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WHY DO YOU LOOK FOR THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?



A few words from the pastor...

"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit in the desert to be tempted by the devil." Mt 4:1

1) **On our Ash Wednesday and "Chocolate for Lent"**...Our Ash Wednesday services have become one of our strongest and well-attended worship traditions; we had our best attendance ever for both worship and the soup supper. And, the soup supper line flowed so well, we could easily have guessed attendance was down—but, it was the best ever! Thanks for joining us for a wonderful night! From the super soup supper served by our Outreach ministry, to the Holden Prayer Service, to Nanette's children's sermon, Diane's drama and the choir's wonderful anthem; we were blessed!

We'll continue to have two evening services for Wednesdays—4:30 & 7:00 with soup supper in-between 5:15 to 6:45. As I mentioned this past weekend, our Lenten theme this year is "Chocolate for Lent." I would guess that when we have tried to give something up for Lent, it's probably been something we should have less of anyway; whether it be sweets or second helpings or a bad attitude or a bad behavior. Since giving up chocolate for Lent is such a common tradition, we thought we'd play off of the movie "Chocolat" and let chocolate each week remind us of temptations we might let go of to make more room for the greater things of God. The "good news" is that because Jesus said "no" to temptation, God says "yes" to us and our yearning for grace and new life.

Sadly, people sometimes see Lent as a burden; "one more thing," but actually it's a wonderful time to disconnect from our busyness so that we can reconnect to God's amazing grace. Nanette, Diane and Brit have done a wonderful job of planning this Lenten season with our FC devotional book, weekly dramas, videos, and sermonettes for our Wednesday services. We hope you'll continue to observe Lent with us this year and join us for this very special season of fellowship and worship as we "draw near to God" during these 40 days of fasting and prayer. A special thank you to Denise Parsons and the Fellowship Team (Tanja, Karla, Karyn, Annette & Sally) and all the council members who will be helping with the soup suppers; they have always been outstanding!

We are extremely excited once again to host our popular **Passover Seder Meal at 6:00pm on Maundy Thursday, March 28th** - a worship experience and meal that truly takes us back to the Old Testament roots of our Lord's last supper. (Confirmation students must attend at least once during their confirmation years!) Similarly, we look forward to the powerful music and message of our **Good Friday Services March 29th at 6:00 and 7:30**. We're excited that **Pastor Bruce will be preaching** as we focus our attention to the Passion of Christ poured out on the cross.

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Mark Your Calendars

There's something for everyone in the family this month at

Faith!

03.01

**Hour of Prayer
Common Cathedral**

03.02

**CPR Training
Saturday @ Scott n Stacie's**

03.03

New Member Luncheon

03.05

Executive Committee Meeting

03.09

**Spiritual Gifts Class
Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction**

03.10

Steve Hakes Organ Concert

03.12

Council Meeting

03.16

Sunday School Workshop

03.17

Bonfils Blood Drive

03.24

**Palm Sunday
Cantata Sunday**

03.25

Kids Against Hunger Packaging

03.25

Senior Caring Ministry Meeting

03.26

Weavers of the Cloth

03.28

Seder Meal

03.29

Good Friday

03.30

NO Saturday Service

03.31

**Easter Sunday
Easter Breakfast**

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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

Lent Continues at FC



"CHOCOLATE FOR LENT" GIVING UP THE GOOD TO RECEIVE THE GREAT!

Join us each Wednesday evening this Lenten season as we explore the topics that keep us from receiving all the great things God has in store for us. These midweek services include the Holden Evening Prayer Service, Lenten dramas offered by our congregation members, and sermons centered on the theme for the week..

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6TH = "GIVING UP EXCUSES"
WEDNESDAY MARCH 13TH = "GIVING UP IDENTITY"
WEDNESDAY MARCH 20TH = "GIVING IN"

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES ARE HELD AT
4:30PM AND 7PM**

Don't forget...

Lent is also for Lenten Soup Suppers at FC!

Join us between Wednesday evening services in the Fellowship Hall for Lenten Soup Suppers! These light dinners include: homemade soup, bread, vegetable, and dessert. A suggested \$300 good-will offering is accepted at the door. Dinner is served in the Fellowship Hall between 5:15pm & 6:45pm each Wednesday of Lent.



