



THE CALL



THE VIOLET AND THE CROCUS

"Is it time to awaken?" the violet asked.
The crocus peeped at the sky.
No yet, dear flower!" She whispered low
"Some snowflakes are going by!"

"Is it time to grow?" The violet questioned
After a day had passed.
"Not yet," said the crocus, peeping again.
"I still feel winter's blast"

The third time the violet opened her eyes,
She heard a loud, harsh sound,
It shook all the earth, the trees and the hills,
And was felt way down in the ground.

"Is it time, friend crocus?" The violet asked,
And the crocus lifted her head
"Oh no!" Said she. "There's wind like a lion!
It's best that we stay in bed!"

The violet opened her big, blue eyes,
"A wind like a lion, you say?
Then March is here! Stormy March!
And it's time to be on our way!"

So up from the soil the crocus and violet
Pushed their way to the sky.
And the wild March wind gave each one a kiss
As he went tearing by!

By Lenore Herrick

Church Staff:

Bryan Elliott: Lead Pastor
Kathy Winders, Secretary
Daniel Galbreath, Music Director
Teresa Elliott & Shannon Jerding, Directors
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

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Preschool - M-F 8:30 - 5:30 P.M.

CLOSED JUNE-AUG.

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MARCH 10

**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
CHANGE**



Pastor Bryan's Page

Dear Church Family,

As I write this article it is snowing! Not the kind of snow we had last year, but the 2 inches here, 3 inches there and the 1 inch most of the time type of snowfall. It is hard to gauge weather. How do you plan for it? I have been doing some of the snow removal with my side by side. It has been eye opening. Equipment breakage has been the worst experience, and then timing when you plow. But it has been fun to learn and take care of things around the church.

We are blessed to have a mild winter so we can be outdoors sharing time together with each other. Last month was the beginning of Lent, that season when we prepare our hearts and minds for receiving Jesus' transforming work in our lives as well as the life of the church. In the coming weeks on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall, the Elders are having a soup meal with a Lenten Devotion. It was be around an hour with the food, fellowship and devotion. We hope to have you all come. Remember that there will be a Maundy-Thursday Service on March 28th (More info to come) and we will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on March 31st.

This year makes our church's 103rd year Birthday. To celebrate we are doing a "Faith Promise with a Purpose" to raise money to re-carpet the sanctuary, offices and hallways. If you are interested in giving to this you can just make out a check and write "Faith Promise" on the note section. If you give cash, please put it in an envelope and put "Faith Promise" on the envelope. As of this writing we have received \$8,900 (matching monies double this amount) so far. This is a matching gift and doubles whatever is received up to \$20,000 in match funds. Our goal is to raise \$40,000 by August so we can have the carpet installed in September. Please give as you feel led by God.

We have seen many of our family grow and change over the years. We have experienced loss, new life, expansion and subtraction, and we have experienced this all together. For that I am thankful. It is a joy and an honor to serve as one of thirteen pastors in this over a century of ministry to our friends and neighbors in the Casper area. May God in His infinite wisdom and glory give us many more years together as we work on our vision of changing lives through Christ as we welcome, equip and share Jesus to those in our lives. Blessings and see you soon.

In His Loving Embrace,

Pastor Bryan



Mission Opportunities

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Our commission continues to make sandwiches and lunch for our homeless. We do have a few other churches that help us out, but we would appreciate if we could get more to help from our own church. Our sandwich making schedule is Fridays at 1:00 p.m. It takes an hour.

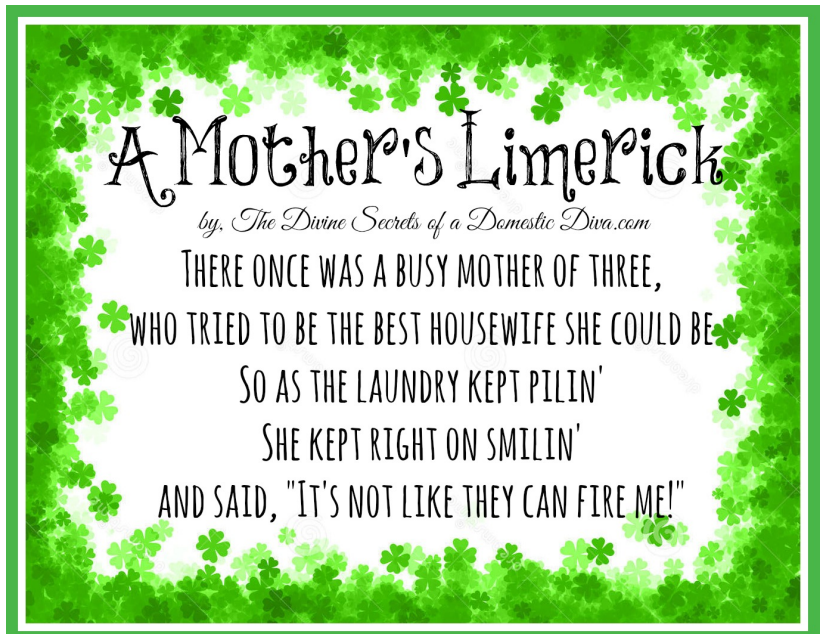
- Sandwich making schedule:** 1st - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
 2nd- FCC and Sovereign Grace church (every other month)
 3rd - FCC
 4th - FCC

