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FROM THE PASTOR

I MENTIONED IN the Ministry Gathering presentation that I believe our staff is our biggest ministry asset. The church is not a business that is selling something, we are a people who's bottom line is about sharing the gospel. The gospel is shared person to person and the staff of the congregation exist to both share the gospel and equip us as a people, as a congregation to share the gospel.

October is Pastor Appreciation month, but I'd like to make it church staff appreciation month. We have 10 full time staff and 22 part-time staff who are dedicated to this ministry. They pay the bills, clean and maintain the property, create music, communicate opportunities and share the gospel through programs for all ages. I am grateful to serve with them, and to serve you with them!

As part of our budget for 2027 we are giving our staff a 3.5% cost of living increase. We also partner with our full time staff to provide health insurance for them and their families. The costs of health insurance skyrocket next year by 15% and we have included that in our 2027 budget as well. We support out staff through salaries, benefits, continuing education and our love and appreciation. Please take some time this month to express your appreciation for every member of our staff.

As we prepare to say goodbye to our long-time associate Pastor Carrie Baylis, I want to invite you to attend a farewell for her on October 18, at 3 p.m. We will begin in the Sanctuary with the assistant to the Bishop presiding over the rite and then head to the Peel House for a reception. I encourage you to write Pastor Carrie a card with specific ways her ministry has blessed you and your family. Thank you for your continued generosity. We often tell our children that everything they have is because people at the church freely gave a portion of their income to the ministry that is our livelihood. We don't take that for granted!

PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON, SENIOR PASTOR

Sunday's Message

OCTOBER 11, 2026

MATTHEW 22:1-14

PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON

I WONDER IF any of the Pharisees changed their hearts after this encounter with Jesus. Jesus is clearly angry with the Pharisees, angry with the teachers of the Bible. He is in confrontation with them on the steps of the temple right after he had stormed it, flipped the tables and accused people of making his father's house a den of robbers. He tells three parables all of which call out the Pharisees and other religious leaders for their failure. The parables name them as disobedient sons, wicked tenants, and today violent rejectors of the King's generous invitation. But I can't imagine that Jesus told these parables simply to vent his anger or raise an accusing finger. The warnings of God throughout scripture, even the angriest prophecies, all have the aim of changing people.

God expresses his anger so that people might come to their senses, see the folly of their ways and return to serving God and doing what is right. So, I wonder if any of the Pharisees listening to Jesus on the temple steps had a change of heart. Did any of them realize they had failed in their duty to shepherd people into full relationship with God? Were any of them wracked with guilt at the way they had failed to lead people, to respond to God's generous invitation? I wonder if there might have been one Pharisee who recognized that he was just like those of old who rejected the prophets and the word of God. I suspect Jesus was hoping he could reach at least one of them. Was Nicodemus there that day? Was he convicted and changed? Did Paul hear this parable later, and it helped him change from persecutor to protector of the faith?

This is a tough parable aimed at religious leaders, at the teachers of the Bible. It's aimed at people like me who spend their lives teaching others the things of God. When we read stories in the Bible that are full of judgment and God's wrath, it's helpful to keep in mind the audience. The audience is almost always those in charge, those with power, the leaders and influencers. The audience is usually priests and kings, scribes and Pharisees. As a pastor in Christ's church, I pay attention to these judgements, realizing they probably apply more to me than to you. Let me ask you this, have you ever been angry at the church? Have you ever been angry at religious leaders? Have you ever been mad at your pastor? Have you ever been hurt by those you trusted when they failed to live up to the values of God, when you thought you'd be loved and cared for but instead felt ignored and marginalized, when you expected bold declarations standing up for the poor and oppressed and instead heard nothing but silence? Have you ever believed God was doing an incredible thing and the leaders of the church dismissed it and failed to share the good news?

The church gets it wrong all the time, religious leaders fail the test often, and God calls us to account. Jesus is angry at religious leaders when they fail to lead the people he loves in the ways of God's mercy. This parable expresses both God's incredible love and generosity and also the wrath of God and his judgment against those who hurt his people or stand between him and them.

