



The Torch

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"To Receive and Share Christ's Embrace."

MAY EVENTS

Board of Elders Meeting:

Sun, May 1, 11:45 am

Men's Breakfast:

Thursdays, 8:00 am Fiesta Mexicana

PPC Meeting:

Sun, May 8, 11:30 am

Torch Articles Due:

Mon, May 23, 9:00 am

Packing for the Troops:

Tues, May 24, 9:00 am

Comforters:

Wed, 9:30 am

COMFORTERS

Our comforter volunteers have completed 72 comforters since September. That is twice as many as ever before! These are given to Orphan Grain Train and to anyone in the community that needs them.

Thank you, Volunteers!

Message from Pastor Bill

Superabundantly Beyond

On Tuesday, April 19 several members of our congregation, including members of the Parish Planning Council, participated in a presentation by Rev. Keith Kolhmeier, Vice President of Capital Funding Services of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). The purpose of the presentation was to share LCEF's proposal for helping First Lutheran Church conduct a capital fund campaign. The objective of such a campaign would be to generate up to \$200,000 in additional income over a three-year period through pledges and donations. This added income would decrease the amount we would need to borrow for an early childhood facility and qualify us for a discounted lending rate on an LCEF mortgage.

Over and above all the dollars and cents, however, such a campaign is more – much more – than a financial matter. It is a spiritual matter, one in which we rely on God for his provision as we seek to live out our mission statement, "To receive and share Christ's embrace," with the young families and children of our community. I believe it comes down to a question of trust. Do we trust God to provide?

In his letter to the church in Ephesus, the Apostle Paul offered a prayer for spiritual strength, ending with these words: "¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith-- that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more **abundantly** than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen" (Ephesian 3:17-21, emphasis added).

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If the bold-faced print isn't enough, I'd like to draw your attention to the word, "abundantly." It is translated from a Greek word meaning "quite beyond all measure," "infinitely more than," or (my favorite), "superabundantly." In his Concordia Commentary on Ephesians, Thomas Winger translates verse 20: *"Now to the One who is powerfully able to accomplish more than all things, beyond anything we might ask or imagine..."*

I don't know about you, but how can I not trust in a God who promises to provide superabundantly beyond anything we might ask or imagine?

As to more human matters regarding our desire to establish an early childhood ministry and facility on our property, our next steps are for the PPC to meet on Sunday, May 8 to discuss the LCEF proposal and make our recommendations in a congregational meeting (TBD). As we prepare for these meetings I ask you to keep this matter in prayer, specifically that God would give us clear direction and wisdom as he **powerfully accomplishes more than all things, superabundantly beyond anything that we might ask or imagine.**

Saved to Share,

Message from Our President

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Hope you have had a happy "May Day!" I remember as a child making May Baskets and leaving them on the door steps of our friends. It was exciting to deliver these to the ones we knew were special in our lives. I wish I would have had the time to deliver each of you a May Basket to indicate to you how special you are to my family, our church family and to God as one of his special creations. We are so blessed to be a part of a loving and caring congregation who puts Christ first in our lives. Thank You all for your being a part of First Lutheran Church here in Salida.

Since last year First Lutheran Church has been exploring the possibility of bringing an Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) to Salida. We started with an initial assessment from Amber Lappin on our current facilities and if there was a need in Chaffee County. It was discovered there is a need and a desire by our community for an ECDC, but that the present church building would be inadequate to meet our needs in that the costs of remodeling costs to meet building code requirements.

However, with our vacant land on E Street available, we can proceed with the exploration of our options for an ECDC. With that Mr. Frank Kennedy was invited to our community by First Lutheran to complete a "Market Feasibility Study" and we received that September of 2015. His report included a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis of our community, which we need to keep in mind as we move forward. A copy of Amber's initial assessment and Mr. Kennedy's feasibility study is available to re-read to refresh their suggestions should you like.

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I would like to briefly remember the "Opportunities" that were pointed out. One of the opportunities was for "greater visibility for First Lutheran as we become better known to the community at large". Another opportunity that was pointed out and is my favorite goal was: *"Greater Opportunity to Serve God's Youngest: Jesus taught by example, showing us that serving children is vital to Christian discipleship. Operating a Christ-centered childcare program is one way to powerfully accomplish his goal."* I would say AMEN and again AMEN. If it were not for the childhood experiences so many of you were blessed with as children, would we have the Church as we know it today? Would you have been involved with and remained an active part of the Church, and is that not one of those things that is missing for our young today?

