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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
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A few words from the pastor...

"Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:17

1) **On Jesus invitation to be "Fishers" of men...** This past weekend I shared how the recent LCMC Gathering in Denver had the theme "Ambassadors for Christ," so that we heard lots of teaching and preaching about how we are all called to be "Ambassadors for Christ," how we are all called to "go make disciples," and how we are all called to be "fishers of men." It was just the message I needed to hear.

So, in my sermon, I told the story how I had gone home from church the previous weekend feeling rather discouraged; mostly because I tend to be pretty tired after 4 weekend services, but also because worship attendance has been fairly flat this fall. After a strong summer of worship, I expected to see a bit of a "surge" of attendance this fall. But... no surge. So, in the midst of my discouragement I began to worry; "Am I becoming one of those pastors who is staying too long? Is this a sign that maybe it's time for someone younger to take over?"

So, that was what I was praying about as I headed to the LCMC Gathering in Denver that Sunday afternoon. Well, guess what? God took aim at my heart in a big way when Reggie McNeal, popular author and professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, began to speak Tuesday morning. He said, "It's time for us to reform the 'scorecards' of ministry." He asked, "How is it that pastors and leaders have allowed the 'ABC's' of ministry to become "Attendance, Buildings, and Cash (budgets)"? "Wouldn't it be more biblical and missional for the 'ABC's' of ministry to be **Action** in the world, **Being** a blessing to the world, and **Changing** lives through the hope & healing of the gospel?"

It was one of those moments when I knew God was calling me to "repentance." Obviously, my "scorecard" for ministry had gotten messed up and needed reform. Surely, a more biblical set of "ABC's" for ministry is to focus on our **Action** in the world, **Being** a blessing to the world, and **Changing** lives through the hope and healing of the gospel.

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

- 11. 01
OUR Center Food Drive Begins
- 11. 03
All Saints Day
- 11. 06
Daylight Savings
- 11. 09
Election Day
- 11. 11
Lifeline Screening
- 11. 11
Veterans Day
- 11. 12
Shoebboxes Due
- 11. 12
Veterans Appreciation Luncheon
- 11. 13
Angel Tree Begins
- 11. 18
Council Meeting
- 11. 21
LOF Rehearsal
- 11. 21
NO WNL
- 11. 22
Thanksgiving Eve Service
- 11. 22
Thanksgiving Pie Social
- 11. 23
Thanksgiving
- 11. 25
Office Closed
- 11. 26
No Sunday School/Bible Study
- 11. 26
Weavers of the Cloth Sale
- 11. 26
Advent Night
- 11. 26
Senior Caring Meeting



Thanksgiving Service, Wednesday November 21st at 7pm

Please plan to attend Thanksgiving Eve worship, featuring the Holden Evening Prayer Service and sermon by Pastor Bruce Welander. This is a wonderful service to make a part of your Thanksgiving holiday tradition!



Please plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service for our annual Thanksgiving pie celebration: Sign up to bring your favorite pie, or dessert by responding to the need request e-mail or contact Tanja at tanja@fcl.org.

Can you help with Thanksgiving Eve Worship service? We need ushers, greeters, nursery help, communion assistants and a lector! We also need help with set-up and clean-up for the pie celebration following the service. Contact Gloria - gloria@fcl.org or 720-864-8221

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2) On our 2nd pastor call process... We've met twice now, and I'm really thankful for the group that God has assembled. Please be in prayer for this team: Roger Olsen, Mark Praska, Stacie Francis, Miles Olson, Amy Johnson, Brit Windel, Stephanie Desmothenes, Deb Bonner, Amy Johnson, Ed Smith and Pete Seale. As it turns out, Miles & I came back from the LCMC gathering in Denver last week with a couple of strong leads, so we are greatly encouraged and excited about the opportunities in front of us.

3) On our new "home" with LCMC and the NALC...I have to say, it feels like we're in the right place. It's nice to be part of a church where it's easier to know "who's who." In the short time we've been a part of LCMC and the NALC, I've received multiple personal notes and phone calls and words of encourage from the leaders of both groups. That's refreshing! Furthermore, I have to say that attending the annual LCMC gathering in Denver last week felt like "old home week" for me as I kept running into old friends I hadn't seen in year. These are folks who want to stand on the Word of God rather than popular culture, and these are folks who want to "go make disciples" rather than just do social work. God is good.

