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HEAVENLY DAD

My young friend Ricky stands by his dad. Not literally. He seldom has opportunity to do that. His folks split a few years back, leaving the boy to live with Mom while the dad moved to Southern California. Ricky stands by his dad alright...even when he seems to have every reason in the world to be angry. Recently he was happy to tell me that he'd be getting a long weekend visit. His mom was so sad to explain that Ricky sat on the porch until late into evening watching for his dad's car to come into sight. How I dreaded to see him a few days later. Yet he was almost bubbly. Dad is important, Ricky assured me. He has a special role at work and is often called to take on tasks which nobody else is trained to deal with. I nodded.

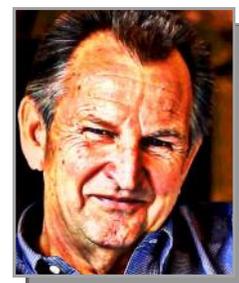
His birthday had been darkened by the same thoughtless silence of a selfish parent. Another promised visit... another no show. No card in the mail. No phone call of apology. Not even an impersonal text.

Why does my young buddy stand by his dad? Is it because a poor excuse of a father is better than no father at all? I wonder.

Then too, I wonder what he thinks of the one I call our *heavenly* father? Can this boy possibly believe that an

invisible parent in heaven is more dependable than the one who brought him into the world? Will he guess that sometimes God is too busy for him... that he has more important matters to attend to? I wonder...and worry. How does a lad gain confidence that he is worth dying for when the one whom he'd expect to convey such thoughts communicates that he is without much worth at all?

Maybe the answer is you. Somewhere boys (and girls) like Ricky need to find people who treasure them... people who will keep their word, show concern, offer hugs, supply affirmation and love. Is that part of being the light of the world and salt of the earth? I think so. Jesus convinced little children of his love and their high priority. And he went beyond them to all humans. A woman who was married five times and seemed to throw in the towel. An adulterous woman whom others were ready to execute. A despised tax collector. Jesus provided what no one else seemed willing to supply. And the same is expected of us...the unexpected.



YOUR LOVE IS SO OBVIOUS

My oldest sister, Dottie, had suffered for so long... her three-times-weekly dialysis and other physical problems had her enduring so much pain and discomfort for well over a year. When she finally took flight from that body our entire family let out a sigh of relief for her. As I made trips to Nevada to see her and our dear dad you undergirded our whole family with prayer. Karen and I are thankful that your love and affection are more than plentiful. Thank you all so much. Jim and Karen Larsen

ROGUE RENDEZVOUS

AUGUST 22-26

Every year I make time for a prayer retreat. I was jazzed at the thought of camping out on the lower reaches of the Rogue River...a few miles from the Pacific Ocean...within a short drive of Gold Beach. Then it struck me. My New Year's resolution amounted to one word...together. So instead of being sequestered at some remote campsite I'm inviting you and others to tent with me. My Rotary buddy, Brad, has agreed to offer to help to wanna-be fly casters. I'll tote along some Dutch ovens. There will be ample time for individuals or groups to get away for seasons of prayer.

This isn't a full-blown retreat. No group meals are being planned. There is no program. I don't have a plan for transportation. What I can offer is an environment for touching each other's lives, sitting around the campfire, perhaps some swimming, maybe a bit of fishing. No doubt we'll eat from a common table from time to time. But you'll need to come to the Rendezvous self-contained.

You can be sure that our camping location will be close enough to town that getting a hotel room, with plans to join the group on occasion could be quite fun. Also...plan to enjoy whatever number of days will work for you...the whole enchilada...or a day or so. More info needed. Talk to me. Jim Larsen-541-890-3209

ROGUE RIDERS ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Wednesday, May 15, will find our cadre of travelers picnicking out at Emigrant Lake...dining on grilled

steaks. The cost will run \$5 per person. Remember that entrance into the park is \$4 per vehicle...so let's carpool as much as we can. Since this is a potluck picnic (except for the steaks) I'll have a sign-up sheet posted in the church library for salad, dessert, bread and fruit. Meet at the church for the trek to the lake...10 am...or get directions from me before our big day. Jim L 541-890-3209

39PLUS CONVERGES ON BETTY'S PLACE AGAIN...MAY DAY

Nobody in town will enjoy lunch more than our Games-Study-Lunch bunch. You know the routine, don't you? Games at 10, followed by Jim's Bible Study...then Betty's fare. So bring our Bible and be prepared for glorious goodies. To get to Betty's home...drive south on Siskiyou to Tolman Creek Road...go right to Green Meadows road...turn right to Lupine...turn right on Lupine. Betty lives at 2315 Lupine Drive in Ashland. Open to everyone. May 1, 10 am.

