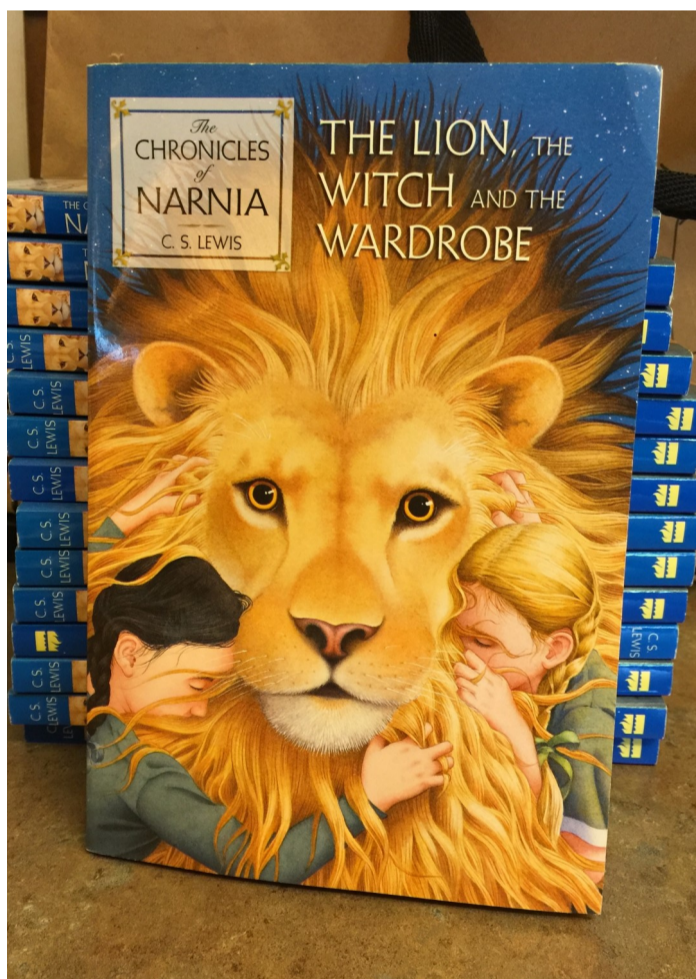




**Upcoming Class: Exploring The Lion, the Witch
and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
Taught by Melissa Snider and Nancy Brumsted
Wednesdays 5-6 pm, January 6 - February 10**

FOR: Kids and teens, 4th grade and up, together with their parents.



Childcare available for young children. Adults without children are also welcome.

You are invited to attend a multi-generational class to read and discuss C.S. Lewis' classic work for young people, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. We'll explore the themes and symbolism in the novel and see how it applies to our lives as Christians today.

Contact Melissa Snider for more information: melbrums@gmail.com

A WORD FROM PASTOR BEN PASCAL

Every Member a Minister

Dear PCJH Family,

Happy New Year! I pray that 2016 will be a year of harvest as we welcome new people into the life of the church and introduce them to Jesus. After all, it is Jesus who makes all things new. May 2016 be a year of new beginnings and new life!

Do you have friends, family members or coworkers who don't know Jesus? Have you ever wondered if there was something you could do to encourage that person to experience God's life transforming love in Christ? Well... there is definitely something you can do! You can share your own personal story of how God has impacted your life. Sharing our stories is probably the most effective way of sharing the good news of God's love in Christ.

A passage of Scripture that has helped me understand our responsibility as Christians in sharing the good news comes from 1 Peter 3:15...

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

The first and most important part of sharing the good news is making sure that you have good news to share in the first place... that comes from having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord of your life. When you have an authentic relationship with God, people notice and they start asking you questions. They become curious as to the hope that you have and your perspective on life and death and the world to come.

Peter says that we should *always* be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. Are you prepared to answer people's questions about your faith and your relationship with Christ? If not, I have even more good news for you!

PCJH will be hosting a workshop on Friday evening, January 29th and Saturday, January 30th. We have a special guest, Rev. Dr. Ray Jones, from the PC(USA) Office of Evangelism coming out to lead the workshop. Ray is a phenomenal pastor who will help us to find new ways to engage our community and our church with the purpose of sharing God's good news in Jesus Christ.

