

March Newsletter



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Lent is upon us, and along with it Easter beckons right around the corner. In fact, before you receive the next newsletter, we will have already celebrated the crucifixion and resurrection of our Christ. Lent is a season of reflection and examination, a time for us to look at our own connection to Christ and how critical He is in our own lives. Discipleship focuses often come to mind as we turn to prayer, worship, generosity, study, fasting, and serving others. As such, this is a wonderful time to look and reflect on our church and the work that we are currently doing in His Kingdom.

Since the beginning of Faith Lutheran Church in the early 1980's, this church's focus has always been on Kingdom work. Even over the past several years, which have seen FLC work through trials and transitions that have tested our faith, the focus of Christ's work hasn't been lost. In fact, Karl Kreuger described our church with these words just last week, and I couldn't help but share them here as they

are beautiful and accurate. "FLC sees itself as a "big tent" kind of church where people of all backgrounds can grow in their relationship with Jesus." Yes, Karl, we are. And we will continue to be. And we can always grow deeper in that direction.

Now as we reflect this Lent, we turn our eyes to the future, to see where God is leading us, and the steps that we will need to take to continue the work that brings us all so much joy. In many places this is referred to as a vision. I was hesitating to use that word, as it has seen its fair share of abuse in the church. However, as I studied Habakkuk this week, I came across the following words... *"And the Lord answered me: 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. 'Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.'"* – Habakkuk 2:2-4 This reminded me of the importance of the vision.

God's words point to the time and place of the coming of Christ as our salvation, yet it reminded me that God always has a vision, He plans the future, He writes it down, and He delivers it to His people. God does this so that His people have hope in the future, so that they are reassured of the continued relationship with Him, and so that they know they are the most important thing to Him. This same idea applies to us as His church family here in Castle Rock.

With that being said, I would like to present to you what God has been showing myself and the church council. The "vision" so to speak, of how we move forward as the most effective church for His Kingdom with the best big tent for Jesus that we can be.

By now you probably have heard Pastor's Jennifer's announcement. (If you haven't, please skip ahead and read her article, then come back here.) Pastor Jennifer has done wonderful work and has been an absolute blessing to FLC in many ways. We would not be at this point in this amount of time without her dedication to Christ and our church. As God continues to work within her calling, we too must take the next best step for FLC.

1. The hiring of a full-time Associate Pastor who will focus on Youth and Family Ministry. We have asked Karl Kreuger to lead the call committee to find the next person that God has planned to lead this very important ministry. This person will need to focus on our FLY program, while also continuing to minister to all ages including preschool, from 0 -18. We need you to consider serving on this committee. We also need your prayers for the person God will bring, along with prayers for the team, and for all our young people
2. Beginning April 7th, we will have two worship services each Sunday morning.
Worship is a crucial part of our weekly cycle as Christian. We need worship to gather and share as much as we need to receive His Words of grace and mercy. The new Sunday schedule will be familiar to many of you, as we are going back to the schedule that worked so well pre-COVID. Traditional worship @ 8:00 am, followed by Sunday School from 9:15-10:15 am, then contemporary worship @ 10:30 am. This is important for several reasons. Two services provide opportunities for multiple times of joining us on Sunday morning. Maybe early works for you, maybe later. We have many, many gifted musicians with various talents, and two different styles will allow them to share those gifts with us, while providing everyone with an opportunity to worship as they are comfortable. This will also allow volunteers to still worship at a service and serve in a separate one. Finally, remember that “big tent” church that we see ourselves as? This gives us a natural way to live that out and show others in the community that we really are serious about sharing Jesus with them.
3. The hiring of an architect to design a new building.
We are extremely short of room. And the mission field around us continues to grow. This has been a conversation for a while, and one that was interrupted a couple of years ago. The council and I agree that now is the time. By the end of the year, city sewer lines will be at the church property, presenting us with the opportunity to move ahead. With our focus on family ministry, we need the space to properly minister to family members of all ages, including having the proper room for the preschool, youth and children’s ministry, and the food pantry. Along with this mindset, we have families in the preschool that are very interested in a future Kindergarten classroom, with the potential to grow through 8th grade. We should consider all of these options as we look forward to the future.
4. Expansion of the preschool.
How do I know the mission field of families are growing around us? Currently the preschool has 141 students enrolled. During February enrollment begins for the upcoming fall semester. At this present moment we have a full roster and approx. 15 potential students on a wait list and this is only the beginning of the sign-ups. It is extremely difficult to have a successful preschool program that God is continually sending families to and have to turn them away. We cannot have a building built to house a new classroom by the fall. We will need to work together and compromise for a time to accommodate the ministries that we have, while making room for another classroom. Jean and several council members are working on the options and will be in touch with any ministries that this may affect. Remember, we are all working for His Kingdom.