39PLUS FOLDS THE NEWSLETTER... AND LUNCHES TOGETHER



On Wednesday, May 29, a crew will meet in Fellowship Hall to gab and fold the newsletter. What fun! Before our noon potluck lunch Jim will lead us in a Bible study. Bring something for the potluck, please. Starting time...10 am. Everyone is invited.

NEW TESTAMENT COURSE BEGINS AT EL TAPATIO RESTAURANT

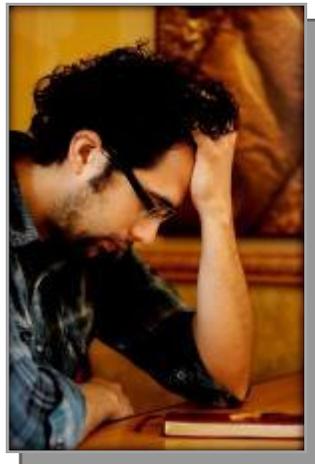
I've enjoyed our Old Testament class down at the El

Tapatio Restaurant so much that we'll soon dig into the New Testament. I'll provide a notebook. You bring your Bible. Starting Sunday, May 12, I'll offer material which comprises a course which I teach for Northwest Christian University. We'll do some serious mining of the New Testament... looking at major Themes and Perspectives. Class will start at 9:15. I'll buy the coffee. If you'd like to enjoy some of their splendid Mexican or American breakfast menu I'd suggest that you arrive 15 or 20 minutes early. El Tapatio is located in the neighborhood of Butler Ford and Acura. Details needed? Give me a call...Jim Larsen, 541-890-3209

PRAYER STATIONS DEDICATED



With just two sermons remaining in our series of prayer 'stations', we are ready to provide a bunch of tools to help you make a daily journey of prayer. Bracelets, necklaces, key chains and book marks will be given out during the sermon on Sunday, May 5. But we will also designate 7 sites in the sanctuary for you to visit, with prayer on your mind. We'll dedicate these sites on that same Sunday. What an exciting day.



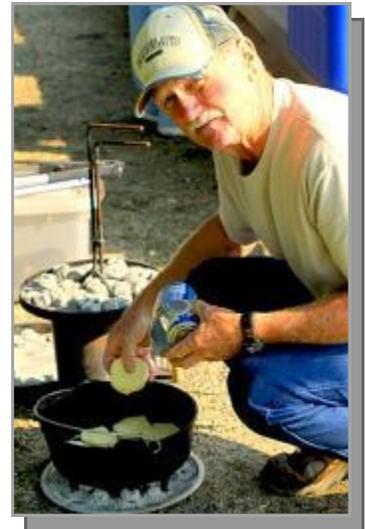
"COUNT ME IN" SUNDAY...MAY 5

On the first Sunday of May we are inviting you to make that statement...Count Me In. Perhaps you've been attending here for some time but have never made your intentions clear...intentions to be considered members of our church family. This came to my mind when we recently nominated men and women to consider being elected to the church board. One needed to be a member to take on such responsibilities. So here we are asking you to formalize a decision that you may have made months or even years ago. Old Timers and New Timers will be invited to make such intentions known. You may simply want to fill out a card to make this grand statement. Some may wish to stand up and

voice their dedication to our church family. Either way, it will be a terrific morning of many saying Count Me In. Please think about this...pray about it...and come prepared to say yes to the invitation to formally link up with the Christian Church of Ashland. Jim Larsen, Pastor

FIRST OUTDOOR BREAKFAST AT EMIGRANT LAKE

Finally! Some have longingly awaited this Spring/Summer tradition...Outdoor Breakfasts. And each year more folk participate... both in preparing fabulous breakfasts...and in eating them. What better way to introduce your friends to our bunch than a relaxed Saturday morning out at the lake? Cookers/prep people/setup folk need to show up at about 8.



Eaters need to have plate and utensils in hand by 9.



This first of five breakfasts will feature biscuits and gravy as well as eggs to order, sausages, fruit and beverages.

Be sure to bring money for parking...(\$4).

Saturday, May 25...Emigrant Lake Park.

