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THE FAITH COMMUNICATOR

"And the angel answered her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy the Son of God"

Luke 1:35



A few words from the pastor...

"As he was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!' 'Do you see all these great buildings?' replied Jesus. 'Not one stone here will be left on another. Every one will be thrown down.'" Mark 13:1 & 2

On our recent Reformation Tour of Germany... The disciples' words here remind me of some of the awe we felt as we toured a number of magnificent churches in Germany; many of them restored brick by brick from the rubble of WWII bombing. Who would have guessed those magnificent churches would be reduced to rubble in WWII? And, who would have guessed that they would be restored to their former magnificence? What a powerful reminder to us that life is fragile and no one knows what tomorrow will bring. "Watch therefore..." Jesus says. Yet, we are also reminded that God "can make beauty out of ashes!" (Now if they could just fill those churches up with *worshippers* rather than mostly tourists!)

We really did have a wonderful tour and although the central focus of the trip was Reformation history, we could not escape all the WWII history which was very sobering; after all, "those guys were the enemy" just 60 years ago! As it turns out, we were in Berlin on the 23rd anniversary of the fall of the wall, so that was fascinating, as well. It's truly miraculous how "freedom" has dramatically transformed the former East Germany into a "new" land.

A number of you have said; "We want to catch the next church trip!" So, how about a trip a year from this spring? That would be spring 2014. Suggestions? 15 Days Mediterranean ("In the Footsteps of Paul") & Holy Land Cruise? Or, 14 Days Mediterranean Cruise ("In the Footsteps of Paul") & Rome? Or, 10 Days of the Holy Land? Those of you who have taken similar tours know that there is so much history to learn, you can never absorb it all in any one trip. If anything, the return visits are even more fun and interesting, because you now have a foundation of knowledge to build on! Also, half of the fun is the fellowship that grows as you travel together and as friendships grow and blossom; our Germany group has already had one "reunion" party, and we expect more!

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Mark Your Calendars

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

12.02

OUR Center Serves Lunch

12.07

Hour of Prayer

Charlie Brown Christmas Dinner Theater

12.08

Charlie Brown Christmas Matinee

Charlie Brown Christmas Dessert Theater

12.09

Budget Hearing

12.10

FOY Christmas Brunch

12.11

Council Meeting

12.13

Cantata Dress Rehearsal

12.15

Cantata

12.16

Cantata

12.19

NO WNL

12.22

Christmas Eve Rehearsal

NO Saturday Worship Service

12.23

NO Sunday School/Bible Study

12.24

Christmas Eve Worship

1:30pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm

12.25

OFFICE CLOSED - Merry Christmas

12.30

NO Sunday School/Bible Study

CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH US!

"I bring you Good News of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." - Luke 2:10-11



Faith Community's KICS Dinner Theater Presents:
"A Charlie Brown Christmas"

Over 35 FC 1st - 5th graders, along with their adult mentors, have been preparing since September to share this popular Christmas story with you!

Friday, December 7th - Dinner Theater - **SOLD OUT!!**
Saturday, December 8th - 11:00am matinee
Saturday, December 8th - **SOLD OUT!!**

Tickets, \$8.00 per seat for the Saturday matinee, are available at the Welcome Center, or see Diane Sell.

Christmas Eve

*Worship Services on Christmas Eve are at:
1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 PM.*

We need many people to serve as lectors, greeters, ushers, communion assistants, parking assistants, sound and VPU. Help is also needed in the nursery. We have been so blessed by all the people who graciously serve each year!

Training is provided for all roles, so please consider serving as we celebrate the birth of our Savior! Sign up at the Welcome Center!



All Worship Team's rehearsal for Christmas Eve will be Saturday, December 22nd beginning at 10am!



Prepare your heart for Christmas by worshiping with us over the Advent season.

How do you create "God Space"?

Advent Week 1: Noticing

Advent Week 2: Listening

Advent Week 3: Cantata "Sing Gloria!"

