

September Newsletter



FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Letter From The Pastor

Welcome Home! Now... Be Ready!

And so it begins... again. This September brings with it a new school year, new ministry opportunities, and a new pastor! Hi!

My name is Dawn Spies and I'm your new Intentional Interim Pastor. My passion and skill set give me an opportunity to walk with congregations as they prepare for their next pastor. So, in the year ahead we'll take a look at our history, will look around at our present setting, and we'll look ahead to where God is leading us!

I have to admit, that last part is the most fun... dreaming and praying about where God is leading Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool! How exciting! Yet, if we don't spend time learning from our past and understanding our present, we'll sidestep valuable opportunities to grow in health, to deepen our faith, and to strengthen our church community.

With these tasks ahead of us, I have a rather odd invitation... Would you like to walk along with us? If you've been away for a while, welcome home! Join us for worship each weekend. We'll sing and study and pray together. There are a variety of small groups, service groups, and work groups to connect with!

If you're here every week, be ready! Our weekend worship is just the beginning.

Well Church, what do you think? The journey ahead will be filled with worship and study, conversation and prayer, service and grace, healing and hope. Are you in?

I'm in! Let's walk together.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Dawn Spies
Intentional Interim Pastor



NEW MEMBER CLASS FORMING

Interested in learning more about Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool? Considering becoming a church member? A New Member Class is taking shape in October. We'll cover the basics of our Lutheran faith, the history of FLC, ministry opportunities, and the responsibilities of membership. Contact Pastor Dawn at PastorDawn@FaithCRCO.org with questions or for more information.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship Statement: *"We believe that everything we have is a gift from God including our very breath. Therefore, we are to be responsible stewards of the spiritual, physical, and material gifts given to us. We are also to share these gifts as we demonstrate our caring and welfare for others, the orphan, the widow, and the stranger. In other words, each of us is the personal manager of the time, treasure, and talent with which God has individually gifted us as we demonstrate our love of God, of others, and as we serve our community."*

- Exodus 22:21-22, Acts 2:44-45, Acts 4:32-35)

We approved an unbalanced FY 2025 - 2026 budget and are planning to address the projected shortfall in various ways.

We will begin by having focused discussions concerning aspects of the Stewardship Statement above. Also by possibly having a town hall meeting or two, a sermon, personal testimonies, dinner speakers, silent auctions, etc. on the topic. We plan to conclude by returning to the use of pledge cards in order to improve our budget planning. However, there is something that some of us could do right now, that being to increase our current giving a bit, maybe even 10% or more. What influenced you in past "giving" programs? Your suggestions are very welcome.



EXTRA MILE GIVING

By the way, extra mile giving continues, though not as a focused program. Any amount helps defray the cost to keep the doors open and lights on at FLC, and is much appreciated. If giving to the fund, please indicate Extra Mile Giving on your check, envelope, or when giving online to help defray our projected shortfall. \$4398.80 has already been donated for the FY 2025 - 2026 EMG Fund.

In the Lord's Service - Steve Williams and Becky Heacock, Stewardship Ministry

BENEVOLENCE

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

-Proverbs 3:9-10

The Committee is committed to providing the congregation with timely updates (in the monthly newsletters) and provide the background of the organizations we partner with. We are currently evaluating the number of charities supported and the amount of funding each receives due to a reduced Benevolence budget this Fiscal Year.

The FY 2025 - 2026 Benevolence budget is \$25,000.

- * July distribution was to Help & Hope and to Catholic Charities at \$1,250 each
- * August distribution has yet to be determined.

The Faith Lutheran Church mission statement is:

"Loving God, Loving Each Other and Serving 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 and Laura Stevens

ENDOWMENT

No submissions have yet been received for the Fall semester.

In the Lord's Service - Craig Sundquist, Roger Ryman, and Steve Williams

OFFERING COUNTERS



OFFERING COUNTING

Many Thanks to all the offering counters who continue their dedication to this important volunteer role for our church. We could use additional counters. Counting is done after the service and usually takes less than thirty minutes. Please assist in helping recruit volunteers by mentioning the need to church friends who might be willing to serve.