The workshop is called *Engage* and it has been well received throughout the denomination and other Wyoming churches in our Presbytery. One of the things I love about *Engage* is that it fulfills that last part of 1 Peter 3:15... with gentleness and respect. We all have had experiences with Christians who have been rude and forceful in their sharing of the good news. The *Engage* curriculum is an effective evangelism training that will help you to be prepared to share God's great news with gentleness and respect.

As you probably already know, the Christian faith is declining in the United States. I think part of the reason for this is that we don't know how to share our faith. When was the last time you shared your faith with someone? When was the last time we had an adult baptism at PCJH? How will we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ if we don't first share our stories of good news?

We are only one generation away from people not knowing Christ. In the Old Testament book of Judges, we see the negative impact when a generation of people don't know God...

"After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel. Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord and served other gods." -Judges 2:10-11

I pray that you sense the importance of sharing our faith with others. In fact, it is part of our PCJH mission statement: *Passing on the Faith!* Let's get together on January 29th-30th to learn more and get equipped for sharing God's amazing love with others.

Check out more information about *Engage* at www.pcusa.org/engage. Please contact Katie Robertson at katierobertson@live.com for more information about the event and to volunteer. I hope you mark your calendars and engage your faith on January 29th and 30th. Let's continue to be a church that is engaged with God and with our community! Let's bring in new life to our church in 2016 by sharing God's love in Christ Jesus.

Faithfully,

~Pastor Ben



**Confirmation Class
with Pastor Ben
Starts Sunday,
January 24th
9:00am - 10:00am
Until Sunday, March
27th (Easter).**

**8th graders to
12th graders
are able to sign-up.**

**Jordan T. Shive
PCJH Children, Youth
And Family Ministries
(307) 739-9591**

Please call the office if you are able
to help with phone coverage
January 25—February 5, 2016, while
Lindsey Parr is in Kenya

Update from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Members of the committee: Warren Myers, Sue Unruh, Irene Lund,
Melissa Snider, Tom Jordan, Karen Brennan, and Aaron Nydam



The APNC has met almost weekly since November. We've spent time determining our process as we seek out applicants to find the next Associate Pastor at PCJH. We're thankful for the support of the Wyoming Presbytery. Larry Turpin is our Committee on Ministry representative, and met with us in December before driving home to Evanston. We are currently updating the job description for the position and preparing the form that will be posted online to officially begin the call process. We will update the congregation as we reach milestones in the search process.

For the moment, our committee would like to request prayers from the congregation now and for the duration of our search. Please join us in praying for...**Patience:** God's time, not ours. **Unity:** That the committee would work as one and stay centered in Christ. That the PCJH congregation would be ready to receive a new pastor with open arms, and welcome them to our community. **Wisdom:** That we would "be transformed by the renewing of [our] mind[s]." Romans 12:2. **Discipline:** That every member of the committee and individuals involved would fulfill their roles. **For our next Associate Pastor:** That their transition to our congregation would be harmonious. If they have a family, prayers God prepares their hearts to begin the journey to Jackson Hole.

We are honored to do this important work on behalf of our congregation, and thank you for your prayerful support. If you have questions about the group or the process, please contact co-chairs of the APNC, Warren Myers (wwmyers@me.com) and Sue Unruh (sueunruh@gmail.com).



PCJH is excited to host the upcoming Engage Conference provided by Presbyterian Church (USA) which presents a new evangelism approach to help churches become relevant again. As congregations using *Engage* learn how to share their story and faith journey, they attract people to join them in following Jesus— in God's mission of transformation in neighborhoods and communities. The conference will cover topics to equip us to give our testimony of God's work in our lives and organically discuss our transformation through God's love.

Who? Members, Regular Attenders and Leaders of PCJH, Other Christian Churches from the Jackson Hole area and surrounding area. All are welcome!

What? We will gather to grow in knowledge about evangelism. We will brainstorm and come up with real solutions. We will learn tools to share our faith. We will have group discussions to share our experiences, perspectives and ideas.

