



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

THE CALL

September
2025



*God is able
to provide you with every
blessing
in
abundance,
so that by always having
enough of everything,
you may share abundantly...*



2 Corinthians 9:8

Church Staff:

Bryan Elliott: Lead Pastor
Rhonda Padilla: Associate Pastor
Kathy Winders, Secretary
Mikayla Fulwider, Music Director
Donna Osterholt, Nursery
Michelle Griebel, Custodian
Ministers: Every Member!

OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Thurs.

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Fridays: CLOSED



SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:15 Worship Service
9:00 Adult Sunday School
10:10 - Worship Service
11:30 - Coffee Fellowship
11:30-Choir Rehearsal
12:30 Handbell Rehearsal

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**CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED**

MONDAY, SEPT. 1 FOR LABOR DAY



Dear Family,

I know this comes as both a shock to some of you and a relief to others: SUMMER IS OVER! Where did it go? One moment we were lounging by the pool, traveling on vacations, and shopping for school clothes—and the next, the backpacks are packed, the bells are ringing, and the rhythm of “normal life” has returned. Schedules are back, routines are familiar, and our children and youth are finding their groove again.

But what does this seasonal shift mean for us as a church family? In many ways, it mirrors our home lives. Vacations gave us the space to rest, recharge, and step away for a time. Now, as fall begins, we step back into community—to worship, to fellowship, to share meals, to sing, and to simply enjoy being together once again—AND what better way to launch this new season than with our KICK OFF SUNDAY on September 14, 2025!

Here's what you can look forward to:

- There will be **NO** 8:15 AM Chapel Service that morning.
- Our 10:10 AM service will be a special celebration: the Installation of Rhonda Padilla as our Associate Minister, with our Interim Regional Minister, Dale Matherly, preaching and leading the installation.
- Following worship at 11:15 AM, we'll gather for a potluck feast and fellowship. The church will provide place settings, meats, and drinks—you bring your favorite sides, salads, or desserts to share. Together, we'll have a meal that feeds not only our stomachs but also our souls.

This is the perfect opportunity to reach out to friends or family who may have drifted away during the summer months—or even longer—and invite them back. Let's welcome them into a time of renewal, celebration, and joy!

Teresa and I continue to be amazed by the beauty and vitality of this church. Again and again, I find myself sounding like a broken record, but it's true: this congregation is wonderful. We have shared so many meaningful moments together already, and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us this fall.

Yes, I often talk about coming to church—but not just to “fill the pews.” I emphasize it because I believe gathering for worship and fellowship is vital in our busy, complicated lives. Here, in this sacred space, we catch our breath. We are reminded of what matters most—God, one another, and the Spirit that renews us. Schedules bring order, yes, but worship brings meaning. It re-centers us on Christ, the One who gives life its purpose.

This fall, God is already at work among us—sending new visitors, welcoming new members, and blessing us with gifts of joy, talent, and love. Truly, our hearts are overflowing.

I look forward to sharing this season with each of you. Blessings—and see you Sunday!

With love,
Pastor Bryan

WORDS FROM
PASTOR
RHONDA

A Few Thoughts

With the changing seasons coming our way, I love to watch God at work. Fall is my favorite season because I love to watch all the colors of the tree leaves change before they release from the branches and parachute to the crisp ground below. This also means that School is in session.

My children are grown and now most of my grandchildren are in school. I love their first day of school pics along with everyone else's pictures on Facebook. I pray for each of them and think about what the future holds for them.

I have had the honor of meeting the children of our church community and now they are also on my prayer list. Then I thought to myself, we may not be able to be directly involved with the schools as a church body, but we **CAN** multiply the power of our God's presence through intentional prayer.

I have met with people in our church who have poured out their gifts and talents to the education system and beyond. In our talks, their heart for children and young adults is evident and contagious. Being an educator and volunteer for the children of our future is being the hands and feet of Jesus because it takes love, passion and compassion.

This month I ask that we take time to be intentional about our daily prayers to include the staff and volunteers in all our schools and pray for our children, our neighbors' children, and children throughout this community and the world.

I'd like to give out a shout of thanks to our people that go out and visit, send cards and make phone calls to make sure our homebound members know that they matter to us. Thank you volunteers who also serve in other ways that impact our community. I love the heart of the people here. Please continue what you are doing because it is appreciated.

I would like to thank all of you for letting me be a part of our worship music experience. It has been an honor to work with Mikayla as our music director. I love to hear you all singing and I have come to find out we have many musically gifted people in this congregation.

As we grow in community, allowing people to share their gifts of worship is very important. Please continue to open your hearts to what God has in store. The direction of worship music at FCC is to have an even blend of hymns and contemporary music that enhances the message being given and is spirit led.

With all the talent we have, you may see the choir one week, the bells another, a praise band the next or all together. This is an exciting time for us, and Mikayla and I appreciate your support as we learn to balance new ideas with tradition.

