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PRESIDENT'S PERCH

In the afterglow of Easter, we are still hearing "HE IS RISEN" in Sunday worship. "HE IS RISEN IN-DEED, ALELUEAH!!" What a delight to know our Savior is risen!

Having said that; we also note that *spring has sprung!* 30" of frozen sunshine fell on Ranch with one April storm and will guarantee front rangers showers and cool glasses of water all summer. The flowers will bloom; fish will swim and have company added to their numbers. Fishermen-women-children will delight in the catch; we will soon worship at the Ranch House, enjoy the "Ranch" experience and thrive at building Christian Community. July 2nd will see the Ice Cream Social, August 6th will be the Annual Meeting and around 20 August a "Thistle Party and/or a Flower Power Hike" and a Grand Finale' Chipapalooza chipping party in early October. You will get e-mail updates on all as well as postings at the Ranch House and bulletin boards. Please plan on attending any and all!

Your board is striving to serve the best interests of Ranch in all matters and perhaps even to have time to enjoy some of the peace Ranch brings as well as dust off the grit of the city.

Your Brother in Christ
Alan Peterson, Board President

SUMMER EVENTS SCHEDULE

July 2nd - Ice Cream Social - Ranch House - 2pm start time

August 6th - Annual Meeting - Ranch House - 2pm start time

August 20th - LV Ranch Beautification project - All over the property - 8am start time
There will be more information coming out about this great event!!



BUILDINGS & SAFETY

Spring means snowstorms and new building applications at LVR! We have approved electricity, a trailer, and believe it or not a HOT TUB at our last meeting.

Several of you have wondered why there are so many small shacks at LVR. Don't take this as legal advice, and please check with the county before building, but it's most likely due to this section of the Teller county code...

R105.2 Work exempt from permit. [Amend numbered subparagraph Exception 1 to read:] 1. One-story detached unheated accessory buildings used as: tool and storage sheds, playhouses, provided the outside dimension area does not exceed 120 square feet (11.5m²), and overhang projections shall not exceed 24 inches beyond the exterior wall. Such structures shall not be used for habitable or sleeping rooms, or contain upper storage areas greater than four (4) feet in height, and used for light storage only.

We're sure to enjoy another great summer at LVR, especially if we play it safe. Please drive slowly and carefully, anticipating ATVs and children around every corner. Please shut the gate even if you need to help out someone who forgot. And finally, no scuba diving in the lake... you know who you are



Your Brother in Christ,
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LOTS AVAILABLE

Currently we have 2 lots available – 57 and 59

LOT SIGNS

Need a sign with your name on it for your lot? Go to www.lvranch.org and click on "Lot sign request form" at the bottom of the main page or contact Shirley Bauer at slbauer1030@gmail.com. We are making signs for all the new members

CLINGS, STICKERS AND FLAGS

LVR window clings, ATV stickers and ATV flags are now available. The board encourages all members to have a window cling (black and white) displayed in the lower drivers side windshield of their car and LVR stickers (yellow and black) on their ATV's. These forms of ID let your fellow Ranch members and Retreat staff know that you belong on the property. COST: Clings and stickers are FREE. ATV flags \$10.00 donation (non-deductible). If you need any of these items, contact Shirley Bauer at slbauer1030@gmail.com or Alan Peterson at PetersonA@wedbush.com

From the VP

I have been blessed to be on the board at LVR and work with such great people for the benefit of such a great place as LVR. We want to give everyone the opportunity to serve this great organization. If you might be interested in joining the board please contact me at Jackie.brookshire@comcast.net and we can talk about what positions are coming up this year, the time and talent commitments and any questions you may have. If you decide you are interested in running for a board position we have 3 positions up for election this year and you can add your name to the ballot.

Thanks Jackie Brookshire, Vice President

WHY TRY A DRY FLY

Back in 2010 when we joined LVR I took a friend with me to fish Deer Lake. Of the hundreds of times that I have been fishing it was probably the most fish I had ever caught in one day. I thought, "Wow, if the fishing stays this good then I will probably renew our 99 year lease in 2109. "

We were using spinners with treble hooks and once the trout hit it there was no getting loose. I'm not big on eating trout, maybe it's the trout or the way I prepare them. We released every trout we caught, which wasn't always easy because they may have been double hooked or actually swallowed the hook. Most of those died, (maybe four or five). I was feeling bad about that since I was fishing for fun and not for dinner. I got my fly rod out of the truck and used it. To my surprise they were as easy to catch and I didn't have to struggle to get the hook out. They were hooked on the lip with a single hook and it was so much easier to get it out and much less stressful for both of us.