I realize this seems like a lot. However, where God leads and we follow in faith, He provides. There are more opportunities for people to volunteer. We need everyone on board and working together to follow God’s leading here. There are several other ministries that have been working on their next steps as well, and they will be updating everyone soon. I am so very excited to be part of what God is doing here. I also understand that with change, comes anxiety and fear. Those are normal and to be expected. We want to walk in faith, yet we can have doubts and fears and turn to one another for support without allowing negative feelings to manifest into arguments and sour God’s mission.

As always, I am available anytime to discuss anything you would like.

Pastor Denton L. Bennet, Jr



A New Season of Change

By Pastor Jennifer Bennet

It seems to me like Christmas was just last week, but the calendar says that spring will soon be upon us. Flower bulbs will be coming up, trees budding, and green grass returning. The tired, dirty snow is melting away and will soon be replaced with a fresh blanket of green growth. Spring is newness and change, a repeating cycle of “out with the old, and in with the new.” And as much as we look forward to spring and its beauty and refreshment, we don’t always like to see change barreling down upon us. Some changes challenge us. I’m dealing with some of that right now myself.

I stepped right out of seminary into a Lead Pastor role and I’ve found through my time here at FLC that I function better in that role than I do as a second pastor. I feel the Lord leading me back in that direction, and I realize that a change is needed. My position here was never intended to be permanent, and it does seem like the objectives set when I began here have largely been met. I brought conflict management and intentional interim ministry skills with me, and I think that together we have navigated some very difficult waters. At this point, I want to be very open and let you know that I have decided to explore what other possibilities might be available for me.

FLC has endured much change already, but the path ahead continues through uncharted territory and we must suppress the urge to cling to what is comfortable rather than moving forward boldly in the mission of Christ. Although I have not determined a timeline for my departure, and I am still discerning the Lord’s plan for my next steps, I do want to be transparent in that my time at FLC is nearing an end. I will continue to work diligently toward our common goals, and I will continue to love you all as my own until the Lord moves me on to whatever he has planned for me next.

I want to let you know of my intention in advance so that the church can do some long-range planning for the future. Specifically, I do recommend that you hire a Youth and Family Minister and that you remain committed to the entire age range of nursery through Sunday School, Confirmation, and FLY.

I also recommend that the church consider ways that a Youth and Family Minister could help to serve our preschool. We’ve been given the opportunity to minister to an astounding number of kids and their families as part of our preschool program. As a church, it is our responsibility to care for these young families that the Lord has placed in our midst, and a strong and cooperative relationship between church and preschool means that both can continue to grow.

Improving the relationship between church and preschool has been a major focus for me, and I believe this has been very successful. I visit the classrooms to read stories to the kids, assist in chapel time by teaching the kids a song, and you may also find me standing by the front doors to greet families as they arrive at school in the mornings. I have built some wonderful and trusting relationships with the preschool families and the teachers. Teachers stop by my office to say hello, and family members of our preschoolers have come by with a question or two about the Bible or a need for prayer or a word of encouragement. Our preschool is not a burden to the church; it is a gift from God.


Importantly, I believe we are beginning to make a critical shift from me being involved with the preschool and building relationships there to having the church and even individual members also joining me in this regard. Connections are being made, attitudes are shifting, and eyes are being opened. The culture of our church and preschool is changing as we become better connected, and we are primed for future growth.