And lasts, please keep your pastors in prayer as we continue to seek God's guidance for the future of our church. Humbly, Pastor Rhonda



Installation of PASTOR RHONDA

We will be doing an installation for Pastor Rhonda on September 14th at the 10:10 service. This will be a combined service so there will be NO 8:15 service on that Sunday so everyone can attend the installation. Rev. Dale Matherly will be bringing the message that day.

See invitation below regarding the potluck meal that will be held in Fellowship Hall after the service.



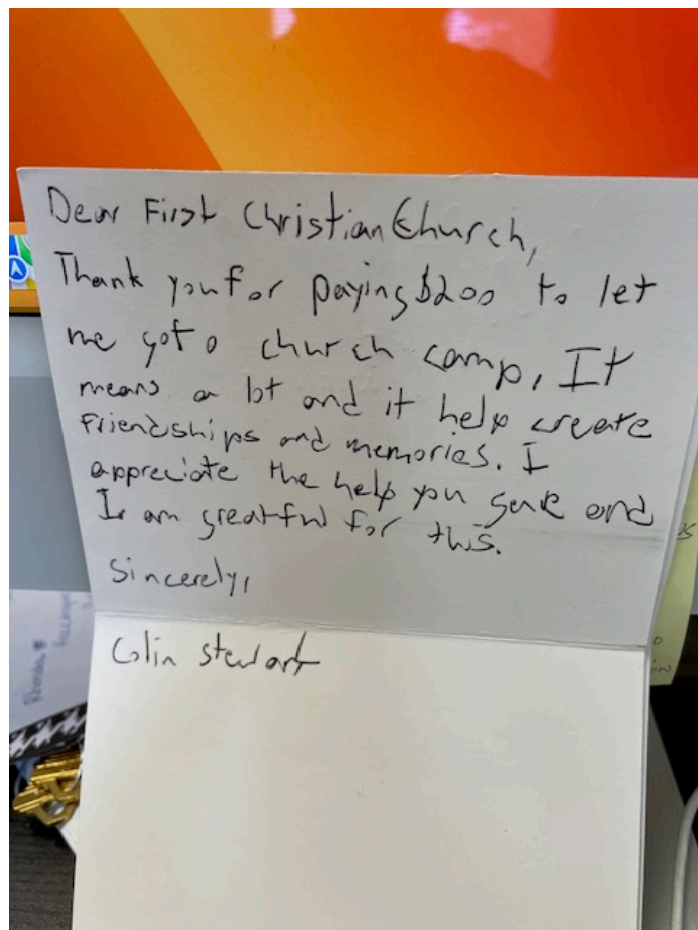
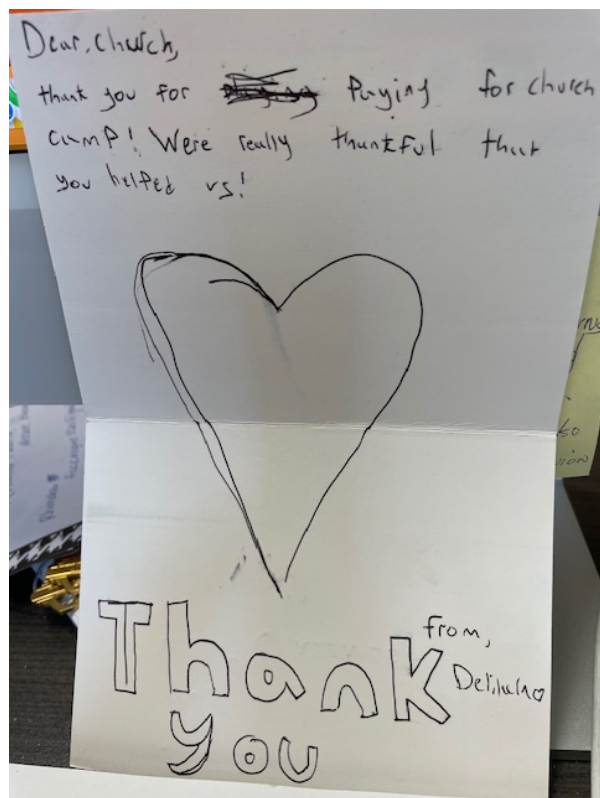
ALL CHURCH POTLUCK YOU'RE INVITED!!

Bring a side or a dessert
Pulled pork, pulled chicken, BBQ sauce
& buns furnished by Spiritual Growth
Sunday, September 14th
in Fellowship Hall

Following the Installation of Pastor Rhonda
at the 10:10 service. There will be NO 8:15 service that
day so EVERYONE can attend the Installation Service.

Christian Education is teaming up with Spiritual Growth to host the FCC Welcome BBQ on Sept. 14th. We will be playing Charades/Pictionary as a group and Michelle will be in charge of the games. Come and have food, fun and fellowship that afternoon!!!