The wedding banquet thrown by a king is a symbol of the Kingdom of heaven. If you were invited to a wedding banquet you could expect a week of lavish food and drink, music and dancing and joy. It would be a welcome respite from struggling to put food on the table by the sweat of your brow. Imagine being

invited to a state dinner or one of those billionaire weddings. I remember seeing pictures of the guests arriving by boat in Venice for the wedding of Jeff Bezos and Lauren Sanchez last year. They say that wedding cost 55 million dollars and the guest list was full of the rich, powerful and famous. Imagine being invited to attend that kind of wedding, you who are not rich or famous. Imagine being selected to come and all your expenses paid. At a king's wedding the guests were not only wined and dined but even their clothes were paid for so that everyone could dress up and be seen as equals. It was one night where the differences didn't matter, where everyone was there for the same reason, unified in a joyous celebration.

This past week our community reacted to racist acts by some high school students at Lutheran High School in Parker, Colorado. It was hard to hear racism attached to the word Lutheran, even though that high school is Missouri Synod, and not ELCA like ours. I was proud of our community; we rejected racism at every point. High school coaches at Air Academy refused to play their homecoming game as a way to reject racism. And even the Lutheran school reiterated our shared belief – 'that racism is abhorrent and counter to what the Bible says – that everyone is made in the image of God". Our community is fighting for a vision of unity and equality that will only fully be realized in the Kingdom of God where all are equal, and no difference is a cause of division, where the dignity of everyone being made in the image of God is recognized and celebrated. Jesus' parable says the Kingdom of heaven is like this: it is an extravagant place of equality, joy and provision. We get a sense of it from Isaiah who says, "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken."

The Kingdom of heaven is prepared by God for the people he loves. The invitation to this kingdom is given to all. Now can you imagine any reason you might reject this invitation? Can you imagine any reason you might make light of it, mock it? Can you imagine being angry enough at the invitation that you mistreat, harm or even kill the messengers who give you the invitation? That's the accusation Jesus flings at the Pharisees through his parable. His parable is full of exaggerations to show the utter ridiculousness of rejecting the generous invitation of God. God has invited them and His people into a celebration. He has sent his own son to fulfill all the prophecies of making his home with his people, forgiving sin, healing illness, and giving eternal life. And rather than respond in joy and make sure everyone knows they have rejected him, they have rejected his disciples. Jesus will be crucified, his disciples martyred. Jerusalem will be destroyed, the temple torn down by the Romans that same generation. But the invitation will continue to go out, God will not give up on his people, he continues to send out his servants to invite people into his kingdom. God invites all kinds of people in the parable. It says the good and the bad, Gentiles and Jews, slaves and free, male and female, rich and poor, from every tribe, tongue and nation. God would have all people come to his kingdom, enjoy eternal life where there is no sin, no death, only joy and love.

The parable would be amazing if it ended on that note with the wedding banquet full and the King pleased. But Jesus adds this one little detail that makes sure this parable continues to trouble us. As the King mingles with the guests who are enjoying the wedding banquet, he finds one guest who is not wearing the garment that he provided. And that guest is removed from the party and thrown into outer darkness. And Jesus ends the parable with the haunting phrase, "Many are called but few are chosen." He drops the mic and we all are left in fear and trembling, wondering which one of us God is

going to kick out of his kingdom. We can imagine some analogies where not wearing the uniform provided would have similar consequences. Imagine a Marine at bootcamp who refuses to have his head shaved and won't wear the required uniform. They'd be bound hand and foot and thrown into outer darkness. The same could be said of the basketball player who refuses the uniform or the bridesmaid who won't wear the dress the bride has asked her bridesmaids to wear. The point is that this is about a willful choice to reject the clothing provided. The question we can ask of ourselves is "Are there any ways we are rejecting what God has given and choosing to put ourselves above the community He is forming?"

We live in a very individualistic culture where rebellion is celebrated above conformity, and self-expression is elevated to the point of idolatry. But Jesus calls us to a community where we die to self, take up our cross and follow him. Jesus calls us to a community where we are to consider others more important than ourselves, where the last are first, and we are to serve one another. Jesus calls us to a community where we are to put on Christ and his righteousness rather than pretend we are the ones judging what is right and wrong. I think that's what makes this part of the parable so difficult; the guy doesn't seem to be doing anything wrong in our eyes because we live in a culture where the self is elevated above the community. So, we have to let Jesus speak to us here and ask us are we part of this community fully? Are we ready to enter the Kingdom of God on God's terms or are we just pretending and are really here for ourselves and our ways?