Advent Week 4: Bringing



No worship service on
Saturday, December 22nd.

Find the **WONDER** of Christmas

Four Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Services

1:30 - 3:30 - 5:30 - 7:30pm



Prepare your hearts for Christmas
with the gift of music

Faith Community Lutheran choir,
Spirit of Joy, requests your presence
as they present the Christmas Cantata,
"Sing Gloria!" at 4 worship services:

Saturday, December 15th - 5:30pm

Sunday, December 16th - 8:00am,
9:30am and 11:00am

Come be blessed by the voices of Faith!

SING GLORIA!



THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing *eternity*. On that wreath, five candles are typically arranged. During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday as a part of the Advent services. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Advent Wreath Candles

Set on the branches of the wreath are four candles: three purple candles and one pink candle. In the center of the wreath sits a white candle. As a whole, these candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world.

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the "*Prophecy Candle*" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. This candle represents *hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah*.

On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle, called the "*Bethlehem Candle*," represents *love and symbolizes Christ's manger*.

On the third Sunday of Advent the pink, or rose-colored candle is lit. This pink candle is customarily called the "*Shepherds Candle*" and it represents *joy*.

The fourth and last purple candle, called the "*Angels Candle*," represents *peace* and is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

On Christmas Eve, the white center candle is traditionally lit. This candle is called the "*Christ Candle*" and represents the life of Christ that has come into the world. The color white represents purity. Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Savior. Also, those who receive Christ as Savior are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Advent begins on December 2nd. Each year during the worship services in Advent we invite families to light the candles in the Advent wreath and do a short reading. Readings and instructions are provided. Opportunities are available for most services for the following weekends: Dec. 1-2, Dec. 8-9, Dec. 15-16, Dec. 22-23. If you and your family would like to serve in this way, contact Gloria: gloria@fcl.org or 720-864-8221.

You can also sign up at the Welcome Center.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Twenty percent of the plate offering from all our Christmas services will go to **The Round Pantry** at Westview Presbyterian Church (aka The Chocolate Chip Church located at the intersection of Hover and 15th). In April of 2010 they were approved as an agency for the Boulder County food bank, Community Food Share. They have since converted their fellowship hall into a shopping location for families in need. The Round Pantry is "promoted" by word of mouth, and is open on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 2:00 -7:00 p.m. It is our desire to come alongside them as they let the light of God's love spread throughout our community.

Treasurer's Report through October 31, 2012

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| General Offering YTD | \$801,341 | \$708,729 | \$684,418 |
| Expenses YTD | \$773,536 | \$704,209 | \$680,255 |
| Budget YTD | \$801,438 | \$812,500 | \$775,460 |

2) **On upcoming sermon themes...** Thanks for all the encouragement regarding our sermon themes the past couple of years. Since it sounds like more people are getting in the habit of daily bible reading, here's what's ahead:

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| Epiphany | (6 weeks): | <i>Galatians 1-6.</i> |
| Lent | (6 weeks): | <i>"Chocolate for Lent"</i> |
| | | <i>Giving Up Good for Great</i> |
| | | <i>Giving Up a sense of Entitlement</i> |
| | | <i>Giving Up Control</i> |
| | | <i>Giving Up Excuses</i> |
| | | <i>Giving Up Identity (our masks)</i> |
| | | <i>Giving In (to God)</i> |
| Easter | (6 weeks): | <i>Ephesians 1-6.</i> |
| Summer | (13 weeks): | <i>(To be announced)</i> |
| Fall | (13 weeks) | <i>(To be announced)</i> |



Similar to this year, our worship readings will usually include a Psalm, 2nd Reading and Gospel lesson.

