There was an old documentary called, “On Any Sunday.” It was over motorcycle sports. I think it even won an academy award a long time ago. However, motorcycles aren’t my topic today. My topic is the title “On Any Sunday.” On any Sunday people sleep in. On any Sunday people enjoy time with their family. On any Sunday people go to church. I know, churches may not have as many people attending as they once did, but it is still true. Jesus’ Church still exists. Wherever God’s Word is faithfully taught, and the sacraments, instituted by Jesus, are faithfully observed, there Jesus’ Church meets, and will continue to meet until our Lord returns.

The world is in a constant state of turmoil. Society changes and ideas change. God does not change. “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom
there is no variation or shadow due to change.” (James 1:17 ESV) There is comfort in God, who never changes and whose word does not come and go like the shadows around us. There is peace in the constant presence of God’s Law and God’s Gospel, God’s commands that never change and God’s constant promise of forgiveness in Jesus. The world may debate what is right and what is wrong. We see wars and rumors of war, calamity, and disaster. Jesus warned us this would be the case. (Matthew 24:6, Mark 13:7) We need a place of stability and sanity. While we debate such trivial matters as, “is there a chicken sandwich place that is closer to God?” Jesus waits. Culture turns on a dime. On any Sunday Jesus’ Church waits with His unchanging Word.

Are we sinners in need of hearing God’s law and being called to repentance. Yes. And in church god’s law waits. Are we sinners weighed down with sin and needing God’s forgiving Gospel, the good news of Jesus forgiveness? Yes. And in church that Gospel waits. In Church Jesus waits in His Word, and in the water and Word of Baptism, and the bread and wine that He tells us is His body and blood. In Church God waits to give you His gifts of eternal life and salvation. In Church God waits to strengthen you with words that do not change, and comfort you with promises that do not change. No matter how wild or scary the world looks, Jesus Word is stronger, and it waits for you, any given Sunday.

**FLC Office Hours:** Office hours at Faith now run 10A.M. to 1 P.M. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 P.M. - 5 P.M. on Wednesdays.

**Deadlines:** Please make sure any information needing to be included in Sunday’s bulletins is given to FLC Administrative Assistant by the Wednesday BEFORE that Sunday service. If it is received after Wednesday, the information will then be included in the following Sunday’s bulletin. Our bulletins can then be published in a timely manner.

**WWW:** Check out our presence on the world wide web! Faith’s webpage is at faithlutheranbv.org. If you look in the links section, there you will find that our Facebook page is linked there as well. Stop in and keep in touch.
**November Attendance and Offering Report**

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Approximate operating expenses for November 2019 are **$9,400.00**.

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**Please submit your articles and other input for the January Newsletter to FLC’s administrative assistant by Friday, December 20th, 2019.**

*thank you!*

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**2020 Spending Plan Correction**

The $30,302 pastor salary listed in the 2020 Spending Plan is not correct. It did not include the 3.77% ($2,500) increase that we voted on in the November Voter Meeting. The 10 + 2 spreadsheet that was presented at the meeting was modified from the October 9 + 3 spreadsheet that did not have a salary increase for 2020. The correct amount is $32,804.

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**Subject: Newsletter suggestions (5 W's)**

When submitting articles for the monthly Newsletter please include the following:

- **Who** (who is doing the event and who to ask questions or give suggestions to)
- **What**
- **When** - date and times. (Start and ending times)
- **Where**
- **Why**
- Volunteer needed
Faith Fiction Fans Gathering  (The FLC Book Club)

Faith Fiction Fans – Thanks to everyone who came to the discussion about Mrs. Miracle Christmas. It was fun to share.

In December, we are having a wrapped book exchange. Everyone participating should wrap up a Christian themed book (new or used) to exchange with another participant. We will discuss the books at the January gathering.

December Title: Wrapped book exchange
When/where: December 19th, 6 pm, Beckers’ House
Please bring a batch of your favorite cookies!
Drinks will be provided.

Everyone is welcome to join in the discussions or even just to read along and talk about it with friends!

Buena Vista Christmas Opening and Parade of Lights

Please join us on December 7 for the Buena Vista Christmas Opening. The Faith Lutheran Church Strolling Carolers will meet at the corner of Main street and Railroad Streets at 4:00 PM. We will Carol on main street with a 15-minute stop at The Simple Eatery to warm up and invite their customers to sing-a-long. Friends are always welcome to join us.

