A few words from the pastor...

It's great to be back...Thanks again to everyone for your patience and prayers and understanding with my time off last in April. Your welcome back could not have been more warm and affirming...thanks! What a blessing to be able to take some time for rest and reflection as well as time with family and friends.

On our current teaching series...We are focusing the next 7 weeks or so on “Connecting a broken world with Jesus...a study of the book of Acts.” As I said at our most recent council meeting, I really believe this teaching series is a Godsend for us because it’s the perfect opportunity for us to look at the early church as a model for church in our world today.

Oftentimes our identity is built around our passions and core values. As we take a look at the “core values” of the early church, last weekend I mentioned that two of our core values here at FC are to be a church that is “Prayer-centered” and “Bible-centered.” Additionally, you see in our newsletter each month that we want to be “Worship-centered, Visitor-friendly, Kid-friendly, and to model the “Priesthood of all believers,” and “First-fruit” giving to outreach & missions.

Our core values not only identify who we are and what we hold near and dear, they also can help us identify where we need to focus our attention and resources. Over the years I have heard many of you say, “I love that this church is in the Word,” or that “this church is so friendly,” or that “this church is so friendly,” or that “this church makes a priority of outreach & missions,” etc. So, I’m curious, which of these core values attracted you to the mission and ministry of FC?

On our summer ministry...Tanja just showed me her “Join us at Faith Community for Summer Happenings” brochure that’s going to be mailed out to new homeowners and visitors. It’s cool! As with the early church in the book of Acts, lots is happening! The Spirit is alive! Come catch the Spirit and be a part of what God is doing at FC!

Your partner in ministry,
Pastor Dan
Calling all men of FC!

Meet at the church on Friday, May 3rd for Bible study, and fellowship from 6:00-8:00pm.

Brats will be provided, but BYOBrew! Contact Lucas for more info!
April Council Meeting Minutes

Andrea Lee - Church Directory: Upcoming directory - signups for family photos underway.

Secretary’s Report: Anne Dean - The April report was distributed and accepted with one correction regarding Lucas Kinser’s name spelling.

Treasurer’s Report: Rob Ney presented the April report. Numbers are down on the budget for the year. Dan spoke about the importance of shepherding - this could help with budget as well.

Old Business:

Bob amended the motion from the March 11th meeting to have article III, 5th paragraph, read: “Real property, of value greater than 5% of the annual budget, shall not be purchased, disposed of, or encumbered in any manner except by resolution adopted by a vote of two-thirds or more of the members present and voting at a legally called Congregational Meeting.”

Motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Too Busy Not to Pray continues each Sunday in room 232 with Richard and Nancy Cox. In today’s fast-paced world, it’s easy to get so busy that we don’t have time to pray. The truth is, when our lives get so busy, it’s even more important to pray! Based on book by Bill Hybels.

Motion from April 8th meeting: “change the wording in article 6 regarding any special meeting of the council discussing termination of a Pastor – that the meeting should be closed instead of open.” Motion up for discussion. Motion tabled.

Old Business:

New Business:

Constitution review - Articles 7-9 - no significant changes. However, the word ‘Pastor’ will be replaced by ‘Pastors’ throughout entire constitution where appropriate.

Ministry Updates:

Education - Jill Brown and Nanette Goings
- A great new brochure was made in order to get the word out to more families regarding all the various activities and groups.
- Some of the things going on currently are: Sunday school for all ages, Confirmation for middle schoolers, SPARTS academy (summer Sunday school for Preschool through 5th grade), Vacation Bible school (July 21-25), Summer camps for elementary students, Kneisisters club (library reading program), Christian education leadership, family activities like movie nights and camp-outs, Adult Bible studies, book club, and weavers of the cloth.
- Many outreach events are done each year as well, often led by youth who have ideas to help in a certain area of concern. Examples are ‘flip flops for Haiti’ and a children’s clothing drive for Lyons after the flood.

Treasurer’s Report through May 31, 2014

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Average Weekend Attendance for May 2014

2014 Average 495

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Let’s get a group together and head to the Denver Coliseum Friday evening, July 25th, (5:30 - 9:30pm) for worship and a message from Beth Moore. The conference continues Saturday morning, 8:30am - noon. Hotel options are available for those who want to stay down in Denver for the night.

LifeWay Events recommends individuals register by calling LifeWay Events at 1.800.254.2022 or at their website, www.lifeway.com, and they will send your wristband to your home address. Once you are registered, contact Susan Moller so we can organize carpooling down to Denver. Also, indicate if you would like to stay in Denver Friday night, or will commute both dates.

