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We celebrate all God is doing!



Hello Aldersgate Family,

What a great two weeks of worship we've had in our Worship Center! You will continue to see some additions and changes as the weeks press on. Thank you for your patience as we work together to provide an opportunity to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our children's Sunday school classes have made their move into the CLC and our youth classes have moved to the Youth Building. We hope to make

some changes to the adult Sunday school class locations February 21st.

All this excitement will generate new challenges and with God's continued faithfulness and direction we will meet each one with confidence in their resolution. Please continue to pray for our Hospitality Team as they work in various areas to help everything to be as welcoming as possible. We are truly grateful for their efforts and assistance. Remember, hospitality is everyone's responsibility. We need to welcome all who come through our doors and show we have truly made room for them!

I'm also pleased to announce your generosity resulted in over

\$2000 being sent to UMCOR for relief efforts in Haiti and over \$700 being sent to the Pregnancy Care Center in support of young mothers and their unborn children. I'm happy to say we are a congregation who truly cares. I'll see you in church!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Dennis

Please remember we will all come together February 21st to consecrate our Worship Center to the Lord in a 3:30 PM service with Reverend Dick Curry, our former pastor, and Dwight Chapman, our District

Use your time and talents to help wrap someone in love!

Have you been touched by Aldersgate's Prayer Shawl Ministry? From the outset, making soft crocheted or knitted shawls while praying for the people who would receive them seemed like a wonderful ministry. Having the good fortune to deliver some shawls and pray with God's people who had trouble in their lives, I thought I understood what it was all about. However, it wasn't until my own brush with cancer that I fully understood how blessed the recipients feel. As one dear friend put it, "It feels like being wrapped in God's love."

Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry as we meet Monday nights at 7 PM in the Youth Auditorium to knit or crochet

and pray. Don't know how to knit? Want to learn to crochet? We will gladly teach you! Needles or hooks and small amounts of yarn will be provided for learning and practicing your new skill.

We also make shawls from fleece fabric, which is fringed and tied. Let us show you how to make it possible for someone who needs God's touch to feel wrapped in His love!



Financial Peace University classes start March 7!

Do you feel you are in a battle every time you and your spouse talk about money? Money problems are one of the main conflicts in marriages. Why not get on the same page this year? Financial Peace University will help you do just that. Not only can it change your financial life, it can strengthen your marriage!

Financial Peace University (FPU) is Dave Ramsey's life-changing program that teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. More than 1 million families have attended FPU with amazing results. The average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in the first 91 days of Financial Peace University.

Learn how to make the right decisions with your money and be empowered with the practical skills and



confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace. This program:

- * Teaches financial responsibility with easy baby steps
- * Helps eliminate debt using the Debt Snowball
- * Offers accountability and continued support with lifetime membership
- * Trains participants to spend every dollar on paper with the zero-based budget planner
- * Empowers people struggling with financial hardships by establishing a plan to take control of their money

The class, led by Kelly and Brenda Clark, will meet Sundays from 5-7 PM in Aldersgate House and will include a video lesson and discussion groups. You'll actually have fun as you learn! Call the office to register now!

The Singles Ministry is hitting the town!

All Single Adults Are Welcome!

February 12—Nixa High School Play

"Up The Down Staircase" Call Connie Mc Grew (725-0778) and leave message by February 8 for tickets. Tickets are also available at the door. Adults \$8, students \$6. Meet in front of the school at 7 PM.

February 25—Game Night from 5:00-9:30 PM

Sandwiches, chips and desserts provided for a small donation. Call Margaret Ensminger (725-6611) to RSVP so we can get an approximate head count. Bring your friends!

March 13—Stained Glass Theater

Tickets are \$8 for the play, "The Outpouring." We'll meet for dinner at 5 PM and then go to the play. More information will be provided later.

March 23—Bunco night from 5:30-9:00 PM

Bring your favorite snack. Carla will teach us how to play!



Return your red envelopes on Valentine's Day!

In honor of Valentine's Day we are asking you to consider the youth your sweethearts! Please remember to return your red envelope and place it in the offering this Sunday, February 14th!



