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A few words from the pastor...

In light of the tragic event in Newtown, CT, I found these thoughts from Rev Emily Heath to be quite helpful...

We often have no idea what to say in the face of senseless loss. That is especially true when children are the victims of tragedy. The shooting in Connecticut is heartbreaking in so many ways, not the least of which is the staggering loss of children.

Here are five things not to say to grieving family and friends:

1. "God just needed another angel."

Portraying God as someone who arbitrarily kills kids to fill celestial openings is neither faithful to God, nor helpful to grieving parents.

2. "Thank goodness you have other children," or, "You're young. You can have more kids."

Children are not interchangeable or replaceable. The loss of a child will always be a loss, no matter how many other children a parent has or will have.

3. He/she was just on loan to you from God.

The message is that God is so capricious that God will break parents' hearts at will just because God can. It also communicates to parents and loved ones that they are not really entitled to their grief.

4. God doesn't give you more than you can handle.

Actually, some people do get a lot more than any one person should ever have to handle. And it doesn't come from God. Don't trivialize someone's grief with a "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger" mentality.

5. We may not understand it, but this was God's will.

Unless you are God, don't use this line.

Mark Your Calendars
There's something for everyone
in the family this month at
Faith!

- 01.01**
Happy New Year! Office Closed!!
- 01.04**
Hour of Prayer
- 01.05**
Christmas Tree Takedown
- 01.06**
Annual Meeting
- 01.08**
Council Meeting
- 01.09**
WNL Returns
- ALPHA Course Begins**
01.11 - 13
Faceplant
- 01.20**
Bonfils Blood Drive
- Get Healthy Challenge Begins**
01.21- 25
- LWR Quilting Marathon**
01.25/26
- Council/Staff Retreat**
01.27
- Financial Peace University**
01.28
- Senior Caring Ministry Meeting**



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1. Weekly audio recordings of Sunday's message
2. Weekly Bulletins
3. Newsletters
4. Members find on MyFCOnline Groups to join
 Daily announcements
 Call us for your login

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

5:30 pm Saturday evenings
 8 am Sunday mornings
 9:30 am Sunday mornings
 11 am Sunday mornings

Christian Education Hour

Sunday mornings 9:30 to 10:30
 All-Ages Sunday School /
 Bible Study

Faith Community Lutheran:

Bible Centered.

Prayer Focused.

Worship Focused.

Visitor Friendly.

Kid Friendly.

First-fruits Giving.

Priesthood of ALL believers.

Faith Community Lutheran Church — Faithfully Connect, Care & Celebrate

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CELEBRATING PASTOR DAN



October was Ministry Appreciation month, which means at Faith Community we celebrated it in November...on November 18th to be exact. We celebrated with cake at all 3 Sunday worship services. At the 11:00 service, Council President, Bill Prout, presented Pastor Dan with gifts from the congregation and the executive council, as well as a large stack of cards from our church family. As Pastor Dan begins his 25th year at Faith Community, we sincerely thank him for his leadership, spiritual wisdom, shepherding and passion for the Lord and His people. May God continue to bless you, Pastor Dan, for many years to come!

"One Minute After You Die" - Sunday mornings, beginning January 6, 9:30-10:30 am room 232
Back by popular demand. . .

One Minute After You Die opens a window on eternity with a simple and moving explanation of what the Bible teaches about death. DVD study with short lectures by Pastor Erwin W. Lutzer brings a biblical and pastoral perspective to such issues as: near-death experiences, heaven and hell. 8 sessions



alpha - Wednesday evenings, beginning January 9, 6-7:15 pm, room 103

What is Alpha? Alpha is a worldwide course created to help Christians explore who Jesus is and what it means to be a Christian.

Who should attend? If you are new to the faith or if you are still seeking answers to help you move ahead in your faith, this is for you. Even seasoned Christians may often find it hard to talk to non-believers about faith. This course will give you the tools to spread the Good News to those who are questioning their faith. Bring a friend!

To paraphrase C.S. Lewis, "If Jesus is not true it matters nothing at all. On the other hand if he is true nothing else really matters at all."

To order a study guide or if you want more info, contact Paul Talafuse at 970-692-1926 or email at pdzmht@msn.com



Happy New Year from FC Staff and Council



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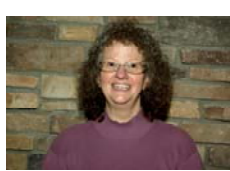
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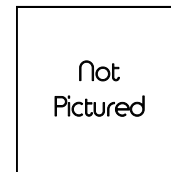


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December Council Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

Logo design- Susan handed out six finalist designs and requested feedback from each council member. Final logo design will be decided upon by Monday the 17th.

Building Sign update

Plans are underway to scale down the sign to meet code.

