



AUGUST 20, 2025

EKKLESIA

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



Dinner for Eight STARTING IN SEPTEMBER!

I'm new to FLC; what is Dinner for Eight? It's a great way to meet members of FLC that you don't know and build deeper relationships with those you do! Each year people sign

up in late summer, and our dinners start in September.

You can sign up as a single person or as a couple. Singles will be coupled with another person (you can specify that person if you'd like). Then four couples are randomly assigned together for the month of September.

One couple is the host couple. You can either host at your home or reserve the main level of the Peel House (parlor, kitchen, and dining rooms). The host couple provides the main dish. The three guest couples are assigned to provide one of the following bread/salad, vegetable, or dessert. Then you are assigned with new couples for each of the months of October, January, and February. You will host one of the four months, bring bread and salad one month, bring a vegetable one month, and bring dessert one month.

We do not hold *Dinner for Eight* during November or December because of the holidays. If you don't wish to participate all four months, you can sign up as a substitute. As hosts are choosing the date of their dinner Party if they have a couple unable to make the date selected, they reach out to substitutes. Deadline to register is August 31, 2025.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/46KoO8n>

FROM THE PASTOR



Tragedies happen every day in someone's life. Each of us has a story of a death or other tragic event that left us reeling. This week I spoke with a member whose grandson died in a motorcycle accident. Two days later I was on the phone with another member in her 90s whose only son died. In between I had some spiritual conversation and prayer with a member wondering how to keep the faith when all these hard things happen in our lives. I want to share with you what I shared with each of these people.

When tragedy strikes, when you are suffering, when you wonder where God is in all of this -look to the cross. Look to the cross and the suffering of Jesus to know that God has not abandoned us, that God is not indifferent. On the cross we see a God who understands from the inside out the suffering we experience when tragedy strikes our life. On the cross we see that God does not stand apart but actually comes close to us in the hardest parts of our life. On the cross we see that God is with us in suffering and loss. God knows the pain, feels it himself and thankfully has also promised a way through. The resurrection gives us hope that the story never ends in tragedy but gives way to life and healing.

We are people of faith in a God who does answer our prayers. Every prayer for healing will be answered by the God who raised Jesus from the dead and promises to raise us, too. We don't get the answer right away very often—although miracles do occur. Most of the time we are asked to wait and to trust as we read in the assigned scripture for this week from Hebrews 11 after the author lifts up the heroes of our faith, "Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith did not receive what was promised, since God has provided something better so that they would not apart from us, be made perfect." We are called to have faith and wait, trusting that God will come through for us in the end.

Right now, we have a limited perspective. And within that perspective the pain of loss can be overwhelming. God does not abandon us to that pain. He weeps with us just as he did at the tomb of Lazarus. We have that comfort and we have the promise that all our weeping will one day turn into dancing. How can that be? It is only through the work of Jesus, when he returns and the dead are raised, and we are finally reunited with all those we have lost and with our Father in heaven.

Come Lord Jesus!

-Pastor Travis

AUGUST 17, 2025

LUKE 12:49-56

“I have come to cast fire, to endure a baptism, to cause division”. What is Jesus talking about? How many of you came to church today hoping to get burned or have your peace disrupted? It’s tempting to read this passage and project our images of a judgmental God upon Jesus. Is Jesus about to call fire from heaven to smite the sinners? Are we all sinners in the hands of an angry God? Is that what is going on here? Many people think that’s who God is that God is up there watching, looking for sinners to punish. How many Christians live not in love but in fear of God? And then Jesus starts talking like this, and we wonder if they are right that we should be afraid of God.

I’ll confess that I prefer it when Jesus talks about looking for the lost sheep and tells stories about God’s mercy and forgiveness. The danger for us though is that we get a one-dimensional view of Jesus, a view that we like rather than the real Jesus. The real Jesus was merciful and kind and tough on hypocrisy and judgmental religious leaders. He was gentle with the poor and sick and oppressed and angry with any who took advantage of them. He flipped tables and shouted insults at Pharisees and Sadducees. He told Peter he would be the rock on which he built the church but also called Peter ‘Satan’ and said, “Get behind me,” when he tempted Jesus from the path of the cross. Jesus taught about the importance of forgiveness but also warned those who failed to be generous in that what they had would be taken from them. He taught us to pray and told us about a Father who loves to give good gifts to his children. And he taught us to repent, turn away from our sins and make restitution to those we have hurt.

