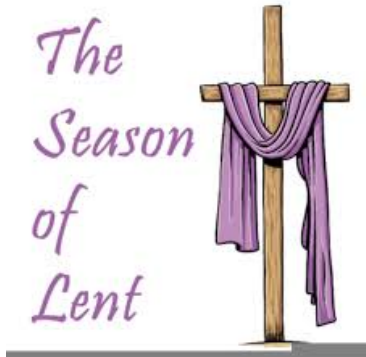




FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

MARCH 2021



LENTEN SERVICES

Lenten Services started on Wednesday, February 17th . We will meet in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. through March 24th. We will NOT have our traditional soup supper. We will observe all the church COVID guidelines with masks and social distancing. The services will be led by the Elders.

Lenten Service elders are:

- February 24 - Dennis Baker & Colin Hogan
- March 3 - Terri Morrison & Paul Hallock
- March 10- Carmen Goodman & Belle Stapleton
- March 17 - Tom Dowler & Cal Decker
- March 24 - Robin Nelson & Erika Stupak
- April 1 - Maundy Thursday

Temperatures and attendance will be taken prior to entering the sanctuary.

"You could say that prayer without fasting is like boxing with one hand tied behind your back, and that fasting without prayer is, well, dieting"

----Matt Fradd

Church Staff:

Interim Pastor Dr. Caryn Yoast
 Lisa Walker, Bookkeeper
 Kathy Winders, Secretary
 Annette Crain, Preschool Director
 Cheryl Dionne, Nursery Staff
 Ronnie Sambrano, Custodial Contractor
 Ministers: Every Member!

Office hours:

Mon.-Thurs.
 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
 Fridays: CLOSED



SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:15 Worship Service
 9:00 Adult Sunday School
 10:10 - Worship Service

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Preschool 8:45 - 12:00 P.M. M-F
 Preschool Phone - 472-0649



**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME
CHANGE**

**REMEMBER TO
SPRING FORWARD
SUNDAY,
MARCH 14, 2021**

This morning I was reading an Ash Wednesday devotional written by a recent graduate from my seminary. My first thought was “someone raised her well”. She spoke about growing up in Sunday School and her class talking about what they were “giving up” during Lent. As kids, she and her friends joked about giving up “homework, school, and chores.” Usually, they gave up things were “bad” for them “junk food, soda pop, fast food” or thought they should give up things they “enjoyed”. Self-deprivation was the real meaning of Lent don’t you know.

Reading Psalm 51 in seminary she learned perhaps she and her friends and her well meaning Sunday School teachers didn’t quite understand the meaning of a Lenten sacrifice. How, she began to wonder, would giving up soda pop relieve the burdens that weighed down upon her heart? It wouldn’t. But she learned trying not to be so “overindulgent” or “short tempered with others” might.

Psalm 51 is traditionally read on Ash Wednesday. It is a penitential psalm that turns our attention to our “inward being,” our deepest places where we find our truest selves, the image of God. Here is where we all find ourselves in need of a good bath---our bones, our spirits, our hearts. We have all become grimy, stained and sullied with wandering, wrongdoing, sin.

And yet, this is where our God meets us---Emmanuel meets us in the middle of our mess and our muck. Emmanuel meets us here in our murky inward being as we offer our broken places and spirits, our humble and contrite hearts as our sacrifice. Our Lenten sacrifice isn’t soda pop or chocolate. It is those things that muddy our heart spirit.

This year, as a community you are invited to join our staff and our Board of Officers in taking up a Lenten sacrifice together. We are a community are not speaking well, not communicating well with each other these days. And so together our Lenten Sacrifice is this:

Before speaking to others, I will ask these 3 questions:

Is it kind? Is it true? Is it necessary?

This **pause** in our speech will change our inward being. It will bathe our spirits and hearts in wisdom from God. In taking up this Lenten sacrifice we may discover that what Greg Pennoyer says is true. Lent is the season we realize **God is FOR us**. He says, “*If Advent/Christmas is a revelation of God’s presence with us, then Lent/Easter is a revelation of God’s desire to use all of life for our wholeness and our healing---the revelation that God will pull life from death.*”

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, ad sustain in me a generous spirit.*

May it be so.