- Making lunches on Saturday** - 1st - FCC
 2nd - FCC and Sovereign Grace Church (every other month)
 3rd - LDS Church
 4th - FCC

We have a small group from our church and a few outsiders who faithfully help with either making sandwiches or lunches. We would appreciate any additional help. There are heavy items that need to be lifted in and out of our church and taken out of cars when lunches are taken down to the United Methodist Church on Saturdays. We will have a sign up sheet in the upper hallway for volunteers to help us with the heavy lifting. We usually start at 8:15 and are finished at 8:45 a.m. and take the lunches directly to United Methodist Church to be distributed from 10a.m. - noon.

We would appreciate your help with this ministry. Contact Annette Ambrosino or Wanda Hogan if you have questions.

There was an Old Man with a beard,
 Who said, "It is just as I feared!____"
 Two Owls and a Hen, four Larks and a Wren,
 Have all built their nests in my beard.

A Mother's Limerick
by. The Divine Secrets of a Domestic Diva.com
 THERE ONCE WAS A BUSY MOTHER OF THREE,
 WHO TRIED TO BE THE BEST HOUSEWIFE SHE COULD BE
 SO AS THE LAUNDRY KEPT PILIN'
 SHE KEPT RIGHT ON SMILIN'
 AND SAID, "IT'S NOT LIKE THEY CAN FIRE ME!"

MARCH DIACONATE

8:15 - Pat Seamands

10:10 - Nylia Cazier & Belle Stapleton

**Contact Trudy Woodard @ 259-4370
to sign up if you haven't already.**

OFFERING STEWARD

Tom Dowler

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jennifer Grooms

ELDERS

FEBRUARY

Feb. 25

Teresa Elliott - both services

MARCH

Mar. 3 - Dewey Smith & Dennis Baker

Mar. 10 - Nancy Thomas & Gloria Monroe

Mar. 17 - Dewey Smith & Nicholas Grooms

Mar. 24 - Teresa Elliott (both services)

Mar. 31 - Dewey Smith & Dennis Baker



Nancy Thomas	Mar. 1	Pat Seamands	Mar. 16
Cindy Huckfeldt	Mar. 8	Eddie Atkinson	Mar. 17
Sydney Oliver	Mar. 8	Alex Rislov	Mar. 21
Asher Rislov	Mar. 9	Judy Baker	Mar. 23
Arlene Wegner	Mar. 12	Lori Hayden	Mar. 25
Dana Fox	Mar. 15	Janie Nelson	Mar. 26
Austin Lackey	Mar. 16	Suzu Stewart	Mar. 30



**Pastor Bob & Joan McNamara
March 7, 1970**



To my church family:

I want to express my sincere gratitude for all the love and support (food, cards, texts, phone calls, visits and lot of hugs to name a few) my family received from all of you during the past few months surrounding Bernard's hospital stay and passing.

Thank you so much. God bless you all!

Annette, Tyler and Ben Ambrosino



PLEASE ADD the following to your 2024 Directory.

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*"May your troubles be less,
and your blessings be more,
And nothing but happiness
come through your door!"*

**Disciples Women's Ministry
March 12th, Tuesday
in Fellowship Hall
at 1:00 p.m.**

Please read Ephesians chapter 3

**Come and enjoy
fellowship
with your Christian Sisters**

News



**STAY TUNED
FOR
INFORMATION
ON
FCC SUMMER
CAMPS.**

**CHECK BULLETIN BOARDS
FOR REGISTRATION
FORMS**

CONTACT:

**MICHELL ELSEK OR
ERIKA WARD
IF YOU HAVE
ANY QUESTIONS.**



**THANK
YOU FOR THE
SCHOLARSHIP**

FCC Family--Thank you so much for again awarding a scholarship this semester. I truly appreciate it. My baseball season officially begins this mont so I am looking forward to that. We will be traveling to Colorado, Nebraska, and Arizona (weather permitting) before starting conference play in March. I won't be back home until May or June depending on how far we goin our tournament. Thanks again!!!! In Christ, **Evan Woods**



Spiritual Growth

Spiritual Growth Commission is very busy the next month and ask for your help on the following events they have planned. Any questions, please contact Kimberly Ireland at 307-251-5868



The Spiritual Growth Commission and the Elders will be holding Wednesday evening Lenten services with music, meditation, and communion on February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20 @ 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A simple soup supper will follow. EVERYONE is welcome.

Spiritual Growth will furnish soup on February 21 & 28th. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you or several of you wish to sign up to furnish soup on March 6, 13, and 20th.



Mark your calendars on March 28th for a Maundy Worship Service to be held at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Nancy Thomas will preside. More details are to follow.



*Flower & Vase
Donations*

Easter will soon be upon on us (March 31st) and Spiritual Growth is in need of **medium size vases, or canning jars** work well too, again this year for the flowers for Easter Sunday. If you have any vases you would like to donate, there will be a box placed in the Fellowship Hall labeled "Vases" for you to drop them off.

We will also have an order form in the bulletins on Mach 10, 17, & 24th if you wish to purchase flowers to remember or honor someone. The cost will be \$9 and you are welcome to take a vase of flowers home after the 10:10 Easter Service on March 31st. If you wish to purchase flowers but are unable to attend church, please send your check and information to the church office. Any questions, contact Kimberly Ireland.



Tammy Heck, Larry Winders, Cindy Huckfeldt

Members of the FCC Wednesday Quilting Group, the Fellowship Quilters presented a Quilt of Honor to Larry Winders on Sunday, Feb. 18th. Larry served in the Navy from July 2, 1957 - July 2, 1963. He has served FCC on several commissions, as a deacon and a behind the scenes worker. Congratulations Larry and thank you for your service to God and Country. The Fellowship Quilters



FEBRUARY has been a fun month with Valentine parties, a pizza party for the 2/3 class and a pizza field trip to Rocca's for PreK.

We gained another student which makes 9 in the 2/3 class and 10 in PreK!

March we will be learning the letters S, T, U and the we have Spring Break which is March 25-29th and we will return on April Fool's Day. Sincerely, Shannan & Teresa

March 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daylight Saving Time 8:15AM Worship 9:00AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 3:00PM Primrose Service 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Night of Ramadan 6:00PM Cub Scouts 6:30PM STEWARDSHIP 7:00PM Boy Scouts 7:00PM Commissions 8:00PM Board Meeting 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00AM Sermon in the Round 1:00PM DWM Fellowship 5:30PM Casper Cycle Club 7:00PM AA 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM QUILTERS 6:00PM Lenten service/soup dinner 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30PM Casper Cycle Club 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 9:00AM Casper Cycle Club 10:00AM Men's Crossers 10:00AM Blanket Ministry
<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Patrick's Day 8:15AM Worship 9:00AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 11:40AM CHOIR PRACTICE 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00PM CALL deadline 6:00PM Cub Scouts-off site 7:00PM Boy Scouts 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00AM Sermon in the Round 5:30PM Casper Cycle Club 7:00PM AA 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM QUILTERS 6:00PM Lenten service/soup supper 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30PM Casper Cycle Club 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 5:00PM Mission Meal 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 9:00AM Casper Cycle Club
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<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastors Bryan vacation Nancy Thomas Pulpit Easter 8:15AM Worship 9:00AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April Fools' Day 9:00AM Paper Picing Quilters 1:00PM DWM Team Meeting 6:00PM Cub Scouts 6:30PM Elders meeting 7:00PM Boy Scouts 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00AM Sermon in the Round 5:30PM Casper Cycle Club 7:00PM AA 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM QUILTERS 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30PM Casper Cycle Club 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 9:00AM Casper Cycle Club



EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 30th - 10 AM

Bring your camera for photos with the Easter Bunny!

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First Christian Church
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If you would like to donate candy or eggs, please put them in the basket by the sanctuary.

Questions? Want to help? Text Michelle at 307-259-1166.



DONATIONS OF PREFILLED EGGS AND HELP WITH HIDING THE EGGS PRIOR TO THE HUNT ON SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. BRING YOUR CANDY DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE PRIOR TO WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH. CONTACT MICHELLE AT 259-1166.