Two Thank You notes from very appreciative campers. Delilah Stewart and Colin Stewart.



FCC'S BLANKET MINISTRY WILL RESUME ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 10:00 A.M. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO MEET ON THE THIRD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, VISIT WITH TRUDY WOODARD.



There will be NO trunk of treat this year. Erika Stupak, co-chair, will be out of town the only weekend we could do it and we were hoping to bring the boy scouts into it to increase interest and participation. Education Commission decided to skip it this year and will hopefully have an amazing event next year!. Any questions, please contact Michelle Elser, Education Commission Chair.

CHOIR RESUMES ON AUGUST 24, 2025 @ 11:30 A.M.
 HAND BELLS RESUME ON AUGUST 24, 2025 @ 12:30 P.M.



IF YOU WISH TO SING OR PLAY BELLS,
 PLEASE COME TO ONE OF THE REHEARSALS.

**DIACONATE FOR September, 2025****Contact Belle Stapleton if you cannot serve**

8:15 - Nina Hytrek

10:10 service

Aug. 24 - Debbie Mestas & Spencer Stupak**Aug. 31** - Debbie Mestas & Belle Stapleton**September**

Spencer and Blake Stupak

OFFERING STEWARD

CARMEN GOODMAN

ELDERS**Aug. 24** - Dewey Smith & Nicholas Grooms**Aug. 31** - Nancy Thomas & Nicholas Grooms**Sept. 7** - Teresa Elliott & Nancy Thomas**Sept. 14** - Steve Huckfeldt (both services)**Sept. 21** - Dewey Smith & TBD**Sept. 28** - Teresa Elliott & Nicholas Grooms**SPECIAL MUSIC****Aug. 24** - Michelle Elser**Aug. 31** - Maddox family**Sept. 7** - Althea Wardell**CHILDREN'S CHURCH****Aug. 24 & 31** - Jennifer Grooms

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| Trudy Woodard | Sept. 3 | Jacquie Cook | Sept. 22 |
| Floyd Field | Sept. 8 | Jackie Greenlee | Sept. 23 |
| Debbie Mestas | Sept. 8 | Jenn Hawley | Sept. 25 |
| Rhys Elser | Sept. 9 | Mary Oliver | Sept. 26 |
| Blake Stupak | Sept. 12 | Donna Osterholt | Sept. 28 |
| Tom Dowler | Sept. 13 | Gloria Monroe | Sept. 29 |
| Virginia Yohn | Sept. 15 | Rhonda Padilla | Sept. 30 |
| Joshua Black | Sept. 20 | | |



John & Sharon Lansing - Sept. 3, 1961
 Abel & Kylie Stewart - Sept. 5, 2009
 Tom & Melanie Dowler - Sept. 6, 1969
 John & Amanda Kirlin - Sept. 12, 2015
 Mark & Lynda Williams - Sept. 14, 1991
 Jason & Kimberly Ireland - Sept. 23, 2017
 David & Joyce Preston - Sept. 29, 1969



The pastor's sermon in the round bible study will resume on Wednesday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m. The study will be led by Pastor Bryan and Pastor Rhonda. Everyone is invited to attend this bible study.



You're Invited to Our
DWM MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 1:00 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

READ
ACTS 14

DONATIONS WILL BE GOING TO KIND
GROUNDS TO HELP THEM PAY FOR COFFEE
FOR THE HOMELESS.

ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH ARE WELCOME!

*Come to tea. All
ladies of the church &
friends are invited.
Bring your daughters,
granddaughters to
join us.*



Sunday, October 5 @ 3p.m.

*Tea, Cider & hot
coca provided. Sign up to bring finger
foods if you wish.*

*Sponsored by Spiritual Growth
Commission*

*Mikayla will share her ministry
of music therapy with us.*

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 31 8:15AM Worship 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship | 1 Labor Day 9:00AM Paper Piecing Quilters 6:00PM Boy Scouts | 2 6:30PM Elders meeting 7:00PM AA | 3 9:00AM QUILTERS | 4 | 5 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making | 6 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MINISTRY |
| 7 8:15AM Worship 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 12:00PM Handbell Rehearsal | 8 6:00PM Boy Scouts 6:30PM STEWARDSHIP 7:00PM Commissions 8:00PM Board meeting | 9 1:00PM DWM Fellowship 7:00PM AA | 10 9:00AM QUILTERS 10:00AM Sermon in the Round | 11 | 12 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making | 13 Matherly retreat 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MINISTRY |
| 14 Installation Pastor Rhonda 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM Choir Rehearsal 11:30AM CHURCH BBQ POTLUCK 12:00PM Handbell Rehearsal 3:00PM Primrose Service | 15 12:00PM CALL deadline 6:00PM Boy Scouts | 16 Pastor Bryan vacation 7:00PM AA | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 9:00AM 3 D's quilters 9:00AM Men's Group |
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