You can still pick up your Lenten Devotionals! Find them in the Narthex.



The Lenten offering collected during the six weeks of Wednesday night Lenten worship will be used to purchase materials and food for Kids Against Hunger.

LENTEN BLESSINGS FROM FC STAFF AND COUNCIL



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January Council Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

Columbarium / Building Sign Update - Curt

Two bids are in for the overall project, both are comparable. A permit has been submitted for the sign - no building permit is required, just a \$25 fee. Plans are underway to apply for a building permit for the columbarium this week.

New Business:

Call Committee Report -

Discussed the call committee's recommendation to hire two pastoral candidates instead of one. Within the past few years FCLC has lost several key pastoral staff - Bruce, Ed, Brit and a few other key staff members. The call committee recognizes a need to have more pastoral support staff on board in order to relieve some of the workload and effectively manage and grow the church into the future.

Ministry Updates:

Congregational Care - Marcie Mason

Easter help is needed.

Welcome Center help is also needed. Sign-up sheet was passed around.

Children's Ministry & Education - Kim Dukart

Arts Academy's are being offered.

Kids Against Hunger - Kids will be packaging food March 24th- Lenten offerings will go toward this project.

Fellowship - Denise Parsons

Currently looking for new kitchen co-ordinator

Outreach - Lu Ann Hostetter

Outreach Fair will be held on April 28th.

Grant recommendations will be made in March. \$120,000 in grants will be awarded in 2013.

Property - Curt Schroeder

Kid Tool Day

Intergenerational Work Camp Training Center

Stewardship - Bob Uzman

Congregational Stewardship Campaign

Five year Stewardship Plan

Worship & Arts - Damian Wise

Getting teams ready for Good Friday and Easter

Youth - Greg Harms

25 High-Schoolers participating in Powder Burn.

Sunday worship had 30 kids participating, aiming to do this twice per month instead of just once. achieved.

Send your newsletter articles to office@fclc.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Dean, Council Secretary



Diane Sell
Dir. Worship & Arts

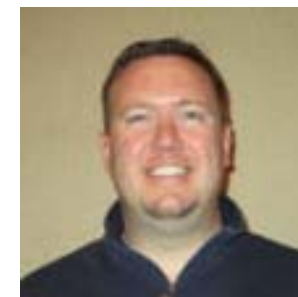


Deb Morneau
Choir Director

Palm Sunday, the Spirit of Joy Choir Cantata "Touch the Robe"

We pray that the Spirit of Christ will live in the words and the music as we invite you to worship on Palm Sunday weekend. The "Spirit of Joy" choir, led by Deb Morneau, will be presenting their Cantata that takes you on a journey through Holy Week. Come encounter the presence and the power of Christ. Come.....Touch the Robe.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WOMEN!
Grace Notes, our women's choir, will be singing during Lent and beyond. The group meets for two weeks to rehearse, then sings at services the following weekend. This is an ideal group for women whose busy lives don't allow for a long-term commitment. The group is eager to welcome new members. Please join us! Contact the director, Pam Busboom, at (970) 532-2165 for details and more information.



