

Church Chatter



A Word from the Pastor

Dear Beloved,

Recently, a few of us were talking in church and our discussion turned to our common experience of knowing people who see themselves and name themselves as spiritual, but not religious, in the sense of going to church or wanting to be affiliated with one.

One important remedy to the anemic position of seeing oneself as spiritual but basically unattached to a faith community is we, as difficult as we may find it, share more of our personal stories of faith. Folks who are more open to God would discover new sources of meaning in our faith communities. Sharing our faith stories holds a vital, building-up, relevance for each of us individually, as a neighborhood community of faith, and for the whole church. For myself, I have loved hearing your stories and my faith has been built up through them.

We all love good stories. Through them we discover ourselves, others, and yes, God too. The stories of our encounters and relationships with God are themselves a word of God, for ourselves within community and, potentially, for others on the periphery of community and outside, beyond it. Through our faith stories, the Word of God, the story of God's love for us made manifest in Jesus Christ, becomes flesh, a personal, palatable reality for others. Faith clothed with a concrete personal human face is irresistible. We are drawn in with God's own

possibilities *for us*. We are drawn in by the attraction of the Holy Spirit. We have recognition.

The interplay between our personal stories of faith and the inspired revelational stories of Scripture grants an increased access each to the other. Approaching Scriptures from our stories, they are opened, we hear more what God is saying to us; likewise, approaching our stories from Scriptures, they are recontexted and opened, we hear more of what God is doing in us. So our faith stories and God's self-revealing stories in Scripture are mutual entry points or portals to one another, a two-way mirror which simultaneously reflects back and sees through, with each side enlivening the other.

We need our faith stories. And we need to learn to be comfortable living and telling them. Too often in our lives we are afraid of standing before one another. We simply fear being diminished by how others may negatively regard us. True enough, experience tells us much of the world is not trustworthy. We end up living in retreat or in first-strike mode. But as Christians we share in another dynamic which can come into play to override and even transform our fears, namely, our faith. God is trustworthy, even in the midst of all failure and possible ridicule. We live that trust and step out in it when, even in the presence of our fear, whether from actual or merely perceived sources, we risk ourselves.

Our faith stories can be as simple as allowing someone a glimpse of our true face when we struggle and search for faith or, perhaps more infrequently, when faith spills over in abundance. Our stories can be as involved as complex narratives that capture and express the messiness of life, or the sometimes darker suffering pathways of life. At times, faith may manifest as sheer endurance, at other times, as a feeling of being unaccountably

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buoyed in the midst of contrary forces, of experiencing joy within a mystery larger than oneself. Sometimes our stories will be dramatic, but most of the time they will be simple, even seemingly mundane, but in truth, not, since all will speak of Someone walking with us, leading us ever more deeply into life and love. Let us look for our faith stories. Let us tell our stories faithfully as God is unfolding them. And let us look for the opportunities where God may be calling us to share our stories. Let us become lamps on lamp stands! Ultimately, we have little to fear because God is already at the heart of every story, Jesus within our faith, within the pattern of life, death and resurrection, leading and guiding us into God's very own fullness of life and love. Let others hear, through our love and stories, the stirrings of the Word speaking a new story.

I pray that by introducing an opportunity for sharing our faith stories in the context of the weekly lectionary we will begin to open ourselves more and more to the life of Christ within us.

I have been working on a *lay led adult forum, Living in Faith Everyday (LIFE) Coming Soon*



WELCA

Potluck, BBQ and Games Day
Sunday, September 15 at LCOR
Invite your family and friends!

Bring your favorite side dish or
desert (or two 😊) to share after
the service and then stay for fun
with games of all kinds



This Sunday

***Church Start Time
Change***

LCOR is starting worship at

10:00 a.m.

on September 8!

We hope to see you there!



NEEDED: LCOR ORGANIST/ PIANIST

LCOR has always been blessed with musically talented members. As time moves on, we are entering a new era with our dedicated pianists. Crystal Sneed is no longer able to play for our church as life has gotten just too busy. We thank her for her many years of beautiful music that have contributed to our services and special programs over the years. We pray for blessings in all that Crystal will be pursuing.

Diane Nicklas has graciously offered to play each Sunday in August. Her time and talents are *very* appreciated. With that said, we are in need of another person two times monthly, beginning in September and continuing forward.

