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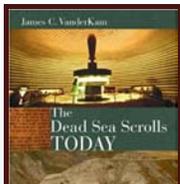


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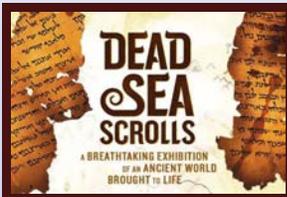
Gatherings



Book Club



We have been digging deeply into *The Dead Sea Scrolls Today*, by James VanderKam. In ways both spiritual and more technical than we could have expected, we've been learning about this obscure spiritual community that lived along the Dead Sea for 150 years or so before Jesus, and how their writings shine some light on the Bible and early Christianity.



The reason this book has our attention is because the Denver Museum of Nature and Science has an exhibit of some actual Dead Sea Scrolls! We'll be going on a field trip to see them, and anyone is welcome to join. Meet at the Museum on 10 April, 1 pm, under the dinosaur. Talk to Hansen about any carpooling. (The entrance fee is \$17, or \$14 for seniors. If that is a problem for anyone, please talk to Hansen. We don't want anyone to miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.)

The Sacred Music that Matters to Me

Bob Rhoads

On Palm Sunday we sang Hymn No. 88, "*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*", one of my favorites. It has a tune that is unique, memorable, and sing-able. But why do we sing it on Palm Sunday? The "message" of this hymn is that we can re-enact the final entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem by offering "our praise and prayers and anthems" (verse 2), just as the Hebrews went before Him with palms and singing "sweet hosannas". Verse 3 goes on to say that the Hebrews sang their hymns of praise before Jesus's passion, whereas we raise our melodies to Jesus "now high exalted". But besides allowing us to re-enact His entrance into Jerusalem, there is another reason why we sing this hymn on Palm Sunday—a historical one. The words to this hymn were written by Theodulph of Orléans around 820 AD. Once one gets over the shock of knowing that this inspiration came ~1200 years ago, one asks "who was this Theodulph character anyway"? Wikipedia tells us that he was Bishop of Orléans during the reign of Charlemagne. When Charlemagne died and was succeeded by Louis the Pious as Holy Roman Emperor, there was a power struggle and poor Theodulph backed the losing side. He was placed under house arrest in a monastery, during which time he wrote "*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*".

The story goes that Louis heard Theodulph singing this hymn on Palm Sunday and was so moved that he released Theodulph and ordered the hymn to be sung every Palm Sunday. Personally, I am thankful for the power of music that can transport us back to this critical moment in the life of Jesus and let us join the children of Jerusalem in offering God our praise and prayers and anthems. I am also thankful for the "long reach" of the church that allows us to connect with an inspired servant of God who lived so many centuries ago.



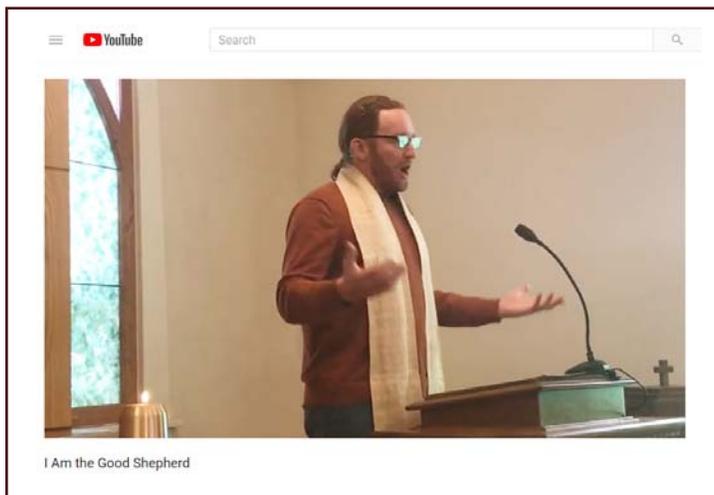
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For 2017 our Elders and Deacons told you why they love this church. For 2018, it's your turn, to tell us: *What Sacred Music is important to you? Can you write a short essay about your favorite hymn? Talk to Hansen, if you'd be open to it.*