Damien Wise
Worship and Arts

HYMN SING/ ORGAN CONCERT WITH STEVE HAKES

Sunday March 10th

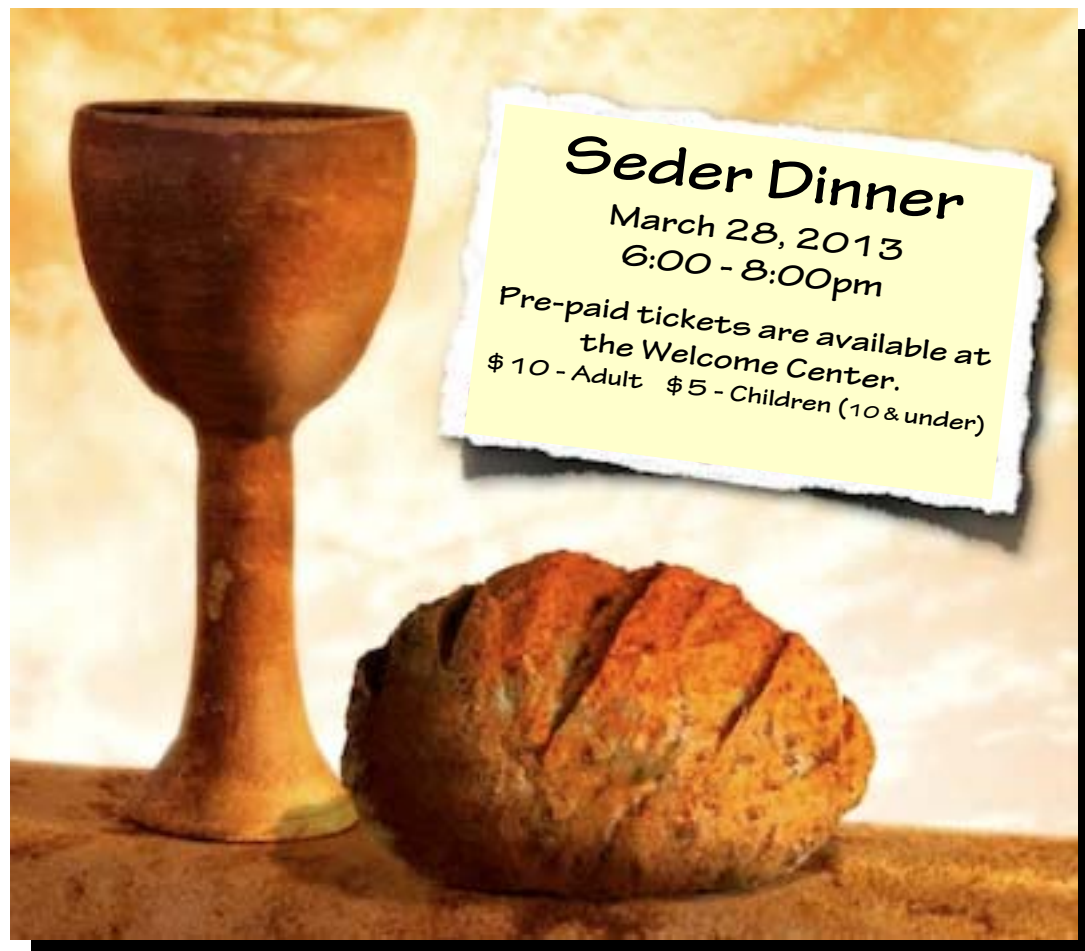
2pm: Sanctuary

We have been blessed with so much talent at Faith Community! The Worship and Arts Committee is excited to share with you the amazing talents of Steve Hakes. Steve and his wife Lori moved to Erie, Colorado within the last year, where they are raising 3 children. They became members of our congregation in the last 6 months.

Steve currently directs our adult hand bell choir and has played not only for our Worship Services but at other churches around our area.

As we continue our Lenten journey to the cross, won't you join us for this afternoon that will promise to warm your heart?

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LENT & EASTER WORSHIP SERVANTS

*Thank you to the many people who have volunteered to serve during Lent.
Your help is sincerely appreciated.*

We could still use help with **USHERING** during Lent on 3 Wednesdays at the 7:00 Worship Service. We need **GREETING** help every week at both worship services (4:30pm & 7:00pm).

EASTER SUNDAY IS MARCH 31ST, AND HELP IS NEEDED

AT ALL 3 WORSHIP SERVICES – 8:00AM, 9:30AM & 11:00AM
WE NEED USHERS, GREETERS, WELCOME CENTER, LECTOR, NURSERY
AND COMMUNION ASSISTANT HELP.

IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY OF THESE SERVING OPPORTUNITIES—PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL ME! GLORIA – [GLORIA@FCLC.ORG](mailto:gloria@fclc.org) OR 720-864-8221
THERE'S ALSO A SIGN UP SHEET AT THE WELCOME CENTER!

WE HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER SERVING TO CELEBRATE OUR RISEN LORD AND SAVIOR!