We have been reaching out to find that special person. If you know of someone who plays piano and/or the organ, please talk with them and let them know we have an open position. If you or they have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office. We can provide the details of the position.

Thank you for keeping your ears and eyes open to find another musically talented person!



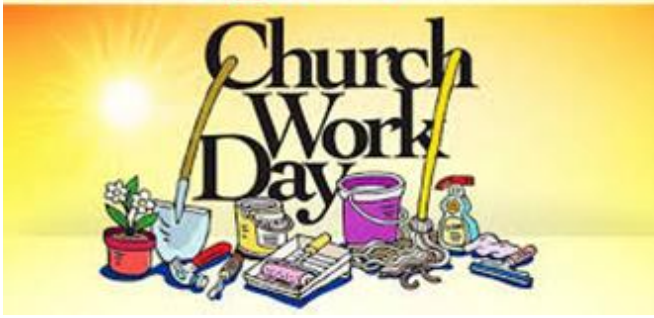
Come for inspiration, sharing, and learning about God's Word! **Join WELCA on Wednesday, September 11 at 9:30.** Betty Dahl is the hostess for the month. Fellowship and faith work together to guide us in better knowing the Bible.



WELCA'S ON-LINE SALE

WELCA will sell donated items on-line this summer and into the fall in place of having a rummage sale inside the church building. WELCA is asking for donations of items which can be sold, such as dishes, pots and pans, silverware, utensils, home decor, and small furniture. Please refrain from donating clothes, shoes, etc. as these are often difficult to sell on-line. If you have any items you would like to don, but are unsure about the donation of the items, please contact one of the WELCA Board members. Items can be placed in the Sunday School rooms on the east side of the hallway. Tables will be available for your items. Thank you, WELCA Board

It's Your **Ch_rch** & **u** are needed!



Saturday, October 19, 2024
9:00-1:00

Make sure to save the date to come and prepare the church and grounds for fall and winter.

Please bring your own yard/gardening tools. Lunch will be provided.

Fun and fellowship in caring for our church. Contact Eric Walek with questions at 970-773-4561.



Grief Support at LCOR
Fourth Saturday of the Month
12-1:30 pm
September 28th,
Lite Lunch Provided.

A place to speak about experiences of loss, receive care and support from other attendees, and share what is important and meaningful to you in your life. A light lunch will be provided.



Prairie Parish

The next Prairie Parish event will be on September 7, 2024. It will be in Sterling at Peace Lutheran Church. Breakfast will be served at 9:00.

The topic for discussion at the September gathering is

Discovering and Exploring What We do with These Spiritual Gifts

Congratulation and welcome to our new bishop, Bishop Meghan Johnston Aelabouni!

She has begun her new journey in leading all of us in the Rocky Mountain Synod. Prayers and best wishes for her!

Sunday, September 8 is the next LCOR Church Council meeting. It will be after the service. Please pray for your council to make the best decisions possible for all, being filled with the Holy Spirit and guided by our Lord and Savior.



Please pray for the following who have been submitted to our prayer list:

Ron and Kay Seiler, Kay Carter, Delora Ticnor, Gerry Mersinger, Roxie Larson, Nichole Woodward niece of Delette Woodward, June Martin's sons Matthew & David, Kate Barnes, John Strauch, Randi Warbasse, Dayle Neddo, Jessa & Taylor Pickering, Andrei, Joanna & Atlas, Nicoleta and Rebecca, James, Sidonia and their children, Christine Reedy, Jodi Brown, Callie Sidor, Mikaela Martinez-Harman, Luke Lay, Braxton Speicher, Luke Makings, and Zach Griffith.

Let us pray for those serving in the military, and our first responders.

***Please contact LCOR for those needing prayer and for those who no longer need to be on our list.

Call (970) 867-8432 or
Email at lcor-morgan@msn.com.