I changed our Sunday School curriculum in the fall to one that is Lutheran and has the additional advantage of low prep-time for teachers. Although I do continue to provide the lessons and materials each week, I have also shown our teachers how to log in to the curriculum, view lessons, and print what they need, and I have intentionally encouraged teamwork and collaboration among them. Their efforts are a tremendous service to our children!

I note that a few of our confirmation students attend a youth program at another church because ours does not include kids in FLY until they reach high school. I recommend that this gap in our programming be addressed. It is also significant to note for FLY that an overwhelming majority of our youth at this time are girls. Any male youth leader in the future should have an intentional plan for ministering to these young ladies, as well as training and commitment to maintaining appropriate boundaries with them.

I've made quite a few hospital visits and visits to our homebound members during my time at FLC. Along with Michelle Karol, I also led our "Journey of the Longest Nights" last month, as a time for fellowship and healing for those dealing with grief and loss. For many months now, I've also been trying to get a new ministry started for our homebound members. Kathy Duncan has now volunteered to head this up. We are noticing an increase in older adults moving to this area to be near their children and grandchildren and contacting our church for help. Their health sometimes prevents them from attending church regularly, but they still benefit from visits with a pastor and the feeling of connection and community that comes from fellowship with other Christians. We also have older members of our church with similar needs, and this new ministry seeks to serve both groups. I encourage anyone who would like to help with occasional home visits to speak with Kathy. Assisting with this new initiative would only take an hour or so every few weeks. Without volunteers stepping up, these needs in our church and community may remain unmet.

I hope and pray that my remaining time here at FLC will be fruitful and productive. I ask for your prayers that the Lord will provide a new flock for me to shepherd where my gifts and talents can be used for his glory. And when my time to leave comes, I pray that all of you at FLC will carry on faithfully with Pastor Denton and your mission to love God, love each other, and serve your community. Let us pray together for a smooth transition and remember as the beauty of spring approaches that every end brings a new beginning!



Volunteers are needed to help decorate for Easter Sunday on March 30th at 10 AM. Please let Daria know if you can help by emailing her at dariam@faithcrco.org or calling the front office. Thank you so much in advance!



We found out last week that Pastor Marcos has been transferred to another village to Minister. We are awaiting news of who the new Pastor will be. We know that the Pastors are placed in that village by the International Church of God organization. The problem is now we do not know who else in the village has a smart phone so we can communicate with them easily.

Please discontinue sending emails to your sponsored kids through Pastor Marcos. We will update you with new contact information as soon as we have it. DO continue to pray for the children and families of Los Castillos. It is my understanding that Hope of Life has not been in contact with the village since World Help broke off the relationship. I'm sure it's a very confusing situation for our village!

Pastor Denton and I were scheduled to have a zoom meeting yesterday with the director of HIS HANDS International, based in Gualan Guatemala. Unfortunately there was a family medical emergency so we have to reschedule. The purpose of the call was to "interview" the director of the ministry to see if partnering with him would meet both our needs and his ministry needs. A background check is underway.

We will certainly keep you all updated as information changes. Please keep Los Castillos in your prayers.

Leanne Becker

From The Council President

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I've always loved when pastors open their sermons with "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" Phil 1:2 or "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ 1 Cor 1:2. Paul shared God's peace and grace through his many writings in the New Testament, and I share that with you too!

In Adult Forum we're studying "Joining Jesus" where we're asked "How is Jesus messing with you?" Well, I'll tell you how He's been messing with FLC!

We are a vibrant community of His people seeking to carry out our mission of Loving God, Loving one another and Serving our community. We've been in a transitional period for many months now. I have had conversations with members over the past few weeks where I've found myself saying "God is moving!" I was gently reminded by my friend Ron Stevens, that God is always moving. So true!

God has a plan for us, and it is time for us to move forward to do His will. We're to listen and be obedient as He leads us and guides us in all things.