Indeed: it's an exciting time in our ministry and God has blessed us with great opportunities to advance the kingdom and to make Christ known!

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Pastor Dan



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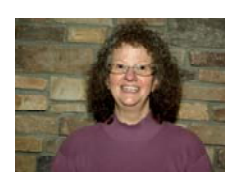
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October Council Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

1. Logo design- Brit explained to the Council how the logotournament.com process works. Each Council member completed a short questionnaire with which he can begin the bidding process. Committee of 6-7 will be developed to work with Brit and provide feedback throughout the process. Final 3 images will be brought to Council at the November Council meeting for approval.
2. Building Sign update - final design options presented to Council for vote. Sign will not sit perpendicular to the highway. Will go where current rail system is for hanging banner near the entrance way. Vote was taken (Bob voted proxy for Kurt and Nanette voted proxy for Education Chair). Vote was 8-2 for the winning design.
3. Columbarium update - Bob can give Tony the word to get the process started now that we have a sign design chosen.
4. Call Committee update - Committee met Sept 18th to discuss who we would contact (seminaries, word of mouth, etc.). Job description also being worked on. Neither LCMC or LCA has seminaries. LCMC would recognize a pastor ordained under another denomination if they agreed to our Lutheran tenants. Meet again next Tuesday.
5. Nominating Committee update - Fellowship- Denise Parsons, Stewardship - Bob Ucman, Outreach - Lu Ann Hostetter, Secretary - Anne Dean. Need to backfill Education Chair. Worship and Arts - Janelle is still considering serving another term.

Ministry Updates:

Congregation Care - 30 people signed up for Spiritual Gifts class. Stephen Ministry really busy: 19 care receivers, etc. Senior Ministry had a great luncheon for caregivers which was a big success. Hospital visits was really busy. 30 prayer shawls given out last month. Need help a welcome center.

Children's Ministry & Education - Operations Christ child starts Sunday. Volunteers needed in Denver on Dec 10 (20 slots). Oct 28th 5pm-7pm Trunk or Treat in the parking lot. 4 new bible studies starting. Love and Logic starting this Thursday.

Outreach - Christine Hollenbeck will run point on Pearl group for single-parent family ministry. Thanksgiving offering designated to Operation Christmas Child. Planning for a Sunday in November to be designated to worship with Oromo congregation in Denver.

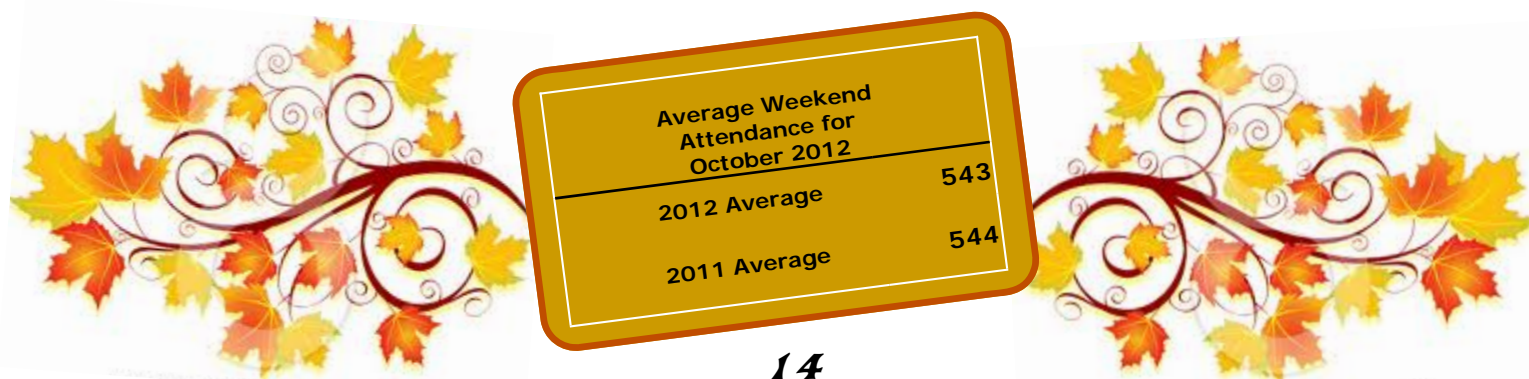
Property - Monday small group working well. A few women are joining. Contracting with Turf Masters of Longmont for snow removal. Going forward with sign construction following the vote by Council this evening.