GREETERS NEEDED!

We are in need of people to help with greeting each Sunday and also for Lenten Worship Services each week. Just need to arrive about 15 minutes prior to worship and offer a welcoming hand as people arrive to worship. If you can help once a month or during Lent, please contact Gloria Borchert (gloria@fclc.org or 720-864-8221)

Seder Dinner Help is Needed!

Could you spare a few hours on Maundy Thursday to help prepare the Seder Dinner? If cooking isn't your thing, maybe consider helping set up, serve the meal or clean up. Many hands are needed to make this Lenten Tradition a blessing to everyone who attends. Please contact Tanja – Tanja@fclc.org.

Want to Serve...but don't know what you want to do? I would love to meet with you. Give me a call or email me – Gloria – gloria@fclc.org or 720-864-8221

Gloria Borchert
Director of Equipping Ministry



GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29, 2013
6:00pm and 7:30pm

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Prayer Shawls are available at no cost to anyone who could use the comfort of prayers and love. It's amazing how much care one feels from these shawls but it is because of all the prayer that goes into making the shawls and then the prayers and blessings over the shawls when they are completed.



Marcie Mason
Congregational Care

Want to know how you can get more involved? Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry when they meet on the 4th Monday each month in the Sunset Room at 9:30 AM.

Senior Caring

Bring your lunch and come join us in Room 232 on the 4th Monday each month at 11:00 am.



Learn how to care for the care giver, about resources available in the community for seniors, and find out how you can help to reach out to others! For more information, contact Linda Thoman or Gloria Borchert.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is going through a tough time and could benefit from a distinctively Christian caregiving relationship, please contact Karla Irvin or Gloria Borchert or call the church office.

Faith Community
Helps the Hungry...
 FCLC Outreach is looking for 8 volunteers to help serve lunch to those in need in our community at the OUR Center in Longmont. We typically serve 100-150 meals over the lunch hour. Volunteers are needed to help set up, prepare, cook, serve, and clean up from 10am-2pm. If you would like to join us in this wonderful outreach opportunity on one of the dates listed below, please contact Tami Musfeldt at tami.m@comcast.net or 303.494.4036

2013 FCLC-OUR Center Lunch Dates

Saturday, February 16, Saturday, April 6
 Saturday, October 5, Saturday, December 7

HOPE SACK DINNERS

THANK YOU!, THANK YOU!, Mary Timms, Jill Brown, Michelle Wise, Neal & Laura Carver, Nancy Benson, Kayla Smith, and Jill WooChing, for helping with the HOPE sack dinners during 2012!!! Your efforts in making these dinners for the HOPE organization are greatly appreciated!!!



EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

Don't miss FC's annual Easter breakfast provided by Youth Missions group. Pancakes, eggs, breakfast meat and juice will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 7:30am - 11:00am. A free-will donation to help the Junior and Senior High summer mission trips will be accepted at the door.



Kids Against Hunger

Feeding families around the world...and around the corner.

Kids Against Hunger

(KAH) – The best way to tell you about FC's local event for international impact on hunger, coordinated by *Kids Against Hunger* and FC Children's Ministry, is the *before and after picture*. The life-saving effect of nutritious meals not only includes a healthy child but also a child that thrives.

On March 24, Palm Sunday, the FC Sunday school kids will head downstairs at 9:30 am to one of five stations to help assemble the KAH food packages. When the kids are done (in one short hour) they will have over 200 meals to send to children in countries like Syria, Haiti, Liberia, or Afghanistan. Don't miss this high impact event for our children and children around the world.

Sunday Schoolers and Kids Against Hunger

During the month of March, Sunday Schoolers will be learning about Jesus and The Last Supper as a commemoration of the Old Testament Passover Meal and our Sacrament of Holy Communion. They will also discover how they can help children around the world who do not have a meal to eat by packaging food for *Kids Against Hunger*. (See Outreach announcement for more details.) Please pray for our FC children always, but especially on Sunday, March 24, during the Sunday School hour as they package food for others in need. Better yet, come and see!
 Sunday School Memory Verse of the Month: *And Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."* Luke 22:19



LaPae Schaff
 Kids Hope
 Director

WHY IS KIDS HOPE USA SUCH A SUCCESSFUL MENTORING PROGRAM?