Here in our inward being we are met by our God and we plead for God’s mercy! We know what we have become, what we have made of ourselves. We know our sin. We do not turn away from this. We ask our God to wash the grime away. We implore our God to cleanse us from stain. Teach us wisdom. Let us hear joy and gladness. Make our hearts clean and new! Recreate us! Make us steadfast, re-shape us into something new.

CHURCH PROTOCOL UPDATE

REGARDING COVID-19 AS OF 2/15/21

First Christian Church continues to monitor the COVID Pandemic and have been following the recommended precautions to limit the spread of the virus. We continue to limit church attendance to 50 people at both services, require face masks, social distance people by alternating every other pew to sit in and provided hand sanitizer at various different locations throughout the church. We feel that these measures keep our congregation as safe as possible and still allow us to worship on a weekly basis.

Our preschool has done a remarkable job in cleaning and sanitizing the areas that the kids are in and we are one of the few preschools in town that has not had to shut a classroom down due to COVID exposure.

Our custodian continues to do a fantastic job in cleaning and sanitizing all areas in the church with special attention to the high touch areas. All of these measures help prevent the spread of COVID.

So where do we go from here? We are now beginning to work toward providing Sunday School for our children again. We currently have 2 adults Sunday School classes that meet at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. Twice a month our CYF Sunday School (grades 6-12) meets during the 10:10 worship service. If you are interested in assisting us as we work toward providing a safe and comfortable learning environment for our children please let the church office know.

We will continue to check temperatures, ask people to continue to wear face masks, provide hand sanitizer, and continue to social distance as much as possible.

We are committed to providing worship and education opportunities for all of our church families in a clean and safe environment. Should you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me or Dr. Yoast. ***Dennis Baker***



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CENTENNIAL MINUTES MEMORY

February 13, 1934

After the splendid annual dinner and interesting program of music and readings the annual business meeting of the church membership was called to order by Chairman Wilkinson....

Motion was made and carried that a petition be sent to the Mayor and Council asking that ordinance be passed forbidding Walkathons and the attendance of youth under 16 at Pool Halls.

/s/ C.D. Henry
Secretary

**MARCH
DIACONATE**
Chapel: TBD
10:10 - Mark Williams & Trisha
Whitcomb

OFFERTORY STEWARDS
Ted Grooms & Judy Baker



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Anna Koehmstedt	Mar. 2	Judy Baker	Mar. 23
Kylie Stewart	Mar. 2	Jeff Hover	Mar. 24
Cindy Huckfeldt	Mar. 8	Trent Hover	Mar. 24
Cynthia McBride	Mar. 10	Kevin Anderson	Mar. 25
Kim Doyle	Mar. 12	Lori Hayden	Mar. 25
Arlene Wegner	Mar. 12	Janie Nelson	Mar. 26
Pat Seamands	Mar. 16	Elaine Singleton	Mar. 30
Eddie Atkinson	Mar. 17	Suzy Stewart	Mar. 30
Madison Rouse	Mar. 22		



THANK YOU to everyone who brought soup and non-perishable items for the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's not too late to bring items. We will continue to collect through the rest of February. The food collected will be split between Wyoming Food for Thought and Mimi's House. If you can't bring a food item, but wish to contribute, please make your check payable to First Christian Church and write in the memo section Souper Bowl of Caring and the money collected will be split between Wyoming Food for Thought and Mimi's House.

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert and Joan McNamara
March 7, 1970

Gene and Pat Buck
March 11, 1966



Our Cub Scouts will be participating in the 2021 Pinewood Derby competition on April 17th. Competition will be held at the YMCA. Good luck all drivers!!



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DEACONS STILL NEEDED TO SERVE

If you have received an email from Pat Seamands or Trisha Whitcomb and have not responded to them about picking a time to serve at the 10:10 service please contact them ASAP and tell them the month that works for you. They still have several months to choose from.

