

THE RAINBOW CONNECTION

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Dear Koinonia Family,

K-76 is history, and I am still recovering. It was a wonderful, God filled weekend and was a big one too, with 94 in attendance. It was the first time for 2 Christmas celebrations in 3 months, but was a very good Christmas.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Lisa for making it so special. She is one talented young lady, and her enthusiasm for Christmas was contagious. By Sunday, even Jim Moses was singing Christmas carols with joy.

Praise be to God for answering our prayers for our financial needs. There was a \$200 anonymous donation for the kitchen and another \$130 donation. The team also responded by donating food for the weekend, so our kitchen expense should be manageable this time. Thanks to all of you who did that. It was appreciated.

Please pray for our household as Bill prepares to be Lay Leader, and thanks to Lori Roys who answered the call to be his assistant. I think they will be a great team and I am looking forward to watching God work in their lives for the next several months.

Please keep the continuance board in your prayers also, as sometimes we deal with hard issues and always want what is God's will for Koinonia. We are faithful and loyal, but also human, and sometimes our humanness gets in our way. Pray that we will seek God first in all things as we make decisions, and that we will do so in a spirit of love and humility.

I hope you all had a blessed Easter and we will be looking forward to seeing you at the Ultreya on April 25.

God's blessings,

LaDon Nelson, Moderator

Dear Koinonia Family,

I would like to thank everyone for serving with me on K-76. It was such an awesome weekend. God blessed me with an awesome team. I got to see God and Koinonia in a whole new different way. I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work and time that they put into this weekend. It was such a blessing. Please remember to pray for Bill and Lori as they begin their journey. I miss everyone and hope to see you all at the Ultreya. With the weekend we just had I know that the Ultreya is going to be awesome as well.

Your sister in Christ,
Lisa Fries



WELCOME NEW PARTICIPANTS OF K-76 INTO OUR KOINONIA FAMILY

Beany Baldwin
Kali Breitenstein
Mandy Bridgewater
Mary Clark
Jane Culler
Kate Ethridge
Kathy Hubbard
Ed Huston
Mary Kohne
Bob Larson

Karolee Larson
Lisa Leikam
Colleen Llewellyn
Chris Maichel
Don Morgado Jr.
Mary Norris
Eileen Rau
Aaron Sanchez
John Taylor
Roland Wyatt

Dear Koinonia Family,

What an awesome K-76 weekend. Thanks, Lisa for letting me be a part of it. God is working in so many lives.

Jesus and I are beginning to work on the Lord's team for K-77. Our symbol will be a fish hook and the scripture for the weekend is Matthew 4:19, "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men". My assistant will be Lori Roys. Am I a lucky man, or what? What a great friend to work with.

The weekend will be at the Ursuline Center in Great Falls on September 24-26.

I am working on having the team meetings in Deer Lodge so no one will have to drive quite so far for them. I will let you all know when I know for sure.

I'm praying that everyone will have a wonderful and safe summer. Don't forget the Ultreya April 25th, and K-Kamp July 9-11. Hope to see you there.

God Bless,

Bill Nelson, Lay Leader K-77



ULTREYA

Where: Evangelical Free Church – 2210 Floral (same Church where team meetings were)

When: Sunday, April 25th starts @ 4pm - potluck to follow (Board meeting @ 2pm)

Why: Because we all need a Koinonia fix:-) Invite other Fourth Day groups, such as Pathways, Cursillo, Tres Dias, Walk to Emmaus

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Participant thought of K-76

I thought the weekend was amazing. The talks were so inspiring and everyone was so nice and caring. The gifts and things (I can't spell palanka?) were so heart warming. I love what God had in store for me on that weekend!!! I feel so much closer with God than I ever did. Thank you everyone for such a wonderful weekend!!! I hope I can be apart of the weekends to come

Mandy Bridgewater

I walked into the Ursuline Center feeling a bit apprehensive. I was worried about the children I had left at home, I was anxious for my husband's arrival (He had been away from home for the past week), and I was overwhelmed by all the new faces. I left the Ursuline Center feeling refreshed and renewed, I made some new friends, and I was excited to start my fourth day. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the weekend a fun filled renewal of my soul. You guys ROCK!



Karolee Larson

Hey! all you cracked pots! This backwards participant would like to say a big thank you to all of the K76 team, for allowing me to be a participant. Gods timing is truly amazing if we wait on Him. God gave me some insights into some area I need to work on, and an awesome group of prayer warriors to help polish my armor & wash me in prayer. I was blessed to be able to hear all of the talks. It gave me some more insight into some of the many personalities that make up the Koinonia family, and how incredible Gods grace & mercies are. I am so thankful that Rocky Lyons introduced me to this wonderful crazy bunch of God's people. This crazy Ukrainian is blessed to be counted among the "Cracked Pot Society". I look forward to serving God with you all in the future.

Hugs, prayers & blessings to each & everyone,

Christine Maichel

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Bill Nelson and Lori Roys as they prepare for K-77.

For the family of Barb Willis, who went to be with the Lord last month.

For Gail TeBeest and her family for the loss of her father in-law.

Jamie and Tanya Smith - a fire destroyed their home.

If you have any prayer request for the next Rainbow Connection please submit them to koinonia.rainbow.connection@gmail.com before August 10, 2010.

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.



CONGRATULATIONS

Jamie and Tanya Smith added a baby boy to their family.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to John and Wynne Gillis for purchasing and donating the projector for power point. What a blessing John and Wynne are. It is such a wonderful addition to our Koinonia weekend talks and music.

A special thank you to the anonymous cash donors who gave to the kitchen fund on K-76.



K – Kamp 2010
Mark your calendars!!!!



It's time once again to gear up for K-Kamp. Mark your calendars for July 9-11.

The camp will be at Lyon's Sunshine Camp by Elliston, MT. There is a lot of camping space but only 8 cabins so call soon to reserve your bed in a cabin. If you like to tent, there are nice bathrooms and shower house. Also, the mess hall is perfect for those who don't have campers with cooking arrangements and want to prepare and cook their pot luck items there. There are also wonderful refrigerators for those who like to prepare ahead of time and have more time to play. Remember to bring donations for the auction. The proceeds of the auction go to the kitchen fund for Koinonia weekends.

There is electricity in the cabins for those who use sleep apnea gear. Also, for camp trailers there are limited spots to plug into electricity. Bring your own extension cord. These spots are first come, first serve and only available for those with sleep apnea machines.

Meals: Friday: Pot luck dinner 6:00pm

Saturday: Pot luck brunch 10:30am

Pot luck dinner 6:00pm

Sunday: Pot luck breakfast 8:00am



Remember many hands make light work. Let's all help out at meal times so we can all have lots of play time. Also, we all need to help clean the camp after breakfast on Sunday. This usually goes so well with our check off list. We will want to clean the camp immediately after breakfast and have church at 9:30am so we can observe the 11:00am check out time.

We have so much fun with the children's auction right after brunch on Saturday. We will need people to help with lunch clean up while others to help with the children's auction. Then we will have the adult auction.

Cost for each night will be \$6.00 for people 16 years and younger and \$8.00 for people 17 years and older.

Remember this is per night. There will be a \$3.00 a day fee if you just come for the day. If you are interested in financing a child or two to go to camp (they need to go with their parents, of course) send \$\$ to Koinonia of MT, PO Box 244, Whitehall, MT 59759.

Lot's of fellowship, games, camp fire, music, worship, good pot luck food, fun, and memories will be shared.