We are a mixed bag, simultaneously saint and sinner as the saying goes. We come to church because it fulfills us, gives us something we want, makes us feel better along with other selfish reasons. But we also come to church because Jesus is the Savior, the Father created all that we see, and the Spirit is working in this world to bring all into the kingdom. We come to celebrate who God is and give worship and thanks to the one who is deserving. We are saints who come to serve others, to be shaped by God's word, and to follow the Spirit into the world.

We are saints and sinners. Let this parable work on you that you might confess any ways you elevate yourself above God and God's community. Let Jesus' words challenge us to give ourselves fully to His Kingdom of love and joy. We are a people who rely not on our righteousness and not on our control or even our understanding. We trust in Jesus and receive his righteousness as a gift of grace, his understanding, his control. If there was a Pharisee who was changed that day, we want to be like him. We have received the invitation to come to a kingdom we do not deserve to receive the goodness of God that is sheer gift bought and paid for by Jesus' death and resurrection. And our work now is to celebrate that salvation and share it widely with our friends and neighbors. Not because they are good, not because they have any qualifications, but for the same reason we were invited. Because God is good and God loves us and wants us home with him.

So, celebrate the Son today, remember the joy of your salvation, and tell others that the party is for them, too. God's kingdom is for everyone.

EXTENDING THE LOVE OF GOD WITH PRISON FELLOWSHIP®

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 9:15 A.M.
PEEL HOUSE | ROOM 201

Prison Fellowship® is the nation's largest Christian nonprofit equipping the Church to serve currently and formerly incarcerated people and their families, and to advocate for justice and human dignity. Join hosts Peggy Sleeth and Breanna Ferguson to learn about this wonderful ministry.

SEEDS OF JOY GARDEN GROUP

Seeds of Joy garden group will be starting a project "Leaves Fall, We Rakem" starting the later part of October through the end of November. The purpose is to help members of the congregation who would like help raking leaves on their property. Members of the congregation who would like to help will be connected to a member requesting help and arrangements can be made based on mutual schedules.

Please contact Cheryl Mahon at **cheryl@flccs.net or 719.447.6064** who will connect you to a member of Seeds of Joy for additional information.

CHERYL'S CORNER

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR THIRD QUARTER VOLUNTEERS!

With 900+ ways to serve each quarter on Sundays or through our regularly scheduled Community Outreach, we have many people to thank. If you see a number beside their name, they served in more than one area this quarter. If you'd like to find an area you would feel comfortable volunteering, please contact our Minister of Congregational Service **cheryl@flccs.net**

Laura Allton, Jan Anderson, Rosemary Anderson 2, David Artley, Dave Aspenson, Patricia Atkins, Butch Backlund 2, Gail Backlund 2, Bonnie Bagley 3, Larry Bagley 3, Andy Ballas, Cindy Bauer, Mike Bauer 2, Flo Bechtold, Bert Bedford 2, Jolene Bedford, LouAnne Benson, Marlene Bigelow, Andrejs Bocek, Brenda Bocek 2, Darren Boedeker, Ken Boehm, Tom Bogard, Diane Boldt, David Bondurant, Judy Bondurant 2, Dick Bowman 3, Janet Bowman 2, Gary Bradley, Linda Branesky, Patti Bursell, Rich Bursell, Karen Busovksy, Bill Busovsky 3, Karen Busovsky 4, Kathleen Capron 2, Ann Carlson, Bruce Carlson, Lisa Christopherson, Linda Cohrs, Judy Compton, Nancy Craig, Charlotte De Jong, Peter De Jong, Sherrie Denton, Barbara Dixon, Joe Dixon, Darrel Dolen, Chuck Donachy 2, Suzanne DuBois 2, Gini Dugan, Dax Duncan, Kristin Duncan, Lori Duncan, Peyton Duncan, Sloane Duncan, Carl Egan, Lynn Eggum, Rob Eggum 3, David Fenell, Sherri Foos 5, Fran Freese, Dan Friedell 3, Pat Friedell 5, Gail Friedly 2, Julie Furstenau 6, Ron Furstenau 5, Delena Garrison-Wellmer, Stacy Gatto 2, Stacy Gattto, Chris Gerbig, Candy Gerlach, Dale Gerlach, Corinne Gibson, George Gillaspie, Paula Gillaspie 2, Sandie Gilliam, Sandy Gilliam, Tad Goodenbour, Jan Gregg 2, Judy Hagge 3, Dave Hardin, Pat Hardin, Sylvia Harding 2, Erna Haring 2, Jerry Harkins, Sandy Harkins, Mary Hartwell, Al Hassebrock, Vicki Heinecke 3, Diane Heinemann, Charlie Helmstetler 4, Linda Helmstetler 6, Bernie Herpin, Karen Hertsgaard, Peggy Hinrichs, Terry Hjelkrem 2, Ruth Hjelmstad 2, Wayne Hjelmstad 2, Kathy Holmes 8, David Jarmuth 2, Cathie John-Fenell 3, Dave Johnson 2, Shirley Jones, Jane Juris 2, Tom Keilers, Riche Kennedy 2, Ryan Kirby 3, Marcus Kochis 4, Ed Koditek 4, Eve Koger, Liz Koo, Liz Koop 2, Don Kusulas, Trudy Lans 2, Jan Larson, Chris Lehmkuhl, Candy Lesoing, Chris Lieber 2, Vicki Lieber 5, Beth Lindquist 2, Gloria Lindsey, Paul Lindsey 2, Jane Linnenburger, Bill Lipscomb, Eileen Lipscomb, Sarah MacLeod, Mark Mahler, Mindy Mahler 6, Cheryl Mahon 2, Steve Mahon 2, Georgette Mathews 3, Brenda

