There is never a time that your Pastor’s attention wavers from its laser beam-like focus on God’s Word. Well, except for basketball season. Oh yeah, and when driving cool cars. Or when something comes up with his wife or kids. Or friends. But other than that, laser beam focus. Yeah.

In seminary, I was taught that your first vocation, or calling, is always to God, then your family, then your work. But it is sometimes really hard to keep things in order. Your eyes and mind get distracted, pulled away, by the things of the world. I know the first commandment, “You shall have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:3) but it is so easy to let other gods slip in.

I know, I know, we aren’t building golden calves in our backyard and saying, “this is my god” but anything that displaces God from the center of your life can become an idol so quickly. People bow at the altars of sports, and
money, and sleep, and popularity, and so many other things, quickly losing their focus on God. People try to change God from the God revealed to us in His Word into something more to their tastes, making their own God in this way, as well. Idols are so easily built. But what can you do?

First things first. Make God’s Word a priority. A recent survey showed that only about 20% of those identifying as Christian read their Bible regularly. I don’t know about you, but I have to read books in order to ingest the material in them. Sleeping on them doesn’t really help. And the Word of God is more important than any other book. The Word of God comes with a promise, “so shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I purpose, And shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 5:11) So get into God’s Word regularly and with joy knowing that, through it, He is doing wonderful things, like giving you strength and faith to make it through whatever would distract you, and bringing you back to God.

Also, remember to gather together. God has given you a wonderful gift, a Church. You have a family forged in the water of baptism. It is a place of refuge, a place of strength. So be in it. “Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:25) God meets you in Church with Word and Sacrament. He meets you there with loving arms in His people and body and blood in His Sacrament.

There we gather and are strengthened, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1) Our focus may waver, but Jesus’ does not. He is there waiting for you, ready to strengthen you. Ready to help you focus as you run your race.

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.
### January Attendance and Offering Report

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Approximate operating expenses for January 2019 are $9,400.00.

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**Please submit your articles and other input for the March Newsletter to FLC’s administrative assistant by Friday, February 21st, 2020.**

*thank you!*

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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?

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**PHOTOS** for the 2020 church directory will be taken Sunday February 2, 9 and 16th in Fellowship Hall immediately following Worship service. Or, you may submit a photo by sending it to Bill's email address; wkmtnthm@gmail.com. New directories will be distributed mid-March.

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The Rocky Mountain District is looking for ways to connect with you and help you stay connected with others. You can subscribe by going to the following website: [https://rm.lcms.org/](https://rm.lcms.org/) then hit the "subscribe button" at the bottom of the page to enter your email address.

Peaks and Valleys District News is the monthly Newsletter also found on the website. There you can read Rev. Roger Schlechte's article titled Christmas Continues; LWML convention news; Blessings in Clovis NM; Servant Events and WANTED: Summer staff; and A Thanksgiving tradition.
Evangelism Report for February 2020

A booklet titled "A Simple Explanation of the Church Service" has been placed in each pew for your use as you participate in the church service. This small guide will help you understand more of what is happening, why it is happening, and some of the special language used in the church. May the Lord bless your worship every Sunday.

Members, please save GREETING CARDS. There will be a container in Narthex for greeting cards for recycle into Christmas ABC's book. Thank you, Barb

The congregation is invited to hear about Faith Lutheran Church’s mission, “Stephen Ministries” and enjoy BBQ ribs luncheon. Sunday, February 9th after church. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

You are invited to the FLC Lent and Holy Week Services

Ash Wednesday "Misjudging Eyes"
   February 26th, 7 PM
7 PM Wednesday Lent Theme: "Eyes on Jesus"
   "Betraying Eyes" March 4th
   "Sleepy Eyes" March 11th
   "Denying Eyes" March 18th
   "Murderous Eyes" March 25th
   "Worldly Eyes" April 1st

Maundy Thursday 7 PM, April 9th
   "More Than Meets The Eye"
Good Friday 7 PM, April 10th
   "God's Eyes"
Easter 10:00 AM, April 12th
   "Angel Eyes"

The following have volunteered to provide Lent meals . . .