3) **On serving 24 years here...** It's hard to believe but January 1st I'll be starting my 25th year here. Time flies when you're having fun! Our weekend attendance has grown over 5-fold from the 90 or so of us who worshipped in 1989 in the old sanctuary, and staff has grown from just me to 15 of us on staff now—7 who are full time. In the early days I remember running bulletin notes over to Sally Beckner's house where she'd type them up and then run it downtown to Daily Office Supply for printing! Thanks from the bottom of my heart for all the encouragement and grace throughout these years! *Many thanks also for all the "Pastor's Appreciation" cards & notes last weekend; the cake & kind words were a wonderful surprise!*

4) **On our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services—1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30...** It's hard to believe this will be our 10th Christmas in our new sanctuary! Please join us in celebrating the birth of the Christ-child at 1:30 (Leap of Faith Worship Team), 3:30 (College Students Worship Team), 5:30 (Families Worship Team) and 7:30 (Staff/mix Worship Team + Spirit of Joy Choir). ***We anticipate that the middle services will be the most crowded.*** Christmas is a great time for evangelism & outreach; please invite your friends and neighbors. We are looking forward to the joy of worshipping the Christ-child once again!

Your Partner in Ministry,
Pastor Dan



ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

Our 2013 Annual Budget Hearing will be Sunday, **December 9th** at 12:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This is an opportunity for you to see the proposed 2013 budget and give us your input before we vote on it at our annual meeting in January.

Hope to see you there!

ENDOWMENT FUND REQUESTS

Faith Community's Endowment Council is accepting applications through December 31, 2012 for grants that will be awarded in January 2013. 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 FOnline.

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."

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. 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.





I recently read this devotion from Twila Paris' book called "Perennial," and I found it so relevant to the wonderful work we get to do through Kids Hope USA. I am so thankful for all of the wonderful mentors (past and present) and awesome prayer partners who bless my life and the lives of the kids at Sanborn Elementary every week! Have a blessed Christmas season!!
~LaRae Schaff

Cycle of Giving

From him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11:36

This verse has been a "life Scripture" for me. I believe it represents the appropriate cycle of giving between God and His children. Everything I have, everything I am or can be, comes from God. Any gifts or talents I have are given by Him, and He is the one whose plan and direction bring these gifts to their full potential. Naturally they should be returned to Him. All my time, abilities, and belongings should be used for His purposes. I should offer myself daily as a living sacrifice, not because I am so noble or such an exceptional saint, but simply because it's appropriate. If I do this, wonderful fruit will result in my life and in the Kingdom of God. And when it does, the glory should never be given to me, the vessel. It should always go to Him, the source and the continuance of all good things.

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!

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." – James 5:16b

SENIOR CARING MINISTRY

Is now meeting monthly on the 4th Monday of the month at 11:00 in Room 232. Bring your lunch and come join us and learn more!

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 (gloria@fcl.org)

Kwilt Korner

"When you make and send a quilt, you are not only comforting someone you have never met, but providing an object that is useful in ways you probably never imagined. In addition to being a cozy, clean new bed cover, it can be:

- a baby carrier, tied around a mother's back;
- a market display, spread on the ground and piled with vegetables;
- a sack for transporting those goods to market;
- a sunshade;
- a shawl; and most importantly

a constant reminder that someone, far away, cares a lot."

~ Kirk Bell, Former Chairman of LWR Board of Directors

The FC quilters, headed up by Carolyn Yanoski, meet at Faith Community once a quarter to make utility quilts for Lutheran World Relief. During the October week-long quilting marathon, 26 quilts were constructed. In fact, during 2012 this group was able to send 115 quilts to be distributed by Lutheran World Relief to those in need in Africa, parts of Europe and southern Asia.

Thank you to the participants who have helped each week, whether sewing at home or joining us at church. In fact, we have been so successful that we now have three empty bins!! Oh, MY!

The quilters like to keep 6 bins filled with fabric. This group is asking for donations of material scraps or yard goods. Yard sales and thrift stores are good sources, or what about Grandma's shelves? You can always donate dollars to FCLC (Quilt Ministry on the memo line) and we will do the shopping! Donations may be brought to church or contact Carolyn Yanoski: 303-651-6562. Thank you to all who have donated so far! The next Kwilt Marathon will be January 21-25, 2013.