Stewardship - Refinanced at 4 3/8% for 10 years. Saves us almost 2 years off. Previous rate was 6%. Reminder this is Consecration Weekend - 'Bring Something to Share'. Potluck along with Fellowship Committee after 11am service. Nov 4 - simply giving will have table in the narthex for sign-ups. Still below our sign-up goal. Bill asked if Simply Giving has a promotional video that could be shown as a ministry minute for use in the service on the same Sunday. Dec 9th is Budget Hearing Cake after each service. Talked about Congregational awareness of what the Committee does. After offering, where the offering name comes up on the screen - starting a 'Did you know.....' series.

Worship & Arts - from Diane: More kids weekly for KICKs Charlie Brown show. Dec 7th & 8th. Parents stepping up and Fellowship helping with dinner. Worship Team performed at LCMC conference. New music for Fall - new worship team members. Bell choir presentation at 8am service this Sunday - Children's Choir 'Bell Choir'. Adult will perform later in the month. Nov 11th remembering Veterans with a luncheon after the late service.

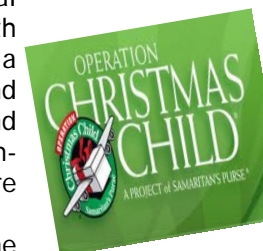
Youth and family - First Annual muck Wars was a big success. Lucas invited Central Presbyterian youth group. Planning to do again next year. Connect groups doing well. Well attended. Sunday morning worship planned for once a month. Lucas looking to grow to twice a month. Next year family portion will be peeled off to its own and fellowship and education will take that portion over. Will just be a Youth Committee next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Emerson, Secretary



Are you filling your Operation Christmas Child shoebox? The deadline is November 11!

Become a part of this annual outreach tradition at Faith Community Lutheran! Fill a shoebox with small toys and personal hygiene items, and return to church by November 11th. Pick up a brochure on the Christian Education bulletin board, or from the Welcome Center.



New Bible studies beginning in November

JUDGES:

Ordinary People, Extraordinary God

Begins Thursday, November 15, 6-7 pm, room 107 for men and women, 16 sessions

The Bible book of *Judges* is highly relevant for Christians today. No other book shows so clearly how God uses ordinary people--in spite of their faults--to do mighty deeds for his glory.

Contact nanette@fclc.org to order a study guide by November 11. Cost: \$7.



HEBREWS: Consider Jesus

Begins Tuesdays and Thursdays the week of November 27, 9:30-11 am, room 107 for women - 8 sessions. (Same study both mornings of the week, so attend the morning most convenient for you.) Is Jesus Christ the center of our existence--our hopes, priorities and day-to-day lives? Move on from simply knowing the details of His birth, life and death, to a deeper understanding of their meaning in every detail of our lives. No cost.

Here's what we're learning in Preschool-5th Grade Sunday School!

David, Child of God

David, God's Chosen King--some of the lesser known Bible stories about King David, a man after God's own heart. Did you know we can learn more about God, David and ourselves by conducting a science experiment with Diet Coke? (And it's not even that familiar exploding kind of Diet Coke experiment!)

Service Project of the Month: Sunday Schoolers learn to care for others while packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child as they learn the story of David & Mephibosheth, and other children in need.



3RD ANNUAL VETERANS AND CURRENT MILITARY LUNCHEON

VETERANS, CURRENT MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 2012, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE FOR A SPECIAL LUNCHEON PREPARED IN YOUR HONOR.

GUEST SPEAKER:
JIM GATES, A US AIR FORCE VETERAN AND FCLC MEMBER.
JIM WAS RECENTLY ELECTED AS COLORADO STATE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER.

PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 5TH
JANELLE OLSON AT 303-776-2314
JANELLEOLSON@ME.COM
OR THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 303-776-8771

FAMILY MEMBERS OF DECEASED VETERANS OR CURRENT MILITARY PERSONS BASED ELSEWHERE, ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS LUNCHEON IN THEIR HONOR.