Mark your calendars for Friday & Saturday, July 25 - 26th, and make sure to get your wristband!

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Recent delivery a gift from the past  Written by Don Amend – Powell Tribune

One day last week, a mysterious package addressed to me arrived in our mailbox. When my wife placed the soft, squishy item marked priority mail on my lap, my immediate reaction was to try to remember what I had ordered and from whom I had ordered it. After all, I have been known to order a book or CD online, forget all about it the next day and be totally surprised when it arrives.

The return address, though, was written in longhand, which seemed to eliminate the notion that whatever was in the package came from some sort of commercial enterprise. It also deepened the mystery, since I recognized neither the handwriting nor the address.

Well, I’m a little slower-witted than I used to be, so it took a couple of minutes before it dawned on me that I could find out what it was I had or hadn’t ordered if I just opened the package and took a look.

I had to overcome the obstacle presented by the mailing envelopes our postal service sells for such purposes, which are nearly impossible for me to use my usual method of opening the mail, which is simply to rip it open.

Fortunately, my pocketknife was close at hand, and, taking care to avoid damaging whatever was in the envelope, I made a few deft cuts and opened it.

Inside, I found, not something I had ordered, but a beautifully woven shawl. Still puzzled, I marveled at the softly woven threads and the muted earth-tone colors, and wondered who had sent it to me. Eventually I found a note written on a single sheet of paper and signed by a woman named Tanja. There was no last name, but I knew right away who Tanja was.

Tanja and I haven’t crossed paths in over 30 years. She and our daughter, Erica, became friends during a week at church camp on Casper Mountain many years ago. They made a sort of odd couple. Erica was short; Tanja was tall. Erica tended to dress more conventionally, while Tanja was more likely to dress flamboyantly and sport the latest in ‘80s teen accessories. One was cautious and a bit on the quiet side; the other was more adventurous and outgoing.

Despite their different styles, not to mention the fact that they lived 150 miles apart, the two became fast friends. Distance limited their time together, but they enjoyed each other’s company through other church camp seasons and a week at music camp in the Black Hills.

They took advantage of NWC’s Jazz Festival and a state basketball tournament to spend time together and were happy that they were able to play together in the All-State Band. They visited each other’s high schools and attended their respective graduations in Greybull and Lander.

After high school, their paths diverged. They attended colleges on the extreme opposite borders of South Dakota and followed different paths in their personal lives. Today, one lives in Minnesota and the other in Colorado, and I don’t think they’ve seen each other face to face since their respective colleges met on the football field back in the 1990s.

Despite the separation, though, they remain in touch, an easy thing to do in today’s wired world, and so it is that, through Facebook, Tanja knows all about my health. Moreover, she is sensitive to my situation because her mother also suffers from a painful condition.

Tanja’s note told of a women’s group at her church that makes prayer shawls like the one I received. They are given to individuals as reminders that they are not alone, but are in the prayers of many believers, even many they have never met.

Tanja’s favorite member of the group is Ardi, who is 84 years old and someone Tanja sees as a kindred spirit. That’s why the shawl I received last week is product of Ardi’s loom, and Tanja says it was “created by skillful, loving hands and true, heartfelt prayer.”

Over the past two years, I have received encouragement and support from many people. Some of them I see regularly and some, like Tanja, are individuals I haven’t seen in years, even decades. Still others are people I have never met. Their concern and encouragement have helped me through some bad days and during nights of fitful sleep throughout that time.

One of those bad days was the very day I opened that mystery package. In my thank you note, I told Tanja that the shawl had arrived just when I needed it, and it brightened my spirits and banished my discomfort when I opened it, just as it was intended to do.

In the days to come, this unsolicited gift that arrived so unexpectedly last week will continue to lift my spirit. It will give me peace and comfort by reminding me of all those individuals who are keeping me in their thoughts and prayers, no matter who they are or where they live.

It’s a simple, but beautiful gift, and it’s tangible proof that I will never be alone.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry - Spanning Miles and Years

Due to numerous scheduling conflicts over the summer, we are sad to have to postpone the production of Fiddler on the Roof.