For over a year, a highly respected mentoring researcher evaluated Kids Hope USA's key components. He concluded that **prayer partners** are the single most reliable determiner of positive change in a child. That's right; the more engaged the prayer partner, the greater the difference made. In other words, God answers prayers. This secular researcher still feels baffled by the data – convicted, but baffled.

I am so thankful for our wonderful Kids Hope Prayer Partners here at Faith Community. **Thank you so much**, Kayla Smith, Rob Smith, Perry Willson, Anita Willson, Dan Hansen, Linda Thoman, Veta Hartman, Wanda Gwinn, Susan Watkins, Donna Smith, Ed Smith, Jill Brown, Kathleen Chestnut, Ed Broestl, Pat Sharp, Sililo WooChing, Lucas Kinser, and Donna Wallace. Your prayers are making a difference!



Easter Extravaganza

Sunday School

March 31, 9:30-10:30 am

If you are 3 years old through fifth grade, come join us in Room 126 during the 9:30am church service, for this mighty special event on Easter Sunday! Hear the Easter Bible story! Create Easter crafts! Play Easter games!

Become a Faith Community Lutheran Church Thrivent Financial Advocate

Would you like to put your faith into action by serving as a Thrivent Congregational Advocate? Faith Community is allowed up to eight advocates. It is a great way to help your fellow parishioners and strengthen our congregation.

You would connect the congregation to Thrivent Financial resources through activities such as:

Help others learn to be wise with money. For example:

- Arrange a "From Me to We" workshop for newly engaged and married couples.
- Coordinate a youth program to stress the importance of "share, save, spend."
- Connect a friend with a Thrivent Financial representative to create a plan for retirement.

Create opportunities for generosity within our church. For example:

- Organize a Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity work day to construct a house with a family in need.
- Encourage eligible members to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars.
- Recommend Care Abounds in Communities as a way to help fund a service project.

Thrivent Financial provides training, support and resources to be successful in this role. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Susan Moller.



Bob Uzman
Stewardship

FC Endowment Fund Update "Blessed to Give"

Faith Community Lutheran's Endowment Committee met in January and awarded grants to the following groups:

Kidz at Heart Mission Project. FC members from our Education ministry have been trained to lead and teach children in foreign countries. They are planning a trip to Central America in January/February 2014. These funds will help with the costs of this trip. \$10,000 was awarded.

Missionary Timothy Alm/Amigos of Mexico Prayer Pals ministry. This is a new ministry in Juarez, Mexico set up to bless and encourage the girls and staff at Reto – the Women's rehab ministry on the edge of the city. \$578 was awarded.

Celebration Lutheran Church in Wenatchee, WA. Funds were requested to start a new ministry that will serve the Latino-Hispanic neighbors of this church. \$2,000 was awarded.



Susan Moller
Dir. Business Administration

Here are some FAQ about Faith Community's Endowment Fund:

Q. How did the Faith Community Lutheran Church Endowment Fund come into existence?

A. The Endowment Fund was created through the donation of Hans Hansen at his death. A committee of Faith members was established to administer the Fund.

Q. Who manages the Fund?

A. The Endowment Committee, comprised of Faith Community members, manages the funds and determines its disbursements. There is no external fund manager, so no fees go to an outside entity to manage.

Q. How much does the Fund give away?

A. The Endowment Committee awards only earnings of up to 4% of the principal balance.

Q. How do I recommend a recipient for the Fund's gifts?

A. The Endowment Committee accepts grant applications in June and December for disbursement decisions in July and January. Persons or group looking to start new ministries that bring people to Christ, and that would benefit from seed money should apply.

Q. How do I donate to the Fund?

A. Please contact the Director of Business Administration at Faith Community, one of the pastors, or a member of the Endowment Committee for assistance.

DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?

CAN YOU BOIL WATER?

HOW ABOUT JUST A FEW HOURS A WEEK OF FUN FELLOWSHIP?

