



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

# THE CALL

# MARCH 2022

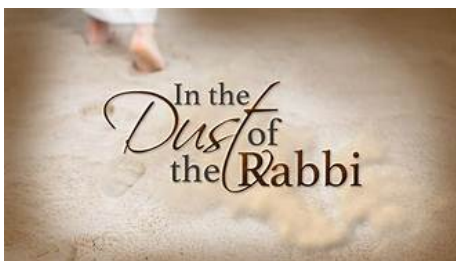


## ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 2

There will be NO evening Ash Wednesday service. Pastor Bryan will be in the sanctuary and set up to offer prayer and a word of encouragement to begin your work day or school day. He will be there from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. This is informal and 5 minutes or less but as with other things in life, less can be most

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS LENTEN STUDY

Join Pastor Bryan every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. starting March 9th for a Lenten Study called "In the Dust of the Rabbi". This study will run for 5 consecutive Wednesdays ending April 6th. It will be held in the Board room. There is no preparation needed, attend and experience the powerful visual lessons on the life of Jesus. You can contact Pastor Bryan at 355-9232, call the church office or just show up on Wednesday, March 9th. Look forward to seeing you. All are welcome!



### Church Staff:

**Bryan Elliott:** Lead Pastor  
**Lisa Walker,** Business Manager  
**Kathy Winders,** Secretary  
**Arlon Miller,** Music Director  
**Jenny Black,** Interim Preschool Director  
**Cheryl Dionne,** Nursery Staff  
**Ministers: Every Member!**

### Office hours:

Mon.-Thurs.

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Fridays: CLOSED



### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:15 Worship Service

9:00 Adult/Youth Sunday School

10:10 - Worship Service

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Preschool - M-F 9:00 - Noon

Preschool Phone - 472-0649



**DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS TIME  
CHANGE**

**SPRING FORWARD  
SUNDAY,  
MARCH 13, 2022**

Dear Friends,

This has been a great few weeks of watching the snow fall and fall, and fall some more. It is white and wonderful and sticking and accumulating fast, our church parking lot has a wall all around it. It sure can pile up fast when it comes down hard and often. Historically, I have heard that March and April can be our largest snow fall months. We have had a very light winter so far with just a few days under zero. But the wind has been pretty bad this year. Snow and wind can produce drifts that pile up in drifts that can be as high as some of those parking lot snow mountains. In many ways life can seem to do the same thing, fall hard and fast and pile up all over the place. The only way to stay ahead of the circumstances of life is to be proactive and anticipate the ebb and flow of life's changes. We have all received our doctorates in that over the past couple of years, yes, two years ago this month is when all this education and adaptive responses came piling in on us.



As Christians how do we do that - stay ahead of circumstantial life changes - well one way is to order our lives around fixed points. Often those anchors of life are simple and really there is only one. Now in Sunday school years ago I learned a valuable lesson, mostly I learned it because I didn't always pay attention, the answers to most questions were: Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit. I usually answered "Jesus" when I was totally clueless to what the teacher asked me. And you know, if your default answer to all of life's questions (or in my case Mrs. Wright's Sunday School class) is Jesus, I think that you could do much worse. In fact, I am not sure you could do much better.

Lent begins on March 2 with Ash Wednesday. I will be at the church and those of you who are interested can come by between the hours of 7 AM-10 AM and receive ashes and a devotion and prayer. This is a season of change, of embracing life with thankful hearts. Letting go of some things in our lives and embracing the change that is ever in front of us. This year we have seen changes in some of our staff and leadership positions. We transitioned into a new position of Worship Leader to help with our worship time of song and utilizing our various gifts as a congregation. We have had changes in the Preschool leadership as well. Please keep our church in your prayers as we look towards the future. We have talked about an Associate Minister and that is still being looked into. God is good and will bring us the right persons for His church. We are blessed with so many who volunteer to make our church a family who looks towards God and the the days ahead with anticipation and excitement. Teresa and I anticipate Spring break this year because we are close enough to our children and grand children to hit the road and visit them. I will preach on Sunday, March 27th and leave to our daughter and son-in-laws house in Meridian, Idaho. I will be back in the office on April 4th. It is my hope that you all will enjoy family this year. As we have had an interrupt in those precious times with family these past two years.