In the US each year about 48 million people fish and about 12 million of those fly fish. I like all kinds of fishing styles, it is such a thrill to have a fish pulling on my line. Comparing bait fishing to fly fishing is like comparing hiking to the top of a mountain and climbing cliffs to get there. You still get to the top (hopefully) for both methods but the climbing is more exciting. I'm too weak to climb the cliffs but not too weak to fly fish. It takes a while to learn how to cast so you don't take your hat off with the fly. Once you get the basics down, it is a lot of fun to cast your fly to a spot where you see a splash or a fish. When you see them attack your fly and make a big splash that is very invigorating. It is very rewarding if you have chosen the correct fly and picked the right spot and actually cast it there to catch a fish.

A lot of fly fishers spend hundreds of dollars on equipment and accessories. Some spend thousands on exotic trips and guides. Two of my fly rods and reels cost me under \$30 and I order flies on-line for about 60 cents each. There are fly rod and reel combos for under \$30 on amazon.com and walmart.com. You can get some great instruction on YouTube, search "how to cast fly fishing."

My two main goals for this article is for you to discover the thrill of fly fishing and for more of our trout to survive if you are fishing for fun instead of food. Please email me if you need more information or some help at LVR at keepkidsinsports@msn.com. On your email please use subject: Deer Lake.

LET'S GO FISHING!!!!

Dave Romberg

ADDRESS CHANGES

Have you moved recently? If you have moved since August 2015, please contact the Ranch secretary, Dee Paulson, at dplakewood@comcast.net and she will make sure your information is updated.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

The Board has received over 40 surveys from you and we are looking at how we incorporate the results into LV Ranch plans for the coming year. Please make it a point to be at the annual meeting the 1st Saturday in August as we will talk about the Survey results and set plans for moving forward with the highest priority items.

In Christ,
LV Ranch Board

FISH AND LAKES

Bear Lake and Deer Lake are full!! Fish delivery is scheduled for May 24. Sixty percent of fish will be put in Bear Lake. Both lakes will be stocked with 9-14 inch and 2-3 pound Rainbows. We are also adding some Brown Trout. Bear Lake will receive a few grass carp to help with weed control and some minnows to get the trout bigger faster. In mid May fishing was poor on Bear Lake. At Deer Lake I was using flies and caught fish every 10-15 minutes. Fishing should be great in June. Two park benches have been added to Bear Lake and plans are made to make easier access to the docks at both lakes.

TREES

Our annual CUSP (Colorado Upper South Platte) wood chipping event will probably be in early October again. Please consider helping this year. It is very rewarding and a great workout. This is how we can protect our LVR from wildfires. Start your neat piles of downed trees so that it is relatively easy for the chippers (hard working LVRanch members) to pull the trees from the pile and the truck and chipper have easy access. *Remember that you must cut the stump or any part of a tree that was in the ground off of any tree (will cause damage to the wood chipper) and that the biggest size that the chipper can handle is 10" in diameter.* Fire needs fuel, so move downed trees, branches, twigs and pine needles at least a hundred feet from your structures. Trees within that area should not have any branches less than ten feet off the ground. Please be aware of open fire restrictions.

Blessings,

Dave Romberg

LVR ACTION ENTERTAINMENT

Many for us like watching ocean waves crashing on the shore and looking at a camp fire in the mountains. Near the top of my list is to watch hummingbirds flying around and taking the nectar from a hummingbird feeder.

There are eleven species of hummingbirds in Colorado and the three most popular ones are Broad Tailed, Rufous, and Black Chinned. Instead of me trying to describe them just look them up on line to get a nice picture of them.

There are probably as many recipes for nectar as there are species of the hummingbirds.

The one I use is:

Start with regular tap water- not bottled water. The impurities are actually better for birds (and it saves you a little \$)

Mix 1 part plain white sugar to 4 parts water in a pot on the stovetop.

Heat to a boil, stirring frequently. Let nectar boil for just a minute or two to kill mold and get rid of chlorine, then remove pot from the heat.

Let the nectar cool completely.

Be sure your feeder is clean and free of mold, ants, and bees. Now you can pour it into your feeder and since you boiled it, you can store the extra nectar in your refrigerator for a few days.

Why are hummingbird feeders red? According to the experts they really are attracted to red. Most hummingbirds return from Mexico, Guatemala, and El Salvador in late May to mid June and then go south sometime in September.

Bears are attracted to the nectar. I have a feeder with big teeth marks to prove it. So we should not leave them out when we are gone.

I ordered two books for the Ranch House, "The Secret Lives of Hummingbirds", I hope you enjoy them.

Dave Romberg

EARLY LVR MEMORIES

By Harry Zimbrick

FIRST CAMPOUT

Margaret and I organized the first youth camp in August of 1961 for Immanuel Lutheran youth. Everyone had to bring their own tents and sleeping bags. We supplied the food and the kids did the cooking. Larry Bangart cut his leg with his camping knife and I spent the night taking him to the hospital in Colorado Springs for medical help. And it rained a lot.