Sign is not allowed to be perpendicular to the road as the space is too small between the easement and the driveway.

Call Committee update -

Call process is moving along well. Three candidates have been interviewed.

Target start date for a new pastor: between May 1st and June 1st.

New Business:

2013 Budget

Budget hearing went well. No major concerns.

A Praise - with current positive budget statistics, council felt it was a confirmation regarding past decision to approve outreach spending 20% for all four quarters.

Budget set to be ratified at the January 6th, 2013 Annual Meeting.

Ministry Updates:

Congregational Care - Marcie Mason

Effective January, Janet Streed will be stepping down from leading Stephen Ministry. Karla & Gloria will co-lead.

Ministry is very busy with 20 current Stephen Minister care receiver relationships.

An after church potluck will be held every 3rd Sunday of the month.

A luncheon will be held in March, 2013 for spouses that need extra care.

Currently coaching for October, 2013 equipping class.

Children's Ministry & Education - Kim Dukart

Advent Night was biggest ever - 118 attendees!

Six blood drives to be held in 2013, every other month.

Parenting seminar to be held at Grace Evangelical Church on January 12th, 2013 from 8:30-12:30

Currently seeking Lenten Devotion Writers.

Fellowship - Karyn Reed and Denise Parsons

115-120 new lightweight matching plates were purchased for events.

"The Charlie Brown Christmas" dinner went very well.

Outreach - Pat Sharp

Agape Family Services - had 15 volunteers from FCLC!

48 grant applications were sent out to various ministries.

Property - Curt Schroeder

Columbarium update: Waiting for building sign to be finalized in order to combine the sign and columbarium construction projects together to save on funds.

Stewardship - Federico Ruiz

62 giving units are using "Simply Giving"

Reviewed goals and still predict that FCLC will reach \$1Million in member giving by year-end 2012.

166 families pledged for 2013.

Refinancing was accomplished.

Worship & Arts - Janelle Olson and Damian Wise

"The Charlie Brown Christmas" productions went well.

College kids are scheduled to lead at 3:30 for Christmas Eve service.

Youth - Lucas Kinser

Youth Group is experiencing better continuity and unity than previous year.

Youth Christmas party went well - 47 kids in attendance.

Had first planning meeting in November for Middle school mission trip.

Intergenerational (6th grade and up) Haiti mission trip is scheduled for June, 2013. 30 people have signed up so far.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Dean, (for Diana Emerson, Council Secretary)

Oromo Evangelical Church of Denver

FCLC Outreach has committed monthly financial support for three years to help this mission congregation get on their feet. On Nov. 18th nine members of Faith traveled to Aurora to worship with this Oromo speaking Ethiopian congregation. This was our third contact this year in our commitment to build an on-going relationship with them. We have found them to be a very friendly, welcoming people who, by the way, also speak English quite well. Pastor Gudeta told us they have spent their first year focusing on the development of the leadership skills of their approximately thirty faithful members. They are now ready to turn their attention to bringing in new members.

YOU ARE INVITED: Pastor Gudeta Gunja, has finished his studies and will be ordained as a Lutheran pastor on December 30th at 2:30 p.m. Pastor Bruce and Pastor Dan will be present to give Pastor Gudeta a congratulatory gift from our congregation. Dr. Gemechis Buba will be officiating and four little children are to be baptized. We are invited to celebrate with them at Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, 1092 S. Nome St. in Aurora. If you are interested in attending and wish to car pool, please contact the church office.



Priesthood of all believers



Upcoming Mission Trip Opportunities:

Thailand - Feb 1-17 (one or two weeks) cost \$1,600

Nicaragua - June 4-14 (ages 9 and up) TheNicaraguaProject.org



Can We Pray for You?

Contact the church office if you would like prayers. Our PRAYER CHAIN group numbers around 200 people who will gladly pray for you! Would you like to be a part of the prayer chain? Let us know!

If you are in the hospital

please let us know! We have people who would be happy to visit with you and pray with you. If you would like anointing prior to surgery or if you would like a prayer shawl, please contact Gloria.



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers and the rest of the congregation would like to thank Janet Streed for her years of service leading the Stephen Ministry program here at Faith Community. This ministry has truly been a passion for Janet and she has done a wonderful job providing leadership and encouragement to those who serve as Stephen Ministers and many others. Janet will continue to be very involved at FC, including her continued leadership of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. May God continue to bless Janet and her family.

Bear one another's burdens

Effective January 1, 2013, Karla Irvin and Gloria Borchert will be co-leading Stephen Ministry at Faith Community. If you or someone you know is going through a tough time and would benefit from a Christian caregiver who will listen, please do not hesitate to contact Gloria (303-507-5804) or Karla (303-485-5779) or call the church office.