This month and in April, we experience what is the most tragic and wonderful time of the church. The glory of Palm Sunday in the beginning of April is eclipsed by the tragedy of Christ's arrest, abuse and torture and finally crucifixion. On Maundy Thursday, April 14th, we will share in a service that remembers Jesus' life, arrest and tragic outcome for Him, yes, but for us it led to a wonderful outcome, because He rose again! And He did not rise again for some nameless, faceless stranger, but for you and for me. In March and April people are more likely to attend church than any other time of year other than Christmas. Their hearts are ripe to hear words of comfort and hope. This is a time for us as Christians to share the answer that all people yearn to hear - because most, if not all people everywhere long to belong - and we know to whom we belong and that is **JESUS!**

I like many of you hope that less snow awaits us than is behind us. But, when the blizzards of life come, please remember that our answer to life's ebbs and flows is always the same - Jesus. Have a great month and see you soon.  
In His precious Name,  
Bryan



From the Chairman

Happy March to everyone as we all move into the spring season and the beginning of Lent. Hopefully, everyone is getting well over the COVID, flu and cold season and can get back to church. Pastor Bryan has been delivering excellent services and the choir is doing an outstanding job. If you cannot make it to church, please remember that we stream the services live (both the 8:15 and the 10:10 services) live on Facebook so you can catch them there.

From the administration part we have been putting together security cameras and radios for church security (no Kathy's call sign is not The Church Lady). We have been needing to get this done for a while as our insurance carrier has been asking us to get this done. This is not only for the safety for the congregation but for the safety of the pre-school kids and teachers.

We have had to replace some pumps for the boiler heat in the church and this has been expensive but necessary. We are also working on securing the stained-glass window on the east side of the church as it is in much needed repair. We did reach out to a couple of stained-glass repair companies but to no avail. Therefore, property is taking the bull by the horns and working on a plan. If you could help work on this project, I know property would appreciate your help. Our youth continue to be active in the church with five headed to Mid-winter church camp and numbers keep growing in the younger age group. We desperately need help with this group during church. All materials are there, and the kids are great we just need excited supervisors for them Please contact Michelle Elser, Jennifer Grooms, Maggie Grooms, or the church office if you can help. This group will keep you young and smiling!

Finally thank you for all you do for FCC! Our congregation is so giving and willing to serve our church and the community that it is inspiring! Everyday I am thankful for the opportunity to be associated with this church and congregation. If you have any concerns or questions or comments feel free to call, email or reach out to me in person so that we can discuss them. Communication is a priority for me this year. **God Bless! Dennis Baker**



**COME TO CHURCH  
STAY FOR A SOUP LUNCH  
WHEN: SUN. FEBRUARY 27TH  
TIME: 11:30 A.M.**

**WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL  
WHY: The Mission Commission is hosting a soup lunch for everyone as a fundraiser for the Blanket Ministry. Donations please!!!**

If anyone is interested in helping provide soup or the extras that go along with soup, please contact Annette Ambrosino or Wanda Hogan.

*Soup puts the heart at ease, calms down the violence of hunger, eliminates the tension of the day and awakens and refines the appetite.*

*A bowl of soup a day keeps the grumpiness away. Life is just better with soup!*

**MARCH  
DIACONATE**

**8:15 - Nina Hytrek**

**10:10 - Trisha Whitcomb**

**Nylia Cazier**

Contact Pat Seamands or Trisha Whitcomb if you cannot serve.

**OFFERTORY STEWARD**

**Larry Winders**

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

**3/6 - Gloria Monroe**

**3/13 - Trisha Whitcomb & Boys**

**3/20 - Darlene Bishop**

**3/27 - Janie Nelson**

If you unable provide for your chosen time, please contact Belle Stapleton @ 215-4568 and other arrangements will be made.