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO HELP WITH CREATING

THE LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS!

WE PREPARE THE MEAL ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 10:00AM - 12:00PM

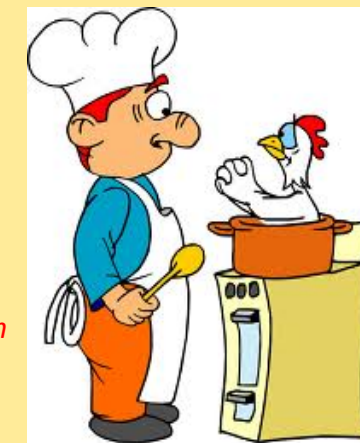
PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER OR

EMAIL DENISE PARSONS @ denisep965@ gmail.com



Denise Parsons
Fellowship

We also need lots of help preparing, serving, setting up and cleaning up from the Seder Dinner on March 28th.



DO YOU OWN A SMALL OR HOME BUSINESS?

We have created a Faith Community small business link on our webpage. E-mail Tanja@fcl.org if you would like to have your business advertised on this page!

Check out the business listing on our website: www.fcl.org, and follow the link "fc small business owners" link.



Tanja Nelson
Director of Communications

SPIRITUAL GIFTS DISCOVERY CLASS SATURDAY – March 9, 2013



Want to learn more about your God-Given Spiritual Gifts, Passions and Personal Style?

Have fun and learn more about how God uniquely gifted and designed YOU!

Join us for a 1-DAY only class on Saturday, March 9th, from 9am to 3pm.

Lunch is provided. Cost is \$8.00 for the book.

Register at the Welcome Center or contact Gloria Borchert (gloria@fcl.org or 720-864-8221)

SPAGHETTI DINNER/ SILENT AUCTION YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

MARCH 9TH 6:00PM—9:00PM



Come support our students who will be going on Mission Trips this summer! Our high school students will be going to Workcamp in Hawley, MN to do repair work on homes for people in need. The middle school students are going to Center for Student Missions in Denver, CO, working in the community and building relationships with people in the heart of Denver. These trips aren't possible without fundraisers like the annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction. Students will be selling tickets for \$7, which includes spaghetti, salad, drinks, garlic bread, and a tasty dessert. You won't find a better deal anywhere else! Before and after dinner, check out these amazing items that our students will be auctioning off, to help raise money for their trips, at the silent auction! If you have questions, feel free to contact Lucas Kinser.

Leadership 2.0 for High School Students March 12th @ 7pm



Greg Harms
Youth and Family

High school students, are you interested in being a leader? 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 March 12th for Leadership 2.0! We meet at 7:00pm in Lucas' office to pray together, talk about what it means to be a leader, and work on plans for our youth ministry. This is a great opportunity to get more involved in the Youth Ministry. You can also put this on a resume, or college applications. There will also be free pizza as well. See you March 12th!

High School Worship Service March 17th @ 11am



Lucas Kinser
Youth Director

High school students, if you have yet to make it to one of high school worship services, March 17th is the time to check it out! We began this service, for high school students only, at the beginning of this school year. It's a time, just for us, to gather for breakfast, worship, Bible study, breakout groups, and end with prayer. It's a great opportunity to come hear about Jesus and the incredible things he has to offer for your life! Meet downstairs in the Youth room at 11:00am on the 17th!!!



Saturday's @ Scott and Stacie's Mar. 2nd

High School students, join us on March 2nd for our once-a-month fellowship/ hangout night at Scott and Stacie's. We will have pizza, play some games, capture the flag, and enjoy some time of just hanging out. Bring a friend! We will see you March 2nd, from 6:30-10pm at the Francis' at 1706 Stones Peak Dr. I hope to see you there!

Treasurer's Report through January 31, 2013

	2013	2012	2011
General Offering YTD	\$78,037	\$86,400	\$65,904
Expenses YTD	\$91,106	\$80,144	\$81,250
Budget YTD	\$75,136	\$77,628	\$60,721

Looking Ahead with the Education Ministry



Planning your Summer now?

Vacation Bible School for children ages 3-11 will be held the week of **July 8-12, 2013.** Watch for more details!