Veterans Day Luncheon

Faith Community Military Support Ministry paid tribute to Veterans, current military and family members at the Veterans Appreciation Luncheon On November 11th, 2012. What a blessing to be able to honor 66 attendees, and serve them a home-made, old-fashion Sunday dinner.

Jim Gates, Colorado State Commander of the American Legion, emceed this annual event. Before the meal, Mr. Gates recognized veterans from WWII Korea and Viet Nam. In addition to honoring WWII Veterans, Wendell Tollefson and Ray Julius, a moment of silence was observed for MSG (Ret.) Rex Carnes, who was in a fatal car accident just two days before this event.

After the meal, Jim Gates gave a short presentation on the American Legion, and the benefits it provides to Veterans in the area.

Another FC member, Ralph Bozella, also presented to the gathering. Ralph is on his third term as a member of the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs, and is the current President for the United Veterans Committee of Colorado, a coalition of 52 Veteran Service Organizations that advocate for Colorado veterans. He spoke on the benefits provided to Veterans by these organizations.

As always, Faith Community would like to say *thank you* to all Veterans, active duty military members and their families, for your service to the United States of America. May God continue to bless you.



“Simply Giving” families

If you are changing your giving amount for 2013, you need to fill out a change form that can be found at the Welcome Center in the narthex or on the files tab of the “FCLC Church Family” group on My FConline.

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!

Poinsettias for Books!

Interested in purchasing a poinsettia or two for the sanctuary during the Christmas season? Money raised from poinsettia sales will purchase new books for the FCLC library.

Order your poinsettias by December 9.

___ Medium poinsettia plant (6 ½” pot) \$10 each

___ Large poinsettia plant (8 ½” pot) \$20 each

Make checks payable to FCLC and place payment in Nanette's staff mailbox outside room 207.

Your Name: _____

Email address: _____

Poinsettias will be delivered by Saturday, December 15. They will be available for you to take home after Christmas Eve services.

FC REACHING OUT

COLORADO GIVES DAY
DECEMBER 4, 2012
24 hours to Give Where You Live!

Give on December 4th through www.givingfirst.org and the FirstBank Incentive Fund will increase the impact of your gift! Many of our Outreach partners are listed on this site, including Habitat for Humanity, OUR Center, HOPE, Life Choices, Longmont Meals on Wheels, Safe Shelter, Inn Between, and Voices for Children. This year FirstBank has committed \$600,000 in matching funds to nonprofits across the state. Simply log on to www.givingfirst.org on December 4th and search for the nonprofit of your choice.

Outreach Grant Applications

The applications for 2012 First Fruits dollars went out at the end November. We want to give FCLC members an opportunity to submit those ministries or charities which they believe are worthy of our financial support. Your personal engagement in or knowledge of a recommended 501 (3) (C) non-profit is highly regarded. Please know that we may decline your recommendation if we believe it does not enable the ongoing work of Jesus Christ as stated in Mt 28:19 and Mt. 25:35-36, or if it includes philosophies that conflict with Scripture. Please contact Stacia with your suggestions at 303.776.8771 or stacia@fclc.org. Deadline to return the completed grant application is January 14, 2013.

High School Mission Trip (Workcamp) is scheduled for July 13-21, 2013-

Students in grades 9-12, join us for another incredible week of Workcamp! We will be heading to Hawley, MN to do numerous work projects to help the community. If you have never been before, this year is the year to join in a great time serving the community, making new friends, and building a stronger relationship with Jesus. The cost of the trip is \$550, which includes meals, transportation, tools, lodging, and other costs associated with this trip. A \$50 deposit will secure your spot on this trip!

College Mission Trip 2013-

I am excited to announce FC's inaugural mission trip for college-age students. When college students come back for Christmas break, we will gather and discuss trip options.