Thank you, so much, everyone who auditioned for a role, who volunteered to help with tech, costume and set building. We hope that when it is time to re-schedule this event, you still consider participating!
Four Blood Moons  By John Hagee
It’s rare that Scripture, Science, and History align with each other, yet they’re doing exactly that. In this book, Pastor John Hagee explores the supernatural connection of certain celestial events to Biblical Prophecy, to God’s chosen people and to the nations of the world. Are we listening, and are we ready for something big that’s about to happen? This is a book you want to keep reading to see what will happen next.
Review by: Dee Lien

The Gate  by Dann Stouten
When an ad for a vacation cottage catches the eye of a man on the edge of burnout, he impulsively sets off to visit the property while his wife and daughters are away. When he arrives and is ushered through the gate, he finds something far different from the typical vacation retreat. In fact, it seems he may have found the back door to heaven. The proprietor and people from his past welcome him with food, rest, and conversation until what started out as a little escape from everyday life turns into an experience he will never forget.

The Lutheran Ladies’ Circle: Plucking One String  by Kris Knorr
If you’re looking for a sweet book about dealing with change—this isn’t it. But you will laugh, and maybe even learn something about yourself, as a cast of lively characters carry you through conflicted times. The Lutheran Ladies are sassy, have strong-spined opinions, and have stepped out of your office, your kid’s soccer club, or your church to live on these pages. They deal with change—sometimes poorly—but with humor and heartache, they’re on life’s journey.

Would you like to read and review for our next newsletter page?

STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASS – September 2014
We will be offering a Stephen Ministry Training Class starting in September 2014. Stephen Ministry equips people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

A STEPHEN MINISTER IS...
A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting.
A caring Christian who listens, cares, prays, supports and encourages.

Stephen Ministry training includes 50 hours of training. We will meet weekly from September through March. This is a big commitment, but perhaps the Holy Spirit is nudging YOU to step out to serve God and others. Please pray about serving in this very special way. You will be blessed in blessing others.

For more information or to apply, please contact Gloria Borcher, Karla Irvin, Mara Hotaling or contact the church office: 303-776-8771.

“As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” – John 13:34b

TIM Team is Back!
All students who have finished 6th grade thru 12th grade are invited to be a part of our TIM (Teens In Ministry) Team! This group of youth who enjoy music, performing and working with younger kids become mentors to our KICS and VBS participants while helping them learn new songs and choreography.

This summer TIM Team will meet on June 23-26th from 1-2pm to learn music and actions to teach and lead during Vacation Bible School week! We had such a great time doing this last year, I’m excited to bring this team back to do it again! You will need to plan to be at the church during VBS, which is July 21-25th 9am to 11:30am.
Contact Diane Sell if you are interested.

Kneesitters’ Club is back!
Preschool through 2nd graders, beginning June 11, gather each Wednesday morning from 9:30-10:15 to discover some of the amazing books in FC’s own library. Let’s read a book together, listen to a Bible story and make a fun craft project. Each session ends with checking out a book or two from our library.
Questions? nanette@fclc.org.

Congratulations, 2014 8th grade Confirmands!
FC Adventure Meet-Up
The next Meet-Up will take place on Wednesday, June 4th, as we head out to Picture Rock Trail (outside of Lyons) for a mountain bike excursion. Meet in the church parking lot with your mountain bike and helmet at 6:00pm. Those who are able, please plan to go to dinner at Oskar Blues afterwards.

Please contact Pastor Derik - Derik@fclc.org or Fred Kampmann - luvtofix@gmail.com for more details!

Are you interested in exploring and playing in God’s beautiful creation? FC Adventure Meet-Up is geared towards those outdoorsy types, who enjoy hiking, kayaking, climbing, mountain biking, etc., in God’s great outdoors! If you are interested in keeping up on Adventure Meet-Ups, have an idea for a meet-up activity, or are willing to lead one of these once-a-month gatherings, please contact Pastor Derik, or fill out the form available on www.fclc.org.

Grant Awards for 2014

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**42% of Total** $ 67,536

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**36% of Total** $ 57,575

Ride, Study, Eat, Repeat
Ride the Rockies with other FC motorcycle enthusiasts! This group will leave from the church after the 11:00am service on the third Sunday of each month, ride to a pre-determined destination for a brief Bible study, and stop for a bite to eat before the return ride. Please contact Bob Ucman at 517-213-5565 or email: ucmanr@gmail.com

BBQ TIME

Mark Your Calendar Now for Summer Worship Team BBQs!
We had such a great time last summer getting together and catching up, we’re going to do it again! Anyone who participates on Worship teams, including sound and VPU, please save these dates and plan to join us at the following homes following Saturday evening worship services this summer. Look for more information to come in your “This Week in Worship” emails!