We who claim Jesus as Lord and Savior don’t get to decide who he is. We don’t get to pick and choose our favorite parts of Jesus and ignore the other parts. We follow Jesus and all that He is, and so when he says he came to bring fire to the earth to bring division and not peace, to divide families against each other, we lean in and listen. What is it that he is saying to us right now? Jesus looks at the crowds and chastises them for being able to interpret the weather but not the times. Maybe that’s a good place to start, to try to understand what Jesus is saying.

Two summers ago, my friends and I were on vacation when we all got alerts on our phones that there was a tornado in the area. The alert said to seek shelter immediately and so we did. We were at a rental house, and we grabbed all the kids and found a large closet and bathroom in the basement and all 16 of us piled into the two rooms. We stayed there for an hour listening to the storm, watching our phones, waiting to hear it was ok to leave. We know how to interpret the weather, when to recognize danger and to seek shelter. Jesus says that same understanding and urgency is needed to interpret the present time. If we understood what was happening, then we would react with the same intensity as if a tornado was heading our way. Jesus knows how to interpret the times, he knows what’s happening in our world and he is anxious to take decisive action. When Jesus says, “I have come to bring fire to the earth and how I wish it were already kindled,” he is using an idiom that refers to starting the fire for an outdoor oven. We might say something like, “Fire up the grill, get things cooking.” The idea is that Jesus is ready to move, ready to act, because the time is urgent and the stakes are high.

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When Jesus says he is under stress until he undergoes a baptism, he is talking about the cross and the path he is on to suffer and die for the sake of the world. This passage isn't about judgement, it's about salvation and Jesus' work to rescue us from sin, death and the devil. When you are on a rescue mission, you don't hesitate, you move quickly because lives are at stake. Jesus is on a rescue mission but that work of rescue, the cross and resurrection comes with the exclusive claim that Jesus alone is the way to be saved. And that will cause division, it does to this day. We believe that the only name under heaven whereby you can be saved is Jesus. We believe that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah of God, the only redeemer of the world. That proclamation that we make puts everyone on the spot to make a decision about Jesus. There's no room for hemming and hawing, no room for indecision. Imagine drowning in the ocean and someone throws you a rope. You either grab onto it because you believe in the salvation it offers, or you reject it because you don't think you need it. Those are the stakes. That's why we need to be able to interpret the times. Because when you see the world clearly you know that you need salvation. But some will reject that believing that they are just fine, that they don't need the rescue Jesus offers. This claim of Christianity is what divides father against son and son against father. Mother against daughter and daughter against mother. And many of you know this firsthand. We all have family members who don't believe in Jesus, who haven't grabbed the rope. We all know people who think we're the crazy ones for believing in a God who raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus knew what he was doing, he knew the fire he was starting, he knew that the cross

would be a stumbling block to some. But still he went forward, suffering the indignity and pain of the cross. Why? Because the stakes are so high. His world is in danger, we are destroying ourselves, we are on a path of destruction. And Jesus gave everything he had to rescue us, to save us, to protect us. And he will threaten even sacred institutions like family in his effort to bring us out of danger; the stakes are that high.

We have an uncanny ability to deceive ourselves, to stick our heads in the sand and pretend things are different than they are. But when we take a hard look at the world, we can see evidence of self-destruction all around. I looked up deaths and crimes in our county. El Paso County in 2023 had 189 suicides, 50 murders, 212 drug overdoses, 11 unhoused people died from hypothermia, 450 cars were stolen, and there were 453 victims of domestic violence. They don't measure adultery, but over 27,000 people in the county have an account with a site focused on cheating on your spouse. I'm not sure how you'd measure greed, but both the Salvation Army and the Springs Rescue Mission are having major budget issues and are unable to provide for the incredible increase in homelessness this year. The Salvation Army is cutting the number of beds they have for families by 50%. One in five people in Colorado said they skip meals because they can't afford food. 37% of people in Colorado feel like they don't belong in their community. Half of all people in our community feel lonely and say they don't have any meaningful relationships. This is just in our county, in our state. I could go on and on but just this quick look reveals the stakes that we need salvation. Jesus looks at the world, and he makes a beeline for the cross. "I came to bring

fire to the earth and how I wish it were already kindled.” Fire up the grill, let’s get cooking, it’s time to do something. The cross tells the truth to us about this world.