MISSION TRIP



Middle School Mission Trip is scheduled for June 23-28, 2013- Students in grades 6-8th, join us for our Middle School Mission Trip this summer! We will be serving in Denver again working with underprivileged kids, serving the homeless in soup kitchens, sharing Jesus through our Truth Seekers ministry in women shelters, and much more. This year's middle school mission trip is through Center for Student Missions, who have been providing mission trips for students for over 20 years. I went on a CSM trip twice when I was in youth group, and I believe these trips were formative to the person I am today! The cost of this trip is \$475, which includes meals, transportation, lodging, and any other expenses for the trip.

Spots for this trip are limited, so get signed up today by turning in a \$50 deposit to Lucas!

Haiti Mission Team Update



Our Haiti Mission Team of 29 people is all put together and is getting geared up to go to Haiti for one week this June! We all are super excited to get the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the people we come in contact with in Haiti. This inter-generational mission team ranges in age from 6th grade to adults.

While we are in Haiti we will be partnering with an organization called Lifetree Adventures to do numerous projects around a maternity ward in Port Au Prince, Haiti. This maternity ward helps women who would not be able to afford to have babies in a safe place.

There are many details that go into planning this trip. We ask that you pray for the planning of the trip, as well as pray for our team to unite together before, during, and after this trip. It is our hope that this trip will not only provide a great service to Haiti, but to our team, and our church as well, by building strong relationships between multiple age groups of people.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for the supply of baseball caps. The men have been so excited to pick out a baseball cap. It's like watching a young child open up Christmas gifts. We have also had some young ladies who have enjoyed picking out a cap for themselves. What a blessing you all are to these men and women. We are now approaching the winter months and if anyone would like to donate beanie hats and gloves, we would greatly accept them.

Mt. 25:36 *I needed clothes and you clothed me.*

In His Service,

Ruby Johnson, Office Manager

Shekinah Christian Ministry

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Twenty percent of the plate offering from our Thanksgiving Eve service was sent to Samaritan's Purse to assist with the cost of delivering the **Operation Christmas Child** shoe boxes all over the world. An additional way of sending love to hurting children long before the boxes arrive is with your PRAYERS for:

- Safety of workers in processing centers
- Clearance of gifts through customs
- Successful arrival of gifts
- Distributions in over 100 countries around the world
- Strength and unity of national church teams as they hand out gifts and share the Gospel
- The boys and girls who receive gifts and hear the Gospel
- God to use the shoe box gifts to help lead many children and adults to Christ

A big thank you to all who took 1 of 150 tags from the **Kindness for Kids** giving tree. You have brightened Christmas in the life of a child. The child will never know who you are but God does.

Faith Community, you have done it again!

148 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were delivered to the distribution site in Aurora.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Did you know? \$104.74 was also collected via Middle School Sunday School offering to purchase and fill 12 shoeboxes. Our Preschool-5th grade Sunday Schoolers also filled shoeboxes each Sunday to add to the total!



Thank You!

"He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe. It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." – Ephesians 4:10-13

We are incredibly blessed at Faith Community by so many who serve throughout the year and as we come to the end of another year, we would like to say **THANK YOU!** You shine for Jesus at Faith Community. Each week hundreds of people serve in various ways at Faith Community and in our community. We often hear about the 80/20 rule at many churches where 20% of the people do 80% of the work. At Faith Community, it's more like 60/40 or 70/30...60-70% of our church family serving and doing Christ's work inside and outside the church walls. May God continue to bless you as you continue to bless others!



2013 Estimate of Giving; Time and Talent

Thank you to everyone that handed in a *2013 Estimate of Giving* card and/or a *Time and Talent* card. If you have not yet handed in either of these cards and would like to, you still can! There are blank *2013 Estimate of Giving* and *Time and Talent* cards available at the Welcome Center in the narthex. After completing either or both cards, you can put them in an offering basket, mail them or bring them to the office. Results will be available at the annual budget hearing on December 9th.