McFillen, Diane Millburn, Celia Molner 2, Wayne Moore, Judy Morgan 2, Cathy Mosco 2, Harry Mosco, Candi Mountain-Gaddie, Kathy Mutz, Elaine Myers 2, Velma Naber, Lance Nelson, Lisa Nelson, Paula Nickodemus 3, Anna Norton, Jill O'Brien, Carol Olson 2, Dana Olson 2, Maari Olson, Chris Parkhill 2, Jon Parobek 2, Linda Parobek 3, Janice Pavell 5, Patsy Pedersen 5, Lois Peel 2, Marilyn Peet, Marlyn Peet, Mary Peet 3, Helen Peterson, Lynn Peterson 4, Bill Phipps, Sherry Phipps, Betsy Pimentel 2, Lane Pinnow, LaVon Pinnow, Cheryl Pixley, Lisa Podoll, Gwen Pool 2, Loretta Rea, Steve Rea, Anne Rivers 5, Pam Rokke 2, Dave Rose 2, Mary Rose, Daniel Scherling, Carol Schlater, Kathy Schroeder 3, Danielle Sena, Verna Severson 2, Darrell Shafer, Rondi Shafer, Tina Sharp 2, Gini Simonson, Jim Simonson, Margie Sisson 3, Brooke Smith, Karolyn Smith, Rusty Smith 2, Stephanie Smith, Steve Steiner, Deborah Steinke, Paul Steinke, Ed Strecker, Bob Tim, Scott Tonder, Dick Utzke, Suzy Utzke, Gudrun Vest, Vickie Voth 2, Georgia Waldthausen 4, Mark Wehrly, Daniel Wicks, John Wicks, Roger Williams, Linda Wilson Holt, Kathy Wyant, Beth Zautke 2, Bill Zautke

Dive into some religious fiction with Pastor Michaela during this monthly book club!

DECEMBER OWLS
FLYING W RANCH – CHRISTMAS AT THE RANCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 1:45 P.M., DEPART 2 P.M. (3 P.M. SHOW)
COST: $75 (DUE AT SIGNUP)

The OWLs will celebrate a Cowboy Christmas Jubilee at the Flying W Ranch! A western Chuckwagon spread of smoked meats with all the trimmings is followed by a western stage show performed by the world-renowned Flying W Wranglers, the second longest-running western performance band in the world (**flyingw.com**) We will enjoy a festival of twinkling white lights and well-lit rock formations to celebrate the Christmas season. Happy Trails, Y'all!! **Deadline for Sign Ups: Monday, October 26. Sign up here: https://bit.ly/4j2fOSf**

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains is in need of two Christmas trees in Colorado Springs. LFSRM participates in the citywide fundraising campaign called Empty Stocking Fund each year, and all participating agencies are required to provide two trees to help decorate the window wells on the bottom level of The Gazette building downtown. The display helps promote the campaign during the holiday season. The trees can be 5 to 6 feet tall and can be green or white. Pre-lit trees are recommended. **If you have a tree in great condition that you would like to donate, please contact britton.varn@lfsrm.org as soon as possible (by Oct. 27 at the latest). Thank you!**

THANK YOU TO THE PEEL HOUSE CANDY JAR SPONSORS!