September Birthdays

Zaiden Holguin	1 st
Kenneth Temple	3 rd
Kraig Castor	8 th
Morgan Launer	10 th
Lisa Trautwein	12 th
Kari Castor	14 th
Emma Jorgensen	16 th
Ashlynn Ruppel	19 th
Rowana Ernst	20 th
Ashley Lauck	27 th
Landon Crispin	27 th



Duane & Shelly Bristol 20th





Sunday, September 1

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,
6-9
Psalm 15
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,
21-23

Monday, September 2

Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23,
47-48
Deuteronomy 4:9-14
1 Timothy 4:6-16

Tuesday, September 3

Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23,
47-48
Deuteronomy 4:15-20
1 Peter 2:19-25

**Wednesday,
September 4**

Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23,
47-48
Deuteronomy 4:21-40
Mark 7:9-23

Thursday, September 5

Psalm 146
Isaiah 30:27-33
Romans 2:1-11

Friday, September 6

Psalm 146
Isaiah 32:1-8
Romans 2:12-16

Saturday, September 7

Psalm 146

Isaiah 33:1-9
Matthew 15:21-31

Sunday, September 8

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 2:1-10 [11-13]
14-17
Mark 7:24-37

Monday, September 9

Isaiah 38:10-20
Joshua 6:1-21
Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Tuesday, September 10

Isaiah 38:10-20
Joshua 8:1-23
Hebrews 12:3-13

**Wednesday,
September 11**

Isaiah 38:10-20
Judges 15:9-20
Matthew 17:14-21

Thursday, September 12

Psalm 116:1-9
Joshua 2:1-14
Hebrews 11:17-22

Friday, September 13

Psalm 116:1-9
Joshua 2:15-24
James 2:17-26

Saturday, September 14

Psalm 116:1-9
Joshua 6:22-27
Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday, September 15

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

Monday, September 16

Psalm 119:169-176
1 Kings 13:1-10
Romans 3:9-20

Tuesday, September 17

Psalm 119:169-176
1 Kings 13:11-25
Colossians 3:1-11

**Wednesday,
September 18**

Psalm 119:169-176
Isaiah 10:12-20
John 7:25-36

Thursday, September 19

Psalm 54
Judges 6:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Friday, September 20

Psalm 54
1 Kings 22:24-40
Romans 11:25-32

Saturday, September 21

Psalm 54
2 Kings 17:5-18
Matthew 23:29-39

Sunday, September 22

Jeremiah 11:18-20 *or*
Wisdom 1:16—2:1,
12-22
Psalm 54
James 3:13—4:3, 7-
8a
Mark 9:30-37

Monday, September 23

Psalm 139:1-18
2 Kings 5:1-14
James 4:8-17

Tuesday, September 24

Psalm 139:1-18
2 Kings 11:21—12:16
James 5:1-6

**Wednesday,
September 25**

Psalm 139:1-18
Jeremiah 1:4-10
John 8:21-38

Thursday, September 26

Psalm 19:7-14
Exodus 18:13-27
Acts 4:13-31

Friday, September 27

Psalm 19:7-14
Deuteronomy 1:1-18
Acts 12:20-25

Saturday, September 28

Psalm 19:7-14
Deuteronomy 27:1-10
Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, September 29

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-
16, 24-29
Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Monday, September 30

Psalm 5
Zechariah 6:9-15
1 Peter 1:3-9

We thank those who offer their gifts in leading worship this month!

September					
2024	1	8	15	22	29
Usher/ Greeter	Shelley Bristol	Margie & Bob Dorn	Carol Foos	Carri Brown	Margie & Bob Dorn
Acolyte	Wanda Rosten	Stefanie Liston	Wanda Rosten	Wanda Rosten	Stefanie Liston
Communion Assistant	*****		*****		*****
Alter Guild	*****	Wanda Rosten	*****	Barbara Mai	*****
Media Center	Stefanie Liston	Stefanie Liston	Bob Dorn	Stefanie Liston	Stefanie Liston
Teller	Shelley Bristol	Margie Dorn	Carol Foos	Carri Brown	Margie Dorn
Lector	Karen Temple	Bob Dorn	Rowana Ernst	Karen Liston	Karen Temple
Council Steward	Karen Temple	Kay Johnson	Kay Carter	Kay Johnson	Kay Carter
Fellowship Host	Girl Scout Cookie Donation	Diane Nicklas	WELCA Potluck	Row & Rockie Ernst	Karen Temple
Flowers					
Memory of, Or Honor of					



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LCOR Church Council Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2024

1. Call to order at 10:13. Council members present: Karen T., Kay J., and Karen L. Also present were Roxie Larson and Terresa Lauck. Pastor Ruby was present via Zoom due to Covid. The opening prayer was led by Kay J.