NCPC Online

The most popular social media post in February was... the sermon on 11 March, I Am the Good Shepherd, in which a little insight into ancient near-eastern farming practices helps us understand how open and welcoming Jesus was, and not—as is often read into John 10—exclusive and demanding. You might also want to see our recent Guest Musician, Christopher Peace, who played two wonderful songs (Heal Me and Rocky Road) in worship on 11 March. Go check it out on our church Facebook page: (www.facebook.com/nederlandcpc) or Hansen's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/hansenwendlandt), or everything is linked from our website (www.nederlandcpc.org), under Worship.

When you interact with our online content, that has a way of spreading the good news with our community, which makes you a modern media-vangelist!



Rocky Mtn. Ministry UPDATE:

We already have *nine* churches signed up to take part in Rocky Mountain Mission! Young people will be coming from Montana, Texas, Nebraska, Colorado, and New Mexico, over four separate weeks this summer. (Many smaller churches are joining forces.) They'll be sleeping and eating at the church, serving in the neighborhood, adventuring in the mountains, and learning about their place in God's Creation.

If you know of anyone who is needy or disadvantaged in our community, who could use some help around the house, talk to Jim Reis. These teens can help with all sorts of small home improvement projects. Or, if you might be able to host a Wednesday night campfire and devotional, talk to Hansen. One new thing this year: each Sunday night that we have a group, you are invited to come meet them. We'll publish the dates closer to the summer, but we want to welcome our guests with a pot luck dinner and your smiles.

Soul Sisters

Soul Sisters (the NCPC women's group) meets on the third Thursday of each month, so that's 19 Apr, 5 pm at The Oyster Bar. Come get to know some other ladies, with or without a margarita.

Men's Group

Men's Group meets this month on 15 Apr, 4 pm at Salto. This is a simple chance for men of the church to get to know each other better, with or without a beer. Guys of all ages are welcome.



Just about every Thursday, 9 am, at *The Train Cars*, everyone is invited for coffee and conversation about life, faith, church and everything in between.

Vacation Bible School

Each year Highlands sends three of its staff members to Nederland to lead our joint Vacation Bible School program (with St Rita's and Calvary Chapel). This year we are on the schedule for July 23-28. Registration information will be out soon, but block that week for your child to learn and grow!

Area Agency on Aging

Do you provide care for an older family member or friend, or are you interested in learning more about local resources for caregiver support? You're invited to attend Caregiving Symposium, a free event sponsored by Boulder County Area Agency on Aging and TRU PACE, on Thursday, 17 May 8:30 – 4:00 (come for all or part), at the Plaza Convention Center, 1850 Industrial Cr, Longmont. This features a large resource fair, workshops on caregiving issues, lunch, and more. Pre-registration is required by 9 May, at www.2018caregivingsymposium.eventbrite.com or 303-441-1685. (Walk-in registration, without lunch, is permitted also.) Respite care assistance is also available; call 303-678-6284.

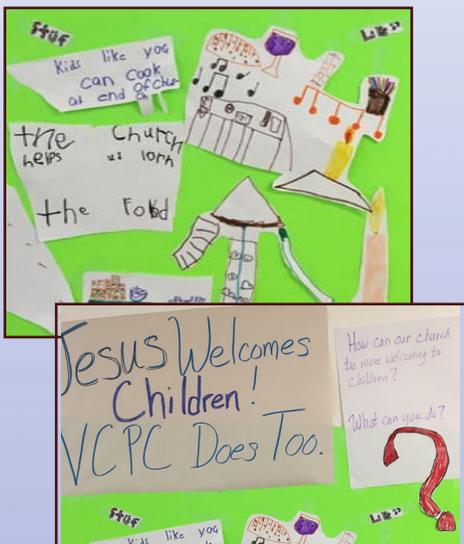
Fellowship Time

Have you been looking for a way to serve at church, but can't make a long term commitment? Arranging the fellowship time after worship is for you! Sign up on the sheet outside the kitchen, or contact BG with any questions (303-748-9172, bbrooksrnm@aol.com).