The Peel House's six candy jars have been a beloved tradition since we opened, bringing smiles to visitors, children, and members.
Thank you for those who have decided to sponsor a Peel House candy jar, At this time, all six jars have been sponsored. If you would like to sponsor a jar in the future, please email Pamela and she will put your name on a waiting list.
Interested in becoming a sponsor?
Contact Pamela Haines at pamela@flccs.net.

PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE VOLUNTEERS

Sign up here: https://bit.ly/3Um9v1z

TALKERS – (October 4 – November 15)
People who love to make a phone call and talk about the children. The talkers are our key to a successful Angel Tree. They call the caregiver, whether it is an aunt, uncle, grandparent, mom, or dad. The talkers ask the questions to help find the perfect gift. "How are you doing? What are the children doing? What would they like for Christmas?"
GIFT GIVERS – (November 16-December 6)
Give that special gift for the special child. No sign up necessary; just pick up an angel tag when they are available.
PARTY BOYS AND GIRLS – (December 12)
Prep for party December 7-11 by filling sacks with candy and fruit. Assist at the party – everybody has a good time and gets treats. Bake or provide cookies (optional). **Sign up before December 7**.
Delivery Drivers – (December 13-December 20)
Deliver 4-5 gifts in a zip code. **Sign up before December 12.**

DINING OUT WITH FIRST LUTHERAN

SELECT TUESDAYS | 5:30 P.M.
VARIOUS RESTAURANTS

All are welcome to join this group, which meets at local restaurants on two Tuesdays of each month to enjoy various cuisines and fellowship. Reservations will be made two weeks in advance, so be sure to sign up early. To register, visit **https://bit.ly/41Rh4ff**

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

October 27	Outback 2825 Geyser Drive
November 10	Marigold's Cafe and Bakery 4605 Centennial Blvd
November 24	Mexico Real 4375 Sinton Road
December 8	Thai Mint 1725 Briargate Blvd

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers designated in memory or in honor of a loved one are now $100. Flowers needed for 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, and 11/22. Order flowers here: **https://bit.ly/4nKyPYq**

2027 ALTAR FLOWER DESIGNATION FORM NOW AVAILABLE

Purchase an altar bouquet in honor or memory of loved ones. This gift is three-fold. Not only do you remember someone's birthday, anniversary, etc., but you decorate our Sanctuary for our Sunday morning services, AND two volunteers break up the arrangement to deliver vases of flowers to our hospitalized or homebound members. Designate flowers for 2027 using this link: **https://bit.ly/3VwJJIi.**

INGATHERING OF FOOD FOR CARE AND SHARE DURING OCTOBER

Please bring all food donations to the mural of the Feeding of the Five Thousand in between the west glass doors to the Gathering Place. Most needed food items are: canned food, canned vegetables, soup, canned meat or tuna, cereal, peanut butter, oatmeal, prepackaged snacks, boxed dinners.

MEET YOUR BROTHER OR SISTER IN CHRIST

Schedule a conversation over coffee with Cheryl using this link: **https://bit.ly/4xGDUW8**

INTERESTED IN HELPING SAND CREEK TEACHERS?

There are several Sand Creek teachers who would like volunteers for their classroom.Please contact Betsy Pimentel at **bjpimentel@aol.com** for more information.

WAYFARER'S

OCTOBER 15 | 11:30 A.M.

Wayfarer's, a group for women who have lost a spouse, will meet at Marigold Cafe and Bakery, 4605 Centennial Blvd.
Contact Brenda McFillen, ***719.495.7133,*** OR **brendamcfillen@gmail.com** if you plan to attend.

THE EMMAUS WAY

"Metanoia describes the moment a person's whole framework shifts. Not their behavior. Not their choices. The lens. It's a movement from the mind you currently have into one you could never have gotten to on your own."
–Barton Breen

A while back we did a series on the Greek word *metanoia*, which is typically translated as "repent" in our Bibles. We tend to think of "repentance" as feeling bad about something we said or did, saying "sorry" to God, and then trying to do better, but it really means to change our minds. We said that it is "a complete reformation of how we think," and that's true. But when I read our friend Barton's description above, I thought, "Yes! That's exactly what metanoia is!" It's such a profound change of how we understand and think about something that it can't help but change how we live, and we know that it was only God's kindness (Romans 2:4) that led us there.