At the February Council meeting, there were several important items that were discussed with motions passed. I'd like to expand on what's been happening: We will be moving to two services after Easter with traditional liturgy at 8am and contemporary at 10:30am. The Sunday School hour will be in between the services from 9:15 am to 10:15am.

For years we've needed more space. We have a vibrant Preschool that has a wonderful reputation in our community that has a strong faith-based program. Ms. Jean is already full for the fall 2024 registration

with a wait-list that could fill another classroom. A committee, that has been appointed by Council, is meeting to come up with a solution for space for another classroom for the fall. More to come on this. This of course is short-term solution. A longer-term solution is needed for an additional building that has more classroom space, a dedicated youth space, a place for the Food Pantry? The possibilities are endless! Council has approved a motion to move forward with hiring an architect to draw up plans for expansion. It's time to move and act!

Pastor Jennifer has shared with Council, and now you all, that she is feeling her time at FLC is coming to an end. God is calling her to her next church. She has encouraged Council to post a position for a Youth and Family Ministries Pastor. We appreciate all that she is doing for our FLC community- not only for our church, but our Preschool as well.

The next step in strengthening our FLC family is to find a dedicated pastor for our youth/families. The Associate Pastor (focused on Youth and Family Ministries) position has been posted. Karl Krueger is leading the Call Committee and if you would like to serve in this effort, please contact Karl. We will be praying for this committee in the search and that the person God wants for us will find us.

We are in the Lenten season of reflection and we typically do not sing Allelulia's as that is reserved for when we celebrate His resurrection on Easter Sunday. I'm still praising God for His many blessings at FLC. We have a bright future ahead! Praise be to God!

In Christ Alone,
Colleen Hopwood
FLC Council President

Easter Lily Order Form

Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church
Please note "Easter Lilies" in the memo section of your check.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Today's Date: _____

Number of plants: _____ x \$14.75 each = _____

Type of plant: Lily (Lilies will adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday)

To the glory of God

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Check enclosed

Cash enclosed

Please place order as soon as possible. Order Deadline is March 18th.



Can You Help Heal A Heart?

Thanks be to God that our church membership is so active in helping others! Thank you all for all that you are doing to bring Christ's love to each other and to our neighborhoods.

Needs and requests have been coming in to the church office for a while that make some pause to pray and question. There seem to be a few categories that call us to look to our mission statement: To love God, to love each other and to serve the community. Much discussion has been had about this and the need for an expanded direction seems to be apparent. Might you feel/hear a calling to help visit those in our community who have requested some support?



1. We have widows and widowers in our community, as well as within our membership, who sometimes could use some help.
2. Senior citizens have moved into our communities to be closer to loved ones. They leave their forever church home and are housebound so that they cannot participate in person at church as they would prefer. Besides visits from a pastor, they would benefit from some Christian camaraderie, an occasional helping hand, and the feeling of connection.
3. There are some church members who are homebound. They get visited by each of our pastors, but sometimes having other Christian friends to talk and pray with, in addition to pastoral visits, would be appreciated.

Attempts have been made in the past to coordinate a few volunteers to help with this sort of service. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help lead a project like this.

Please pray for those in our community who are in need. Please pray that Faith Lutheran Church will always fulfill our mission statement in a way that is pleasing to our good Father in Heaven.

Assisting with this effort would probably only take an hour or so every few weeks. If you would like more information, or have any questions, please contact Kathy Duncan at 303-905-4792 or karzt2@comcast.net.



From Our Music Director

Hello, Faith Lutheran Friends,

I hope that you are doing well. I, as your newest music director, have been serving you for almost a month now. Our first choir practice was February 21. It has been a fun adventure so far. Everyone has been so welcoming and friendly. I can see that this is a church that loves our Lord and loves to play and sing about our God.

We are always open to new members joining choir, etc. At present we are practicing on Wednesday evenings after Lenten service. I look forward to the future and what God has planned for us.

Our musical verse this month is Psalm 95:1, "O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation."