Did you know that Stephen Ministers serve in many ways at Faith Community and in the community? Most Stephen Ministers serve in one-on-one caring relationships but others also serve by bringing communion to shut-ins, sharing devotionals and music with them. Stephen Ministers also make calls to check on people on our prayer chain and every week, Stephen Ministers serve as communion blessers. We thank God for all of these people who have such a heart for serving the Lord and caring for others.

Pastor's perspective, Con't.

And here are five things to say:

1. I don't believe God wanted this or willed it.

A grieving friend or family member is likely hearing that this is God's will from a number of other people. Affirm the idea that it may very well not be.

2. It's okay to be angry, and I'm a safe person for you express that anger to if you need it.

Anger is an essential part of the grieving process, but many don't know where to talk about it because they are often silenced by others when they express their feelings. (For instance, they may be told they have no right to be angry at God.) By saying you are a safe person to share all feelings, including anger, with, you help the grieving person know where they can turn.

3. It's not okay.

It seems so obvious, but sometimes this doesn't get said. Sometimes the pieces don't fit. Sometimes nothing works out right. And sometimes there is no way to fix it. Naming it can be helpful for some because it lets them know you won't sugarcoat their grief.

4. I don't know why this happened.

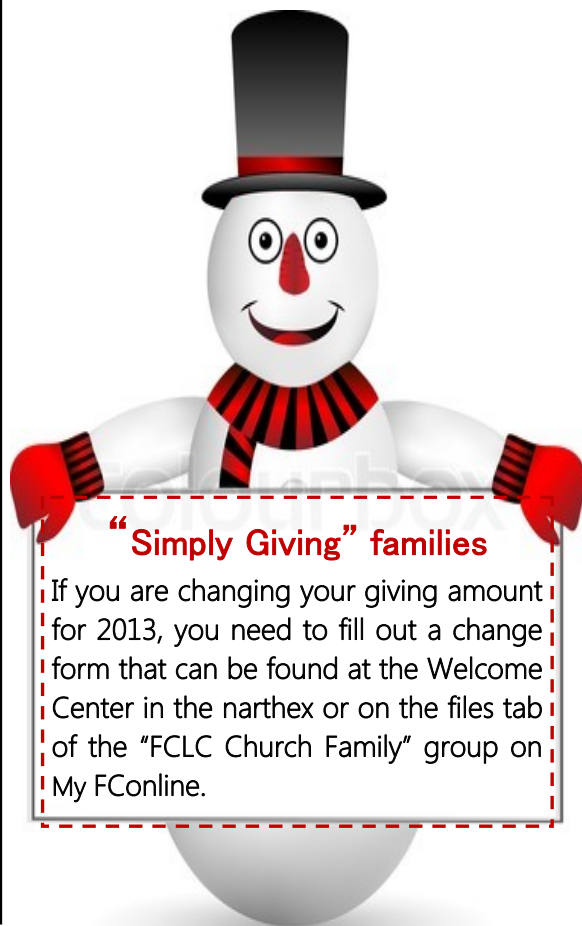
When trauma happens, the shock and emotion comes first. But not long after comes our human need to try to explain "why?" The reality is that often we cannot. The grieving person will likely have heard a lot of theories about why a trauma occurred. Sometimes it's best not to add to the chorus, but to just acknowledge what you do not know.

5. I can't imagine what you are going through, but I am here to support you in whatever way feels best.

Even if you have faced a similar loss, remember that each loss is different. Saying "I know how you're feeling" is often untrue. Instead, ask how the grieving person is feeling. And then ask what you can do to help. Then, do it and respect the boundaries around what they don't want help with at this point. You will be putting some control back into the hands of the grieving person, who often feels like they have lost so much of it.

I'd simply like to add, let's refrain from simplistic blaming of all kinds; whether it's "they have taken God out of the schools," or "we need to get rid of guns," or "we need more guns for protection," or "we need more government/laws," or "we need less government & fewer laws," or "we need to elect different leaders." Let's just agree that all those who grieve need our love and prayers. In this Christmas season, we're reminded more than ever of our need for a Savior, whose plan and purpose was and is the defeat of sin and death.