Have you experienced that kind of shift in thinking about something? I have. Most of you know that I come from a fundamentalist past, and it was this kind of movement that broke the constraints of that narrow way of thinking, Well, it's probably more accurate to say that one moment began the breaking, and the movement that started then led to other shifts in thinking, which led to further breaking, which led to further change. And while it is an ongoing process, that initial shift in thinking did feel, in a sense, like it came from outside myself.

If you have experienced something like this, you know it can be very disorienting. When you've long held a certain framework for understanding the world, when that movement of mind happens, it's like every familiar landmark has been erased from the landscape, and you have to learn new ways of navigating the world. It can also come at a cost, especially if your friends don't understand the dramatic change in your viewpoint.

But seeing the world in new ways opens us to beauty we would never have recognized. It frees us to see the full humanity of every person. It helps us see Jesus in places we would have never thought to look.

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near," Jesus said; "your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven," he taught us to pray. What might the world look like if we asked God to shift our thinking to truly see that the kingdom is already present, to begin to live more and more from the kingdom right here and right now? Let's pursue *metanoia* together.

LORI DUNCAN, MINISTER OF SPIRITUAL CARE

https://bit.ly/3UZhm5v

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM GRANTS

THRIVENT SUPPORTS HALLOWEEN

Thrivent members are eligible for two $250 grants per year. Contact Cheryl at ***719.447.6064*** or **cheryl@flccs.net** to select a unique focus for your grant application, then visit **https://www.thrivent.com.** Under the *Generosity* tab select *Thrivent Action Teams.*

ANNUAL MEETING

First Lutheran's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, October 18, after each service to vote on three new Council members and the budget for 2027.

VOLUNTEER AT THE NEW BUILD SITE WITH PIKES PEAK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY!

First Lutheran has agreed to provide ten volunteers on each of our volunteer dates with Apostles and Interfaith Build on Saturday, October 24, and Saturday, January 9, 2027. All volunteers must follow the link below to get signed up and update or complete their liability waiver. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! LEAD CONSTRUCTION STAFF ON SITE TO TEACH YOU!

Shift: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Location: Rising Moon, The intersection of Peaceful Meadow Street and Harvest Moon Terrace, Colorado Springs 80925

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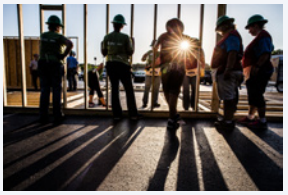

VOLUNTEER

PUT FAITH INTO ACTION

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Saturday, January 9, 2027

Morning Shift: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

No experience necessary

Join Pikes Peak Habitat for a day of service, fellowship, and fun on our construction site at our Rising Moon Neighborhood as you help build a home for a local family!

10 volunteer spots available each shift

Register Here

Please use the QR Code to register:

Online registration link and liability waiver:
https://bit.ly/4yeJ3py

QUESTIONS?

