



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

# THE CALL



## Church Staff:

**Bryan Elliott:** Lead Pastor  
**Kathy Winders,** Secretary  
**Daniel Galbreath,** Music Director  
**Mikayla Fulwider,** pianist  
**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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**FALL BACK AN HOUR ON**

**SUNDAY, NOV. 3, 2024**

## Pastor's Thanksgiving Message



Dear Church Family,

This month we remember those who have passed at the end of 2023 and so far in 2024. In our All Saint's Sunday Service Teresa shared with us a song that touches her heart and shared how it can give us a sense of calm in the storm of grief. This past month Teresa and I watched a movie called: *Unsung Hero*. If you haven't seen it, I highly recommend it. It is the journey of faith of a family who moved from Australia to Nashville, Tennessee. It is the life journey of Christian artists Rebecca St. James and her brothers and sisters as well as her parents. Rebecca's younger brothers formed a Christian group called: *King + Country*. They are very creative and made this film this year <https://www.lionsgate.com/movies/unsung-hero> .

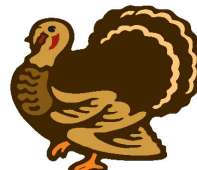
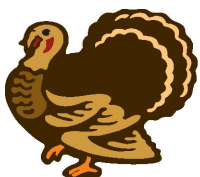
The reason I bring this up is that grief is and continues to be a big part of our lives. We grieve for those loved ones who have passed away, we grieve for the lives we envision but have not realized, we grieve for things we have done and those things that are yet to be, we GRIEVE. But in our grief can we find hope and a reason to push on? That is the in many ways the thesis of this movie - HOPE.

Over the past several days I have attended classes that are a requirement for my standing in the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in the Central Rocky Mountain Region. One was Anti-racism and pro-reconciliation and the other was Boundary training. I do not agree with some of the things that were taught in these classes, yet I learned that reconciliation is key to most of life. The ability to offer grace and forgiveness is paramount to our faith and even though we may not agree with everyone, we must extend the hand of grace to others. In this political season it may surprise you that I agree with both candidates for president: This is a most critical time in our democracy! It is critical because we must extend an open hand of grace across political, emotional and spiritual divides and remember that Jesus is Lord. If we put all things at Jesus' and rest in His humility and grace, we will be his humble servants.

As we gather as church family on November 24th at around 11:30 am and eat our Thanksgiving meal, may we be humbled by the mercy and grace of Jesus and keep open hands and hearts towards others and towards ourselves. Blessings to each and everyone of you and see you Sunday!

In His Mercy,

Pastor Bryan





**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2025**

The Stewardship Commission would like to thank all members of the congregation that have responded with your pledge so far this year. There has been an extremely positive response of the number of pledging units responding so rapidly. The Commission will be meeting to set the budget for 2025.

As we remember the past, enjoy the present let us think about how we want the future to look and then let us make it happen! We hope that you continue to either send your pledge card in or bring it to the church **by Consecration Sunday service on November 3rd. The 2025 budget will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 8, 2024.**

If you have any questions, please contact Ted Grooms, Chair of Stewardship.

If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail and would like to mail your pledge in, please use the card presented below.

**2025 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PLEDGE FUND**

In preparing for the future, FCC Casper would like to thank you for this opportunity to have your support in the ministries of this congregation. Please return your pledge by November 3, 2024.

The pledging commitment for 2025 will be \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week/month/year. Please Circle One

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (307) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOVEMBER  
Elders**

**Deacons**



**DIACONATE FOR NOVEMBER**

Chapel - Pat Seamands

10:10 - Spencer Stupak & Melanie Dowler

**OFFERING STEWARD**

Judy Baker

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**ELDERS**

Oct. 27 Teresa Elliott (both)

Nancy Thomas preaching -Pastor Bryan will be attending a conference in Phoenix, AZ

Nov. 3 - Nancy Thomas (both)

Nov. 10 - Dewey Smith, Gloria Monroe

Nov. 17 - Nancy Thomas &, Nicholas

Nov. 24 - Dewey Smith, Nancy Thomas



Nathan Hawley	Nov. 2	Scott Hawley	Nov. 18
Spencer Stupak	Nov. 4	Brad Black	Nov. 20
Jessica Heck	Nov. 5	Colin Hogan	Nov. 22
Melissa Heck	Nov. 6	Bev Mattson	Nov. 22
Ted Grooms	Nov. 8	Ed Burgess	Nov. 24
Pam Steinle	Nov. 8	Donna Klinker	Nov. 28
Caleb Woods	Nov. 10	Elaine Gross	Nov. 29
Lani McBee	Nov. 11	Julie Black	Nov. 30
Dan Coey	Nov. 12	Kylee Stupak	Nov. 30
Amy Black	Nov. 14		
Paul Smith	Nov. 16		
Casey Rislov	Nov. 17		



Phil & Becky Ostrander  
November 10

Jim & Mary Oliver  
November 23, 1996



FCC Family — Thank you for the scholarship you awarded me for the Fall semester. It paid for my books which was very helpful. I'm keeping very busy with my classes and baseball. Our team does community service too. I am missing home, but enjoying my time here. Thanks again for your continued support. In Christ, Evan Woods.