Connect GROUPS

Connect Groups, Faith Community's small groups for our high school Youth Ministry, are going strong: building community among our students and leaders! Twenty-five to thirty high school students meet twice a month with youth leaders, in a safe place to talk about things going on in their lives, and how to have an abundant life with Jesus Christ. God is really doing incredible things in these groups!

If you are in high school and have not attended a Connect Group meeting, join us on December 9th for a time of digging deeper into God's Word, building relationships with other students in our ministry, and enjoy a delicious dinner provided by one of our adults. Read below to find out when and where your Connect Group will meet.

Freshman/ Sophomore Guys Group Leaders: Sililo Woo Ching, Mike Schaff.

This group meets @ Mike Schaff's house: 2115 Sand Dollar Cir. in Longmont, from 6:30-8:30pm.
Contact info: Sililo- 303-638-0530 Mike- 303-887-0044.

Junior/ Senior Guys Groups Leaders: Paul Storaci, Scott Francis.

This group meets @ Paul Storaci's house: 1142 Twin Peaks Cir in Longmont from 6:30-8:30pm.
Contact info: Paul- 303-748-1630 Scott- 720-936-1128

All High School Girls Group Leaders: Kayla Kinser, Jill Woo Ching.

This group meets @ Jill Woo Ching's house: 26 University Cir in Longmont from 5:30-7:30pm.
Contact info: Kayla- 913-449-6047 Jill- 303-588-0925.

If you have questions for these leaders or get lost trying to find their house, just give them a call, and they will be glad to help you!

Faceplant

(Middle School Retreat)

January 11-13, 2013

Join over 350 middle school students from surrounding states for a weekend of learning, worship and tons of fun! Unlimited camp options provide for personal growth with Christ & your friends.

Cost- \$145

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 **December 1st** to secure a spot on this trip.

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

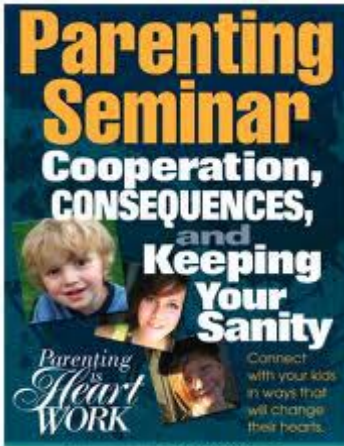
\$200 includes lift ticket & rentals

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 **December 1st** to secure a spot on this retreat!

Coming Up...



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

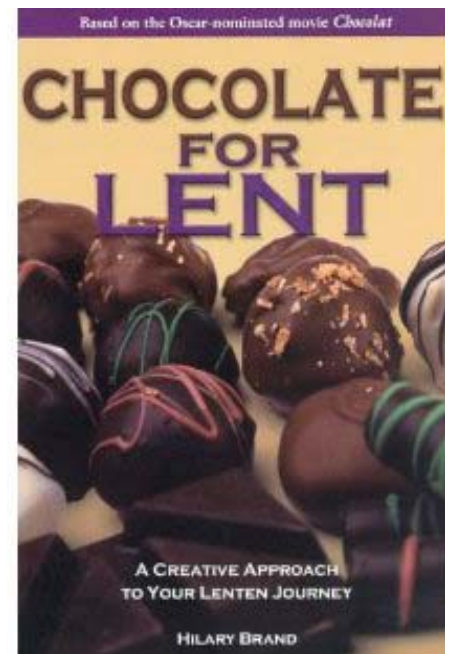
Saturday, January 12, 8:30 am-12:30 pm at Grace Evangelical Free Church

(2415 Lake Park Drive, Longmont) Cost: \$20/person. Co-Sponsored by Faith Community Lutheran's Children's Ministry. Contact nanette@fclc.org to register or for more info.

Chocolate for Lent Lenten Devotional writers needed!