Anna Koehmstedt	Mar 2	Madison Rouse	Mar 22
Kylie Stewart	Mar 2	Judy Baker	Mar 23
Cindy Huckfeldt	Mar 8	Jeff Hover	Mar 24
Kim Doyle	Mar 12	Trent Hover	Mar 24
Arlene Wegner	Mar 12	Kevin Anderson	Mar 25
Pat Seamands	Mar 16	Lori Hayden	Mar 25
Eddie Atkinson	Mar 17	Janie Nelson	Mar 26
David Wallace	Mar 17	Elaine Singleton	Mar 30
Elizabeth Sanford	Mar 20	Suzy Stewart	Mar 30



Robert & Joan McNamara- March 7, 1970

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**



**Ted & Lois Purvis**  
1865 S. Beverly #218  
Casper, WY 82609

**Peg Jackson**  
Mtn. Plaza Assisted Living  
4154 Talon Dr #115  
Casper, Wy 82604

**Sally & Ed Grooms**  
1865 S. Beverly #201  
Casper, WY 82609



WILLS, TRUSTS, MEMORIALS & SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED THREE \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER TO:

- Eddie Atkinson - Casper College
- Nathan Hawley - Casper College
- Arlon Miller - UW @ CC

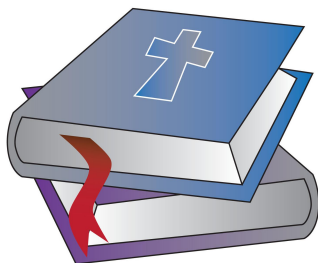
Congratulations to our recipients and have a good year!



Thank you for the scholarship I received for the spring semester at CC. I appreciate it very much and looking forward to graduation in May. Thanks for the help in my education that I have received these past two years. **Nathan Hawley**



## Christian Education Commission



Christian Education Commission is looking ahead to Easter and will be planning (weather permitting) the yearly Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th. Watch for more details in the coming month.

We are also thinking about Vacation Bible School this summer and other activities.

If you have any concerns, questions, want to join the Christian Education Commission contact Michelle Elser, Chairman.



## WORSHIP & WONDER

We are looking for volunteers to lead **Worship & Wonder** until May. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway if you can sign up to help with the littles. Any questions, contact Michelle Elser @ 259-1166.

# CUB SCOUT

The Cub Scout Pack is continuing to have fun! We enjoyed an evening of sledding in January, The Blue & Gold Ceremony will be held on Monday February 28 @ 5:30 p.m. We are having a cake auction and celebrate our Webelos crossing over to Scouts. In March we will be preparing our cards to race in the Pinewood Derby. We always accept new scouts. Boys and Girls in Kindergarten to 5th grade. Come join us Monday Nights at 6:00 p.m. If you have a child, grandchild or friend that is the right age and looking for a fun, active and educational group to join, contact Erika Stupak @ [estupak@hotmail.com](mailto:estupak@hotmail.com) for more information.



**Disciples Women's Ministries will meet on Tuesday, March 8th @ 2:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing the results of the survey that asked SPECIFIC questions in regard to DWM and was completed at the February 8th meeting. If you were unable to attend and would like to add your "two cents worth", there are additional copies of the survey in Kathy's Office. Your thoughts are valued! Contact Lani McBee if you have any questions. P.S. Read Mark Chapter 2 before coming to the meeting.

"If one doesn't have a sense of humor, one is in trouble" - Betty White



**NEW FROM UNDER THE SEA PRESCHOOL**

We have had a great month at preschool, celebrating January, February and our Alphabet activities. Looking forward to March celebrating QU, helping to make quilts for FCC, Dr. Suess' birthday, the letters R, G, and S--plan to learn about recycling, rainbows, restaurants, grocery stores, socks, space and science!

It's time to preregister and plan for fall of 2022. Preregistration sheets are available on the Preschool table downstairs or call Jenny at 307-472-0649.

Thanks for all your support of our school! Jenny Black, Interim Director, FCC Preschool



**CRMR 2022 YOUTH CAMPS**

REMINDER THAT REGISTRATIONS FOR ANY OF THE YOUTH CAMPS ARE DUE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE **BY APRIL 8, 2022**. The registration forms are on the bulletin board.

CYF & Junior Camp - June 12-18

Chi Rho - June 19-25

Discovery Camp - June 23-25

Northwest Camp - July 5-9 @ South Hills Retreat Center, Twin Falls, ID.

If you need further information needed contact Erika Stupak.