In the Lord's Service - Dianne Iannone, Barb Deheer, Bev Williams, Bob & Sue Frohardt, Chris Dunbar, Dean Stange, Ruth Harvey, Sherri Dow, Kathy Duncan, and Stu Bailey

GUATEMALA

Brad and Leanne Becker and Stu Bailey will be traveling to Guatemala Sept.4-8. We will spend time in Los Castillos bringing food and school supplies to our village. We will also spend time at the ministry of David Varner, HIS HANDS International to see what his ministry is doing in the Zacapa region and also to strengthen our partnership with him in assisting Los Castillos in the coming year.



SOX PLACE

Jordan is doing a fantastic job taking over this ministry! There is currently a fundraiser going on to raise money for continued operations costs. There is a matching fund opportunity to match all donated monies by 3X!!!! Please click on this link to find out more www.soxplace.com

Faith Lutheran Preschool 2025-26 School Year has begun!!

The new school year has begun, and it is wonderful to have the building filled with love and laughter! We are serving about 160 families in the community this year! What a privilege it is to be a part of these young children's lives and build a foundation of faith!

Our goal is to provide each child a place for joyful early childhood education entwined with the love and grace of God.

As a staff, we focus on The Serenity Prayer

*God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
The Courage to change the things I can,
And the Wisdom to know the difference*



FLC's Children's Ministry resumes Sunday, October 5th! If you have any interest in helping hang out with our children during Sunday School hour, even just once a month, it would be a huge help! No special experience needed. Contact Pastor Casey for more information!



FLC will be hosting a church picnic Sep. 28 from 10:30 AM to 2PM to celebrate the launch of Sunday School and Youth Group! There will be a potluck, bounce houses, and games! Full details will be sent out this week. To volunteer, contact Daria at dariam@faithcrco.org.

From The Council President

"But God choose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise and the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him."

1 Corinthians 1:27-29

Paul reminds us that God intentionally chooses the "foolish" and "weak" to accomplish His purposes. God is not looking for the most talented person; instead, He's looking for hearts willing to trust and obey Him. This strategy is not an accident; it's a divine strategy.

As we move from the close of summer into the gentle embrace of autumn, we reflect on the season's transitions. And we quickly become involved in the return to the opportunities to nurture our faith, strengthen our bonds and renew our commitment of service to our Lord and the building of His Kingdom.

It is easy to be swept up in the busyness of life, but we are reminded that faith is the anchor that keeps us steady amidst change. Whether your days have been filled with joy or challenge, know that you are not alone. Our congregation stands as a testament to the enduring power of faith—faith that uplifts us, guides us, and calls us to look beyond ourselves toward the needs of others.

As we gather for worship each week, let us remember the words of Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." In times of uncertainty, we are invited to lean into prayer, trust, and community. May we be a people who seek God's presence not only in moments of crisis but also in the quiet, ordinary spaces of our days.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Our congregation family is more than a gathering of individuals; it is a living tapestry woven with countless acts of kindness, stories of hope, and shared dreams. Each person brings unique gifts and perspectives that enrich our fellowship.

This past month our women's bible study groups celebrated with another fellowship event with attendance from church women as well as friends from the community. They participated in an outreach activity which benefited women in a local prison. Keep a look out for the next fall event coming soon. The Rockies game day with concert was well attended and all enjoyed fellowship and a great Christian concert from Jeremy Camp.

The annual FLC golf tournament was a big success with 35 participants filling the roster. The proceeds support the scholarship fund.

We encourage everyone to mark their calendars for our upcoming Fall Rally Sunday on September 28th. Be on the lookout for opportunities to participate in Rally Sunday as there will be opportunities to share many opportunities to learn about and be involved in our small groups, adult forum participation, Sunday school support and many other opportunities.

The Preschool Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th. The proceeds from the Preschool Fall Festival go to grants for children attending preschool. The festival will feature games for children and local food vendors. Volunteers are needed in several areas; if you feel called to serve, please contact the church office. Bring your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors for a fun adventure.

NURTURING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

We encourage members to take advantage of our adult education classes, which cover a range of topics from Christian history to practical discipleship. These classes are designed to strengthen faith and foster meaningful dialogue. We welcome all who wish to deepen their understanding of Scripture and its application to daily life. We meet each Sunday after worship in the Gathering Place. We invite you to come and join us.