At the beginning of the meeting, we were unable to make any motions that would need to be voted on, as we did not have enough council members present. The church service ended earlier than anticipated and the meeting started 15-20 minutes before Pastor was to attend via Zoom.

As Roxie was present and had prepared a presentation about the TEEM (Theological Education for Emergent Ministries) program she would like to pursue, she shared her information. Pastor informed us that she saw many good things in Roxie, that she had approached Roxie about this program, and that after speaking with her she had nominated Roxie for the program. Roxie shared how she felt she had been called to be involved in ministry in the past and that now seemed to be the time in God's plan as Pastor recognized a gift in Roxie and the TEEM program came to be at the same time. The application fee for participating in the program is to be divided into three parts – the synod, the nominating church, and the individual in the TEEM program. At this time, the part that LCOR is responsible for paying is \$616.67, for the application fee. This figure is based on the most current information from the synod.

8. New Business

- a. Primary Functions of the Church – postponed until a more complete council can be together.
- b. TEEM Project Candidate – Information presented by Roxie
- c. Follow-up to Cottage Meeting – The event was very well received. We will discuss a follow-up at a future meeting.
- d. Stewardship Drive- postponed until a more complete council can be together

e. Fall Event – a Blessing of the Animals will be planned for; more council needs to be present for planning

11. Adjourn with Lord's Prayer – 11:50

We didn't have enough people present at the regularly scheduled August 4 meeting to be able to vote on anything for our Council meeting. We did have some very good discussions. As there are a couple of items that need to be decided about quickly, a new council meeting was scheduled.

LCOR Church Council Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2024

1. Call to order at 5:40 – Council members present: Jeff Edwards, Karen Temple, Kay Johnson, Kay Carter, Karen Liston, Pastor Ruby -via Zoom; also present was Terresa Lauck -via Zoom.
2. Opening prayer by Pastor Ruby
3. Approval of Agenda- Jeff moved to approve. Karen L. seconded; all approved.
4. Approval of Secretary Report- Jeff moved to approve. Karen L. seconded; all approved.
5. Approval of Treasurer Report – Kay C moved to approve. Kay J seconded; all approved.
 - a. Finance Committee meeting review – Tabled
6. New Business-
 - a. TEEM Project Candidate – Discussion & Vote- The information presented at the August 4 council meeting was reviewed for all present. Pastor Ruby and Karen T. answered questions brought forth. Kay J. moved to approve the nomination of Roxie Larson and one third part payment for the LCOR part of the application fee for the TEEM Project. Karen L. seconded; all approved.
 - b. Office Copier- Information from Great Copier Service and from discussions with Bill Holland, manager of GCS, and Karen L. were presented. Copies for bulletins, newsletters, and all church related business have been made weekly at Great Copier Service since the current copier stopped working in early June. Kay C. moved that we

- abide with the current contract as presented at the price of \$169.00 per month. Jeff seconded; all approved
- c. Follow-up to Cottage Meeting - All agreed that the outcome had been very positive. The question now is, how can we continue that positivity moving forward? The council agreed that we need to continue with other events.
 - d. Fall Event- The council discussed events that LCOR plans to have in the fall: Potluck and Games Day sponsored by WELCA on September 15, Blessing of the Animals during worship time the first Sunday of October and participating again in the community Trick or Treat Street event with our Trunk or Treat event.
 - e. Trinity Building Use- A member of Trinity Lutheran Church submitted a Building Use Request form for a funeral on September 14. Kay C. moved to approve. Kay J. seconded; all approved.
7. Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 7:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Liston
LCOR Church Council Secretary

LCOR Congregation Council Members

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Jeff Edwards, Vice-President (970) 467-2721
Karen Liston, Secretary 842-4819
Kay Carter (505)573-9043
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Marian Robertson 867-2552
Pastor Ruby Narucki 303-653-2533

Terresa Lauck, Treasurer 768-3143

*Blessing of
the Animals*



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 6,
2024**

10:00 am

PRAISE SERVICE

***BRING ALL YOUR CREATURES GREAT AND
SMALL FOR A BLESSING AT OUR REDEEMER***

All animals **MUST** be appropriately restrained.

ALL ARE WELCOME

*The blessing of the animals originated through the commemoration of
Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226*

*Born into the family of a wealthy merchant; Francis gave up his
inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor
(called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching
"using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of
God's creation*

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