An innocent man who challenged the status quo is killed rather than listened to. On the cross we see ourselves, the cruelty and injustice of the world, the sin and failures of our societies. We see religion and government as not only insufficient to solve our problems but actually complicit in causing them. But on the cross God taking all of this on himself and rather than lashing out in punishment, he proclaims forgiveness. Forgiveness to those who nailed him on the cross, “Father forgive them, they don’t know what they are doing.” Forgiveness and salvation to the thief on the cross who is one of those statistics- a thief, a violent criminal, “Today you will be with me in paradise”. Jesus takes our world on himself on the cross, dies and then three days later rises to bring a message of salvation to the world.

There is another way, there is another path. You can turn from sin and receive forgiveness. You can stop following destructive appetites and be led by the Spirit and the Word of God. You can be set free from loneliness and join a community who will love and welcome you. There is a life for you that is marked by mercy, rest for your souls and a relationship with a God of love. This life is made for you through the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a gift for all who receive it, for all who are willing to believe that God is good, and God is for them.

That’s our message and the time is now to call for the world to return to God. We start with ourselves and let Jesus confront us, challenge us, change us. That’s the division he causes within

us as he stands offering us a new way, knowing it means we have to turn from our old ways. We do this every day; we do this whenever we confess our sins and come to this table to receive his body and blood. But even as Jesus changes us, we are called to light the fire under our neighbors and friends and loved ones. That this life is for them, too.

Forgiveness is for them. Grace and mercy are for them. The stakes are high, people are suffering, this world is struggling. And we have a God who heals suffering, who forgives sin and shows us how to live a good life. We have a God who has conquered death itself and revealed the path to eternal life. A God who has given us commandments to love and give to those in need. We have a God who creates a community of love, a community of service to others. We are a community of rescue sent into the world to save as many as we can; to welcome them into this community so we can remake this world following the vision of our Creator.

That is our work, the stakes are high, the time is now, let’s get to it.

Amen.

-Pastor Travis



Bounce House
Pancake Breakfast

FUN!
Inflatable Slide

There will be no Sunday School on August 24 and August 31. Children's Church will meet August 24 but will not meet on August 31. Children are invited to attend church with their families.

Join us for Rally Day as we kick off another year of Sunday School.

Children will have breakfast with their Sunday school classes during the 9:30 a.m. service and with their Children's Church leaders at the 10:15 a.m. service, then we will have an extra fun coffee hour with bounce houses and slides on the front lawn until noon!



2026 HIGH SCHOOL
Missions
TRIP

SAVE THE DATE!
JULY 12 - 17, 2026

ADVENTURE. PURPOSE. IMPACT.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE. GROW YOUR FAITH. STEP INTO SOMETHING
BIGGER THAN YOURSELF.

- Fundraising and application required
- Cost: \$150

Questions? Talk to Pastor Michaela or Colton to learn more.



INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BOOK GROUP

Meets the first Wednesday of the month in the Library, 7 p.m. New faces are always welcome, including men!

September 3 – *Who Is Government?*
by Michael Lewis

A FEW MORE ANGELS ARE NEEDED TO SUPPORT NEW TEACHERS AT SAND CREEK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Use this link for more information and to sign up: <https://bit.ly/4lqUvHk>

IN-GATHERING OF FOOD/HYGIENE ITEMS FOR ONE NATION WALKING TOGETHER

**August 1–31, 2025 | Drop Off in Vestibule by
The Gathering Place**

AGING TOGETHER

A group for seniors will begin in September to discuss issues of aging: health concerns, living arrangements, maintaining social contacts, community resources, challenges and joys. Join Maureen Tuttle and Anne Rivers in **the Peel House, Room 202 on Friday, September 5, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** This group will continue on the first and third Fridays every month. Light refreshments will be provided. No sign up needed.

Call Maureen (719.640.1985 or Anne (719.351.4268) with any questions or ideas.

FALL “SWING” DANCE LESSONS

Angela Harder is back this fall to teach us “Swing” dancing! That’s right you’ll be swing dancing in just four weeks! Keeping a maximum of ten couples will allow Angela to introduce new moves each week while helping each couple progress at their own pace, too. Wear shoes that can slide on the wood floor of the Peel House parlor!

Sundays – September 7–28, 2025
2–3 p.m.