**FCC Quilters are busy, busy, busy...The quilters made a quilt for Dr. Badger and it was presented to him by his daughter, Jenny Black. It was made in appreciation of his service for 25+ years to FCC. As you can tell, he was way pleased and excited to receive such a precious gift.**



**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

If you signed up to host a Sunday Coffee Fellowship and find that you are not able to do so or be at church the Sunday you're to host, please contact Belle Stapleton @ 215-4568 so other arrangements can be made. Thanks.



**Health food may be good for the conscience but Oreos taste a heck of a lot better. - Robert Redford**

# March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM Worship</li> <li>9:00 AM Youth Sunday School</li> <li>9:15 AM Adult's Sunday School</li> <li>10:10 AM Worship</li> <li>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship-- Mission Commission Fundraiser</li> <li>2:00 PM Choir practice</li> </ul>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</li> <li>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 AM Pastor Bible Study</li> <li>7:00 PM AA</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ash Wednesday</li> <li>7:00 AM Ashes &amp; Prayer</li> <li>9:00 AM QUILTERS</li> </ul>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Wallace Quilters</li> </ul>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OFFICE CLOSED</li> <li>3:00 PM Sandwich making</li> </ul>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</li> </ul>
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<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daylight Saving Time</li> <li>8:15 AM Worship</li> <li>9:00 AM Youth Sunday School</li> <li>9:15 AM Adult's Sunday School</li> <li>10:10 AM Worship</li> <li>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</li> <li>2:00 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</li> <li>7:00 PM STEWARDSHIP</li> <li>7:30 PM Board Meetings</li> <li>8:00 PM Board Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 AM Pastor Bible Study</li> <li>7:00 PM AA</li> </ul>	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM QUILTERS</li> <li>4:00 PM CALL folders</li> <li>7:00 PM in the Dust Lenten</li> </ul>	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St. Patrick's Day</li> <li>10:00 AM Wallace Quilters</li> </ul>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OFFICE CLOSED</li> <li>Holi</li> <li>3:00 PM Sandwich making</li> </ul>	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</li> <li>9:00 AM STATE QUILTERS</li> <li>10:00 AM blankets</li> </ul>
<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM Worship</li> <li>9:00 AM Youth Sunday School</li> <li>9:15 AM Adult's Sunday School</li> <li>10:10 AM Worship</li> <li>11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship</li> <li>12:00 PM choir</li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:00 PM CALL deadline</li> <li>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</li> <li>7:00 PM Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 AM Pastor Bible Study</li> <li>7:00 PM AA</li> </ul>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM QUILTERS</li> <li>4:00 PM YOUTH FOR CHRIST SANDWICHES</li> <li>7:00 PM in the Dust Lenten</li> </ul>	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Wallace Quilters</li> </ul>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OFFICE CLOSED</li> <li>3:00 PM Sandwich making</li> <li>5:00 PM Mission Meal</li> </ul>	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY</li> </ul>
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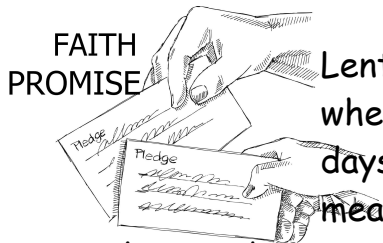
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As many of you know this month (March 2nd) is the beginning of Lent. Lent is a time when we remember Jesus' time in the desert where he focused on his calling from God. We dedicate the next 40 days to God as a time when we let go of something (some people fast for one meal a day, or give up coffee, or something like that) and use that time to pray, have a devotion, or something like that. I suggest something else: FAITH PROMISE! This is where we as a church family commit a certain amount of money towards missions - local and around the world. This is money that is written on the card you will receive in the bulletin Sunday, February 27th and March 6th, but will be available during the rest of 2022. This money is between you and God. You don't put your name on it, just the amount. We will post the collective amount sometime in March and will see how God blesses this commitment in the coming months. Please prayerfully consider this faith stretching exercise for you and your family. Blessings, Pastor Bryan

### **FAITH PROMISE CARD**

I commit to God and FCC \$\_\_\_\_\_.00 for the calendar year of 2022. I understand that these monies come from unanticipated resources and that I can give whatever I have committed to God. On my check or if I give cash, it will be designated FAITH PROMISE. This money goes to missions both local and around the world.