Now is the time to volunteer to write a Devotion or two. Why you might even receive a sweet little morsel when writing one THIS year! We need writers for the 46 Devotions to be included in FCLC's own Lenten Devotional. The deadline for 200 word completed Devotions will be January 27. As in the past, scripture passages and writing guidelines are provided.

Please contact nanette@fclc.org ASAP if you are interested in helping out.



Kids' Arts Academy is coming!

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

Adults and high schoolers, we need 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@fclc.org by December 22 to sign up.

New Bible studies beginning in January



Alpha

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."*

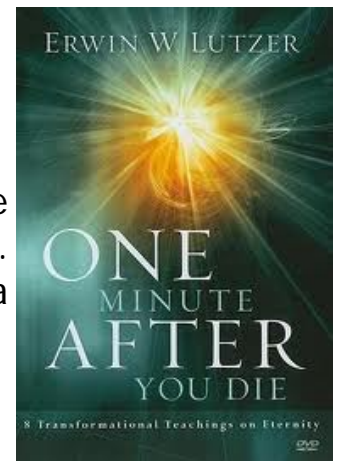
To order a study guide or if you want more info, contact Paul Talafuse at 970-692-1926.

"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



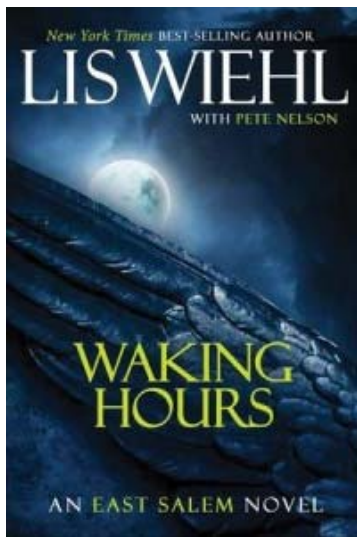
Book of the Month Bible study

1. ORDER WAKING HOURS by Lis Wiehl by December 16.
Cost \$8 (Contact nanette@fcl.org)
2. READ this Christian fiction thriller in January.
3. DISCUSS and dig deeper using the Bible as a guide on Saturday, February 2, 9:00-10:00 am, at church.

WAKING HOURS by Lis Wiehl

Welcome to East Salem. A deceptively sleepy town where ancient supernatural forces are being awakened. A local high-school girl is found murdered in a park amid horse farms and the wealthy homes of northern Westchester County, New York. The shocking manner of her death intrigues forensic psychiatrist Dani Harris. All the suspects are teenagers who were at a party with the girl—yet none remembers what happened. Across town, former NFL linebacker Tommy Gunderson finds his state-of-the-art security system has been breached by an elderly woman. Mumbling threats

in Latin, she attacks him with an uncanny, preternatural strength. Before he has time to process the attack, someone close to him is implicated in the girl's murder at the park. He agrees to help. and finds himself working with Dani, the only girl who could resist his charm years ago when they were in high school. A heavy darkness is spreading. Yet a heavenly force is also at work. (Rated "PG-13")



FAITH COMMUNITY'S FIRST EVER **Trunk or Treat** was AWESOME!



Cinderella's Coach

- ◆ 18 DECORATED TRUNKS
- ◆ 150 ATTENDEES
- ◆ 1 LARGE TRACTOR
- ◆ 128 HOT DOGS
- ◆ TOASTED MARSHMALLOWS,
TOO MANY TO COUNT!



Zach and Nick... the Blues Brothers

Starbucks Gift Card Prizes awarded:

- Most AWESOME ~ *Cinderella's Coach*
The Garcia Family
- Most HUMOROUS ~ *March of the Penguins*,
The Konicek Family
- Most LIKE A BIBLE STORY ~ *Jonah and the Whale*,
The Gjelde-Bennett Family
- CROWD FAVORITE ~ *Fall Festival in a Trunk*,
The Extended Hostetter Family



Mama Penguin, Mary Konicek



Did you know that Sunday schoolers and 6th grade Confirmation students created 143 beads for the *Beads of Courage* program?