When? Friday, January 29th 5:30pm - 8:30pm. Saturday, January 30th 8:30am - 4:30pm. Both days will have the first 30 minutes dedicated to snacks, fellowship and/or registration. Then we will move into worship and the message.

Where? The Engage Conference will be at PCJH, and in the main sanctuary.

Why? PCJH had a long-term planning discussion during our church retreat a little over a year ago and we related how hard it can be to talk about our faith. We believe the church is called to *Go into the world to make a difference* and therefore evangelism is an important piece of our Christian walk and our mission to Gather, Grow and GO! Also, Jesus tells us we are to go and make disciples. Some are called to travel around the world to do this as missionaries but all of us are called to speak to the immediate world around us about Christ's redeeming love.

How? Leaders and teams will work together to make this happen through the guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit!

Event Cost? \$20 Register online!

ASCENT - Ascent is a tight-knit but welcoming group. Life as a younger adult in Jackson can often be hectic and fluid, with people moving in and out of multiple jobs, changing homes as demanded by roommates and housing prices, and otherwise shifting life situations. It's a simultaneously exciting and unsettled life, and Ascent seeks to be a place to connect with other people going through similar life stages.

Every Thursday night a group of 20-and-30-somethings gather in the Matthew Room to share in fellowship and study of God's Word. Jordan Shive leads them in worship through song and Grant Wright in Bible study. The group is following along with the Story curriculum.

Known as Koinonia in days of yore, this merry band also meets regularly outside of Ascent proper, providing a unique social environment for its members. After-Ascent hangouts, weekend potlucks, group movies and outings are all parts of the social life of Ascent. Ski trips as the winter continues are planned! Come and join us as we seek to find Christ as the stable center of our chaotic lives.



WEDNESDAY AFTER-SCHOOL - Wednesday Nights see the entire church in frantic action; Wednesday Night Dinners, classes, youth group, and, most energized of all, Wednesday After-School. Starting at school dismissal (as early as 1:00 pm) and running until Wednesday Night Dinner at 6:00 pm, the program is hours of learning as well as structured and unstructured play. 50 kids are currently registered, with more being added for the spring. The kids break up into classes to eat snacks, do walks, play games, work on homework, do crafts, and read Bible stories (following the Story curriculum), having new adventures every week.

The program relies upon both volunteers and church staff, all of whom exude enthusiasm and a sense of mission. They speak of it as a "highlight of the week" and of the how they love "working with the kids. Jordan Shive, the Coordinator of the Wednesday After-School program, speaks movingly about how grateful he is to have a chance to provide a service to families and be involved in the spiritual development and growth of children, in partnership with parents. He is excited about the prospects for the program's growth and development, as this popular and much needed ministry looks toward the future.

For more information, contact Jordan Schive,
307-734-0388 ext. 121 or by email at jshive@pcjh.org.



Ski Alert from Debbie Schlinger and June Nystrom

We're back on the tracks with our 2016 cross country ski outings. The schedule for the season is listed below. We are excited about the plans for any interested newbies and our faithful past participants. Here's the scoop:



We meet on Sundays at 1 (except Saturdays for the last 3 longer destinations) at a selected spot to Carpool unless weather horrific, we go- dress appropriately. Group size ranges from 8 to 28 ...it's always a surprise!

We ski about an hour to two depending on conditions and terrain. We try to vary the terrain and areas so all levels can enjoy the adventure with a guide in front and helper in back. Flexibility, diversity, mobility name of the game!

Bring your gear and any dish/drinks you'd like to share for our after ski fellowship at one of our skier's homes. This is optional and goes from about 4- 5:30 with soup provided by host and potluck of "whatever" by those who join. A great time of fun, food, and fellowship.

Weekly emails will be sent to inform of ski destination, meeting place, directions to host's home, and pictures from previous week's ski. All outings are free except @ Turpin Meadows and overnight@ White Pines cabins in Pinedale. Those are incredibly groomed trails with restaurants and lodging.

Please invite friends too - church attendance not required...just a love for cross country and being outdoors with good folks. We are still looking for some host homes for afterwards. Any homes are great! The gift of hospitality super appreciated!