FIRST WEEK LONG CAMP

The board approved of the first week long camp in 1962 by giving us \$25 to build two outhouses, which were called Adam and Eve. The tent platforms (warehouse doors) had to be hauled from the site near the present Ranch House. They were hauled via Cedar Mt. Rd. and then down the jeep trail to the original camp site, a round trip of 30 to 40 minutes. And it rained a lot. But the kids loved the campout and a youth camp was born.

COOK SHACK

The cook shack was constructed by using the warehouse doors. It was not much to look at but it did serve as a dry cook house with no electricity and a one burner army propane stove. Betty Schirmer was the cook and a real trooper cooking in the shack with meager equipment. Food service trucks would not deliver milk and perishable food stuffs beyond Wildhorn, so arrangements were made with Wildhorn to drop our supplies in their kitchen. I picked up the supplies daily from them for our kitchen.

THE WELL

A well was dug by the stream near the present camp site. The well was completed the first day of the first week long camp. The well digger found water at 12 feet, and said we need to pump it for a few hours to get the muddy water out. Not having time to do this, the first thing the 12-15 campers did was to have a water fight with buckets of water from the well. After about an hour, the water was clear, fresh, and ready to drink.

HORSEBACK RIDES AND SWIMMING

Horses were provided by Wildhorn Ranch. We also used their swimming pool to clean up the kids after a week of tenting before the parents picked up the kids on Sunday afternoon.

To be continued in future publications.....

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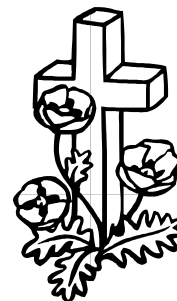
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COLUMBARIUM

We are pleased to announce that the columbarium has sold out, with ½ a niche remaining (space for 1 set of cremains). Do not worry if you "missed out" on reserving a space, the Columbarium Committee is working on having a second columbarium built. The cost of a niche (which contains two crypts for two sets of cremains) is \$1000. One crypt (for one set of cremains) can be reserved for \$500. If you are interested in reserving a niche or crypt, the reservation forms are available on the Ranch website or from Dee Paulson at (303)716-3518 or dplakewood@comcast.net.



IN REMEMBRANCE

James Ford (Lot 63), member since 1998. Passed away April 28, 2016.

BY-LAWS/RULES & REGULATIONS

If you would like a copy of the Corporate By-Laws or the Rules & Regulations, please contact Dee Paulson at dplakewood@comcast.net or (303)716-3518. The By-Laws and Regulations are also available on our website at: www.lvranch.org

RANCH HOUSE SPRING JAMBOREE

Spring has sprung, they say! April showers bring.... Heavy snows, high winds, downed trees, downed power lines, days without a pump working, melting snow, shoveling snow, ... and of course, mud!

No wonder we long for summer... but you know what that means [A question Martin Luther taught us to ask] ? There's some things we don't long for involving getting ready, like fixing roads, stocking up supplies for the flood of summer LVRers, searching for pastors and deacons to lead summer services and getting them scheduled, and getting the Ranch House maintenance done [replace lights, light fixtures, kitchen sink fixtures, etc.]. That includes figuring out how to change the door code for 2016 with the anticipation of celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation next year [a code hint to remember so you won't have to stop by our house to ask what the new code is] {:>))+

We haven't received the amount of snow we received this winter for about 6 years, so the springs will be running, lakes filled [geese are already setting up home on Goose Island], good fishing, the greening of trees, and lots of nice purple flowering weeds that need to be dug up and cut down on each lot before the flowers mature.... Please be a good neighbor and check your lot out a couple of times during the summer!

Also, remember the Ranch House is kept clean by the way we use it, signing in, cleaning up after ourselves, and occasionally pitching in to do some "deep cleaning". Everything about the Ranch is volunteer... so be sure to give thanks to our heavenly Father and let that thanksgiving be shared with your brothers and sisters in Christ who help make the RH a pleasant and comfortable community happening. We now have a good working internet system so bring your laptops-homework but remember there's a limit to how much our system is contracted to do [please refrain from downloading movies etc.].

God bless your summer and remember He has blessed us so that as His ambassadors we become His agents through whom His blessings reach the folks around us... especially the blessing of having His Name put upon them by us!

Speaking of Spring Jubilee, what makes us glad... Psalm 122!!!

Thanks for your help and cooperation! Blessings! Clare Skov

ROADS & EQUIPMENT

With all the snow this spring, it has been quite a workout for the grader. From the reports that I have received from Clare, the roads held up pretty good thru the winter. Of course, spring snows = mud and bad roads. We are working diligently to get the roads cleaned up for May and the influx of all of you coming up to enjoy LV Ranch. The grader continues to perform well and has proven time and time again what a valuable resource it is for LV Ranch and Retreat.

As some of you are at LVRanch more often than I am, please keep a lookout for road conditions and let me know if there are any issues that you want to raise about the maintenance of the roads.

Thank you to those who so willingly drive and service the grader to help keep our roads looking good.

God's richest blessings,
John Harris