February 26 LWML
March 4 Wednesday Bible Study - led by Peggy J.
March 11 Faith Lutheran Church council
March 18 Bell Choir
March 25 Monday Men’s Bible study - led by Mark
April 1 LWML

Menu and times to be announced.
We are Thankful to have the above members time, talent and donation of meals.
Those Serving Us This Month

Communion Setup
Clare Tarcha

Altar Flowers
February 2 - Milo and Peggy Johnson
February 9 - Alf and Debbie Gimbel
February 16 - Jean and Mark Brinkmann
February 23 - Myrna Cunningham

Greeter
Marcia Mabey
Jean Moltz
Richard and Jeryl Peterson
Tim and Sue Pleger

Ushers
February 2 - Amy Becker and Jean Brinkmann
February 9 - Amy Becker and Clare Tarcha
February 16 - Amy Becker and Jean Brinkmann
February 23 - Amy Becker and Jean Brinkmann

Elders
Tim Pleger
Alan Hysjulien
Mark Brinkmann

Reader
Milo Johnson
Peggy Johnson
Milo Johnson
Peggy Johnson

Cleaning the Sanctuary and Basement
February 2 - Barb and Bill Kegler
February 9 - Barb and Bill Kegler
February 16 - Barb and Bill Kegler
February 23 - Kim and Natalie Roesler

Refreshments
February 2 - Sherry Bishop
February 9 - Jeryl Peterson
February 16 - Jana Schumann
February 23 - Sue Pleger

ON-GOING IN-GATHERINGS

THE NEXT GENERATION OF BOX TOPS IS HERE.

Box Tops is changing to fit today's families. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Go to Box tops 4 education.com to learn more.

- Aluminum Pull Tabs - Ronald McDonald House Charities
- Box Tops for Education - Avery Parsons Elementary
- Happy Feet - quarters LWML outreach to be decided
- Postage Stamps for the American Legion Post 55

A three drawer container is in the Narthex for the above collected items. Thank you for the many Blessings you give.
Faith Fiction Fans Gathering (The FLC Book Club)

Faith Fiction Fans — Welcome to a new year for our book club! We had a great discussion at January’s gathering about all the books we exchanged at our Christmas meeting. Our February book is *Bury Me With My Pearls* by Jane Jenkins Herlong. The book focuses on humor with a spiritual twist and was the 2015 Christian Small Publisher Book of the Year. Please join us on February 20th at 6:30p.m. at the Beckers’ home.

**Book:** *Bury Me With My Pearls* by Jane Jenkins Herlong  
**Gathering Time/Place:** February 20th 6:30 p.m. Beckers’ home (13 Park Lane)  
**Snacks and beverages provided**  
**Open to everyone; please join the fun!**

Questions? Amy Becker can help.

The **First Fruits** for February: *Peanut Butter and Jelly*

When you are at the grocery store, **throw one or two cans/jars 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.

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 or Debbie Gimbel at (720) 472-0285. The cost is $30 for the arrangement. Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church and note “Flowers” in the memo field.

If anyone cannot serve as scheduled, please find a replacement or contact Debbie Gimbel if you are having difficulties.
Men’s Monday Morning Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study on Monday mornings, 9 A.M., Mark Brinkmann’s. 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, which started January 7, 2020. 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 A.M. fellowship before the video and study session.

—Barb

Monday Evening Bible Study

Monday Evening Bible Study, 6 P.M., Erin Mueller’s. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Becker.

The Wednesday A.M. Women's Bible Study continues each Wednesday at 9 A.M. "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**
February 9th, 2019 – Happy Feet Sunday

**Next LWML Monthly Meeting**
February 6, 2019, 1 p.m.

**Secret Prayer Sisters**
Please contact Clare Tarcha if you have any questions.

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**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Stephen Ministry was founded in the mid-1970’s by Kenneth Haugk, an LCMS pastor with a PhD in psychology. Stephen Ministry trains lay people to give one-on-one care to someone experiencing the challenges of life, such as: grief, illness, loss, or family issues.

What makes Stephen Ministry successful is the ongoing training and supervision that provide the Stephen Ministers with the knowledge, practice and support that enable them to be present with those they care for and extend Christ’s love . . . Christ is truly at the heart of this ministry.

Stephen Ministry enables people to respond to God’s call to care for one another in a meaningful and effective way. Within the caring relationships, GOD works to strengthen faith. HIS presence encourages those receiving care - in the midst of the difficulties they face - to trust HIM.

Our caring ministry at Faith can be enhanced, increased and improved through Stephen Ministry.

