

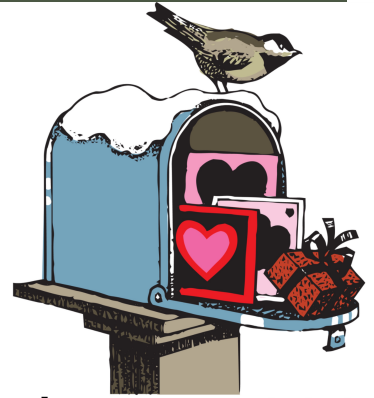


THE CALL



*February is the shortest month,
so if you're having a miserable month,
try to schedule it for February.*

Lemony Snicket



February 2025

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

11:30-Choir Rehearsal

12:30 Handbell Rehearsal

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Dear Church Family,

As we step into this February, the month often associated with love, let's lean into God's love in a way that becomes a guiding light for others—a source of warmth and kindness in their lives. This year, Valentine's Day falls on Friday, February 14th. Interestingly, last year that same date marked the beginning of Lent, but this year Ash Wednesday arrives later, on March 5th.

Lent is a season that invites us to reflect on Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, a time of testing and preparation (excluding Sundays). Many people use this time to fast or give something up, while others take something on—perhaps a daily devotional, acts of service, or random kindness toward others. I encourage you to embrace Lent not just as a seasonal practice but as an ongoing way to honor God and bless those around you. Imagine how different our world might look if every day were marked by kindness, compassion, and God's love shining through us.

Exciting Updates on Our Associate Search Committee:

Over the past few months, the Search Committee has been hard at work, updating our Church Profile and reviewing candidates through the denomination's "Search and Call" system. While the process has had its challenges, I'm thrilled to share that we successfully interviewed a candidate who will join us on **Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025**. On that day, she will preach and join us for a meet-and-greet fellowship meal after both services. Stay tuned for more details, including her bio and information about the process. Let's continue to pray for this journey and for God's guidance.

February Guests in Worship:

This month, we'll be blessed by the presence of some wonderful guest speaker on **February 16th**, Nancy Thomas will bring the message, as I'll be out of town celebrating our youngest granddaughter's 2nd birthday. She may not remember us being there, but celebrating life isn't about being remembered—it's about showing up, loving deeply, and honoring the moments that matter.

So, in this season of winter, let's make an intentional effort to honor others. Whether it's through a kind word, a helping hand, or a moment of prayer, let's bring a little joy into the lives around us. When we do, I believe we'll make Jesus smile.

In His Love and Grace,
Pastor Bryan

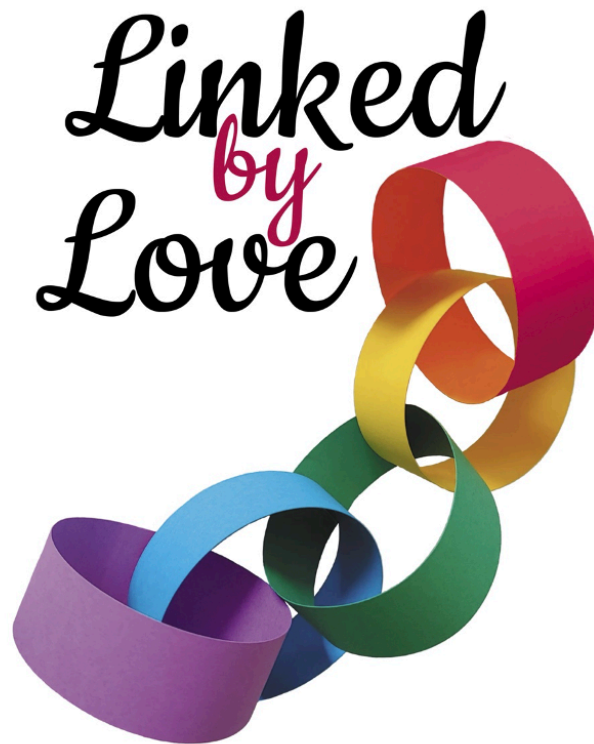
Save the Dates:

2025 CRMR Youth Summer Camps

La Foret Camp & Conference Center

Discovery Camp	1 st & 2 nd Grade	June 19-21
Jr Camp	3 rd -5 th Grade	June 15-21
Chi Rho Camp	6 th -8 th Grade	June 15-21
CYF Camp	9 th -12 th Grade	June 15-21

More information and registration forms will be sent to churches and available online by the end of January.



SOUPER BOWL



SOUPERBOWL OF CARING!