Peel House Parlor

\$80 couple

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/4oSuZn2>

BECOME INVOLVED

HOLIDAY “CRAFTING AROUND” RETURNS

This group will meet on **select Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Joseph’s Workshop (basement of main church building)**. We have three additional crafters this season who have prepared several different craft projects for people of any skill level for the upcoming holiday season. You can sign up for one, a few, or all projects offered! We are keeping the cost of these fabulous crafts at \$5 each again this year. You must pay in full at the time of registration in order for the needed supplies to be purchased. Check out samples of these crafts displayed in the Gathering Place during the month of August!

Here is our craft schedule:

September 16: Snowman

September 23: Southwest Rock Painting

September 30: **Rock Painting I** (One \$5 fee covers both dates for this craft)

October 7: **Rock Painting II**

October 28: Holiday Tree Wreath Ornament

November 4: Gift Card Holders

November 11: Yarn Christmas Tree

November 15 (SATURDAY): Crafter’s Choice

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/4l8eTwT>

DINING OUT WITH FLC

This group, where all are welcome, meets at 5:30 p.m. on two Tuesdays of each month to enjoy various cuisines and fellowship. Reservations will be made two weeks in advance, so sign up early!

- September 9 – BJ’s Brewhouse – 5150 N Nevada Ave
- September 23 – Jack Quinn’s Irish Pub and Restaurant – 21 S Tejon St,
- October 7 – Chaang Thai – 7525 N Academy Blvd
- October 21 – Old Spaghetti Factory – 3101 New Center Point

Register here: <https://bit.ly/41Rh4ff> or on the “Church” app.

FRIENDS BY THE FIREPIT

A new ten-week session of *Friends by the Firepit* for the fall will begin on Monday, September 8. We will meet for 60-90 minutes around the firepit just north of the Peel House starting at 6 p.m. Bring a beverage of your choice (margarita, beer, soda, etc.) while we discuss questions based on the previous day’s sermon. You can pick up a sheet of the sermon-based questions on your way into worship Sunday morning from an usher or at the Welcome Center Desk. If there is precipitation, we’ll meet on the porch. If it gets too cold, we’ll meet inside the Peel House parlor.



TRAIL TREKKERS

Thursdays - open to anyone
capable of hiking 3-6 miles

Meet at 8:00 a.m.

Email outdoorjudy@comcast.net if you would
like to participate.

August 21 – Daniel’s Pass – Cheyenne Canyon
Meet at the 2nd lower parking lot at Starsmore,
Cheyenne Rd and Evans

This trail was completed in 2021. It is a lovely
woods-walk towards Muscoco Mt. above Chey-
enne Canyon. Switchbacks rise around massive
boulders, higher to views of the canyon mouth
and the far plains beyond. Several trails branch
off Daniels for a longer hike in the future. 3-4
miles; rated moderate. Lunch is optional after
the hike.

August 28 – Blodgett Open Space

Meet in the parking lot at 3786 W. Woodmen
Rd. or on the street

This park is in the northwest corner of Colora-
do Springs where new trails are being devel-
oped. It will be a 3-5 mile hike with changing
elevations on natural terrain. Much of the trail
is in the shade. Lunch after the hike is optional.



RITA THE ROCK PLANTER TOUR IN VICTOR, CO

Wednesday, August 27, 2025,

Leave FLC: 9:30 a.m. Self-guided tour is at 10:30
a.m.

Cost: FREE

Lunch: Cripple Creek restaurant of choice (pay
on your own)

Sign Up Deadline: Monday, August 25, 2025

We will be heading up and over the pass for this
OWLS trip. Victor is our destination to see the
famous Rita the Rock Planter troll designed and
created by Danish artist Thomas Dambo.

<https://www.thomasdambo.com> Rita was cre-
ated in 2023, stands 21’ tall, and is made out of
recycled wood. The legend of Rita involves her
waking up from a long nap to find mining holes
dug by humans then filling them so no one
would step in them - symbolizing environ-
mental restoration. <https://www.visitcos.com>

**Please wear comfortable walking shoes for
the .25 mile walk on a rocky trail.** We will
make a quick stop to the Gold Camp Bakery in
Victor for a snack and eat lunch at the restaurant
of your choice in Cripple Creek. A fun day
planned for sure. Please sign up by using the
following link <https://bit.ly/41tH8yV> or by call-
ing FLC at 719.632.8836.