We will be discussing our moving forward with this vision. As we do, I want to ask each and every member to **please** put the ECDC in your prayers for guidance in all we do as a congregation and to give us more than we can even think to pray for with the ECDC.

May God Bless Each and Every One of You.

Blessed in Christ to be your Servant,

Gary Martin
President

The Pikes Peak Ringers

directed by Kevin McChesney
and the Forté Handbell Quartet
present

That's Got Style!

An exploration of musical styles... Broadway, Disney, contemporary Christian, jazz, rock, and more!

Friday, May 13, 7:30 PM

St. Paul's Methodist Church | 2111 Carlton Avenue, Colorado Springs

Saturday, May 14, 7:00 PM

with the Bells of the Rockies, directed by Michael Kastner
Faith United Church of Christ | 1020 Walnut Street | Windsor, CO

Sunday, May 15, 3:00 PM

First Christian Church | 16 East Platte Avenue | Colorado Springs

A free will offering will be collected at each concert.

www.pikespeakringers.com | www.fortchandbells.org | www.bellsoftherockies.org

Dear Quilters at First Lutheran Church,

We would like to thank you for your generous contribution of 23 quilts to Orphan Grain Train, in March, 2016, to be used where most needed. It is gratifying that you think about us when you get together and make your quilts. Your continued generosity to Orphan Grain Train helps to keep the recipients of our shipments warm. Your Christian ministry reaches around the world! Thank you for helping keep Orphan Grain Train's wheels rolling towards those who need God's mercy.

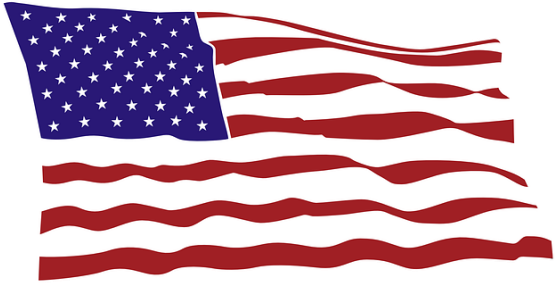
Thank you, Garry D. Fuller, Orphan Grain Train, Castle Rock Collection Center



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OPERATION SPIRIT FROM THE HEART OF THE ROCKIES

***NO Homemade Goodies at this time.**

TRAVEL SIZE SUN SCREEN, SHAMPOO, LOTION
MAGAZINES FOR MEN & WOMEN
TRAVEL SIZE TOOTHPASTE
FLEXIBLE INDIVIDUAL BANDAIDS
TRAVEL SIZE SUN BLISTER PADS
BATTERIES AA
INDIVIDUAL SIZE WIPES
COFFEE PACKETS
SINGLES TO GO - DRINK MIX
ANY SNACK BARS, ie. - GRANOLA
RICE KRISPIES TREATS
INDIVIDUAL CHAP STICK
CUP OF SOUP
RAMON NOODLES
HARD CANDY
BEEF JERKY
TRAVEL SIZE FOOT POWDER

Any cards and letters you would like to send would be GREATLY appreciated!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Mark Cunningham, CPT Cynthia Hardman and LCPL Cole R. Findley.

PACK TROOP BOXES ON MAY 24, 9 A.M.



May Birthdays:

3rd Jim McConaghy
6th Jack Rowland
7th Lois Hansen
8th Katie Belmar
9th Luke Stinnett
10th Sarah Dreher
10th Betty Hibbard
15th Janene Shuey
22nd Vivian Osborne
22nd Lester Longbrake
26th Gary Martin
31st Jonnie McConaghy



Happy Anniversary

May Anniversaries:

29th Rev. Eric & Johanna Stinnett

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 Worship & Communion 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Bible Class & Sun School 11:45 Elders Meeting	2 7:00p – 8:00p AA Meeting	3 5:30p – 6:30p AA Meeting	4 9:30a Comforters 7:00p – 8:00p AA Meeting	5 8:00a Men's Breakfast Fiesta Mexicana	6	7
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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday

9:15 Worship
10:15 Fellowship
10:30 Bible Class

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