Your partner in ministry,
Pastor Dan



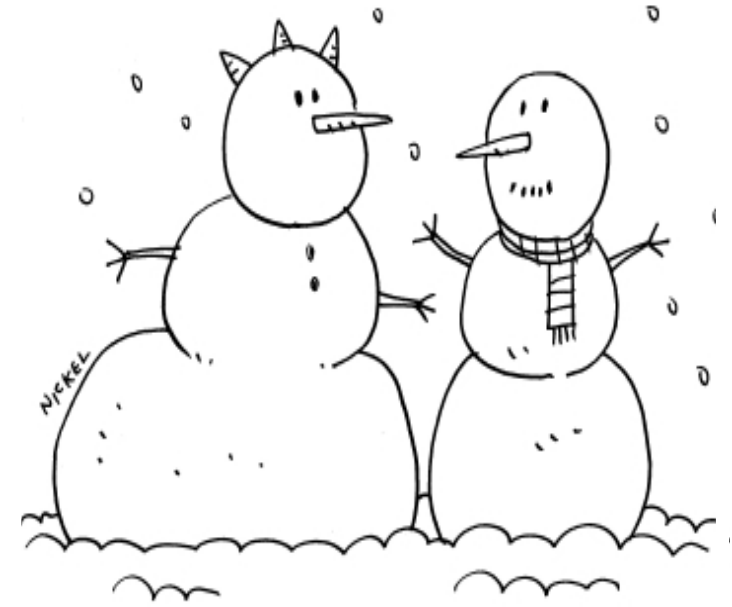
8-Week Weight Loss and Get Healthy Challenge!

Brought to you by FCLC's Health and Wellness Ministry Kick-Off Meeting for all who wish to participate!

Sunday, January 20, 11 am, room 125

Cost: \$10/participant

- Find a teammate!
 - Earn points by doing healthy things, such as exercising, not eating sweets, drinking water, and eating fruits and veggies.
 - At the end of each week, you tally up your points and weigh yourself (you get LOTS of points for every pound that you lose).
 - At the end of the 8 weeks, the person who has lost the most weight gets half of the money collected from the Kick-Off and the other half goes to the person who earned the most points.
- Contact nanette@fclc.org for more info.



"I heard about a great diet... guaranteed to melt away inches!"

OUTREACH LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013

The Preschool Scholarship Fund was born out of the belief of five women that it is never too early in a child's life to begin their Christian education. Outreach responded with the creation of a fund which will provide tuition assistance for those families who choose a Christian preschool for their children ages 2.5 to 6 years. This scholarship will total 10% of the annual tuition with a maximum award of \$300 a year. For more information you may pick up an application from the wall pocket located just outside the church office.



Kwiltling Marathon - January 21-25

Another week of making "un-pretty" quilts for Luther an World Relief is coming soon!

Thank you to those who have made donations of material scraps or yard goods! more are always welcome. You can drop off donations at the church office any time!

To those who would like to participate in the quilting marathon, join us any time 9:00-3:00 Mon.-Fri. in Room 126 downstairs. Bring your own lunch. Details?

Carolyn Yanoski 303-651-6562
or csyanoski@hotmail.com.

THANK YOU....THANK YOU....THANK YOU!!!!

To all of you who gave of your time and talent to serve on Christmas Eve or to serve as an Advent Family, we say THANK YOU! Without you, it would not be possible to have the beautiful celebration of our Lord's Birth that we all enjoy. May you keep Christmas in your heart all year long and may God bless you and your family in the New Year!



New Music for the New Year

January's Song
comes to us from Hillsong:
"Stand/hallelujah"

Give a listen at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSJGUAADsHc>

"You stood before creation
Eternity in your hand
You spoke the Earth
into motion
My soul now to stand"

"You stood before my failure
Carried the cross for my shame
My sin weighed upon your
shoulders
My soul now to stand"

"So what could I say
What could I do
But offer this heart O God
Completely to you"

"So I'll walk upon Salvation
Your spirit alive in me
This life declare your promise
My soul now to stand"

"So what can I say
What could I do
But offer this heart O God
Completely to you"

"So I'll stand
With arms high
and heart abandoned
In the awe of the one
who gave it all"

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for
his mighty deeds; praise him according to his
excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet
sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him
with tambourine and dance; praise him with
strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cym-
bals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let
everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!



Wednesday Night Live 1st-5th grades

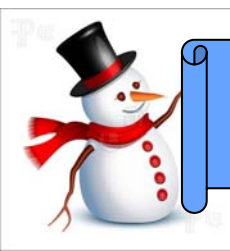
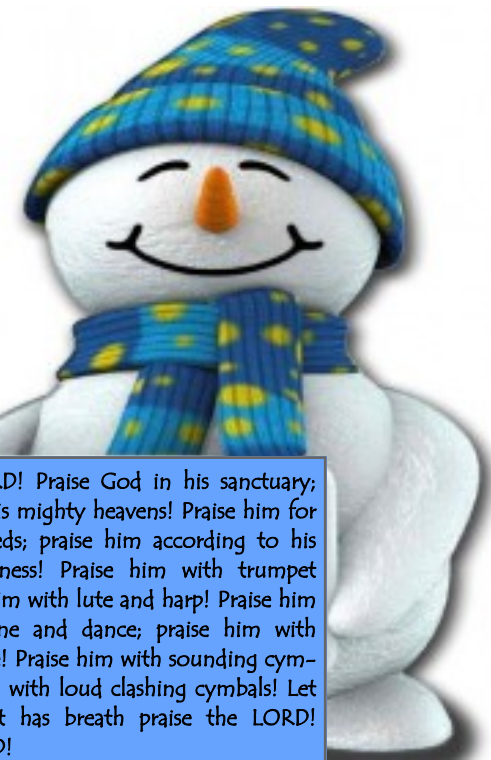
January Theme with Ms. Diane
is "Fruits of the Spirit."
Come learn what those fruit are!
During our time together, we will create
a drama to be performed in
church Sunday, February 3rd!