Faith Community's Garden Boxes

Do you have a green thumb that's itchin' to get a little dirty? Do you need some garden space to grow those two or three extra tomato plants? Would you like to grow some fresh produce to donate to OUR Center? Rent a FLC garden box for \$20. (\$10 to pay for water; \$10 returned at the end of the season when cleaned out.) Contact nanette@fcl.org to reserve one by March 30.

Bonfils Blood Drive

Sunday, March 17, 8:00 am - 12:30pm in the Bonfils Bus, FC parking lot. Sign up in the Narthex or by contacting Mary Konicek marylarrykids@aol.com



Kim Dukart
Christian Education



Nanette Goings
Dir. Children's Ministry & Education

Confirmation

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

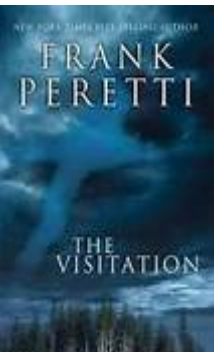
The **one-and-only** Confirmation Planning Meeting for all 8th graders and parents will take place on **Wednesday, April 10, 7:15-8:15 pm** in the Sunrise Room.

CONFIRMATION WEEKEND IS MAY 4-5.

Questions? nanette@fcl.org

Book of A Month Reading Group

Back by Popular Demand! Contact nanette@fcl.org by March 10, if you'd like to order a copy of "The Visitation" by Frank Peretti, our next *Book of A Month* for men and women. Cost: \$7. Book discussion and a related one-session Bible study will be held on Saturday, April 13, 9-10am, room 107 at church.



Average Weekend Attendance for February 2013

2013 Average	545
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FC's Outreach Connections in Our Community



FC's Outreach Grant Committee (first-fruits giving) is in full swing reviewing 41 applications for possible funding and partnership in 2013. One such partnership from last year, Crossroad School of Longmont, a 2012 FCLC grant recipient, is a school with a unique vision for the Longmont, Colorado area. Crossroads opened its doors with a desire to reach those students who have struggled in traditional school or who find that a traditional school doesn't meet their needs. The mission of Crossroads School is to assist families in equipping students to reach their individual potential. Crossroads is committed to offering an environment that provides for growth and responsibility by creating individualized strategies for every student. Crossroads began on August 18, 2010, with their first class of four students. Their second year ended with 16 students in 6th-10th grades, and currently have 18 students enrolled in 6th-11th grades. This is a growth of more than 400% in two years! Please consider donating or getting involved, and help us make a difference in the lives of struggling students in Longmont.



LuAnn Hostetter
Outreach



Tuesday,
March 26th,
5:30-7:30pm

Join Crossroads School to "Eat Mor Chikin," hang out with Crossroads staff, students, and supporters, and benefit the school! Just turn in your receipt to the bucket marked "Crossroads School," and Crossroads will earn 10-20% of the proceeds, depending how many people we bring in!

Agape Family Services – Serving the Homeless

FC Outreach recently made an additional donation of \$2,000 to Agape Family Services and received this sincere word of thanks: *"Thank you, may God bless you for your generosity and help with this homeless ministry."* A grateful and appreciative heart was also extended to those from FC who volunteered with shelter/housing and transportation for the Agape House in December and January. For the last three months of 2012 the shelter was open 21 nights; serving 75 unduplicated guests out of the total number of guests for the year 2012 of 664.

Agape has been busy the last few months with finding a larger building or finding a way to handle the overflow of guests coming. Central Presbyterian Church has graciously committed to temporarily (January through March) take up to 10 of the overflow guests into their church. Agape will continue to look for a larger place for next season (winter 2013), as it would be ideal to have all of the guests in one place. They are also looking for more transportation for bringing the guests back and forth to the shelter.

Volunteers are still needed to staff the shelters for two and three hour shifts. Interested? Please call MarLinda Jackson at 720-203-2870 or email: Jackson1280@live.com.