Char Reid
FLC Music Director



March Calendar

Mar 1, Friday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study

Mar 2, Saturday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
10:00 AM Food Pantry

Mar 3, Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 AM Adult Forum
10:30 AM ARK Sunday School
10:30 AM Confirmation Class
6:00 PM FLY

Mar 4, Monday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM WOTR
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
6:00 PM Preschool Parent Sem

Mar 5, Tuesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM Tues. Men's Group
6:30 PM Grief Share

Mar 6, Wednesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
9:30 AM Sarah Circle
1:00 PM InTouch

Mar 7, Thursday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
8:30 AM Piece Makers
6:30 PM Thu Night Bible Study

Mar 8, Friday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study

Mar 9, Saturday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
10:00 AM Food Pantry

Mar 10, Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 AM Adult Forum
10:30 AM ARK Sunday School
10:30 AM Confirmation Class
6:00 PM FLY

Mar 11, Monday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM WOTR
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
6:00 PM Preschool Parent Sem
7:30 PM Castle Rock Band

Mar 12, Tuesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM Tues. Men's Group
6:30 PM Grief Share

Mar 13, Wednesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM Soup Supper
7:00 PM Wednesday Service

Mar 14, Thursday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
8:30 AM Piece Makers
6:30 PM Thu Night Bible Study

Mar 15, Friday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study

Mar 16, Saturday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
10:00 AM Food Pantry

Mar 17, Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 AM Adult Forum
10:30 AM ARK Sunday School
10:30 AM Confirmation Class
6:00 PM FLY

Mar 18, Monday

Last Day to Order Lily

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM WOTR
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
7:30 PM Castle Rock Band

Mar 19, Tuesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM Tues. Men's Group
6:30 PM Grief Share

Mar 20, Wednesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
9:30 AM Sarah Circle
1:00 PM InTouch
6:00 PM Soup Supper
7:00 PM Lenten Service

Mar 21, Thursday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
8:30 AM Piece Makers
6:30 PM Thu Night Bible Study

Mar 22, Friday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study

Mar 23, Saturday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
10:00 AM Food Pantry

Mar 24, Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 AM Adult Forum
10:30 AM ARK Sunday School
10:30 AM Confirmation Class
6:00 PM FLY

Mar 25, Monday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM WOTR
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
6:00 PM Preschool Parent Sem

Mar 26, Tuesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
6:00 PM Tues. Men's Group
6:30 PM Grief Share

Mar 27, Wednesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg

Mar 28, Maundy Thursday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
8:30 AM Piece Makers
6:30 PM Thu Night Bible Study
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Svc

Mar 29, Good Friday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study
7:00 PM Good Friday Service

Mar 30, Saturday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Mtg
10:00 AM Food Pantry
10:00 AM Decorate Church for Easter

Mar 31, Sunday

7:30-10 AM Pancake Breakfast
8:00 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 AM Worship Service





Church Staff Directory



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FACILITY MAINTENANCE

Open Position



"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." - Romans 12:4-5



Are You Called To Serve?

We're in need of some ministry assistance and we would absolutely love your help if you're able to lend a hand. Thank you so much in advance for prayerfully considering it!

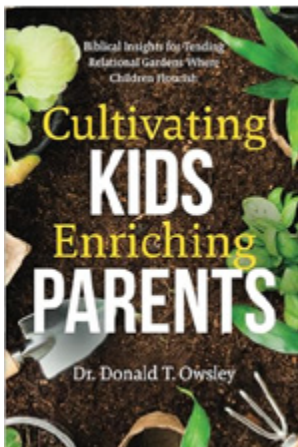
Nursery Volunteers: sign up sheet is located in the Narthex. If interested, you may also contact Daria Martin at office@faithcrco.org.

A/V Volunteers Needed: We are seeking volunteers to assist with the A/V system during services. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact Mark Scott or Pastor Denton.



ARE YOU A FIT FOR OUR TEAM?

Faith Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time Facility Maintenance manager. The Facility Maintenance position requires someone skilled in building and grounds maintenance. FLC offers competitive wages, some benefits, and a supportive work environment. If you are skilled in this area, please submit your resume to office@faithcrco.org and thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.