Thank you to ALL who helped Blake reach his goal of fundraising to donate popcorn products to every soldier in his big brothers Army unit (90 soldiers)!! It was initially planned that Blake would be able to hand it out while the Stupak family were in Georgia visiting big brother Dylan but plans were interrupted by Hurricane Helene. We can't thank all of you enough for your support of Blake and the soldiers of the 63rd HHC at Fort Stewart. Your gift was much appreciated and enjoyed by the soldiers.





**ADVENT  
SOUP & SING 6:00 P.M.  
WEDNESDAYS  
DEC. 4  
DEC. 11  
DEC. 18  
Come and join us!**

Contact Nancy Thomas for further details.



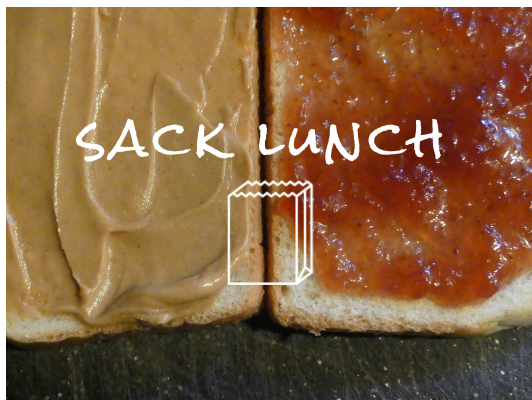
The blanket ministry made eleven blankets on Oct. 19th. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has joined us tying blankets at their church and donating them to our mission. To date, we have tied 2,115 blankets. As one of our many recipients of our blankets, Rocky Mountain Oncology is always grateful for them to keep their patients warm during their treatments.

Anyone is welcome to come and tie blankets as the need for them is growing more throughout our community. Blankets are made every third Saturday of the month from 10-2.

The Caps 4 Kids program has graciously donated 50 knitted and crocheted caps to our commission. They will be distributed to help keep our less fortunate warm during the colder months.

We will be serving at the Rescue Mission on Friday, October 25 from 5:00-6:30. We serve on the fourth Friday of each month.

The next commission meeting will be Nov. 3rd after the weather gets colder. Contact Annette Ambrosino or Wanda Hogan.



The Sandwich Ministry continues to be busy with doing lunches every Saturday except when other churches volunteer. We are expecting our number of lunches provided to rise increase from our current 75 lunches. If you have any questions about the sandwich ministry, contact Annette Ambrosino or Wanda Hogan.

## FELLOWSHIP QUILTERS QUILT RAFFLE



The Fellowship Quilters are having a raffle for the quilt pictured on the side. It is 68" x 76". Tickets are \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets are being sold in between services. Drawing will be held around December 1st. The funds from the raffles are used for the quilting ministry provided by our FCC Quilters. They have made quilts for people in need of comfort and Quilt of Honors for FCC veterans. If you wish to purchase tickets, contact Cindy Huckfeldt.



# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE!!!  
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH @9:15 A.M.  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
APPROVE THE 2025 BUDGET, OFFICERS, ELDERS & DIACONATE FOR THE COMING YEAR.

LET'S BE THANKFUL



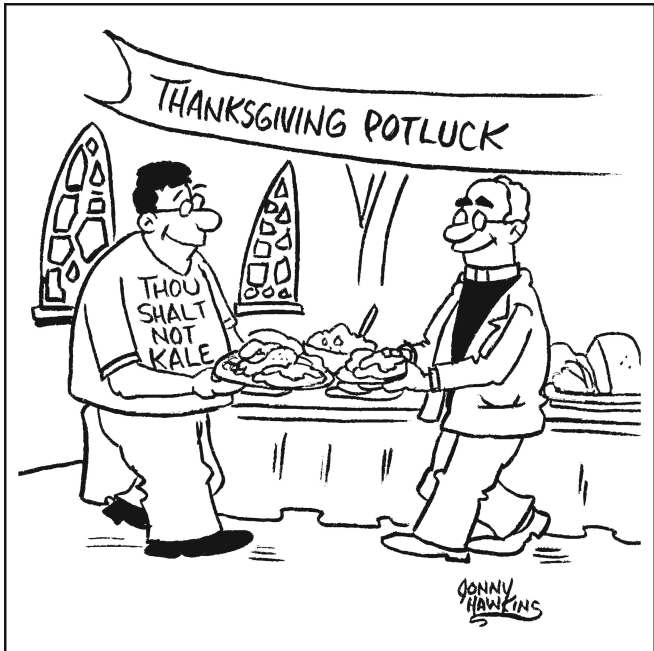
## THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24TH, 2024  
AFTER THE 10:10 SERVICE