Upcoming Advent Events and Services

DECEMBER 4 - Midweek Advent Dinner, 6:15 P.M.
DECEMBER 4 - Midweek Advent Service, 7 P.M.
DECEMBER 11 - Midweek Advent Dinner, 6:15 P.M.
DECEMBER 11 - Midweek Advent Service, 7 P.M.
DECEMBER 18 - Midweek Advent Dinner, 6:15 P.M.
DECEMBER 18 - Midweek Advent Service, 7 P.M.
DECEMBER 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 P.M.
DECEMBER 25 - Christmas Morning Service, 10 A.M.
Those Serving Us This Month

Communion Setup
Amy Becker

Altar Flowers
December 1 - Joann and Tim Feebeck
December 8 - Marcia and Denny Witte
December 15 - Barb and Bill Kegler
December 22 - Clare and Joel Tarcha
December 29 - Myrna Cunningham

Readers
December 1 - Nancy Bjornstad
December 8 - Clare Tarcha
December 15 - Sherry Bishop
December 22 - Tim Pleger
December 29 - Jody Werner

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December 1 - Joann and Tim Feebeck
December 8 - Marcia and Denny Witte
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December 22 - Clare and Joel Tarcha
December 29 - Myrna Cunningham

Cleaning the Sanctuary
December 1 - Clare and Joel Tarcha
December 8 - N/A
December 15 – Jean and Mark Brinkmann
December 22 - Vaughn and Sherry Bishop
December 29 - N/A

Greeters
December 1 - Betty and Dan Muecke
December 8 - Jeryl and Richard Peterson
December 15 - Dan and Betty Muecke
December 22 - Sherry and Vaughn Bishop
December 29 - Jean Moltz

Cleaning the Basement
December 1 - Clare and Joel Tarcha
December 8 - Sue and Tim Pleger
December 15 – Jean and Mark Brinkmann
December 22 - Vaughn and Sherry Bishop
December 29 - N/A

Ushers
December 1 - Sue and Tim Pleger
December 8 - Joel and Clare Tarcha
December 15 - Vaughn and Sherry Bishop
December 22 - Tim and Sue Pleger
December 29 - Jean and Mark Brinkmann

Refreshments
December 1 - Connie Wright
December 6 - Sherry Bishop
December 15 - Sue Pleger
December 22 - Sandy Campbell
December 29 - Peggy Johnson

Elders
Tim Pleger
Jim Bornemann
Alan Hysjulien

The First Fruits for December: **Canned Fruit.**
When you are at the grocery store, **throw one or two cans in your basket.**
You will not notice a big difference in your budget but it will make a big
difference to the family that gets to eat because of you. All of the food that
is collected is donated to the Arkansas Valley Christian Mission.
A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who donated gift-filled boxes for the Operation Christmas Child project! I took 20 boxes (and 1 donation was given online) to Clear View on Monday morning. What a wonderful opportunity to give a child happiness and joy who likely would not receive much if anything for Christmas. This represents the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ to the children, families, and their communities.

Sherry Bishop

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of Ushers, Greeters, Readers, Sanctuary and Basement Cleaners, Flower Sponsors, and Volunteer Substitutes. It takes everyone’s time and talents for Sunday Worship Services. We still have several needs unfilled for the upcoming months. Please contact Clare Tarcha (970) 819-8390 for more information or to volunteer.

Thank you and God’s Blessings, Clare

FLOWERS: Please sign up on the flower chart located in the Narthex by the entry doors. Sunday Flowers may be given in honor or memory of a loved one, a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary, or to the Glory of God. Please note that on the flower chart, and we will include it in the Sunday bulletin. If you want to sponsor a vase of flowers but cannot do the arrangement yourself, please sign up and then notify Clare Tarcha at (970) 819-8390. The cost is $30 for the arrangement. Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church and note “Flowers” in the memo field.

Thrivent Action Team

All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. However, the number of teams each member can lead per year depends on his or her membership type.

Benefit members are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and associate members are eligible to lead one per calendar year (maximum of three).

A $250 Community Impact Card you can use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact.
Men’s Monday Morning Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study on Monday mornings, 9 A.M. at Mark Brinkmann’s home. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Becker or Mark.

Monday Evening Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study on Monday mornings, 9 A.M. at Mark Brinkmann’s home. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Becker or Mark.

LifeLight Tuesday Bible Study

We invite you to attend the Tuesday morning LifeLight Bible study on Worship in November. This Worship study is part of the LifeLight Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books. The goal of LifeLight is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ.

This session on Worship is based on experience of many Christians who remark they went to a fight and a worship service broke out! It is true that many battles have erupted over questions of worship. Through sometimes the issues are petty, oftentimes they are not, for they get at the core of what worship is and does.

You are welcome to meet at the FLC parking lot at 8:50 AM and travel together to my home for 9:30 fellowship before the video and study session.

Barb

The Wednesday A.M. Women’s Bible Study will begin mid-January 2020. "And the Angel's Were Silent" by Max Lucado will be our focus of study. With a gentleness laced with boldness, Max will help us see the heart of Christ and remember what really matters.

Please let me know if you would like a book. Cost...$10.

Thanks and blessings. Peg J. Ph. 395-4502
Faith Lutheran LWML

Upcoming LWML Events

Feed My Sheep Sunday
December 8th, 2019 – Mite Box Sunday

Next LWML Monthly Meeting
December 14th, 2019,
9:30 a.m., Christmas Party
at Mt Princeton RV park clubhouse.
Theme: Sing to Jesus, King Eternal

Secret Prayer Sisters
Please contact Cindy Dunekacke if you
have any questions.