Hey, did you know that we have a talented author in our midst? Our very own Pastor Don (Dr. Rev Don Owsley) has written an amazing book on parenting children with biblical grace. In a world where it's often difficult to find guidance on raising our children with love and grace, Pastor Don's book is a real game-changer. It's filled with beautiful scriptural insights that will help you raise your kids with the grace of God. You can pick up Pastor Don's book on Amazon, and he'll even sign it for you! Scan the QRCode to get his book.





"¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." - Phil 4:19 ESV

Greetings from the Food Pantry Ministry!!

It's hard to believe that February is nearing an end and March will be here before we know it. The month of March calls attention to God's penchant for redemption and reminds us to stop and give thanks to our good, good God.

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever" - Psalm 107:1-1

After Adult Forum last Sunday and discussing the study, "Joining Jesus on his Mission", several of us were talking about the ministries in our Church, especially the Food Pantry and how God is "messing" with us. The subtitle of the study is "How to Be an Everyday Missionary". We were reflecting on how the Food Pantry gives us the opportunity to be missionaries in our Church and in our community. God is ever present in this Church and in this ministry, always present, always guiding, always providing. Thank you, God. Thank you, Jesus.

This ministry is blessed with the many servants who support it, within the congregation and outside. As stated in last month's article on average we have up to 20 volunteers per week, shopping, assembling, and helping on Saturday's handing out the groceries and greeting and praying with the family. Meeting and greeting the families as they drive up to receive their groceries is so heartwarming and yet challenging. The various hardships these families are going through are difficult to hear and yet your heart goes out to them. This is where this ministry is Joining Jesus. We spend

time with these families, listening to them, praying with them, and praying for them after they drive away. We've built relationships with the people—and hopefully their relationship with Jesus grows stronger!

This ministry allows us to fulfill our mission statement, "Loving God, Loving Each Other and Serving our Community". When the Spirit calls you to serve and you're not sure where to go, come join us. You'll see firsthand what Jesus is doing in Castle Rock and in our world. It will truly fill, and at the same time shape, your heart. We have a great time. There's lots of love and joy, and we'd love to have you.

As a reminder, the Pantry can use any of the following items: baby food and formula, baby diapers, dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels, toilet paper, hand and bath soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream for women/unisex, razors, etc. We also welcome donations of food, however, please check expiration dates as we must discard any items that are expired. Please drop donated items in the Food Pantry donation bin at the entrance of the church before 10:00 am on Saturday.

The FP ministry team would like to express their deepest appreciation for all the support you give either by serving in the ministry, donating items, or donating financially. Thanks for all of the prayers for God's continued presence.

With overwhelming gratitude,
Terry Korsvold, Ruth Harvey, Bette Warn, Willis Buehrle & Laura Stevens

We are seeking Easter candy donations for the 2024 FLC Easter Egg Hunt. If you can help out, please drop off your candy donation before March 25, 2024. Drop off candy donations in the Narthex.

EASTER CANDY DONATIONS

The graphic features a wicker basket filled with colorful Easter eggs and a pink ribbon. The text is placed to the right of the basket, and the words "EASTER CANDY DONATIONS" are written in large, bold, black letters at the bottom of the basket.

Benevolence

Taking Care of God's Family

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. - Proverbs 3:9-10

Blessings to YOU!

Thank you for your acts of kindness and your generous gifts. Because of you, the church is able to assist so many people through a variety of organizations with the Benevolence funds.

In January we sent financial gifts to Help & Hope Center and Catholic Charities. February gifts were to HopeKids and Wellsprings Community. A little background on these organizations:

HopeKids:

Their Vision is to restore hope and transform the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions, their families, and the communities in what we serve.

Their guiding principles are: *Our vision, mission and motivation are driven by our desire to serve in the name of Jesus Christ in response to and out of our gratitude to God (Colossians 3:17). It is through God's love and the eternal hope we find in Jesus that we want to love and offer hope to those in need. We cling to the promise that "Hope does not disappoint." (Romans 5:5). We also believe that hope comes from God and provides joy and peace in a way that nothing else can. These biblical truths form our belief that hope is a powerful medicine, and all our activities, resources, and time are to be directed to restoring hope for the future of the children and families we serve.*

The HopeKids organization is always looking for volunteers to help with the various activities and they have an annual golf tournament as a fund-raiser coming up in June. Lastly, they are always looking for prayer-warriors to join their team. Go to HopeKids.org for further details.