**Saturday, June 21st** - The Wise Family
**Saturday, July 19th** - The Yarian Family
FC Habitat Build Day - June 21
FC brings together 12 or more individuals from the Faith family to spend the day (8am to 4pm) building a home. No construction experience is needed, but you do need to sign up by June 14. Contact: Diana Emerson at 303-946-5190 (didirae@yahoo.com), or you can find the sign-up sheet on the Habitat bulletin board in the hallway by the front office.
Drinks and lunch are provided to those on the worksite. If you would like to help provide the lunch, please contact Konni Keuter at kkeuter@comcast.net.

High School Guy Night/ Girl Night
June 25th
Having a female intern this year opens our ministry to some exciting opportunities for our high school guys and girls!

Guys: Be ready to get together as guys, do what guys do, and talk about what it means to be men of God.

Girls: Nothing is better than “girl time”, bonding as sisters in Christ, and talking about what it means to be a strong woman of God.

We will end the summer with a big “Battle of the Sexes” event!

Thank you to Mara Hotaling, Mark Datte, Kory and Kim Cash, Stacia Keller, and Lu Ann Hostetter for serving on the Grant Committee. They spent hours reviewing applications from our various ministry partners to arrive at their recommendations. Thank you for your hard work. - The Outreach Committee

Hi! My name is Alessa Smith, and I’m Faith Community Lutheran Church’s 2014 summer youth intern. I am so excited to be spending the summer with you guys! I’d like to share a little about myself with you all so I’m not a complete stranger. I am from the Chicago Land area, more specifically, a humble village called Shorewood. You’ll probably be able to hear my Chicago accent from a mile away! I am 20 years old and am currently studying at Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana. Why God called me to Indiana, the coldest and flattest state in America, is the first question I’ll ask Him when I get to heaven! At Grace, I am studying youth ministry and counseling, and I can’t wait to see how God uses me in the future. I love singing, playing the guitar, running, and theater. I’m also a St. Louis Cardinals fan, [sorry]. I’m anticipating a great summer at Faith Community working with your different youth ministries. I applied to intern at your church in hopes to learn more about ministry, people, and our Heavenly Father. I know I will learn a lot from you and probably make some great friends in the process! Looking forward to meeting you all at the end of the month!

Sincerely,
Alessa Smith

Life Choices helps women and men facing unplanned pregnancies. Thelma McDonald and the FC Outreach Committee welcome your support for the work at Longmont’s Life Choices Center by filling a baby bottle with loose change, dollar bills or checks. Please pick up a baby bottle from the display in the narthex, then return your filled baby bottle to the Welcome Center on or before Father’s Day, June 15th.

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Longmont Shekinah Ministries include Prison & Jail Ministry, Halfway Houses, Work Release and Aftercare Mentoring Programs for newly released prisoners. You can still donate new or gently-used, clean ball caps and backpacks which will be distributed by the Shekinah Prison Ministry here in Longmont. A collection box will remain in the Narthex through Father’s Day for your donations! Contact Pete Seale for more information on this drive, or the Shekinah ministry.

COMMON Cathedral
the church in the park
...is a community of faith,
a community of fellowship,
a community of equals,
and a community of friends

...is an ecumenical gathering of the People of God
for a simple service of song, scripture,
prayer, peace and table fellowship.

Come and worship.
Collyer Park, Longmont

Dinner - Volunteers from various churches or restaurants provide the meal for this gathering each week. This is where Faith Community gets involved! Volunteers from FC are scheduled to prepare and serve a meal on the 1st Friday of each month at 6pm.

We need your help to prepare and serve the meal. Contact Konni Keuter at kkeuter@comcast.com or Marcie Mason at mlmason@mac.com

Common Student Ministry
ELEVATE

Taco Tuesdays starts June 3rd
High School/Middle School students, join us every Tuesday from 12-1pm for Taco Tuesdays @ Ojeda's (14th and Main) during the summer! This is a great time of hanging out with peers in the youth ministry, as well as getting to know new ones. Come join Lucas and his summer intern Alessa Smith for some delicious food and fellowship. If you need a ride contact Lucas!

FireUP Starts June 1st!
Come ouu for our first FireUP of the summer on June 1st from 6:30 - 8:30pm Meet at the church for dinner, outdoor games, worship, breakout groups, and a devotion. Bring a friend and get “fired up” for the summer! Alessa Smith, our summer intern, will be sharing with us during our first meeting. Make sure to mark your calendars for our second FireUP on June 29th, same time, same place!