2012 Q3 Budget Review

Giving thru Q3

• General Fund	\$ 714,408
• Lenten Offering	\$ 5,005
SUBTOTAL	\$ 719,413
• Building Fund	\$ 5,948
• Designated Funds	\$ 41,022
• TOTAL YTD GIVING	\$ 766,383

Annual Projections

• 2012 Giving Projections	
– Based on giving thru Q3	\$1,034,531
• Budget	\$ 961,725
– 20% Outreach	
• Excess Giving to Budget	
– Based on 3 Quarters	\$ 72,806

Giving vs. Expenses

• Giving	\$719,413
• Expenses	\$690,891
– 20% to Outreach	
• Giving exceeds Expenses	\$ 28,522

General Fund History

Year	1st Half Actuals	% of Annual Actual
2007	\$453,836	68.46%
2008	\$525,282	69.81%
2009	\$584,927	70.14%
2010	\$595,219	68.80%
2011	\$619,200	70.15%
2012	\$719,413	

Help us honor your service!

FC's Veteran Support ministry needs your help!!
If you served (or are serving) our great country in a branch of the US military, and have not yet done so, please provide us with your military service information!
Name, Rank
Branch and years of service
Assignments/deployments

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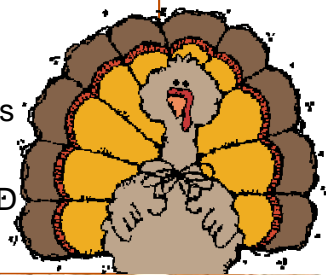
Military Ministry
... with utmost gratitude we report that your contribution plays a major role in presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ to thousands of our honored service members around the world.
2,037 Combat Trauma Healing Manuals distributed
478 Military Marriage Seminars...and much more."

Treasurer's Report through September 30, 2012

	2012	2011	2010
General Offering YTD	\$719,413	\$619,200	\$595,219
Expenses YTD	\$690,891	\$626,642	\$610,889
Budget YTD	\$721,294	\$731,250	\$697,914

Conclusions

- Giving through Q3 is 16.2% more than last year
– Giving: \$719,413 Expenses: \$690,891
- Expenses have increased 10.3% over last year
- Giving currently exceeds Expenses
- Giving is \$1,881 under Budget YTD



FCLC...
First-fruits giving

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The Congregational Care Ministries are here to pray, care and serve!

PRAYER MINISTRY – Be a part of our Prayer Chain or join the Hour of Prayer Team on the 1st Friday of each month at 10:00am

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – Shawls are always available for anyone who is in need of comfort and prayer.

STEPHEN MINISTRY – Are you or someone you know going through a tough time, a Stephen Minister may be able to help.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM – Do you have the gift of “helps”? Serve 1 hour a week in doing small tasks around the church.

NURSERY – The nursery is available every Sunday during all 3 Worship Services for children 3 years old and younger.

FAITH CONGREGATIONAL CARE – Do you need meals on a short term basis after surgery or other life situation?

HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM – If you are going to be in the hospital, we will be happy to visit and pray with you.

EQUIPPING MINISTRY TEAM – Interested in helping other to discover their gifts and passions?

SENIOR CARING MINISTRY – Want to join us in reaching out to people in our church family?

SOS (Supporting Our Seniors) – Do you have a business or service that you would like members to know about?

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRIES, CONTACT MARCIE MASON or GLORIA BORCHER

SENIOR CARING MINISTRY



Are you interested in joining us to help shepherd others in our church family? Bring your lunch and join us on the 4th Monday of each month at 11AM in the Sunset Room .

For more information contact Linda Thoman or Gloria Borchner

WHAT'S YOUR GPS?

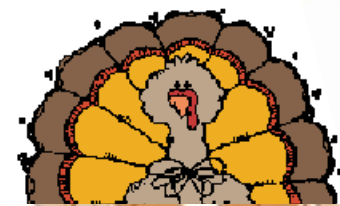


GIFTS - PASSION - STYLE

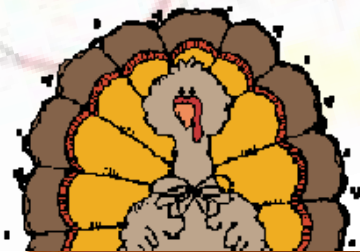
In October, Pastor Dan wrapped up a 6-week sermon series on Spiritual Gifts. Spiritual Gifts Discovery Classes were offered on October 20th & 27th, and will be offered again on March 9, 2013.

