATING 12th grade in the year 2009. (This is our current incoming 8th – 12th graders.)
- **WHY WOULD WE GO?** This gathering's format is the same AND different than gatherings of the past. 36,000 participants will gather, worship, learn, and party like we did before. This time, participants will ALSO *serve* and begin a life of *compassionate justice* as we take a deeper look inside what it means to live as a Jesus person in all of our lives., even after we leave New Orleans.
- **GET READY FOR THE GATHERING** by attending the first of a series of information meetings at Trinity Lutheran Church in Boulder, July 13, at 1 PM. We will travel to Boulder together in the church van, so sign up to go on the list in the Narthex! Many of your questions will be answered at this meeting.

LOCK-IN with CRAZY SOUTH DAKOTA PEEPS

July 5, from 5 PM through 8 AM worship on July 6, we will host a senior high youth group from SD on their way to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp. We will play, eat, and stay up all night long! Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex!!!

SERVICE PROJECT DAY with MINNESOTA PEEPS

We need you! We will be working with some great folks from Maple Grove, MN, doing some service projects here in town on July 14 from 9-4, then BBQing till 6 PM. One project in particular involves a human chain hauling 1200 square feet of wood out to a dumpster.... It's going to be FUN and AMAZING work! Sign up in the Narthex!!!