NEWLY ELECTED DEACONS, DEACONESSES, TRUSTEES AND CHURCH TREASURER TO BE INTRODUCED

This coming Sunday you'll be able to meet our newly elected church board members. You'll be able to put names and faces together, both for the current board and these new ones. A group photo

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will be taken of these responsible and dedicated ones. Be sure to be present. Sunday, April 28, Morning Worship.

SAINTS ALIVE AND CRACKING JOKES

There is plenty in life to keep one crying. So once in a while it does our hearts good to laugh some. So we do. For plenty of years our church has converged on a local eatery to tell jokes, tall tales and such. Then we are off to the ample buffet or ordering up meals from the menu. Folk of all ages are welcome to this **First Saturday (May 4)** event at **9 am**. The Iron Skillet is located at the Petro Truck Stop just off of the freeway in Phoenix (Oregon!). Remember, this will be our last opportunity at the Iron Skillet before it begins remodel later in May to become and IHOP. We will have to find a new location for June and July. We are also looking for a new person to coordinate this monthly event. Contact Brad or Jim for more information.



BOARD MEMBERS SELECTED

Here is a list of those recently elected to serve on the church board. Congratulations! All received overwhelming support in at the annual meeting.

Deacon

Jerry Moore
Neil Gosswiller
Brian Marlia-Larsen
Earl Rogers

Deaconess

Lesslea Gosswiller
Linda Bell

Trustee

Doyle Cornwell

Treasurer

Eleanor Olson

REAL MEN MAKE DO

Our fearless leader, Gene Stringer, will be heading to Austria to serve a few months at TCMI with his dear wife, Janice. We'll miss the good man but will keep on keeping on. You'll remember since our last haunt closed we've been converging on the Iron Skillet at the Petro Truck Stop. Great chow...fine service...sweet fellowship...much to learn. Monday mornings...8 am...Phoenix (Oregon!) We will have to find a new location again later in May when the Iron Skillet closes for remodeling.



CAMP DATES



Camp opportunities are just around the corner. The regular cost of all camps except First Chance Camp are \$180 and First Chance Camp is \$70. The actual cost is less since our church is a member of Grove Christian Camp. We also have scholarship assistance to help reduce the cost.

Grove Christian Camp is dedicated to bringing people to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, while at the same time teaching and equipping Christians to a more mature relationship of service and commitment to Christ.

Grove Christian Camp is located at
37028 Shoreview DR, Dorena, OR 97434
Phone: 541-946-1662
www.grovechristiancamp.org

Here is a list of camp opportunities for the summer:
Jr. 1 Camp (Grade 4-5)
July 7-12, 2013

Junior 1 Camp Directors again are Sarah Foster from Singing Hills Christian Church in Hillsboro and Tom Moyers of Redwood Christian Church in Grants Pass. Lots of fun activities planned including zip lining, rock climbing, swimming, organized recreation, dodgeball and more..

MS 1 Camp (Grade 6-8)

July 14-19, 2013

No info



HS Camp (Grade 9-12)

July 21-26, 2013

Directors for High School Camp are Bob Whiteman of Reedsport Christian Church, plus Rusty and Keethia Emel of Drain Church of Christ. Remember once again only 1 high school summer camp so make sure to sign up soon! New activity this year "Zip Lining!"

First Chance (Grade 2-3)

July 26-28, 2013

Theme: None Yet! First Chance Camp Directors are Traci Evans and Eileen Dryer both of Redwood Christian Church. Lots of fun activities planned including swimming, rock climbing, dodgeball, group games, and this year "Riding the Zip Lines!"

MS 2 Camp (Grade 6-8)

August 4-9, 2013

Directors are still confirming on this event. We will let you know as soon as we know. Activities planned swimming, rock climbing, dodgeball, and this year "Zip Lining!" Plus many more. Hope to see you at camp!

Jr. 2 Camp (Grade 4-5)

August 11-16, 2013

Theme: "May God's Force be with you." Bob and I are having a different speaker each day who will talk about how God is with you always. We have some cool people coming to speak! Junior 2 Camp is Directed by Jennifer Violette of 6th and Gibbs Church of Christ in Cottage Grove and Bob Friend of Delight Valley Church of Christ in Saginaw. Lots of great activities planned for camp including swimming, rock climbing, dodgeball, group games, and this year "Zip lining!" Hope to see you there!