I love helping people understand their Gifts and Passions as well as Personal Style. Want to learn more about who God created you to be? Give me a call and I'll be happy to visit one-on-one with you!

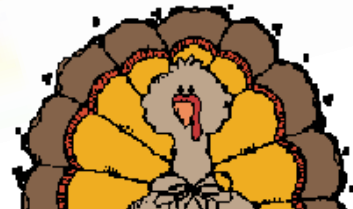
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Worship focused

Please welcome these new members to our Faith family!

BRIGGS, Chuck & Joan

Chuck and Joan Briggs heard about FC through friends (the Schells, Freemans and Conradsons). They owned their own business, manufacturing hummingbird feeders, but are now retired and spend winters in Arizona. Chuck enjoys golf and Joan enjoys sewing and she is also already involved with the prayer shawl ministry here at Faith. They enjoy the Sunday worship service and the fellowship here at FC. Say hello to them today because they will be leaving for AZ in about a week!

CASH, Kory, Kim & Matthew

The Cash family heard about Faith Community from folks they knew at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, including Bob & Karyn Reed. Kory is a property manager and enjoys fishing and hunting. Kim is a teacher at Longmont High School and enjoys reading and singing. Matthew is 9 and he enjoys reading and archery. They really enjoy the youth programs and the music at FC and appreciate the active members.

HAKES, Steve, Lori, Daniel, Megan & Lauren

Steve moved to Colorado from Nebraska last February when he started working at a local State Farm insurance agency. The day he first visited FC happened to be a new member welcome Sunday and he learned a lot about our church that day. Lori and the children moved to the area after school ended in May. Steve enjoys running, cars and music and also plays the organ here at FC. Lori works at Erie Middle School and she enjoys music, biking, hiking and cooking. Daniel is 15 and he enjoys football and track and plays the trombone and the piano. Megan is 13 and she enjoys basketball, volleyball and horseback riding. Megan plays the cello. Lauren is 9 and she enjoys dancing, singing and crafts. This is a very musically gifted family! The Hakes family enjoys the enthusiasm at FCI

KELLY, Michelle, Patrick, Aaron & Andrew

The Kelly family learned about Faith Community from Stephanie Demosthenes. They moved here from the South 10 years ago. They enjoy cycling together and attending fairs and festivals. Michelle is a stay-at-home mom and she enjoys exercise, reading, volunteering and spending time with family. Patrick is a research associate with the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS). He enjoys cycling and spending time outdoors. Aaron is 10 and Andrew is 8. They enjoy cyclocross and swimming. The Kelly family likes the worship style and size and programs of FC.

MATTHEWS, Jim and Margaret

Jim and Margaret first heard about Faith Community through Margaret's cousin, Janet Streed. Jim and Margaret are both retired and live in Windsor. Jim is retired from Kodak. Jim enjoys hunting (guess where he is this weekend), woodworking and helping people. Margaret enjoys crocheting and helping people. She is actively involved in our prayer shawl ministry. They both enjoy the in-depth teaching of the Bible here at FCI

McNEA, Marilyn

Marilyn has visited Faith Community many times over the past 12 years and she always knew that one day she would be a member of FC. She heard about FC through her daughter, Paula, who is a member here. Marilyn enjoys reading, music, concerts and chorales. She appreciates the staff at Faith Community and all of the Christ-centered programs.

OLSCHLAGER, Terry & Sandra

Terry and Sandra moved to Colorado from "good ole North Dakota" where they lived on a farm with their white haired German Shepherd dog. They learned about Faith Community through their daughter, Jenna. Sandra is retired and enjoys gardening, hiking, skiing, reading, walking the dog and being with friends. Terry works at Dillards. He enjoys watching sports, walking and working. Terry and Sandra have 2 grown children: Jenna is 28 and Adam is 31. Terry & Sandra said they enjoy the worship music, Pastor Dan and the Bible focus at FC...as well as all the activity going on here and the wonderful people!