For Crafting: Please
save wine corks, metal
Altoid containers, and
denim - any weight,
any color.
Thanks,
Cindy

ON-GOING IN-GATHERINGS
Aluminum Pull Tabs-Ronald McDonald House Charities
Box Tops for Education - Avery Parsons Elementary
Happy Feet - quarters LWML outreach to be decided
Greeting Card fronts - Ark Valley Christian Mission
Postage Stamps for the American Legion Post 55
A three drawer container is in the Narthex for the above collected items.
Thanks for the many Blessings you give.
DECEMBER CALENDAR DATES

LWML will host the first Advent soup dinner December 4 serving at 6:15 PM.
The Elders and Men's Bible study will host the second Advent dinner of chili and corn bread December 11 serving at 6:15 PM.
The third Advent dinner will be served December 18 at 6:15. (Host unknown at this time)

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Advent, a preparatory time of waiting and watching, communicates the message of hope. BLUE — the color of the sky — helps convey that powerful message.

During the season of Advent we invite everyone to wear their Blue FLC Shirt in addition to December 29 our last Blue-Shirt Sunday for 2019.

- THANK YOU -

Thank you each and everyone for your donation of food, time and fellowship at the Thanksgiving Dinner November 28…and Thank You for your Thanks Living donations of canned goods for the Ark Valley Christian Mission. You are a Blessing to the Buena Vista community.

INVITATION TO DISPLAY YOUR CRÈCHE

November 30 after our church is decorated with Christmas decorations you are invited to bring your Crèche, AKA Nativity, to Fellowship Hall. A display of members' Crèches will start November 30, set up at 1:00 PM, until our church is undecorated January 4 at 10:00 AM.

Bring as many Crèches as you would like to set up on tables and a brief write up about each Crèche. For example, why it is special to you, what country you purchased it from, or how it became a family heirloom. Also, please include your name on your Crèche.

Crèche display hours will be Sunday morning and Wednesday during our Advent meal and service.

If you will be gone from Buena Vista over the Christmas holiday feel free to remove your Crèche before leaving town.

Please let Barb know how many Crèches you will be bringing so we have enough display tables.
In Our Prayers

MARK GLAESER: Lisa Stahlecker’s college friend, is going through an aggressive form of prostate cancer. Please pray for his wife Gwen and his daughter Kristen and her husband Caleb. Please pray that Mark can continue directing music at a large Lutheran Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

SUSAN, from Delta, another friend of Lisa’s, has had surgery for colon cancer. The tumor had shrunk and was not in her lymph nodes. She is struggling with recuperating from the surgery, has lost a lot of weight. Please pray for healing.

SARAH DREHER, prayers of thanks for healing.

DON, the Keglers’ long-time friend in Ponca City starts radiation and chemotherapy for stage 3 cancer.

LARRY BEHRMANN, and his family. He has been on the prayer chain for his throat cancer. This has now spread to his lymph nodes, lungs, brain and throughout his body. They have stopped chemotherapy. His prognosis is not good.

GARY DENNIS, and his wife Lori. He has active cancer. This will be a difficult battle. Please pray for God to surround them with His love and strength. May they be brought closer to Him through this time of trial.

Marcia’s friend, BARB’S MOTHER, who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

MIKE HAYDEN, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

WANDA, Mark Brinkmann’s friend, who has kidney stone and cancer. Please pray for relief of her pain.

JAMES, Evelyn Behrmann’s son, is undergoing some extensive, potentially serious, health issues and treatment.

GARY LONGWELL, Dar’s son, and Dar as she cares for him, as he has developed an infection on his other foot.

JOHNNY RAMIREZ-STOUT, , Claudette’s great-nephew, who had a stroke, is now able to communicate and is continuing to progress. However, he is still awaiting a donor kidney. Please lift him and the family up in prayer during this difficult time.

GENEVIEVE NEALLEY, Claudette Hysjulien’s mother, who’s had medical issues; she was recently hospitalized with pneumonia.

PAYTON, who is 15, who is now in a Christian Rehab Academy. Please keep praying for him.

JO BERAN, and his wife, Judi, dear friends of Betty’s, for healing, faith and strength to face these difficult times.

BECKY DAUGHETY, is suffering from a severe back problem -- very painful for her to walk.

ELLIOIT, son of one if the police officers in Milo and Peggy’s daughter’s department, who was born paralyzed from the waist down, going though testing for intestinal bleeding.

DON, a friend of Mark Brinkmann, as he recovers from a motorcycle accident.

LUCILLE BRINKMANN, who has broken vertebrae in her lower back. Please pray for healing and pain relief.

THE COOK FAMILY, who mourn the death of Dave’s mother.

Please e-mail prayer requests to: timjo@centurylink.net
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| **27** | | | | | | **28** | DEADLINE for January Newsletter input. |
| **29** | Bible Class 8:30 a.m  
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Sunday Service 10 a.m.  
Blue Shirt Sunday | **30** | Men’s Bible Study, 9 a.m.  
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