Stacia Keller
Office Manager
Outreach Liaison

A third 2012 grant recipient is **The Our Center**, who just completed another record-breaking year serving those who often have nowhere else to turn: serving 137,000 free, hot meals, helping 800 households with rent & utilities, 880 homeless adults with day shelter services, 4,600 households with clothing and household items, and 90 children (6 wks to 6 yrs) with childcare at the Aspen Center of Child Development.

Volunteering by making and serving lunch at the OUR Center building located on 3rd Avenue is a wonderful opportunity to be active with this FC's partner. Eight volunteers are needed from 10am-2pm on April 6th, October 5th and December 7th to help prepare, cook, serve, and cleanup the meal. We typically serve 100-150 meals over the lunch hour. Contact Tami Musfeldt, the FC Outreach committee liaison to the OUR Center - (303) 494-4036 or tami.m@comcast.net, if would like to jump-in.



The 10th Anniversary of Empty Bowls event is slated for 10:30 am to 1:30 pm on March 23 at Longmont High School. Your \$20 ticket helps to provide a nutritious, hot meal for 10 people and you will receive one of the hundreds of uniquely handcrafted ceramic soup bowls. Sampling of soups, breads and desserts donated by area restaurants and caterers will be the highlight.



"What can I do?"

- ◇ You can volunteer at the event.
- ◇ You can hand craft a design on a bowl at CRACKPOTS of Longmont, or similar ceramic studio before March 3.
- ◇ You can attend by purchasing a \$20 ticket from the OUR Center 303 Atwood Street, on the web at <http://www.ourcenter.org>, and at Crackpots Studio. Contact Elaine 303-772-5529 ext. 224 or email elaine@ourcenter.org



QUILTING marathon was a success!

30 QUILTS were COMPLETED at the JANUARY QUILT marathon! THESE QUILTS are TO BE DONATED TO LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF. YOU, TOO, can BE a PART OF THIS exciting ministry! DONATE FABRICS or DONATE DOLLARS! BETTER YET, HELP CUT, SEW and TIE THESE UTILITY QUILTS at the next marathon HELD **APRIL 1ST -5TH**, the week after Easter.

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Pastor's Perspective Cont.

- 2) **On our "Heaven is Now...a study of Galatians" Sermon Series...** It's hard to believe that we're already at the end of our journey through Paul's letter to the Galatians, but I think it's been fruitful—especially as we got a chance last week to have two of our pastoral candidates in on the series. So, as we conclude our "Heaven Is Now" series, we turn our attention to Lent and then for the season of Easter, we're planning a series on **"Putting on the armor of God...a study of Ephesians,"** Then, this summer we're planning a series on **"The Invisible War...Spiritual Warfare is Real."** This fall we're thinking about a series on "Discipleship" borrowing some ideas from Francis Chan's popular book, "Multiply."

- 3) **On our pastoral call process...**By the time you read this, we will have brought in the third of our top three candidates to preach and meet and greet you as a congregation. Our 2nd Pastor Call Committee will have met Monday, February 18th to decide if we're ready to decide--or if we want to take a few more weeks for prayerful discernment and to continue gathering feedback before making a recommendation to the council who will then call a congregational meeting for a vote. Questions or comments? Please contact 2nd Pastor Call Committee members: Roger Olson, Miles Olson, Amy Johnson, Debbie Bonner, Pete Seale, Stacie Francis, Stephanie Demosthenes, Brit Windel, Pastor Dan, Ed Smith, and Mark Praska.

Your partner in ministry,
Pastor Dan

***Update on Call Process:** Please find enclosed a congregational letter that was written after the Pastoral Perspective. This letter explains the Call Committee recommendation and Council vote on the Pastoral call for Faith Community Lutheran Church.



Haiti Mission Fundraiser Books, Books, Books!

Faith Community is sending 30 intergenerational members on a mission trip to Haiti this June. To help defray some of the expenses, we are sponsoring a book drive, then a book sale. Now is the time to clean off your book shelves, desks, nightstands, etc.! During the month of March we will be collecting good quality books to be sold in April. Bring your used books to church and drop them in a clearly marked drop off spot in the Narthex between March 1st and 31st.

Beginning in April you will have the opportunity to restock your bookshelves! If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser, please contact Lucas Kinser.