SMAIC, Judy, DeJan & Bryce

The Smaics first noticed Faith Community when driving by after they moved here. Judy is an adapted physical education teacher with the Greeley schools. Judy enjoys biking, hiking, gardening and baking. DeJan is a photographer and geologist in Wheatridge. He enjoys biking, photography, landscaping and bike racing. Check out the beautiful pictures on his web site. Bryce is 5 years old and enjoys biking, hiking and playing...and enjoys learning about everything. Judy and DeJan both grew up in upstate New York but met out here in Colorado. They enjoy worship services here at FC as well as Sunday school and they also appreciate the friendliness of the congregation.

ZANCANELLI, June

June heard about Faith Community through her daughter, Jill Brown. June is retired and enjoys reading and being with her family. She has two daughters, Jill and Joy.

FC REACHING OUT



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, serve the homeless in soup kitchens, share 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!

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.



Thailand Mission Opportunity

Members of Faith Community have been invited to join with a mission team from Lifebridge, led by Dick Herring, father-in-law of late FC member, Kirsten Herring, to travel to the remote hills of northern Thailand to build a medical clinic.

This two-week trip is scheduled for February 1st-17th, 2013, and volunteers are invited to participate in one or both weeks. The first week will focus primarily on exterior construction and the second, interior. Accommodations, food and transportation are provided while in Northern Thailand. The cost for this trip, which includes airfare to and from Bangkok, airfare from Bangkok to Chiang Mai, and hotel in Bangkok totals approximately \$1600. For more information, please contact Deb Bonner at gary_debbonner@comcast.net or Mandy Wormke at mwormke@gmail.com.



Faith Community will be joining the mission of The Pearl Group, a faith-based organization that was established to help single-parent families and their dependent children move toward self-sufficiency. They provide a variety of support programs for single-parent families designed with minimal to no cost, including a transportation program; encouragement and support; clothing and house goods; and shelter and transitional housing offered through Community Partnerships. The Pearl group works alongside community organizations to make the most of the resources available. If you have a heart for single parents, please contact Christine Hollenbeck, christinehollenbeck@yahoo.com, or 303-263-4308 to learn how you can help.

COLORADO GIVES DAY DECEMBER 4, 2012

24 hours to Give Where You Live!

Colorado Gives Day is an initiative by Community First Foundation and FirstBank to increase philanthropy in Colorado. Each year these two organizations partner to challenge Coloradans to give generously in a 24-hour push to support local nonprofits through online donations. In the last two years, Colorado Gives Day has distributed \$21.5 million to Colorado nonprofits.

Give on December 4th through www.givingfirst.org and the FirstBank Incentive Fund will increase the impact of your gift! This year they have 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.



Every year Outreach Ministry has the privilege of choosing a ministry to receive 20% of the Thanksgiving plate offering. Because it is a timely fit with the preparation of shoe box gifts promoted by our Education ministry, we have decided to give the special Thanksgiving Offering to Operation Christmas Child.

This year, thanks to the prayers, efforts, and generosity of people like you. Operation Christmas Child is approaching a historic milestone-----100 million shoe box gifts distributed throughout the world since 1993. To God be the glory!

Shoe box gifts are handed out through churches and Christian organizations that offer activities to the children involved. In as many places as possible, we also offer them The Greatest Journey; a 12-lesson discipleship program developed by Samaritan's Purse and led by thousand of trained teachers.

Step-by-step, children are invited to trust Christ as their Savior, discover the power of God's Word, and learn how to share their faith with friends and family members. When they complete the course, we provide them with their very own New Testament.

Through the Greatest Journey program hundreds of thousands of boys and girls now have personal relationship with Christ that give them hope to get through the hardships of their day- to-day lives.

At Samaritan's Purse, we want every child to have the hope of an eternity with Christ. We thank God for using Operation Christmas Child to share the Good News with these little ones and their families. "From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise." Psalm 8:2

Operation Christmas Child and the Greatest Journey are among the most powerful tools we have to reach the world with the Gospel Samaritan's Purse, Prayer Point, fall, 2012.