We will have a Vision Luncheon on Sunday, February 9, following our Worship Service. Join us as we consider where God is leading our congregation.
FLC Blue Shirt orders will be taken this month in preparation for 2020 Blue Shirt Sunday the 5th Sunday of the month. IN ADDITION, you are invited to wear your FLC Blue Shirt for Lent services starting the end of February.

NEW for this February will be the option to order a royal blue sweatshirt for the chilly months here in Colorado. The sweatshirts are the Gildan brand the same as the blue polo shirt.

If you would like to purchase a Royal Blue Polo shirt or sweatshirt with the Faith Lutheran logo embroidered on it, please place your name on the signup sheet in the Narthex. Deadline for the shirt orders is Sunday, February 16.

After receiving the ordered shirts from Amazon, I will embroider the Faith Lutheran logo on the shirt for you.

Current polo shirt prices are Small $8.08; Medium $8.08; Large $8.08; X Large $8.96; and XX Large $10.63.

Current Sweatshirt prices are Small $11.77; Medium $11.77; Large, XL $11.85 and XXL are $12.31.

Prices will include taxes and may include shipping, both are subject to vary at time of order. Payment for your embroidered shirt will be due upon delivery to you.

Your FLC embroidered Polo or sweatshirt shirt may be worn at FLC community events, such as Buena Vista parades, serving meals at Arkansas Valley Christian Mission, the fifth Sunday in a month and 2020 Lent services.

Questions contact Barb Kegler at 539-3241

— New choice —

LADIES blue cardigan option from Blair catalog or online.

You are welcome to order a royal blue cardigan from www.blair.com/. I am happy to embroider the Faith Lutheran logo on it for you. They are currently On Sale at $19.99.
Congregational Cross Banner

This is a good time of the year to update our Family in Christ banner that hangs at the back of the Sanctuary. Our hope is that all families of the congregation are represented by a cross on the banner with their family name on it. If you family does not yet have a cross on the banner, we encourage you to make a personalized cross for the banner.

Above is a pattern for the family cross. We are asking that each cross be made according to the pattern so that all crosses will be approximately the same size. The cross can be made of any material that you want to use, but the suggestion would be that it is something that will last such as wood, quilting, heavy cloth, cross-stitch, etc. We are also asking that the family name appear on the cross. Otherwise, the design, layout, colors, material etc. are limited by your own creativity.

When your cross is finished, bring it to church and it will be placed on the banner, in place of the current paper cross with your name on it. If you have questions, please talk to Barb.
In Our Prayers

RACHEL STEPP, daughter of friends of Cindy and Jeff. She has tongue and lymph node cancer, is a freshman in college. Please pray for healing and strength for her and her family.

SUSAN, had surgery for colon cancer. 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.

GARY DENNIS, Prayers are requested for Gary and Lori Dennis. Gary has a blood clot in his aorta. They are trying to get him a quick appointment with a vascular specialist in Denver. Please pray for God’s presence with them in this latest complication.

MIKE HAYDEN, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

WANDA, Mark Brinkmann’s friend, has cancer and broken vertebrae. Pray for pain relief.

GARY SPARROW, as he recovers from heart surgery this past week.

DONNA CLARK, who’s had a possible mini-stroke.

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, Milo and Peggy’s 16 yr. old grandson, has been baptized at rehab therapy in Texas. His Dad asks prayer for sobriety...discernment...understanding.

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

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

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

LUCILLE BRINKMANN. Please pray for relief from back and leg pain.

DAVID, Erin Mueller’s cousin, had a heart attack, two stints in place. We give prayers of thanks for God’s continued presence as he heals.

NEIL HAGLOV, Erin’s husband. Prayers that he begins to believe in the Lord and the power of God’s love.

MARCIA WITTE. Thank you for all the prayers during my two eye surgeries. Please continue prayers for healing and that the double vision would subside.

SAMANTHA GREEN, for strength, hope and faith in her grieving.

GARY PEBLEY, a very close friend of Vaughn’s and former college roommate is experiencing some very serious heart and lung problems, awaiting more tests. Please pray for him and for the doctors addressing his issues.

The family of BONNIE KALLWEIT. Bonnie went to be with her Lord January 8, 2020. She was a former member of FLC, Mary Beth Moser (daughter) works at BV Library.

SARAH GALAGHER, as she mourns the death of her son.

Please e-mail prayer requests to: timjo@centurylink.net
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