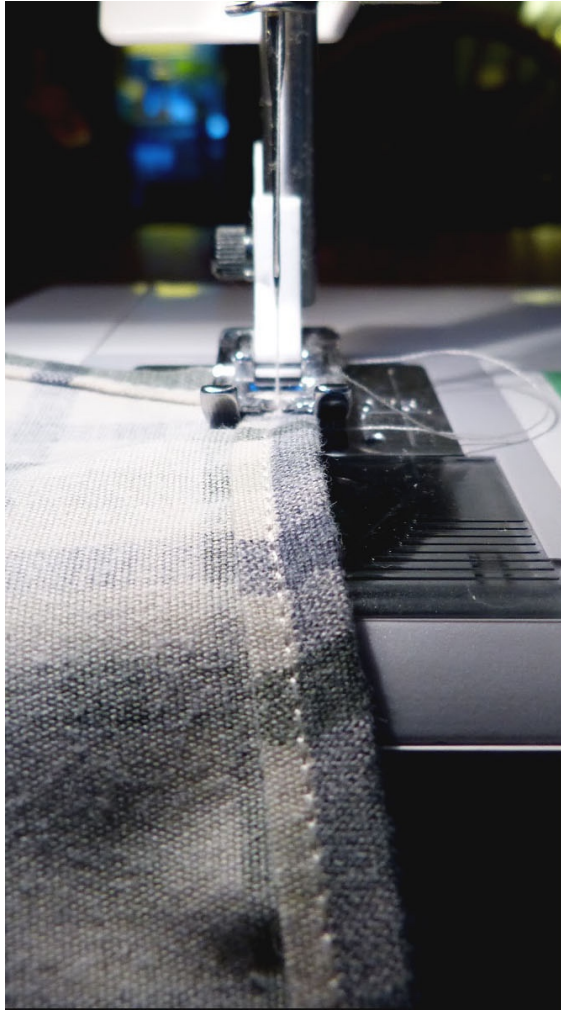
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A DISH AND  
NUMBER OR PEOPLE ATTENDING

## GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

NOVEMBER 24TH AFTER THE THANKSGIVING POTLUCK  
SPIRITUAL GROWTH WILL BE NEEDING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON. PLEASE STAY AND HELP DECORATE.



**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK**  
The annual FCC Thanksgiving potluck will be on Sunday, November 24th after the 10:10 service. A sign up sheet will be posted for this potluck beginning of November but **SAVE THE DATE.**



The Happy Quilters are having a 2 service days on Nov. 8 & 9 from 9-4p.m. at FCC. We will be making dog beds, quilts of valor, and quilts for graduating seniors.

We have the materials and quilt kits for the dog beds and kids quilts. The fee is \$5 each day & a lunch will be provided. Come join us for a day of fellowship & caring. Contact Jane Wallace if you have questions.

Bring your own sewing machine.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK AND  
PAGEANT!!



This year Spiritual Growth will be hosting a Christmas Potluck and Christmas Pageant on December 8th after the 10:10 service. We are looking for kids to be in the pageant that will be presented during the 10:10 service on December 8th. If you have a child that would be interested in being in the pageant please reach out to Teresa Elliott.

There will be a sign up sheet for food and attendees for this in November



## DWM

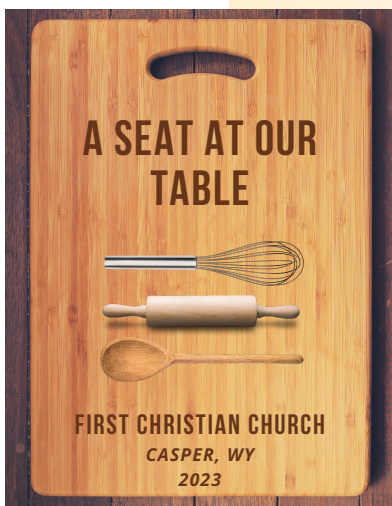
November 12th 1:00

Fellowship Hall

Read Acts 5

Our Service project for November is **Heifer International**, a global nonprofit working to eradicate poverty and hunger by distributing animals, along with agricultural and value-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. Your donation will be doubled!

Come enjoy the fellowship of your First Christian Sisters!



DID YOU MISS THE OPPORTUNITY LAST YEAR TO PURCHASE THE DWM RECIPE BOOK - "A Seat At Our Table". DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO ORDER FOR THE HOLIDAYS. THERE WILL BE A SIGN UP SHEET POSTED BY THE CHURCH OFFICE SHORTLY. DWM IS PRINTING NEW COPIES FOR SALE. CUT OFF DATE IS DECEMBER 15TH.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO ENJOY THE WONDERFUL FOOD PREPARED BY PAST AND PRESENT OF OUR CHURCH AND TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF OUR DWM!! Any questions, contact Lani McBee.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 PASTOR'S PREACHING CONV. PHOENIX Pulpit Guest- NANCY THOMAS 8:15AM Worship School 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship	28 6:00PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Boy Scouts	29 7:00PM AA	30 9:00AM QUILTERS 10:00AM Sermon study group	31 Halloween	1 OFFICE CLOSED Diwali 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making	2 Day of the Dead 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MIN-ISTRY
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