SERVICE BEYOND OUR WALLS

Our congregation is committed to serving not only those within our church but also our wider community. The Benevolence committee has done an awesome job of managing and overseeing the missions within our

community and worldwide. They are in need of a couple of volunteers so if you have a heart for serving this mission please contact the church office.

They are also planning a Town Hall Meeting soon to assess the desires of the congregation relative to the types of missions they support. More to come.
Thanks to your generous support, our food pantry has provided nourishment and hope to families in need. As of the first of August 2025, 799 families and 3050 individuals have been served.

PASTORAL CARE AND LEADER

We have been tremendously blessed with the addition of Pastor Dawn. Many of you have already had the opportunity to meet with her and assist her in getting to know Faith Lutheran and our culture. We all have had the opportunity to benefit from the messages provided through her from our Lord. She provides an “open door” for all to approach her with any questions, concerns or pastoral care needs. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to her.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer or support, please do not hesitate to reach out. Our pastoral care team are here to walk alongside you, offering guidance, comfort, and a listening ear.

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Our young people are the future of our congregation, and we are committed to supporting them as they grow in faith and character. Sunday school classes and our nursery continue each week with engaging lessons and creative activities that help children discover God’s love. Pastor Casey is working diligently on our fall class schedules and curriculum. If you have a calling to help in serving, please don’t hesitate to contact him.

LOOKING AHEAD: EMBRACING HOPE

As we journey through the coming weeks, let us hold fast to hope. Let us be attentive to the needs of our neighbors, generous in spirit, and faithful in prayer. The challenges of our world are many, but so too are the opportunities for grace, compassion, and transformation. May we be a congregation that embodies the love of Christ in all that we do—within our walls and beyond them. Let us encourage one another, celebrate together, and extend hospitality to all.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Thank you for being an essential part of our church family. Your presence, prayers, and service enrich the life of our congregation and shine as a beacon of hope in our city. As we move forward into a new season, may we do so with open hearts and renewed purpose.

- * For questions, volunteer opportunities, or updates, please visit our website or contact the church office. 303-688-3476 www.faithcrco.org
- * Together, let us continue to grow in faith, love, and service.

In His service for His Glory,
Bette Warn, Council President

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Benevolence committee is the link between a select group of outreach and mission organizations and the congregation. This group provides encouragement and financial support to these organization. Additionally, they help provide our congregation with opportunities to serve! If you might be interested in serving in this area, please contact a current committee member or the church office! Thank you.



ADULT FORUM

We are now studying the book of Revelation. No preparation is required. Please join us at 10:30 AM in the Gathering Place.



GriefShare

We will meet every Tuesday at 6:00 PM from August 12 through November 18.

Calendar

September 1, Monday

Office Closed/Labor Day
7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
~~6:00 PM~~ No Women on the Rise
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study

September 2, Tuesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Grief Share

September 3, Wednesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM Sarah Circle

September 4, Thursday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
8:30 AM "Piece Makers" Quilters
6:30 PM Thu. Night Bible Study

September 5, Friday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study
2:30 PM Food Pantry Assembly

September 6, Saturday

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

September 7, Sunday

9:00 AM Worship
10:30 AM Adult Forum
6:00 PM FLY

September 8, Monday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Women on the Rise
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
7:30 PM Castle Rock Band

September 9, Tuesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Grief Share

September 10, Wednesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting

September 11, Thursday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
8:30 AM "Piece Makers" Quilters
6:30 PM Thu. Night Bible Study

September 12, Friday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study @
"The Collective"
2:30 PM Food Pantry Assembly

September 13, Saturday

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

September 14, Sunday

9:00 AM Worship
10:30 AM Adult Forum
6:00 PM FLY

September 15, Monday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Women on the Rise
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study

September 16, Tuesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Grief Share

September 17, Wednesday

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

September 18, Thursday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
8:30 AM "Piece Makers" Quilters
6:30 PM Thu. Night Bible Study

September 19, Friday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study
2:30 PM Food Pantry Assembly

September 20, Saturday

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

September 21, Sunday

9:00 AM Worship
10:30 AM Adult Forum
6:00 PM FLY

September 22, Monday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Women on the Rise
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study
7:30 PM Castle Rock Band

September 23, Tuesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Grief Share