BECOME INVOLVED

THANK YOU FROM PRISON MINISTRIES

"We had 27 boys and 26 girls at each camp along with four baptisms. Each day during chapel we introduced a different theme, Monday-Trust. Tuesday-Love. Wednesday-Forgiveness. Thursday-Hope. Friday-Prayer. Each day is also filled with different activities such as horses, a climbing wall, archery, zip line, funyaks and more.

Our camp pastor Donovan, who is from Pueblo and grew up with his dad incarcerated, has an instant connection with the kids. Then for his dad to come share with him on Thursday evening is a really special time. Each day we have a session called *My Voice My Story*, which is a time where we talk and process questions that these kids have thought of at some point. Questions such as, "Will I turn out like my mom or dad?" "Was it my fault mom or dad went to prison?" Giving them a safe space to tell their story and hear other kids' stories and know that they are not alone is a very meaningful time at camp for the kids. Another meaningful thing we do at camp is a birthday party celebrating everyone's birthday. For the boys we take them fishing and then we celebrate everyone's birthday with a cupcake, candle and gifts for each boy. The girl's birthday party is the same except instead of fishing we have a spa party set up for them where they get their nails painted, hair done, and a facial.

Hopefully this gives a little bit of an idea of what all happens at camp. Were so grateful for your part in supplying the blankets and transportation. Earlier this year when visiting one of the families, I saw the blanket from last summer being used as they were sitting on the couch in the living room.

Thanks again,

Darryl Swantz

New Horizons Ministries

ARK Program Supervisor

<https://youtu.be/Wnxcnl1tFZE> - a video of the kids at Camp Ark

MOMCO

School is back in session, so MomCo goes back to meeting twice each month! We will be meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Their next meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the Peel House Lounge.**



OH CANADA!



My husband, Steve, has held onto a bucket list wish for quite some time. This year we are planning to complete 1/3 of this wish. He wants to drive his BMW K1600 motorcycle across Canada! Steve took off on his motorcycle at 6 a.m. on Friday, August 11, heading for his first pit-stop at our friend's home in Montana. I flew from DEN to Victoria BC on Friday, August 15. On Saturday we toured Buchart Gardens. Yes, you were all correct; they were NOT to be missed! On Sunday, we went underground to explore Horne Lake Caves. Monday, we took the ferry over to Vancouver and walked the Sea Wall around Stanley Park. Yesterday we went to the Vancouver Aquarium. If you are reading this on Wednesday, August 20, we are celebrating our 37th anniversary! Our adventure to day takes us up the Blackcomb Gondola and across to Whistler Mountain on the "Peak 2 Peak" Gondola with a glass-bottom cabin. Tomorrow we will drive 509 km to West Kelowna BC. Friday we will drive 738 km to Yellowhead County AB. Then we have two full days within Jasper National Park and plan to kayak and hike a bit. I even packed my two-person hammock in case we just want to take a nap by one of the beautiful lakes! On Monday, August 25 we will take the Icefields Parkway to Lake Louise and enjoy a fondue dinner at the Fairmont Chateau. Our three days in Banff National Park will include canoeing on Lake Louise, taking the Banff Gondola up Mount Sulphur and enjoying dinner in the Sky Bistro followed by the Sunset Festival on the Peak Patio, watching the sunrise on Moraine Lake and hiking to Consolation Lakes, taking in downtown Banff, and Banff Hot Springs. On Friday, August 29 we will head back to the States, drive through Glacier National Park along the "Going-to-the-Sun" road. After another stop at our friend's home in Montana, I will fly from BIL (Billings, MT) to COS on Monday, September 1. Steve will drive home arriving back in the Springs on September 2. Thank you for praying for our safe travels on this fantastic journey! We look forward to seeing you at church on September 7! If you have ideas for our 2026 adventure through the provinces of Ontario and Quebec please share. Then it's on to the Maritimes (New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island) in 2027!

WORSHIP & STUDY

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Sanctuary Worship:
8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.

Contemporary Worship Service:
10:15 a.m. in the Worship Center,
2nd floor

ONLINE WORSHIP IS LIVE STREAMED AT
9:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHT BEGINS
AUGUST 20 AT 6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT FIRST LUTHERAN ARE GROWING!