Hi! My name is Alessa Smith, and I’m Faith Community Lutheran Church’s 2014 summer youth intern. I am so excited to be spending the summer with you guys! I’d like to share a little about myself with you all so I’m not a complete stranger. I am from the Chicago Land area, more specifically, a humble village called Shorewood. You’ll probably be able to hear my Chicago accent from a mile away! I am 20 years old and am currently studying at Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana. Why God called me to Indiana, the coldest and flattest state in America, is the first question I’ll ask Him when I get to heaven! At Grace, I am studying youth ministry and counseling, and I can’t wait to see how God uses me in the future. I love singing, playing the guitar, running, and theater. I’m also a St. Louis Cardinals fan, [sorry]. I’m anticipating a great summer at Faith Community working with your different youth ministries. I applied to intern at your church in hopes to learn more about ministry, people, and our Heavenly Father. I know I will learn a lot from you and probably make some great friends in the process! Looking forward to meeting you all at the end of the month!

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Alessa Smith
Endowment Fund Requests

Faith Community’s Endowment Council is accepting applications through June 30, 2014 for grants that will be awarded in July 2014. Forms can be found in our weekly E-news at the Welcome Center, or on the files tab of the “FCLC Church Family” group on My FConline. The next opportunity for requesting funds will be December, 2014.

Endowment funds are awarded twice a year. As stated in our bylaws, “Distributions shall be made with particular emphasis on enhancing and extending the life and mission of the congregation, which may include support for: domestic and foreign missions; scholarships; professional staff for special services; community projects; and building expansion or improvements.”

If you have any questions, contact Susan Moller.

Konni Keuter has a heart for serving. She feels that she has received grace and blessings and knows that these gifts need to be passed on. Konni knows that nothing will ever separate her from God’s love, and she is passionate that others to know His unconditional love. The third oldest in a family of 6 girls and one boy, Konni was born and raised in Denver and moved to Longmont when she was 13. She and her husband, Mike, have been married for 22 years and have 7 daughters: Sunshine, Star, Krystal, Kendra, Katie, Mykala and Brianna, and 14 grandchildren with another little one due in October.

Konni was raised Catholic and attended St. John the Baptist but after drifting away from the church, started worshiping at Faith Community about 5 years ago. She said she drove by Faith each day on her way to work and was intrigued by the sandwich board sign out front. She liked the size of the church—not too big and not too small, and she said everyone made her feel very welcomed from the start. After she expressed an interest in Habitat for Humanity, Konni was invited to the Outreach meeting and felt very included in this ministry. Coming from a large family, Konni is not intimidated by providing food for large groups so she has been heading up the lunches for the Habitat builds every 4 months.

Konni also felt led by the Spirit to head up FC’s participation in Common Cathedral because it allows her to combine her love for cooking and her heart for serving God’s people. Common Cathedral meets every Friday night, regardless of weather, at 6pm at Collyer Park (southwest corner). Most of the people who participate are homeless. They come together to worship and fellowship together over a meal. They pray, delve into scripture and celebrate communion together. This community truly knows what it means to be their brother’s keeper. If someone is not there, they find out why. They lift prayers for each other and they always make sure that everyone is fed before they take seconds. Faith Community has been providing the meal for this wonderful community on the first Friday of the month for several years now. If you would like to know more, talk to Konni!

Konni said, “We are put here to try to make other lives better. It’s not in the receiving, it’s in the giving.” Konni lives this out by serving with Habitat for Humanity, Common Cathedral and by helping with the sale of the “Faith” cards. If you enjoy a cup of coffee at FC on the second Sunday of the month, you can thank Konni because she prepares the coffee and cleans up, too.

Konni is also passionate about teaching at Crossroads School, which provides an alternative in education for kids in grades 6-12 who have difficulty with the social and academic environment in traditional schools. Her journey with Crossroads began when it opened in 2010 with 4 students. She began by serving as a volunteer and on the Board of Directors. Last fall she left her well-paying job with a company that she built with other colleagues to follow the nudge of the Holy Spirit and began teaching Bible life skills and history full time at Crossroads School, which now has a student body of 22 pupils.

Konni strongly believes in serving and giving. She encourages others to make small commitments with large rewards, which may lead you to even more. “Don’t be afraid to get out of the boat and test the waters and trust where God is leading you.” Konni Keuter is truly a blessing to Faith Community, to the Longmont community and to her family!