A reminder from the Brooks for Fellowship volunteers: To lighten your load on Sunday morning, you'll find coffee ready and water in the urn for tea (you plug in the pots). Also, lemonade is made in the fridge; coffee cups, plates, forks and napkins are on the table. Your job: deliver the good eats and get them on the table before the service ends. We're usually around to help with clean up, but other folks help too. Thus, volunteering for Fellowship is a snap! Sign up for an April Sundays ASAP. Blessings!

Sunday School

Sunday School is going so well! Check out some of the awesome activities that Sara and the kids are doing, over in their corner of the fellowship hall.



Next Worship Series

After Lent and Easter, our next Worship Series is *Behind Every Good Man...* We'll be looking at stories from Biblical women who too often get lost in the tales about their men. You probably already know something about Eve, Sarah, Mary, Ruth, and Esther. We focused on Martha and Mary Magdalene recently, and Rahab one memorable Christmas Eve. You may have heard about the woman from Proverbs 31, probably the same woman depicted in Song of Songs. So, let's dig deeper into the lives of women like Miriam (Moses' brave older sister), Delilah (Samson's girlfriend, who finally stands up to the abuse), Hannah (Samuel's desperately prayerful mother), Deborah (Israel's best leader during hundreds of years of upheaval), Hagar (Abraham's servant and, ahem, paramour), and Lois (Timothy's grandmother). Maybe next year we can follow up on Bathsheba, Priscilla, Naomi, Phoebe, Vashti, Tamar, and anyone else who you want to learn more about!



Highlands Camp

Summer isn't that far away! Check out our local Presbyterian camp in Allenspark, www.highlandscamp.org, for when you can send your youngster for regular summer camp for all ages, high adventure camp for middle and high schoolers, drama camp for middle and high schoolers, grandparent/grandchild camp for younger ones, and more. Scholarships are available. And they are always looking for college staff and volunteer nurses, if you know anyone who might fit the bill.

(The Highlands summer program director, Danny Winters, will be at worship this April 22nd, offering the children's sermon and leaving coupons for camp!)





One of the most beloved books that the Book Group read was by the novelist, poet, and farmer Wendell Berry. There is a new documentary about his life, called Look and See. (You can learn about it at www.lookandseefilm.com.) Our Nederland library will be showing that film on 1 May, 7 pm, totally free. Read his novel Hannah Coulter and join us to learn more about Berry's life!



Family of Fran Bauer
 Cassie Brandon
 Willi & John Brocklehurst
 Colleen Commons
 Rich Deubel
 Crystal Epperson
 Greta Habak
 Charles Irwin family
 Gwen Kittel
 Barbara Lawlor
 Bill Martin
 Miles Pancoast
 Charlie Smart
 Pat Strawn
 Bette Ventrella
 Town of Nederland Police & Fire Departments
 all those who have and are now serving in the military
 the many churches preparing to join us for Rocky
 Mountain Mission
 all the many folks in our lives who are dealing with
 grief and stress who do not want their
 names publicized...

Do you have questions or comments about NCPC?

In the Presbyterian denomination, the ministry of administration for each congregation is handled by its Session of Elders (like a spiritual Board of Trustees), and the ministry of compassion is directed by the Deacons.

Here are your church leaders and staff:
 Elder for Christian Ed, Aimee Tomlinson
 Elder for Cultural Engagement, Will Ford
 Elder for Fellowship, BG Brooks
 Elder for Finance, Marylou Harrison
 Elder for Property, Jim Reis
 Elder for Worship, Dean Rundle
 Deacon, David Ford
 Deacon, Jaydene Morrison
 Deacon, Nancy Waldron
 Custodian, John Callahan
 Director of Childcare, Sara Sandstrom-Kobi
 Director of Finances, Cindy Hauser
 Guitarist, Emily Haynes
 Pastor, Rev Hansen Wendlandt
 Pianist, Daniel Herman
 Rocky Mtn. Mission Work Coordinator, Jim Reis



Open Doors, Open Minds, Open Hearts.