Leap Of Faith Worship Team Schedule for January

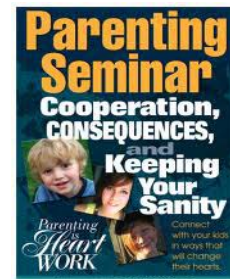
Sunday January 27th 6pm Band 6:30pm Worship team
Saturday February 2nd 4pm rehearsal
Saturday February 2nd Lead Worship
Sunday February 3rd Lead Worship
New Song for February is "One Thing Remains"
by Jesus Culture

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Faith Community is Kid Friendly



Parenting Seminar for parents of children ages 2-18: *Cooperation, Consequences and Keeping Your Sanity*

Saturday, January 12, 8:30 am-12:30 pm
at Grace Evangelical Free Church (2415 Lake Park Drive, Longmont) Cost: \$20/person.
Co-Sponsored by Faith Community Lutheran's Children's Ministry.
Contact nanette@fcl.org to register ASAP.

Kids' Arts Academy starts February 13th!

Kids Arts Academy provides children with the opportunity
and access to a variety of artistic and athletic pursuits. Facili-
tating positive relationships between children and caring adults,
and encouraging children to learn more about God during the
process.

Adults and high schoolers, we could still use a few more of
you! Share your passion for arts and athletics with children in
First through Fifth grades in one- or two-session courses.
Courses will begin on February 13, 6:00-7:00 pm and continue
through Lent. You pick the Wednesday you are available. You
create the one- or two-session course you'd like to teach.
Contact nanette@fcl.org by December 22 to sign up.



Preschool through 5th Grade Sunday School Theme for January:

Jesus Calms the Storm

Scriptures: Matthew 8:23-27; Matthew 14:22-33
Memory Verse: *When I am afraid, I will put
my trust in you, O God.* Psalm 56:3

Service project of the month:

Our Sunday School offering during the month of
January will be sent to firstbook.org to purchase
books for libraries who lost everything in
Super Storm Sandy.

On February 3, 9:30-10:30 am -

Sunday Schoolers will be "Reading Up A Storm" with their parents to help in rais-
ing funds for this project. Plan on bringing your nickels, dimes, quarters and dol-
lar bills as Sunday Schoolers come in their pj's; bring stuffed animals and read
all about storms in the Bible and storms today!



Meet Your 2013 FC Council Nominees

Lu Ann Hosetter - Nominated to chair the OUTREACH MINISTRY

Lu Ann was born and raised in Boulder. When she was junior in high school, her mom had her dream come true of moving to Lu Ann's great grandparents homestead in Niwot, so Lu Ann was a member of the first graduating class of Niwot High School. After college, Lu Ann married her husband, Don, and they moved to Longmont. They have one daughter, Carrie, and one granddaughter, Emily. They have been active at Faith for over 8 years. LuAnn is a mature Christian who has been an active member of Faith since 2004. She engaged in Outreach during the past year beginning as the Outreach Treasurer. She also served on the Grant Committee, as founding Chairperson of the Preschool Scholarship Fund, and co-chair of the Ministry Fair. LuAnn is an experienced accountant and, thus, is well equipped to handle the dollars which are entrusted to Outreach. Lu Ann was always taught that we need to give back to the Lord in prayer and acts of service. And what better way than serving the people of Faith Community and encouraging each member to serve the Lord.



Bob Ucman - Nominated to chair the STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

I was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, baptized in the Lutheran Church, confirmed in the Lutheran Church, graduated from Valparaiso University, married in the Lutheran Church and have been a Lutheran ever since. I have been happily married to my wife Jane for 35 years. Before my company moved us to Colorado in 2011, Jane I and were members of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, in Haslett, where I served on the Properties Committee before serving as a member of the Governance Board.

After our move to Firestone we "shopped around" for a Lutheran Church in the Longmont area and settled on FCLC where we felt welcomed and accepted, and joined in November of 2011. My interests are motorcycle riding, skiing, hunting and exploring the West. I work for Stanley Black and Decker as a field sales engineer for the Emhart Aerospace Division. I feel a call to serve the community and FCLC with the talents that God has given me. I would be excited to serve on the Stewardship Committee.