Christian Education will set a table upstairs and downstairs for canned goods from February 2nd-16th and will collect an offering of money for the Rescue Mission on February 16th. The teams for the Super Bowl will not be decided until Sunday, January 26th. The Super Bowl will be played on February 9th. Feel free to bring your items anytime from Feb. 2 through the 16th. Food items will be collected distributed later that week. Any questions, contact Michelle Elser



The Mission Commission brainstorms and organizes projects for First Christian Church to support. We include some joint projects with DWM, which gives us more mission ideas to consider. Any opportunity we have as a whole congregation to help people in our community and beyond is part of the mission of our church. While we support several organizations with financial assistance through the budget, our active “hands-on” ministries give all members of our congregation a variety of opportunities to volunteer a few hours of time each month.

The Sandwich Ministry, organized by Debbie Mestas, is our most active ministry. Sandwiches are made every Friday (3 people for an hour) and 75 lunches are packed every Saturday (3-4 people for an hour). The lunches are delivered to the Methodist Church where they are distributed. Three other church groups take part on certain weekends—Good Shepherd, Sovereign Grace, and LDS.

The Blanket Ministry, organized by Trudy Woodard, meets on the third Saturday of each month except in the summer. The blankets are made of fleece and knotted around the edges—easy and quick to do. These fleece blankets are given to cancer and dialysis patients undergoing lengthy treatments, to the youth crisis center, and to individuals who may benefit from a soft, cozy wrap of love and care. This is a very satisfying project for a few hours on one Saturday a month. And they make a difference to the recipients: “My husband received your luxurious, soft and warm blanket at his first dialysis session. It was such a wonderful, human, loving touch on such a profoundly anxious and life-changing day.”

Another hands-on ministry is serving a meal at the Rescue Mission on the fourth Friday of the month. We do not provide the meal, but help with last minute preparation and then serve the food to the individuals present. This involves 3-4 volunteers for about two hours once a month. Anyone can volunteer! To learn more or give of your time, contact Debbie, Trudy, or Nancy Thomas.



Soup and Sandwich lunch



JOIN US once again for a fun filled afternoon on Sunday, February 2, 2025 after the 10:10 service to honor the Scouts and come to the Family Fun Day. There will be soups, sandwiches and desserts. We will have BINGO and other activities. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to help out and bring soups, sandwiches or desserts. If cooking isn't your thing but you would like to help out you can donate prizes for the BINGO game. There is also a sign up sheet for those attending. Please sign up so there will be enough food for everyone. Can't wait to see you there!! Spiritual Growth Commission.

FELLOWSHIP QUILTERS

The Fellowship Quilters that meet every Wednesday morning in Fellowship Hall have been very busy making quilts for our members, and holding a raffle so the congregation members have a chance to own one of the gorgeous quilts made with love from our quilters. We are once again overwhelmed by the generosity of our congregation and your support of our ministry. We raised \$738 on our last raffle. We have already replenished our batting and some of our backgrounds. And congratulations to Nell Bassette on winning to quilt.



Sophie (Dylan's wife) Dylan, Spencer, Blake & Erika Stupak

Dylan Stupak and his parents were presented with banners to hang in their house or for Dylan to take with him on his deployment to the Middle East as a reminder of the love, prayers and support they have from First Christian Church members. Dylan joined US Army October 2021, attended Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri Oct 2021, graduated January 2022 at the rank of Private First Class. Dylan was able to skip a rank after Basic Training due to earning the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 13, attended Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood and received training as a 74D (CBRN Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Specialist. (February 2022-May 2022) First assignment was 56th MCGA (Medical Ground Ambulance Company) in Camp Casey, South Korea from July 2022 – July 2023. Received 2 ARCOM's (Army Accommodation Medal) 1) Humanitarian Aid Assistance during Itaewon Incident (29th Oct 2022), 2) Overall achievement while assigned to 56th MGAC, 3) Also received COA (certificate of achievement) for helping train medical personnel for EFMB (Expert Medical Field Badge) Also received rank of specialist (E4) May 2023., Second assignment 63rd Enhanced Expeditionary Signal Battalion headquarters, Headquarters Company in Fort Stewart, GA (August 1st 2023-present) 1) Received AAM (Army Achievement Medal) for being a member of the units Funeral Detail, honoring service members with military last rights. 2) Attended E-5 promotion board August 2024. 3) Promoted October 1st 2024 to Sergeant (E-5). 4) Earned an Associate Degree in General Education from Purdue Global Online. 5) Currently on orders to deploy to the Middle East in January 2025.



Dear Cindy;

In this season of thankfulness, Jo and I are especially thankful for the many friends we have at FCC.

Your quilts warm our bodies and the thoughts that go with them warm our spirits.