CROP HUNGER WALK - 2021

Put Sunday, April 25th on your calendar. That is spring CROP Hunger Walk. This will be a virtual walk again in 2021 due to COVID-19. Currently there are two teams registered and they are hoping for ten. If you would like to be involved in this event which benefits our local community and the global community, please contact Terri Morrison or Debbie Mestas.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2021

CROP HUNGER WALK

Ending Hunger One Step at a Time



MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE

The Mission Commission continues to:

- Provide lunches every Saturday, make lunches once a month for Casper Youth for Christ, and supply nutritious snacks to the teachers at Lincoln School for their students.
- Make blankets on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00-3:00 p.m. If you would like to donate fleece, learn how to tie blankets or help with this project, contact Trudy Woodard.
- If you would like to help with any of these projects, contact Debbie Mestas Mission Chair; Keith Rouse or Trudy Woodard.

SAVE THE DATE TO PARTICIPATE FCC'S BLANKET BLITZ!!!!

The Fleece Blanket Project will be celebrating 5 years of ministry at FCC this year. On Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 10am-2pm teams from various agencies and schools around the city that have participated in our Blanket Project will gather at the church to assemble as many fleece blankets as we can. At the end of the day we hope to have made 100+ blankets! Hopefully things will be better regarding COVID-19 by then and we can all be together to celebrate.



We need **YOU!!!** We need a First Christian Church team (or two) to participate. We also need donations: sharp scissors, fleece cut in 2 yard pieces, volunteers to help set up and clean up. Everyone is welcome to come participate. The FCC Fleece Blanket Project is significant in our community. The gift of warmth and comfort is just one way we extend love of God and love of neighbor into the community of Casper. Mark your calendars and join us!!! Questions? Please call Trudy Woodard, Debbie Mestas or call the church office.



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022 YEAR IS OPEN!!

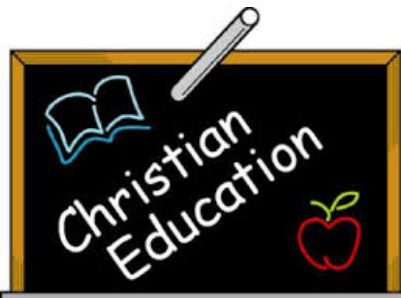
We have opened preschool enrollment to the public. Our enrollment is up and we are looking forward to a full preschool in the fall. If you know of anyone looking for an EXCELLENT preschool have them contact Annette Crain @ 472-0649.

Our kids have been very busy this month. Our Pre-K kids will be sewing quilts for Q & U week and enjoyed their Valentine’s day parties.

Our teachers did a combination Christmas party and team building activity at Artisan Alley. This will now become an annual event for us.

We will not be doing field trips this year so our kids made their own pizza instead of going to Old Chicago. Our big kids made their own ice cream in a bag and was SUPER yummy!!

We hope everyone is staying happy and healthy. Blessings to you all....*Annette Crain*



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

Sunday School packets for preschool and elementary children have been mailed out. In this packet will be materials on Week of Compassion and St. Patrick’s Day. Packets in March will contain Easter materials. If your children are not receiving

these monthly packets and you would like them to, please contact Jennifer @ 259-4460.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to Joan McNamara who wrote curriculum and donated material for our Sunday School mailings in the fall and early winter.



EASTER EGG HUNT

We would really like to do an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd but COVID and weather will determine whether we can have one. Stay tuned!!

OLD IRISH BLESSING



may your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow. And may trouble avoid you wherever you go.

March 2021

FCC CASPER CALL

MARCH 2021

February 2021							March 2021							April 2021						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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ATTENTION ALL YOUTH - grade 6 and up

Michelle Elser is teaching an in-person class on Sunday mornings for our Chi Rho group (grades 6 and up.) If your child is not presently attending and would like to start, please contact Michelle @ 259-1166.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Anyone who would like to help plan Bible school on the mountain, please let Jennifer (259-4460) know. A date has not been set yet pending availability of volunteers.