Damian Wise - Nominated to chair the WORSHIP & ARTS MINISTRY

Damian Wise grew up in the small town of Bettsville, Ohio and is the youngest of 3 boys. After high school, he attended Kent State University where he majored in Business Management. He then changed directions and got into the family barbering business. During this time Damian married his wife, Michelle, and worked as a barber until recently when he chose another family business of selling real estate. Damian and Michelle now have three daughters, Maggie, Madeline, and Mallory.

Damian has been a member of FCLC for three years now, and has enjoyed playing the drums and singing with the worship team. Damian's hobbies are spending time with family, golfing, cycling, music, coaching, and sharing. "I am excited to take on this opportunity to help FCLC continue to grow and thrive in the Longmont community. Our worship and arts program has had a great deal of influence in my family and with God's help, will show others the way, as well."



Denise Parson - Nominated to chair the FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

I was born and raised right here in Longmont as the 3rd generation native. I was baptized and confirmed at St. John the Baptist Church. I met my wonderful husband of 22 years at my job at Codar Technologies where I was the Configuration Manager. We were married April 28th (same as Dan and Cindy) 1990 at 1st Lutheran Church in Boulder. We have two wonderful sons Travis 21 and Mitch 17. We have been a member of Faith Community since 1998. People have been asking me for years to take this role....finally!

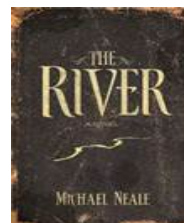


Have you checked out one of the many new books from the church library lately?



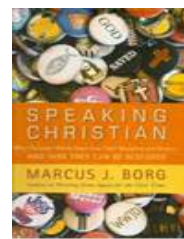
Finally Free by Michael Vick and Tony Dungy

One of the most talented and polarizing athletes of our generation, Michael Vick's stunning story has captured news headlines across the nation. From his poverty-stricken youth, to his success on the field in high school and college, to his rise to NFL stardom and his fall from grace. In his own words, Vick details his regrets, his search for forgiveness, the moments of unlikely grace--and the brokenness that brought his redemption on the way to his celebrated return to the NFL with the Philadelphia Eagles.



The River by Michael Neale

Gabriel Clarke's life is wholly devoted to "the River," a stretch of rapids in the Colorado Rockies. He can't bear to be away from it; its power is undeniable. Neale's novel is a powerful allegory about faith in something more powerful and mysterious than oneself.



Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power - And How They Can Be Restored by Marcus J. Borg

Christianity's important words, and the sacred texts and stories in which those words are embedded, have been narrowed by a modern framework for the faith that emphasizes sin, forgiveness, Jesus dying for our sins, and the afterlife. Borg employs the "historical-metaphorical" method for understanding Christian language that can restore for us these words of power and transformation.



Sarah's Choice by Wanda Brunstetter (Book 3 in Brides of Lehigh Canal series)

Widowed Sarah Turner has her hands full, raising three young children, tending the lock on the canal, baking bread, and washing clothes for boatmen. Although she's not looking for love, she's vowed not to lose her heart to a boatman. Yet she didn't count on meeting Captain Elias Brooks. Will she follow her heart where it leads or accept the proposal of a handsome land-loving blacksmith?



Where Lilacs Still Bloom by Jane Kirkpatrick

German immigrant and farm wife Hulda Klager possesses only an eighth-grade education—and a burning desire to create something beautiful. What begins as a hobby to create an easy-peeling apple for her pies becomes Hulda's driving purpose: a time-consuming interest in plant hybridization that puts her at odds with family and community, as she challenges the early twentieth-century expectations for a housewife.



Bonfils
Blood Drive
January 20th
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SENIOR CARING MINISTRY

Bring your lunch and come join us for our next meeting on Monday, January 28, 2013, at 11AM in Room 232. Reach out to care for others and also learn about services available to seniors in our community. For more information, contact Linda Thoman or Gloria Borchert. *We would LOVE to have you join us!*

Donna and Dave Koehler have started a new web site, www.seniorcareformom.com, recently and it contains a wealth of information and resources. There are also brochures at the welcome center. Thank you, Donna and Dave, for providing this new ministry. May God bless you as you continue to bless others.

Here's Donna & Dave's story of what motivated them to launch this new site:

When the 92-year-old father of owner Dave Koehler got sick early in 2010, he was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and hospitalized. What followed was a series of medical conditions and issues which Dave was unfamiliar with, but needed to make caregiver decisions regarding. The experiences included caring for a surviving 92-year-old mother, selecting a rehab facility for his father, dealing with a bad fall, selecting a different assisted living facility, having both parents in the hospital simultaneously, selecting another rehab facility, dealing with multiple 911 visits, his father's re-admission to the hospital, incurable pneumonia, end-of-life issues, crematory and funeral issues, gaining control of the investments in order to pay medical bills, and continuing to care for his mother. For five months of 2010, Dave spent 20-30 hours per week as a caregiver, while trying to run a small business at the same time. Because of this experience, Dave hopes to provide information and assistance to make it easier for others to care for their elder parents.