As we learned about David's courage in Sunday school, we also learned that these beads, which are currently distributed in over 140 hospitals to children with long-term illnesses, tell a journey of courage. For each medical procedure, over 30,000 children have the opportunity to select a hand-crafted bead like ours to help tell their story. The beads, along with 52 hand-sewn cloth bags to hold them, have been shipped to Beads of Courage headquarters in Tucson, AZ.



Beads of courage made by Sunday Schoolers & 6th grade Confirmation class

DO YOU HAVE THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO SERVE AS GREETERS AND BE PART OF THE WELCOME TEAM BY SERVING IN THE NARTHEX OR THE WELCOME CENTER.

WELCOME

PLEASE CONTACT GLORIA IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO USE YOUR GIFT TO BE A WELCOMING PRESENCE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!



November Council Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

Logo design-

- The logo design finalist review has been postponed to December.

Building Sign update

- New Sign design completed and Tony Hassa is moving forward with County so we can get foundations in place.

Columbarium update – Should be moving forward along with campus sign.

Call Committee update – Committee has received 8-9 resumes; they have eliminated five of them

Nominating Committee update – Neal Carver, Chair

Fellowship—Denise Parsons

Outreach – Lu Ann Hostetter

Stewardship - Bob Ucman

Council Secretary – Anne Dean

Worship & Arts – Damian Wise

Education Chair appointment to fill remainder of term: Kim Dukart

Congregational Meeting – will be January 6, 2013 following the 11am worship service.

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 19-20 current Stephen Minister care receiver relationships. Ewald Schelert brings communion weekly to

Timberline Lodge and Stacie Francis is bringing communion to residents of Alta Vista on a bi-weekly basis. Plans are in the works to offer a Stephen Ministry class in September 2013.

Spiritual Gifts classes were successful (30 people signed up but 25 actually completed the class). Next step is coaching for those who completed the class. Plan to offer the class again on March 9th.

Senior Caring Ministry now meeting the 4th Monday of the month at 11am.

Children's Ministry & Education – Nanette Goings, Director

Operation Christmas Child – 148 boxes received

Health & Wellness Challenge – in January – more info to come

New Bible study starting this week

Fellowship – Karyn Reed

Prime Rib, roasted potatoes, green salad will be served at “The Charlie Brown Christmas” dinner theatre.

Outreach – Pat Sharp

Applications for Agape Family Services:

House unsheltered homeless during cold winter – support the Longmont community.

Disaster Relief Fund—probably sending \$2000 to Samaritan's Purse

Bell Ringers for Salvation Army – will ask Bruce's class if they will help

In process of reviewing FCLC's “Good Samaritan Policy” – some parts were not written very well; vague.

Looking over Grant application list of 50 ministries and non-profits

Give name to Stacia, if you want to recommend a ministry.

Property – Curt Schroeder

Finished ceiling in classroom

Stewardship – Federico Ruiz

60 giving units are using “Simply Giving”

Worship & Arts – Janelle Olson

Christmas Eve worship teams are set. Includes college students who will lead the 3:30 service on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Eve special music is set, as well as Prelude music and musicians.

“Charlie Brown Christmas” is going well...36 young people are in the play.

Diane is already looking toward the season of Lent ... working ideas for Lenten service dramas.

Youth – Greg Harms

There is an average of 30 Kids in CONNECT groups

“Powder Burn” and “Face Plant” ski trips are being planned for winter months

Planning is beginning on the Middle school mission trip and the Work Camp mission trip

Transitioning “Family Life” to Fellowship Ministry - Includes The DEN –young adults and families

Bros, Beers, and Wings

Bible study at Buffalo Wild Wings

Attracting young men who don't attend church

Respectfully submitted,
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Merry Christmas from FC Staff and Council



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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 /
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