September 24, Wednesday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting

September 25, Thursday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
8:30 AM "Piece Makers" Quilters
6:30 PM Thu. Night Bible Study

September 26, Friday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM REAL Bible Study
~~2:30 PM~~ No Food Pantry
Assembly

September 27, Saturday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
~~10:00 AM~~ No Food Pantry
11:00 AM FLC Preschool Fall
Festival

September 28, Sunday

9:00 AM Worship
10:30 AM Adult Forum
10:30 AM Rally Sunday Picnic
6:00 PM FLY

September 29, Monday

7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Women on the Rise
6:00 PM Mon. Men's Bible Study

September 30, Tuesday

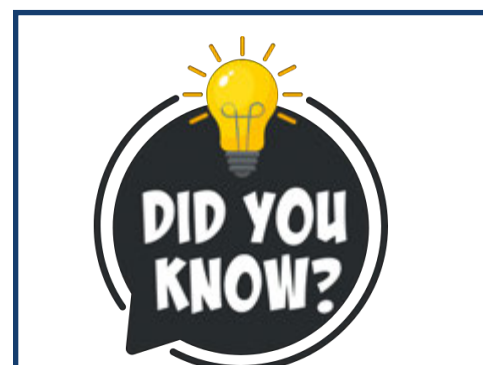
7:00 AM Zoom Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Grief Share



Save the date

FLC PRESCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL
Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025
11:00AM to 3:00 PM

FLC RALLY SUNDAY PICNIC
Sunday, Sept 28, 2025
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM



DID YOU KNOW?

Our Website has a new tab on the top blue colored tool bar: "Community Resources". Take a look! Let us know what you think!

Loving God, Loving Each other and Serving our community.
InTouch Ministry



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you His peace.'

Numbers 6:24-26

Sep 3 Stu Bailey
Sep 5 Jessica Dunbar
Sep 5 Diane Penn
Sep 6 Laura Stevens
Sep 8 Bob Burkhardt
Sep 11 Rick Eisele

Sep 13 Max Heacock
Sep 15 Jonathan Cooper
Sep 16 Randy Penn
Sep 19 Dee Schumann
Sep 21 Barbara Weide
Sep 30 Dick Herdahl

If you or a family member is not on the birthday list, and you would like to be added please contact Daria at dariam@faithcrco.org



Monthly Bible Challenge

Would you like to take on the challenge of reading the entire Bible in the next year? We have a daily reading schedule for you to follow that should only take about 30 minutes of your time each day. Here are the readings for this month. Once you've decided to take the challenge, be sure to tell someone about it and ask them to hold you accountable or even better, read it together! (Print & clip the list, placing it in your bible for easy reference!)

September 1	Matthew 17-18	Psalms 89
September 2	Matthew 19-20	Psalms 90
September 3	Matthew 21-22	Psalms 91
September 4	Matthew 23-24	Psalms 92
September 5	Matthew 25-26	Psalms 93
September 6	Matthew 27-28	Psalms 94
September 7	Mark 1-2	Psalms 95
September 8	Mark 3-4	Psalms 96
September 9	Mark 5-6	Psalms 97
September 10	Mark 7-8	Psalms 98
September 11	Mark 9-10	Psalms 99
September 12	Mark 11-12	Psalms 100
September 13	Mark 13-14	Psalms 101
September 14	Mark 15-16	Psalms 102
September 15	John 1-2	Psalms 103

September 16	John 3-4	Psalms 104
September 17	John 5-6	Psalms 105
September 18	John 7-8	Psalms 106
September 19	John 9-10	Psalms 107
September 20	John 11-12	Psalms 108
September 21	John 13-15	Psalms 109
September 22	John 16-18	Psalms 110
September 23	John 19-21	Psalms 111
September 24	Luke 1	Psalms 112
September 25	Luke 2-3	Psalms 113
September 26	Luke 4-5	Psalms 114
September 27	Luke 6-7	Psalms 115
September 28	Luke 8-9	Psalms 116
September 29	Luke 10-11	Psalms 117
September 30	Luke 12-13	Psalms 118



REAL Bible Study • September 12, 2025 • 9:30 AM

The meeting location on September 12th will be at "The Collective" (run by Wellspring) in the upper room. 207 Perry Street, Castle Rock, 80104