Donna, Dave's wife of 42 years, also went through similar issues with her parents, both of whom passed away while Dave was handling caregiving for his parents. All four of their parents passed away over a 2-1/2 year period. Donna's father had coped with COPD, emphysema, and neuropathy for years, and her mother was a diabetic and eventually developed Alzheimer's and dementia. Although her parents had lived independently up until October of 2009 when her dad passed away, Donna took an active role in doctor's appointments, transportation, health issues, and multiple hospitalizations for both parents over a period of several years. The issues that followed with her mother after losing her dad were difficult, necessitating testing for Alzheimer's, moving her from her house to independent living, and then to assisted living. Donna worked full-time for Boulder County Public Health while still helping with the needs of her parents. She knows what demands are made on caregivers of elderly parents and hopes to share her experiences with others who are currently going through the same thing.

Anne Dean - Nominated to serve as Council SECRETARY

Anne has 20 years of volunteer experience ranging from church youth group leader, counselor for exchange students and their families, and several officer positions on various non-profit boards.

Anne works tirelessly to be a voice to the voiceless in the country of Uganda, Africa. She was previously the volunteer Executive Director for the ministry of ChristAid International. She has organized and taken many mission teams to Uganda, organized container shipments, managed a program of hundreds of children and widows as well as lobbying wherever she can to create awareness for the most vulnerable.



She and her husband, Jeff, have recently started a non-profit Foundation called "Harmony Life Foundation" which aims to help with educational scholarships for needy children as well as organizing mission trips and outreach events/concerts to bring Christ's encouraging message of hope to those who need to hear. Anne also currently helps manage the organization of Father to the Fatherless International, serving the country of Uganda.

Other than mission work, Anne's passions are music and traveling. She lives in Longmont with her husband and their 3 children, Dillon, Mary and Isaac and their dog, Sparky.

High School Worship Service Jan. 20th @ 11am

High School Students, if you have yet to make it to one of High School worship services, Jan. 20th is the time to check it out! This service, for high school students only, includes breakfast, worship, a devotion, breakout groups, and then we end with prayer. It's a great opportunity to come hear about Jesus and the incredible things he has to offer! I encourage you, if you have not been to this yet, to come see what this is all about. See you in the Youth Room on January 20th at 11:00am!!!

Leadership 2.0 for High School Students

January 8th @ 7pm

High school students, are you interested in learning how you can make a difference in our youth ministry, our church, your schools, and your community? Come join us on January 8th to find out what this group is all about. We will meet at 7:00pm in Lucas' office to pray together, talk about leadership, and work on planning things for our youth ministry. This is a great opportunity to get more involved as well as have something great to have on a resume, or college application. Oh, Yeah! Pizza will be provided, too! See you on January 8th at 7:00pm!

Stock/Mutual Fund Donations

If you would like to donate stock or mutual funds to the church, please contact Susan Moller (303-776-8771 or sue@fcl.org) for information on the procedure for the transfer. If you already know the procedure, please be sure to let us know when you are making a donation as well as the amount.

Thank you!

Average Weekend Attendance for December 2012
2012 Average 550
2011 Average 542

Mark your calendars now before making those vacation and swim lesson plans!

Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 8-12, 2013.

Powderburn

(High School Winter Retreat)

February 22-24, 2013

Join us for an amazing weekend of games, guest speakers, and growing closer in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Time for skiing/snowboarding and fun with your friends is also included!

Cost: \$145

\$181 includes a lift ticket

\$200 includes lift ticket & rentals

Registration includes:

Food, accommodations, excellent programming (speakers, worship, games), transportation, adult chaperones, and unforgettable memories.

Deposit of \$50 and a registration form needs to be turned in by January 16th to secure a spot on this retreat!

Dave Ramsey's
Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY

IMAGINE YOURSELF
DEBT FREE



CLASS STARTS SOON!

Words from past participants:

-The best thing about the class is that I now live on a budget and I don't randomly spend money.

-This class has caused a paradigm shift in our thinking about borrowing money. As a couple we have been able to align our goals and see the vision for future giving!

-I feel I am more in control of my finances and informed about the choices I should be making. And my husband and I are on board together and talking about money choices!

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Last winter, the Family Life ministry partnered with Stewardship to bring Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University to Faith Community and the city of Longmont. Throughout this thirteen - week course 40 people gained knowledge in tackling debt, understanding the power of money and how to better manage it. In example of the successful impact of this 13-week program: as a class we avoided \$2,090,000.00 in credit card debt via credit card offers turned in during the class, and either saved or paid towards debt of \$147,563.

