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## Looking Ahead

### ACTS Board

Next meeting July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

The August meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Women's Faith Sharing @ St. Paul's staff conference room, Thur 10 am (Sandy Nolan 789-7307).



- Family Camp July 6-7 (Lisa Lindeman & Randy Coleman)
- Teen Retreat July 26-29 (Debbie Augustus & Katie Monagle)
- Women's Wasilla Oct 25-28 (Bobbie Ackley)
- Men's Wasilla Nov 1-4 (Bill Benning)

## Come to Family Camp!

Family Camp signups are happening now. Contact Marilyn Monagle to register your family and reserve a spot. The activities planned look great! Your Camp Directors are Lisa Lindeman and Randy Coleman.

Costs are the same as last year: Singles - \$30, Couples - \$55, Three - \$75, Larger Families - \$100. Scholarships will be available. Children 5 and under are free! Bring sleeping bags, personal items, towels. Main meals will be provided, but do bring a potluck dish to share for Friday's dinner. Sarah Rensel and teen ACTS members will come up with games for the kids. Marilyn Monagle is planning sessions for family activities. Nathan Parmalee will sing and assemble musicians. Volunteer cooks are needed, but the menus and groceries will be ready. Everyone helps clean! Early registration is important if you have a cabin preference and pre-registration is required so all adults can have background checks completed (see below).



## ACTS & the Diocese of Juneau Sexual Abuse Policy

ACTS is committed to compliance with the Diocesan Sexual Abuse Policy. This requires all adults (18 years +) participating in or assisting with church or ACTS-sponsored activities to submit to a background check. This is to ensure the safety of the minor children (under 18) either entrusted to our care or participating in our activities. This policy will be followed in all ACTS-sponsored activities, including, but not limited to the following:

- Teen ACTS Retreats
- Family Camp
- ACTS Retreat Activities (such as childcare during candlelight services) where children will not be directly supervised or in the presence of their parents at all times.

All adults participating in or assisting with these activities must pre-register for the event **at least three working days** prior to the event, providing their complete name, signature, and date of birth. The team leader, director, or other adult coordinating the event will submit this information to the Diocese so background checks may be run on every adult that will be in attendance. No exceptions will be made. No Drop-Ins will be permitted to ACTS activities where minor children are present. ***If no background check is received or the background check reveals a problem, without exception, that individual will not be allowed to participate in the scheduled event.***

As the ACTS Board cannot ensure children are directly supervised by or in the presence of their parents at all times, ***no minor child may enter the Methodist Camp during adult retreats for any reason.*** They are welcome to participate in candlelight services, community events, and potluck events.

Questions and concerns should be addressed to Robbie Izzard, Child Protection Officer/Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Juneau, at 586-2227 x25.

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be given to you;  
seek and you  
will find; knock  
and the door  
will be opened  
to you.***

***Luke 11:9***

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## ***Women's Faith Sharing & Bible Study***

A new evening bible study and faith sharing group is starting on Thursday evenings, beginning June 28, in the Senior Center. Katie Benning, who did such a fabulous job as spiritual companion at the WACTS retreat this month, will start us off. Then, the concept is that we will take turns and communally determine where we want to go. All ACTS sisters are welcome.

## ***ACTS Board News***

The ACTS board met 6/12 with MACTS and WACTS directors Bill Benning and Heather Johnson-Smith. We discussed new ways of doing things as well as things that went well or not. Bill's ideas about giving out-team more historically "team" roles worked well to keep people who cannot be on team involved as well as let team be more present to the retreatants. New dates were set for 2008 retreats:

Men's ACTS – April 24-27  
Women's ACTS – June 5-8  
Family Camp – July 11-13  
Teen ACTS – July 24-27

Bill Benning has agreed to direct the Men's Wasilla retreat with Pat Moore as co-director.

Heather reviewed the retreatants' feedback with the board, which was very positive.

Given that ACTS will be losing its two long-time spiritual directors, Sr. Zita and Fr. Tony, we discussed the need for transition training for the new spiritual leaders, once they are chosen. Possibly the transition training can coincide with Director training, which will take place in the fall.

Fr. Tony has asked Shawn Nolan to direct the Prison ACTS retreat. Shawn is currently working out the dates, but will try for the first or second week in October. Please keep him and all prisoners in your prayers.

## ***Community Services***

Please attend the community worship service on Saturday night of the retreat. ***The next one will be July 28<sup>th</sup> for the Teen ACTS retreat.***

Many of the ACTS community have been skipping this service, which is designed to show our support to the retreatants' families prior to the events at the Shrine. We are considering moving the community service out to the Shrine, so stay tuned for further announcements, but please, come show your support. Sing! Let your passion fill up the church! And, let these families know their retreatants are in our hearts and prayers.

## ***2008 Retreat Directors***

The ACTS Board will review the eligibility list for retreat directors at the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. New director candidates will be chosen at the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. If you have anyone you'd like to be nominated, let an ACTS director know. Each board member can nominate one man and woman to be retreat director. The process of selecting directors involves prayer and discernment, God's will, and also acceptance by the person chosen to ensure they feel called to the responsibility.

## ***Teen ACTS is July 26-29***

The retreat will be held at the Shrine of St. Therese. Debbie Augustus & Katie Monagle are directing. Registration is still open. Registration forms are at the ACTS website.

Out Team support is still needed. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks. Please contact Heather Johnson-Smith, Marilyn Monagle, Cathy Ellenbecker or Trish Kohan if you can help.