November 1, 2012
Dear Faith Community members and friends,

Thank you for your prayerful commitment to our congregation and Christ's mission through your financial pledge for 2013. If you have not yet turned in your Estimate of Giving or Time and Talent cards, you still can turn them in to the church office or place them in the offering basket. It is exciting to think of the ministry that will happen at Faith Community Lutheran church and in the community through these gifts.

Your offering envelopes will be mailed to your home address bi-monthly. Please use your envelopes so your giving is recorded. If you are using simply giving and would like to opt out of receiving envelopes, please let Susan Moller know at (303) 776-8771 or susan@fclc.org.

Simply Giving is an automatic donation system which gives you the freedom to choose how and when you donate to our church utilizing your bank account or credit card. If you would like to sign up for simply giving, forms are available in the church office or you can sign up online at MyFCOnline or by using the link: <https://fclc.ccbchurch.com/login.php> and choose the "Give" tab. Once again, thank you for your commitment to our church and to spreading the Good News of Jesus' love to the world.

In Christ,
Your Stewardship Committee

WINTER Retreat

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, outstanding 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.



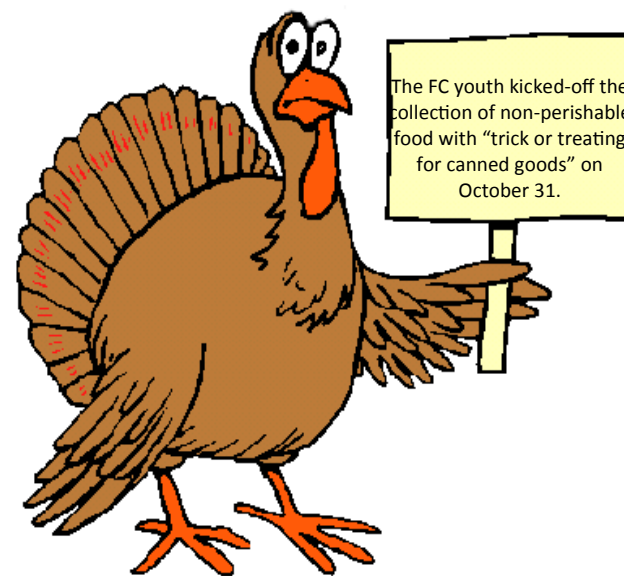
OUR Center Food Drive

Food Drive to Support the OUR Center Pantry

During the month of November FC is collecting nonperishable and/or canned goods to help fill the food pantry at the OUR Center. The OUR Center food pantry is where families of our community who are in need can go for basic necessities. Please drop your donated items in the grocery cart just inside the front door in the "Outreach Corner" throughout November.

What Can I Bring:

- November 1 - 10:** canned fruits and vegetables, tomato products & soups
- November 11 - 17:** mac-n-cheese, pasta, rice & beans
- November 18 - 24:** baby items — baby food (in jar), formula, diapers (sizes 3-6) & wipes (unscented)
- November 25 - 30:** personal care items -toilet paper, deodorant shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes



Powderburn

(High School Winter Retreat)

February 22-24, 2013

Join us for an awesome weekend of games, guest speakers, awesome worship band, fun with your friends, a day of skiing/snowboarding, and a time to grow closer in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Cost \$145

\$181 if you will be skiing/snowboarding and need a lift ticket

\$ 200 if you will be skiing/snowboarding and need lift ticket and rentals

Registration includes?

Food, outstanding 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 **Dec. 1st** to secure a spot on this retreat!

Leap of Faith Youth Worship Team

Sunday November 18th
Band 5:30pm, Vocals 6pm

LOOKING AHEAD FOR LOF:

Lead worship December 1-2nd
Lead Worship December 24th 1:30pm Service
Lead Worship January 5-6, 2013

We will be working Christmas selections in November. Because of Thanksgiving Weekend we will NOT rehearse on Sunday November 25th.



HELP NEEDED!

Faith Community is scheduled to prepare and serve lunch at the OUR Center on Sunday, December 2nd, from 10:00am - 2:00pm.

Our typical day of serving includes:

- * 10:00am - meet at the OUR Center to prepare a hot meal
- * 11:30am - 1:30pm - serve over 100 people
- * 1:00pm - 2:00pm - Clean-up

Please contact Tami Musfeldt at 303.494.4036 if you would like to help.