There's a fresh energy on Wednesday nights at First Lutheran—and we can't wait for you to be part of it! This fall, our midweek gatherings are expanding to offer more opportunities for connection, worship, and growth for all ages. We'll kick off each week with a **Rolling Dinner** in the Gathering Place from **5:15–6:15 p.m.**—a warm, come-when-you-can meal for everyone. Then, join us for **Wednesday Night LIGHT Worship** at its new earlier time of **6:30 p.m.** After worship, small groups will gather for meaningful conversation and learning:

- **Pre-Confirmation** for grades 6–7
- **Confirmation Small Group** for grades 8–9
- **High School Small Group** for grades 10–12
- **Parent Small Group** led by Pastor Carrie Baylis

Whether you're a student, a parent, or simply looking to connect midweek, Wednesday nights at First Lutheran are the perfect time to pause, be refreshed, and grow together in faith.

SUNDAY ADULT SEMINAR

Meets at 9:15 in the Peel House Parlor

Loving and Serving Our Neighbors —
Community Partners in Ministry

Aug 24 — Discussion on Veteran and
Military Family Assistance in
Colorado Springs, led by Amy Moore
from the Cohen Clinic at Red Rock.

Generation to Revelation is new podcast from First Lutheran Church that launched August 14. The first topic is on “Religious Scandal” and how we can still remain loyal and committed to Christ's Church when there are so many bad headlines out there. You can find the podcast on our church YouTube page and anywhere that you get your podcasts.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY

Isaiah 58-9b-14; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke
13:10-17

THE EMMAUS WAY

BY LORI DUNCAN



Humility desires “to become like Jesus in his willingness to choose the hidden way of love rather than the way of power”; “Humility stems from an honest understanding of who we are.” —Adele Calhoun

In Philippians 2, Paul encourages us to be humble, [having the same mind as Christ Jesus](#). Let’s take a look at some practical ways to practice humility as we continue thinking about what it looks like for us to follow Jesus in emptying ourselves for the sake of others.

Contrary to what some might think, humility does not consist of holding a deflated opinion of oneself. Instead, it is—or at least it begins with—an utterly honest and objective assessment of exactly who we really are; it is an unflinching seeing and acknowledging of our full selves—strengths and weaknesses, saintliness and sinfulness—taking responsibility for the things that are ours. It is knowing, with Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, that [the line separating good and evil](#) runs not through someone else, but through my own heart. And it is knowing that, in that very place of full humanity, God sees, knows, loves, and calls us into transformative relationship. When we embrace the truth that our identity comes from and is secure in God, we are no longer driven to promote or justify ourselves; we are at home in God and God is at home in us, so we have absolutely nothing to defend or prove. We are free to both work graciously on ourselves, and to see, elevate, and cheer for others.

In that light, Dana Greene says this: “Humility derives from the primacy of our relationship with God who loves us into being. Strive not for humility, but rather to open oneself to a relationship with a loving God. Humility follows as the night the day.” The more open we are to God and God’s unfailing love for us, the more we are transformed into God’s image, which means self-emptying for the sake of others will become more and more our natural way of being in the world.

Next week we will look at how humility partners with holy listening. In the meantime, please let me know if you have any questions or would like to get together for coffee and chats (lori@flccs.net), and let’s practice [walking humbly with our God](#), together.

BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

August 25

LouAnne Benson
Kaelyn Daughetee
Linda Townsend

August 26

Naomie Hernandez
Tucker Travins

August 27

Chuck Donachy
Karen Frank
Wyatt Friedell
Katie Kosley
Bastion Larson
John Smith

August 28

Amelia Herman
Cassidy Mathiesen
Josh Olson
William Rodriguez IV

August 29

Carla Hartsell
Gabe Hurcomb
Courtney Mourning

August 30

Elizabeth Moline

August 31

Karen Krepps
Judy Peterson

August 28

Laurance & Lucille Moe - 70 years

August 29

Joe & Brenda DeLuca - 44 years
Tom & Cathy Mellott - 61 years
Paul & Bonnie Rochette - 27 years

August 30

John & Lynda O'Brien - 63 years



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these members of First Lutheran, their family and friends, in your prayers this week. If you are requesting to have a member's name added to the prayer list, please consult with the member prior to making your request.