PRIME TIME CAMP 2013

Sep 8,2013 - Sep 11,2013

Time: 5:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Theme: "Walking in the Light"

Prime Time Camp is a Camp for age 55+

Director: Larry Eyman

Larry and Gloria Eyman Bio Larry preached for 30 years. His ordaining church was Redwood Christian in Grants Pass. Larry and Gloria's first full time ministry was at what is now called Rogue Valley Christian in Medford. From there they went to Shelton Washington. After a five year ministry there, the Eymans were called to Caldwell Idaho and then back to Cottage Grove Church of Christ where Larry rapped up his full time ministry in 2001. Since then he has done many Interim ministries and has been blessed by it all. Larry and Gloria have three adult children. Jeff and his family live in Beaverton OR. Their daughter Debbie and her family live in Grants Pass. Last but not least their son Rick retired from the Navy as a pilot after 20 years and now flies for Jet Blue out of JFK New York. The Eymans have four wonderful grandchildren all very unique and special in their own ways. Larry attended Pacific Christian College (New Hope University) where he received a Masters Degree in Congregational ministries and church leadership. Gloria and Larry are long time fans of Grove Camp and are long time close friends of Tom and Coarina McCormick.

SOME CAMP INFORMATION

Evening Speaker - Larry Eyman

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Bible Teacher - Rob Carney

Missions - "Doctors Without Borders Thailand" Dr. Paul and Jan Jones from Garden Way. Jan will also be Camp First Aid Person. Paul will be our missions Speaker.

Cost Single \$98, Couple \$180, Day use \$35 If you register now you can pay later in the mail or when you arrive to camp in September! The deposit will go towards your final bill, as well as secure you a cabin if you need one. Don't pay total bill plus deposit because deposit is part of your final bill.

WORK IS PART OF THE FUN AT HAUS EDELWEISS!

There is no discrimination here...missionary staff, students, professors, regional directors, short term workers from stateside all have a chance to pitch in and help at meal time. Here we are gathered around the drying table while others are setting tables for the next meal, carefully putting leftovers into the freezer, washing dishes or hauling them to where they will next be used. Typically 100 or so are served at each meal during each of the 9 intensive 2-week summer sessions. There is plenty of work to be done afterward but there is also a great chance to get to know your fellow workers. Most have stories to tell that are truly amazing...how God has guided them into the work they now do for Him. Janice and I wish you could all have the rich experience we will enjoy at Haus Edelweiss near Vienna, Austria May 16-Aug15. This will be our fourth trip. We can stay in touch via the Internet; Email, Facebook, Skype are all available for communication as usual.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Madge Center
- 4 - Karl Slack
- 11 - Ted Killian
- 13 - Nick Marlia-Maxwell
- 29 - Nyla Fenning
- 29 - Andrew Blore
- 31 - April Rudy



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 25 - Robert & Dona Heath
- 31 - Jim & Robin Witt

Editor's Note: If I have missed your birthday or anniversary please let me know so I can update my calendar and include them in the future. If I have included any that you would like removed please let me know that also. Just send corrections to the church office. Brad



"JESUS, LORD OF ALL"

"The Family of God"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2:00 PM Jackson House Ministry 3:00 PM Arbor Place Senior Living Cinco de Mayo</p> <p>5</p>	<p>8:00 AM Real Men-Iron Skillet 6:30 PM Ladies Zumba Exercise</p> <p>6</p>	<p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p> <p>7</p>	<p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Betty Lillibridge's Home 6:00 PM Ladies Zumba Exercise</p> <p>1</p>	<p>National Day of Prayer Madge Center's B'day</p> <p>2</p>	<p>6:00 PM Ladies Zumba Exercise</p> <p>3</p>	<p>9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet Karl Slack's B'day</p> <p>1</p>
<p>12:30 PM Board Meeting???</p> <p>2:00 PM Jackson House Ministry 3:00 PM Arbor Place Senior Living</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <p>12</p>	<p>8:00 AM Real Men-Iron Skillet 6:30 PM Ladies Zumba Exercise Nick Maria-Maxwell, B'day</p> <p>13</p>	<p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p> <p>14</p>	<p>9:30 AM Rogue Riders - Emigrant Lake 6:00 PM Ladies Zumba Exercise</p> <p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>6:00 PM Ladies Zumba Exercise</p> <p>17</p>	<p>6:30 PM Old Time Movie Night Armed Forces Day</p> <p>18</p>
<p>2:00 PM Jackson House Ministry 3:00 PM Arbor Place Senior Living</p> <p>19</p>	<p>8:00 AM Real Men-TBD 6:30 PM Ladies Zumba Exercise</p> <p>20</p>	<p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p> <p>21</p>	<p>6:00 PM Ladies Zumba Exercise</p> <p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>6:00 PM Ladies Zumba Exercise</p> <p>24</p>	<p>9:00 AM Summer Breakfast - Emigrant Lake Robert & Donna Heath, Ann</p> <p>25</p>
<p>12:15 PM Polluck 2:00 PM Jackson House Ministry 3:00 PM Arbor Place Senior Living</p> <p>26</p>	<p>8:00 AM Real Men-TBD 6:30 PM Ladies Zumba Exercise Memorial Day - Office Closed</p> <p>27</p>	<p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p> <p>28</p>	<p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding 6:00 PM Ladies Zumba Exercise Andrew Blone's B'day Nyla Penning's B'day</p> <p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>6:00 PM Ladies Zumba Exercise April Rudy's B'day Jim & Robin Witt, Ann</p> <p>31</p>	