WEAVERS OF THE CLOTH CRAFT SALE

Sunday, November 25, 9:00 am-12:30 pm
In the Fellowship Hall

Purchase inexpensive hand-crafted Christmas gifts for every member of your family! Proceeds will fund a Weavers of the Cloth selected service project.

Daylight Savings Ends November 4th @ 2am!



Advent

ADVENT NIGHT - November 25th

Prepare for Christmas by commemorating the season of Advent! Come join us for the annual tradition of Advent night on Sunday, November 25, 6:00-7:30pm. Scripture readings, Christmas music, decorating the sanctuary Christmas tree and craft activities for all ages comprise this evening to focus on the true meaning of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Remember, you need to sign up by November 21, to reserve your family's project supplies. Contact Nanette at nanette@fcl.org.



Advent begins on Sunday, December 2nd

Would your family like to serve as an Advent family during one of the Sunday worship services in Advent? Serving as a family unit, you would light the appropriate candles on the Advent wreath while offering a prepared reading and prayer.

Instructions and readings are provided well in advance of the Sunday on which you serve. Contact Gloria at gloria@fcl.org



Kindness for Kids

Each year, the hardships that prevent many of the families in the St. Vrain Valley School District from having enough food, proper clothing, or school supplies, also prevent them from having many of the joys of the holidays.

Together with church members, hundreds of volunteers, organizations, and businesses in the community, Kindness for Kids is able to make sure the wishes of hundreds of children come true, by providing toys for low-income families living in the St. Vrain Valley School District.

Faith Family,
Gift tags will be placed on the Angel tree in the Fellowship Hall beginning November 12th. Please choose a gift tag from the tree and purchase the suggested gift (\$30 limit).
Return the unwrapped gift to the Angel tree by December 1st.

How can FC reflect to our community our joy in celebrating the birthday of our Savior? The Property and Outreach ministry teams are looking for people willing to coordinate and/or help with important outreach tools such as:

- * A FLOAT IN THE LONGMONT CHRISTMAS PARADE
- * HELP PUT UP LIGHTS ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH
- * DECORATE THE NARTHEX, FELLOWSHIP HALL & HALLWAYS
- * A CAROLING PARTY

PLEASE CONTACT STACIA KELLER WITH YOUR IDEAS OR YOUR INTEREST IN DOING SOMETHING SPECIAL DURING THIS BLESSED SEASON.

Sing Glor!al

There's still time to jump in and join the Spirit of Joy choir in their presentation of this year's Christmas cantata, "Sing Glor!al." Rehearsals for this FC tradition are held from 8:00pm to 8:30pm on Thursday nights. Cantata weekend is December 15th & 16th...then you're done!

CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH US!

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

On December 7th and 8th, at 6:00pm, come support our 1st thru 5th graders in their efforts to reenact this family favorite! Over 35 FC 1st - 5th graders, along with their adult mentors, have been preparing since September to share this popular Christmas story with you!

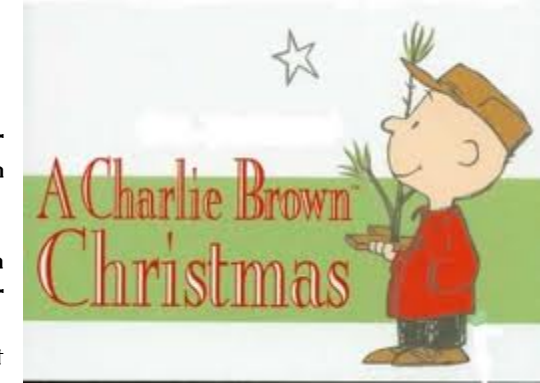
Friday, December 7th - Dinner Theater

Saturday, December 8th - Dessert and Show

To make the Friday night dinner theater experience even more special, the Fellowship committee will prepare a prime rib dinner with prime rib, potatoes, vegetables and dessert.

To give you a taste of what to expect, look for the cast to perform selections from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" in Worship on November 11th and December 2nd.

Tickets, \$10 per seat, go on sale November 11th in the narthex. Last year our dinner theater night was sold out, so don't wait too long!



Find the WONDER of Christmas

Four Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Services

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