If you are not on our email list from past years and would like to keep informed in case any of the week's plans sound good, contact June at junenystrom@gmail.com or call us for more information. Debbie @ 733-9300 or June @ 733-0117

Jan. 3 - Jenny Lake/ Lucas cabins. Meet @ Forest Service building on N. Cache.
Host - Debbie Schlinger's home in town.
Jan.10 - Whitegrass Ranch to cabins. Meet @ Forest Service. Host Sally and Jim Byrne
Jan. 17 - Pines Nordic Center. Meet @Forest Service. Host—Gloria and Ross Edwards home at the Pines .
Jan. 24 - Game Creek trail. Meet at church parking lot. Host Carolyn Svendsen's home in South Park .
Jan. 31 - Shadow Mountain area. Meet @ Forest Service. Host needed.

Feb. 7 - Phelps Lake. Meet @ Forest Service. Host needed.
Feb. 14 - Two Ocean Lake. Meet @ Forest Service. Host needed.
*Sat. Feb. 20th. - Turpin Meadows @Meet at Forest Service. Host Tom and Jan Segerstrom's in Moran
*Sat. Feb. 27 & 28 - White Pines Ski Area. Meet @ church parking lot. We might take church van down depending on numbers. Your choice of day ski or overnight.

*Sat. March 5 - Alta Tracks. Meet @ Hungry Jacks in Wilson. Host Steve and Cindy Weber in Driggs.

Further details about our overnight and longer trips will be coming in the Feb. newsletter.

Hope you can join us for any or all of these exciting happenings and pray for good snow!
Debbie and June

Happy New Year!!!! We ended 2015 with our annual Little Lambs Christmas Concert. Also, we constructed a giant gingerbread house, made gingerbread and sang to the residents at Morning Star. It was a month full of celebration and joy. This month we will be learning all about Awesome Animals and doing some fun hibernation activities. We look forward to playing in the snow and enjoying God's creation. Our memory verse this month is, "With God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26 What a great reminder to start 2016. Many Blessings- Miss Effie & The Little Lambs Team



Super Bowl Sub Sale

Price & Information

\$5.00 for a 6-inch Sub



Your choices:



Meat: Ham, Turkey or combo

Cheese: Cheddar or Provolone

(Condiments & veggies available separately)

Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser

Buy a **Super Bowl Sub** to support the **High School Mission Team** for their **June 2016 Mission Trip**.

You can preorder your sub online. Preordering will guarantee you get the sub you want.

Prices & Information \$5.00 for a 6-inch Sub

Your choices: Meat: Ham, Turkey, or Combo

Cheese: Cheddar or Provolone

(Condiments & veggies available separately)

Pre-Order Sale Date

Sunday, Jan. 24th - 8:00am-12:00pm (before & after each service)

Sunday, Jan. 31st - 8:00am-12:00pm (before & after each service)

Pick-up Date: Sunday, February 7th @ 8:00am & 10:15am services

Pre-order online!

A Children, Youth & Family Ministries Program at The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole

DID YOU KNOW?

Lindsey Parr is Going on a Mission Trip To Kenya

I am writing to fill you in on what God is currently doing in my life in regard to missions. Over the last couple of years I have strongly desired to participate in an international mission trip. I have been praying about an opportunity for a short term mission trip and the time has come! I will be traveling to Kenya in late January, 2016, for a week long mission trip organized by my home church, River Crossing. We will be visiting the orphanage and school of the Mogra Rescue Centre in Nairobi that River Crossing currently supports, as well as spending time with families in the Methare slum district. The Mogra Rescue Centre began as a school for slum children, and has now grown to also include an orphanage for children who have lost parents to the harsh slum life. We will primarily be spending time with these orphans and assisting the school with their current needs. This will be a great opportunity for me to share the love of God with those in need. I am really excited about this chance to grow in my ministry and service experience. If you have any further questions or advice about this mission trip, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your prayers and support as I take this next step in serving His kingdom.