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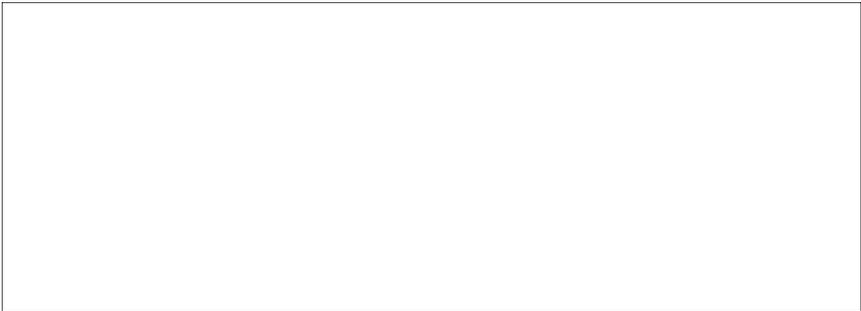
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Sunday Service Schedule
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
10:30 AM Junior Church
10:45 AM Worship

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THESE GUYS RISK IT ALL IN THEIR JOBS!



Saturday, May 18, 2013 We begin our evening of thrills and romance with a tale of the men who risk it all as Hollywood stuntmen in 1933's **"LUCKY DEVILS."** They smash through skylights, tumble down staircases, drop from high rooftops into waiting convertibles...the only fall these daredevils won't take is *falling in love*. They know that the concerns of a wife and family do not mix with the daily risks of a stuntman's dangerous career. Yet "Skipper," played by *William Boyd*

before he became the screen's popular Hopalong Cassidy, *does* fall in love, marries and then loses his nerve, putting a pals life in danger and as a result is shunned by his profession. Can he make a comeback? Can he redeem himself in the eyes of his fellows? Gawrsh...the fun's in finding out the answer to these questions.

After our usual intermission of vintage drive-in snack-bar ads and coming attraction previews (one for next month) we are pleased to present director Howard Hawks' filmed response to *"High Noon"* which portrayed a sheriff so afraid of his adversaries that he spends most of the movie asking the townspeople

for help. Hawks' rebuttal has a sheriff who flatly *refuses* the help of the townspeople, with a trio of exceptions. A sheriff (*John Wayne*) arrests the dim-witted brother of the cattle baron that controls a small Texas border town after he commits murder, an action that prompts the cattleman (*John Russell*) to lay siege to the jailhouse. The sheriff is forced to rely on the town drunk (*Dean Martin*), a cranky old cripple (*Walter Brennan*), and an untested young gunslinger (*Ricky Nelson*) for help. It's 1959's outstanding entertainment **"RIO BRAVO,"** which features young *Angie Dickinson* in one of her earliest big screen performances. This movie has it all: Uncomplicated plotline, familiar characters, songs, and frequent humor. No impossible stunts, no overused CGI effects, no massive blood-drenched body counts...in other words, good old-fashioned family friendly *entertainment*.



Our reasonably priced snack-bar will be open most of the evening, so bring a hearty appetite. Tell everyone you know about our marvelous presentations. Gawleee...the movies are **FREE!** That's right. There is **NO** charge for admission, but donations are gladly accepted.

Doors and snack-bar open at 6:00 p.m. and the movies start at 6:30 p.m.



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While you're at it, consider bringing something for the Ashland Emergency Food Bank.

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