Lannette Abbey	Josh Jones
Cheri Anderson	Shirley Jones
Wanda Anderson	Ann Junk
Fred Bachmeier	Jonas Kagarise
Desirae Backlund	Kyong Kelley
Dan Baker	Gaye Lynn Kielcheski
Janice Baldwin	Cindy Koger
Elmer Bauman	Jesse Lawrence & Family
Tana Beall	Sharon Lakey
Joan Boehm	The Spencer Lehmkuhl Family
Bill & Barbara Brown	Dayne Lindquist
Justin Buck	Scott Louis
Karl & Pam Cartwright	Susan Lundmark
Tanya Charbonneau	Elly Mahler
John & Debbie Chlebus	Jim Matthews
Nell Clowder	Glendill McBroom
Linda Collier	Nick McKibben & Family
Debi Deimling	Hugh McNeely
Rinda Dunson	Brandon Miller & Family
Alan Flinn	Marilyn Miller & Family
Edna Fross	Larry & Lucille Moe
Corinne Gibson	Paul Moe
Nola Gosch	Sam Norton
Doran Gotschall & Family	Owen & Family
Julian Green	Jack & Judy Peterson
Private Steven Harris	Nathanael Price
Paul & Kathy Herrmann	Darlene Radke
Ginger Hipszky	Jeff Rapp
Jake Hodnett	
Bill & Doreen Hulka	
Irene	
Matthew James	

Steve & Laurie Ross	Aaron & Cindi Thorson
Rev Dr Stanley Satre	Hailey Ullrich
Randy Schacht	Bob VanDuyn & Karen Henderson-VanDuyn
The Steve Schmidt Family	Matthew Stark
Dorothy Selleck	Christine Welch
Matthew Stark	Anna Wiese
Jackie Steensma	Jody Wilbur
Gwen Stein	Sherry Wilson
Becky Sternal	Greg & Carolyn Young
Michael Taylor	Zoe Zambo

Our condolences and prayers surround the family of

SPENCER LEHMKUHL

Naomi Lehmkuhl's grandson;

Marcus & Sarah Lehmkuhl's son;

Braxton's brother;

whose memorial service will be at a later date.

Date of death: August 9, 2025

Our condolences and prayers surround the family of

CRAIG STEENSMA

Jackie Steensma's son;

whose memorial service will be at a later date.

Date of death: August 12, 2025



FIRST
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2025 ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ROSE SHOW

Saturday, September 6, 2025, at 2 p.m., The Peel House

This year's show will be dedicated to Scott Kleine with the following dedication to be included in the program:

Scott Kleine always respected the needs of others. He was behind the scenes of all events the past decade we have worked in the community of First Lutheran Church. Scott welcomed the Pikes Peak Rose Society and church congregation – he welcomed the hard work, and he had a childlike wonder looking at beauty. Weeding our garden, the location of our iris garden, the spring notice of how Scott had the mulch placed over newspapers, a Scott invention. Clearing our kitchen counter, a set-up of baseball cards. The front personal garden, a fountain that lights up. Everywhere his love of beauty, whether the rose show or our own garden.

Scott kept the plans for our rose society organization set-up. He drove to the church to open it at 6 a.m. on his day off. We were told of his death by Sexton Anna Banks the morning of last year's June show. How to summarize this loss? Scott showed, in the words of commencement speaker, Tim Minchin, "Respect people with less. You can assess a person's worth by how they engage with the waitress."

Scott always gave the best hugs. Scott gave of his love of beauty. He came to our personal garden to help. He showed up. We count ourselves of the many visuals of Sexton Scott. He was behind each welcome piece of our rose show. I had the honor of hugging Scott at each opportunity. I was a waitress. It honors us to love our sextons. It honored myself to have Scott love this waitress.

Scott lived respecting people with less.

-Anita Eckley, PPRS First Lutheran Church Liaison

PEEL HOUSE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Monday, August 25, 5 p.m.

Peel House Main Level

The Peel House is a bustling ministry on the First Lutheran Campus and takes many people to keep it running smoothly. We utilize volunteers to host events, help with event set up and clean up, and to offer a friendly and welcoming greeting in the name of Jesus to all those who enter into the space.

Hospitality is an important gift that we offer here at First Lutheran, and we know that many of you are gifted in that area. Serving in the Peel House is one of the best ways that we can use that gift in service here.

You might be thinking that it seems like a big responsibility to host or work an event in the Peel House, and while it is, it is also fun, lifegiving, and can be transformational in the gifts received by those who are using our space. This training will offer all the things that you might need to know to help with an event in the Peel House. We'll cover procedures and policies, logistics and answer any questions that you might have!

Please join us on the 25th for dinner and training beginning at 5 p.m.! If you plan to attend, please email Candi Gaddie and she will get some advance information to you. Her email is candi@flccs.net