**THE GLOBAL
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August 11-12, 2016 | willowcreek.com/summit

Music Lessons

As part of our music ministry, PCJH is offering private music lessons to the congregation and the community at a subsidized rate of \$40/hour and \$20/half hour. Lessons are available on various instruments at a time that works for you. Contact Kenny Hadden at music@pcjh.org to enroll for the spring semester!





H.S. Mission Trip Information Meeting
We have TWO High School Mission Trip Information Meetings!

Sunday, January 17 @ 11:30am-12:15pm in the Genesis Room
Wednesday, January 20 @ 6:00-6:45 in the Genesis Room.

Attendance at ONE of these meetings is REQUIRED for students wanting to be apply to be on the H.S. Mission Team for the Mission Trip this June. Students must have at least one parent/guardian at the meeting that they attend.

Who can apply? 8th graders going into 9th grade next school year through 12th graders graduating.

A Children, Youth & Family Ministries Program at The Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole



Parent's Night Out
Saturday, January 23 from 5:30 to 7:30pm
This Children's ministry program is available for any family. This event is open to the whole community! Enjoy an evening out and let our wonderful volunteers and staff watch your little ones. This program is offered for children who are **newborns and ages up!**

We have Parent's Night Out events throughout each school year.
If you wish to be informed on the upcoming ones, please send us your email.

Program Activities: We will have an evening filled with a light snack, games, Bible devotional, story time, and arts & crafts.

Registration: No RSVP is needed. Sign-in when you arrive!

A suggested minimum donation of \$5 per family. Please drop off your children with a tummy full of food, and we'll take care of the rest!



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January Anniversaries 2016



David & Marian Meyers January 3	Married 35 Years
Bob Graham & Karen Terra January 8	Married 8 Years
John & Linda Hanlon January 15	Married 16 Years
Thom & Dawn Sheue January 28	Married 32 Years
Jerry & Mary Ann Tapp January 29	Married 67 Years

**2016 Pinnacle Database
 Mailing Cleanup**

In order to steward our resources to the best of our ability, would you be interested in viewing the Pinnacle online or pick up a copy the beginning of each month in our lobby to save postage costs?

Whatever you decide, our communication with YOU and your involvement with PCJH is our Number #1 priority. Also please notify office@pcjh.org if you have any address changes. Thank you all for your help.

**Every Member a Minister
 Meet The PCJH Staff & Ruling Elders**

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Rev. Ben Pascal – Senior Pastor
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Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Ricky Emlyn – Director of Children, Youth and Family
 Jordan Shive – Intern
 Aubrey Hoffman – Intern
 Grant Wright – Intern
 Darla Jackson – Nursery
 Whytlie Adams – Nursery
 Renee Knutson – Wednesday After School Teacher

Little Lambs Preschool

Effie Edwards – Director & Teacher
 Amy Dahmen – Teacher
 Martha Davila – Teacher
 Mrs. Cho – Teacher
 Barb Huhn – Teacher
 Pat Wright – Teacher

J.O.Y. Summer Camp

Upward Basketball

Linda Hanlon – Upward Basketball Director

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 Pat Wright - Stewardship

JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Confirmation class will continue every Sunday until March, 27, 2016	**C.S. Lewis Book class continues every Wednesday until February 10, 2016				1 NEW YEARS DAY Church Office Closed	2 8:00am Men's Discussion Group
3 The Story Chapter 15 8am Worship Service 9:00am Adult Classes 9am Adult Classes 10:15am Intergenerational Worship Service 1pm X-C Ski Group	4 8:45am Women's Covenant Group Little Lambs RESUMES	5 6:45am Men's' Break-fast at the Virginian 12 Noon Women's Bible Study 1:15pm Staff Meeting	6 After School Program 5pm C.S. Lewis Book Class** 5:15 Praise Band Rehearsal 6:00m Fellowship Dinner 6:45-7:45 Programs for all ages	7 12 Noon Men's Group @ Jackson Whole Grocer Community Room 7pm Young Adult Fellowship	8 Office closes at 1pm	9 8:00am Men's Discussion Group PCJH Youth Lounge
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*All are welcome and all are needed as we advance this significant mission for the
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