Sarah Jiminez (formerly Buchen)
sarah.jiminez@pikespeakhabitat.org

In the Life of the Church …

Birthdays

October 19
Sandie Gilliam
Alan Jacobsen

October 20
Judy Hagge
Gary Harris
Ann Hjelmstad
Jill Walsh

October 21
Madison Huebner
Bob Johnson
Roger Wilson

October 22
Arik Aufderheide

October 23
Chris Gerbig
Jess Knudtson
Eileen Lipscomb
Rich Tuttle

October 24
Charlie Helmstetler
Dakota Johnson
Luke Travins

October 25
Annette Kester
Cris Waters

Anniversaries

October 23
Jan and Wayne Booker *50 years*

Prayer Requests

Lannette Abbey
Joan Abrahamsen
Beth Allen
Fred Bachmeier
Elmer Bauman
Tana Beall
Joan Boehm
Carrara Boone
Shari Brian
Brittany
Bill & Barbara Brown
Bryon
Karl & Pam Cartwright
Tanya Charbonneau
John & Debbie Chlebus
Nell Clowder
Linda Collier
David Dickey
Alan Flinn
Corinne Gibson
Nola Gosch
Krista Grant
Bob Haines
Hannah
Private Steven Harris
Doug Hering
Ginger Hipszky
Jake Hodnett
Randy Hollar
Bill & Doreen Hulka
Jeff Ipson
Sarah Iskra
Alan Jacobsen
Kinsley Johnson
Josh Jones
Shirley Jones
Ann Junk
Jonas Kagarise
Kyong Kelley
Tami Kephart
Rus Kester
Gaye Lynn Kielcheski
Cindy Koger
Marilyn Knutson
Sydney Kruger
Sharon Kruse
Sharon Lakey
Preston Lauscher
Jesse Lawrence & Family
The Leinweber-Cosico Family
Timothy Lillich
Dayne Lindquist
Bill Lipscomb
Irene Lopez
Garry MacCormack
Jim Matthews
Nick McKibben & Family
Hugh McNeely
Megan
Brandon Miller & Family
Marilyn Miller
Paul Moe
Michael Morarie
Wendy Moreland & Family
Tricia Muehlbauer
Wilma Nicolaisen
Robert Nielson
Sam Norton
Owen & Family
Jack & Judy Peterson
Darlene Radke
Jeff Rapp
Randy Schacht
Carol Schlater
David Selleck
The Bonnye Sielken Family
The Frank Sotomayor Family
Becky Stabler
Cindy Stanley
Matthew Stark
Becky Sternal
Barbara Swan
Michael Taylor
Aaron & Cindi Thorson
Karen Henderson-VanDuyn and Family
Doni Vest
Gudrun Vest
Vickie Voth
Lily Juemei Wang
Christine Welch
Suzanne Wilkinson
Greg & Carolyn Young
Beth Zautke
Julie Frank Zeeb
Charles Zerbe

Please keep these members – and family and friends – of First Lutheran in your prayers this week. If you are requesting to have a name added to the prayer list, please consult with that person prior to making your request. Prayer requests may be submitted by using a Connection Card (in church) or by emailing **teri@flccs.net.**

In Remembrance of

Bob Van Duyn

Karen Henderson-Van Duyn's husband; Robert & Gary's father; Dorothy and Holly's father-in-law; grandfather of one; whose memorial service will be in our Sancotuary on Thursday, October 22, at 1 p.m.

Date of death October 11, 2026

In Remembrance of

Dianne Wilkerson

whose memorial service will be on October 16, 1 p.m., here at First Lutheran in the Sanctuary.

Worship and Study

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
SUNDAYS IN THE SANCTUARY
8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
SUNDAYS IN THE WORSHIP CENTER
10:15 A.M.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUPS
6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

ONLINE WORSHIP
STREAMED LIVE AT 9:30 A.M AND 10:15 A.M.(CONTEMPORARY)
Tune in on First Lutheran's YouTube channel, on the church website, or in the church app.

QUARTERLY ADULT EDUCATION
Four times a year, we offer Adult Education classes at a variety of times and on a wide range of interesting topics. Be sure to read the *Ekklesia* for announcements and information about upcoming programs.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
LUTHER HALL | 10 A.M.
Led by the preaching pastor for the week

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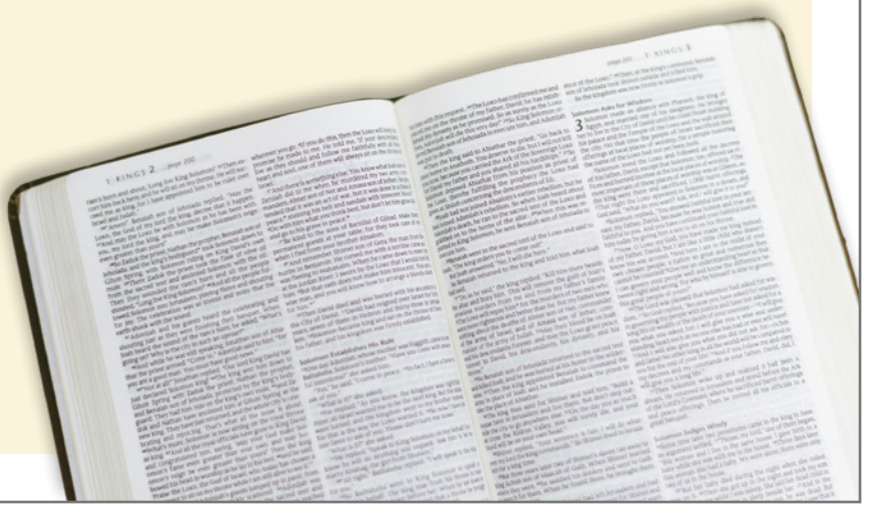
NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES
Isaiah 45: 1 – 7
Thessalonians 1: 1 – 10
Matthew 5: 13 – 16



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