Last year we took over 100 youth to four conferences with 30 adult sponsors. Fundraisers like this allow us to offer each ticket at the lowest possible price, provide scholarships for those in need and pay

for our adults who give so generously of their time to chaperone these trips. This year the need for discounted tickets is more than ever. As we continue to reach, teach and enrich youth to active relationships with Jesus Christ, your generosity frees us to lavish love on these "sweethearts" every chance we get!

Together in Christ,
Elizabeth Buchanan, Director of Youth Ministries

News and notes from the family at Aldersgate

Combined Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays at 7:30 PM Through February 17

We will be rehearsing for the consecration service for our Worship Center. All singers invited! Childcare will be provided.

Junior High Youth Time Warp Thursday February 11



All junior high youth are invited to go back in time with us to 1984! We'll meet at church at 6 PM to travel to 1984 Arcade and return to church at 9 PM. Permission slips are required and are available from Elizabeth or on the website at www.aldersgatechurch.com/youth



Crossroads Game Night February 12, 6:30 PM in the Youth Building

We have rescheduled due to the bad weather in January. See Sarah Ernst for details.

Singles to Nixa High School Play February 12

Meet in front of the high school at 7 PM.

United Methodist Women (UMW) February 11

1 PM in Aldersgate House

Delilah Brown will speak on the prayers of Jesus. The item to bring for Least of These is toothpaste. All women are invited to attend.

Finance Team Meeting February 16

6:30 PM in the Youth Auditorium

Ash Wednesday Service February 17 6:30 PM



in the Worship Center

Our Confirmation Class will assist in leading this service. **Choir practice will take place at 8:30 PM following the combined choir practice at 7:30 PM.**

Moms in Action

February 18
6:30 PM

All moms of school-aged children are invited! We meet for a short program, fellowship and a craft to donate to a local charity. Childcare is provided.

Confirmation Retreat February 19

Please see Pam Foster for more info.

Betty Slawson Memorial Service February 20 1 PM in the Worship Center

Scout Sunday February 21

8:30 AM Service



We will be honoring all our Boy and Girl Scouts during this service.

Stephen Ministry Seminar on Depression February 25 at 6:30 PM

Tom Pickard, a marriage and family counselor and Stephen Leader at Brentwood Christian Church, will share information on depression and answer questions. The seminar will be held in Aldersgate House. Everyone is welcome.

Worship Center Consecration Service February 21 3:30 PM

Join in the celebration of what God has accomplished!

Keeping in touch...

Please pass along our greetings to everyone. We are getting settled and would love to hear from anyone who happens to be in the Denver area. Our new phone number is (720) 237-2196. Blessings on getting into your new facility!

—Kenny, Ann and Kendra Ann Nolen

In thanks...

We want to thank everyone at Aldersgate who prayed for our son Travis this past year. He has returned safely from Iraq and will leave for Germany all too soon. We truly appreciate all the expressions of caring and encouragement from our church family. *Shirley and Dick Molden*

We wish to send all of you a heartfelt thanks for the prayers you gave for our little Paige Elsenraat. The surgery went great with little complications. God answered your prayers and she is now back to her "terrible twos" and into everything.

—Farrah and Jeff Elsenraat

—Quirt and Janet Page

In sympathy...

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ron Grant and family in the loss of his mother and Caroline Helton and family in the loss of her mother.

Do Your Circumstances Seem Like Too Much to Handle?

Sometimes life's circumstances seem overwhelming. As believers, we live under the umbrella of our Father's constant watchful care, regardless of what life may throw our way. Jesus is continuously praying for us and when we are overcome with weariness or unsure of what to do the Holy Spirit speaks to the Father on our behalf. We are never left on our own or forgotten. But sometimes it helps to be able to share our fears and struggles with someone. Stephen Ministers are trained to listen, to faithfully be there for you, and to keep everything confidential. If talking to someone would help right now, contact one of the Stephen Leaders: Claren Holmes (581-2870) or Delilah Brown (725-2329).



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