Because of the success of this program in 2012, the Family Life and Stewardship ministries are bringing the "New and Improved" Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University back to Faith Community, with added material and shortened running time (from 13 weeks to 9 weeks).

Beginning January 27th at 11:00am, Debbie & Curt Schroeder will lead this course, meeting in the Sunset Room. The \$95 fee includes materials and a lifetime membership to FPU.

We highly recommend this class for EVERYONE!!!

For more information or to get signed up, please email Brit Windel (brit@fcl.org) or Debbie Schroeder (debbie.schroeder@comcast.net)

CONFIDENTIAL GIVING STATEMENTS FOR TAX PURPOSES

FC's recordkeeping system for ALL of 2012 has been with password secured "MyFOnline." At any time, you can access your individual statement using MyFOnline. It is confidential for you, and only you.

Below are instructions to do that.

Click on my profile tab from home page.

Click on the financial tab on my profile page.

Under Printable Statements—"Giving Statement"

1. Type: select either family or individual
2. Date Range: select 01/01/2012 to 12/31/2012
3. Tax deductible or non-deductible

You can select to print giving statements for

- A. tax deductible gifts;
- B. non-deductible or
- C. both.

4. Select create...Select print...Done

Contact the church office if you forgot your password.




First Fruits Giving

YOUR OUTREACH DOLLARS AT WORK

Paxton New Life Lutheran Church will receive \$1,000 which is intended to encourage them as they begin anew as an NALC congregation. Pastor Bruce travels some four hours once each month to conduct a worship service for them. There is interest from some of our members to further support them with our presence at one of these services usually held on the first Sunday of the month. Anyone interested in making this trip including an overnight stay may contact Pat Sharp m6sharp@aol.com or the church office.

Agape Family Service works with the City of Longmont to provide emergency shelter for Longmont's homeless when the temps go below 20 degrees. Kudos to fifteen FCLC members who responded to the call for volunteers to be present for a few hours on these cold winter nights. To join this group contact Bob Reed at bob@grnbriar.com. In addition we are sending them \$2,000 to assist with the cost of utilities, rent, food, repairs, and paid staff.

Samaritan's Purse - North American Disaster Relief
Their goal is to provide emotional, spiritual, and physical care to those who have suffered great loss. In the past year they have been on the ground in Missouri, Alabama, Alaska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Colorado, and currently in New Jersey and New York. They will be working on the East Coast until early summer, so it is not too late to get involved in the hands-on relief effort. Check out the [Disaster Relief Volunteer Network](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) page at www.samaritanspurse.org. Outreach is sending \$2,000 in financial aid plus the donations from our members totaling \$ 215.00. The Red Cross will receive \$161.00 in member donations.

Treasurer's Report through November, 2012			
	2012	2011	2010
General Offering YTD	\$870,134	\$774,701	\$754,869
Expenses YTD	\$840,583	\$773,072	\$747,238
Budget YTD	\$881,581	\$893,750	\$853,006

FCLC MAKING CHRISTMAS BRIGHT!
Kids Hope USA – 6 families identified by the Sanborn School principal and counselor were surprised with gift certificates from our Christmas Fund.
Kindness for Kids – thank you to our members who provided 150 gifts for needy children.
Operation Christmas Child – received \$97.80 from our Thanksgiving offering.
The Round Pantry, this Community Food Share distribution facility will receive 20% of our Christmas plate offerings.

ANNUAL MEETING
Mark your calendars to attend the FC's Annual Meeting on **January 6th, 2013** at 12:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The annual report will be distributed and we will vote on the 2013 budget as well as candidates for open council positions. You will also have an opportunity to give comments and suggestions. Please plan on attending this very important meeting.

CONSECRATION WEEKEND RESULTS
Estimate of Giving cards were returned by 172 giving units. Of those giving units, 167 pledged for a total of \$670,578 for 2013. For the 2012 budget, 133 giving units returned Estimate of Giving cards for a total of \$555,898 in pledges. Thank you to everyone for their responses.

KIDS HOPE NEWS

I had the honor and privilege to distribute some monetary Christmas gifts to 6 of our Sanborn families just before the kids' Christmas break began. What a huge blessing this was to me! The families were very grateful, and quite a few tears were shed. One of the families has been homeless for most of the year, another family has 12 (yes, 12!) kids, and another family has experienced many health issues recently. These gifts will help them give their kids a much better Christmas, and I am so grateful to the Outreach committee here at FCLC for being so generous to Sanborn Elementary.

In light of the awful events over the past weeks, I am so happy to be able to see God at work EVERY DAY through my experience with Kids Hope. These mentors are truly the hands and feet of Jesus when they enter Sanborn each day -- they do not read the Bible or pray with their children, but they are the LIVING word of God to these kids. I am blessed beyond words to be a part of this amazing group!

In Him,
LaRae Schaff