Wellsprings Community:

Wellsprings Community vision is to empower the lives of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Wellsprings exists to create an honoring community that celebrates adults with disabilities so that lives are changed as they unlock individual potential.

Their caption on the February newsletter was "February serves as a reminder of love and makes us more aware of deeper things in life, faith, love, and hope for a better world. It also allows us to examine some of our assumptions and open

ourselves up to the possibility of receiving love from unexpected places. People with I/DD are full of individuality, potential, and have so much to offer our communities. Stars at Wellspring demonstrate what can happen when everyone has a hand in fostering a community built on mutual care and understanding. Wellspring's Heart to Hand class shows us the power of community two mornings a week through regular visits to local assisted living and senior centers."

Wellsprings is right here in Castle Rock. Peter, Development Director, recently sent us an email saying, "Things here at Wellspring are growing and developing at an incredible rate. It's exciting (and sometimes a little terrifying!), and we are so grateful for the continued support of Faith. Thank you for preparing another gift out of your Benevolence fund. Stay tuned."

Finally, I wanted to tell you about our Welcome to Wellspring Tours that we host on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month, from 9:15AM – 10:15AM. They're amazing, and you should definitely attend one. Also, we would love your support in getting the word out to other folks. You can schedule directly through our website: www.wearewellspring.org/tours (it's a Calendly link, and you can swipe through the months to see upcoming dates). Registering for the tour helps us anticipate our headcount."

Go to <https://wearewellspring.org/> for more details about the programs and the volunteer opportunities.

The Faith Lutheran Congregation is faithful with their tithing. Because of YOU Benevolence can partner with these organizations and others to help with their missions and their ministries. Please reach out to the committee if you have any questions or suggestions for new gifting opportunities to serve our community.

We are Serving Our Community, here and around the world. God is Present, God is Working, God is Providing.

Let us Praise Him!

Following His Guiding Presence,

Willis Buehrle, Ralph Lawson, Peggy Schwartzkopf, Bev Williams & Laura Stevens



JOB POSTING FOR IMMEDIATE NEED NURSERY ATTENDANT (PART-TIME)

Supervisor: Lead Pastor

Purpose: To provide a safe and welcoming environment for children during worship services and special events.

Hours: 4 ½ hours per Sunday plus special worship services and events (as requested by Pastor).
Starting Pay: \$16-\$18 per hour (based on experience)

Responsibilities:

1. Provide safe and age-appropriate care in a welcoming environment for children 0-5 years old during Sunday morning services and during other church events as requested.
2. Share Jesus' love with children through games, stories, play, and prayer.
3. Be polite, friendly, and courteous while developing trusting relationships with children, parents, and volunteers.
4. Arrive prior to worship to welcome children, greet their parents, and prepare the room for the safety and care of all children.
5. Stay until the children are secured with the adult on the sign in sheet. In the event of an emergency with a child notify the parent via cell phone.
6. Return the room to prior condition after all children are picked up. This includes cleaning and sanitizing toys, changing tables, and furniture as needed.
7. Supervise safe play and learning about Jesus for children during Sunday morning worship services, adult forum, and gathering time before and after those events.
8. Demonstrate safe handling of bodily fluids and feces utilizing Universal Precautions.
9. Other duties as needed.

Requirements:

10. Experience in caring for children between the ages of 0-5 with the ability to adapt and interact with various personalities.
11. Dependable
12. 18 or older
13. Satisfactory completion of background check and CPR training for infants and children.
14. Reliable transportation, including during inclement weather.
15. Adhere to Faith Lutheran Church Policy Guidelines.
16. Three references.

To Apply:

Send cover letter, resume, and professional references to Pastor Denton Bennet at pastordenton@faithcrco.org or mail to:

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