I was honored to receive your quilt as it is a reminder of my submarine service so many years ago. It would have been nice to have such a blanket during our time in the North Atlantic.

Our Christmas greetings to the Fellowship Quilters. Thanks for all your special kindness. May the love of the Christ Child be with you all. Our love to you,

Lvle & Jo Cox.



February 2025

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26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15AM Worship 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:20AM CHOIR PRACTICE 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 12:30PM HANDBELL PRACTICE 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Boy Scouts 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00PM AA 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunar New Year 9:00AM QUILTERS 10:00AM Sermon study group 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MINISTRY
2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scout SUNDAY Groundhog Day 8:15AM Worship 9:10AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:20AM CHOIR PRACTICE 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 11:30AM Family Fun afternoon 12:30PM HANDBELL PRACTICE 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Paper Piecing Quilters 6:00PM Cub Scouts 6:30PM Elders meeting 7:00PM Boy Scouts 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00PM AA 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM QUILTERS 10:00AM Sermon study group 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 10:00AM BSP - Stoltenberg
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DIACONATE FOR FEBRUARY, 2025

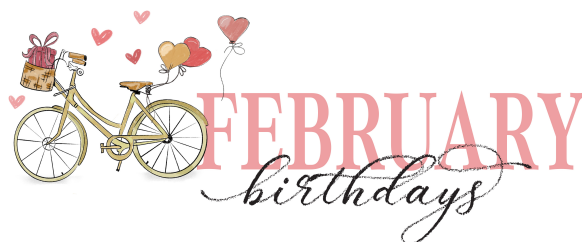
Contact Belle Stapleton if you cannot serve
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OFFERING STEWARD

Randisue Davis

ELDERS

January 26 - Dewey Smith & Nancy Thomas
 Feb. 2 (Scout Sunday) - Dewey & Erika Stupak
 Feb. 9 - Steve Huckfeldt (both services)
 Feb. 16 - Dewey Smith & Dennis Baker
 Feb. 23 - Teresa Elliott & Nancy Thomas



Judy Potter	Feb. 5	Michelle Elser	Feb. 16
Connor Goodman	Feb. 6	Russ Black	Feb. 17
Jo Cox	Feb. 7	Melanie Dowler	Feb. 7
Jadalyn Wardell	Feb. 8	Allison England	Feb. 20
Emillia Wardell	Feb. 11	Ben Ambrosino	Feb. 21
Pat Buck	Feb. 23		



Larry and Kathy Winders - Feb. 22, 1969



The WTMS committee received 2 applications for scholarships for college spring semester 2025. After reviewing and approving, the committee has awarded Evan Woods and Zack Hawley \$400 each. Congratulations to these two students. This award is possible thanks to the generosity of donors past and present.

Randisue Davis and Judy Baker
 Co-chairs of WTMS committee



MESSAGE FROM THE
 ELDER CHAIR



The Elders had their annual dinner on January 9th. We had a great turnout and a delicious baked potato meal furnished by Nancy Thomas. We honored Paul Hallock for his years of service by bestowing the title of Elder Emeritus upon him. We presented a certificate and a pin to him Thank you Paul for your years of service to God, Christ and the Church.

We welcome Steve Huckfeldt to the board of Elders and Gloria Monroe is finishing her term. Thank you Gloria for your service to the Church.

The new chair for the Elders is Dewey Smith. Nancy Thomas is finishing as chair and will be the new chair of the Mission Commission. A very big thank you to Nancy for all she has done for the elders this year.

The next elders meeting will be February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the inner room. May God and Christ be with us always, **Dewey Smith.**



As we begin our **fourth** year of DWM, I would like to share with you the **giving spirit** of the women in our group. We have no "dues," so their generosity is from the heart. In 2024 members contributed \$1,460.00 to the DWM budget along with \$284.00 from their Blessing Jars for a total of \$1743.00. While the majority of the profit from the sale of our cookbooks arrived in 2023, we also received \$511.00 in 2024, thanks to the congregation's support of the project.

From our 2024 budget we gave \$500 to the Rescue Mission and Seton House. Seton House also received \$200.00 for winter clothing, in particular, for good winter coats for ladies returning to work. The Preschool received \$1000.00 in January of 2024 which we had allotted in 2023.

During the year we have a different service project every month. Monetary donations from the women were given to the Olivia Caldwell Foundation of \$140.00 and to The Heifer Foundation of \$130.00. Both organizations matched these amounts.

We provided wrapped candy to the Rescue Mission for Valentine's Day, gold coins to our congregation for St. Patrick's Day, and "stocking stuffers" to help Heart to Hands fill 100 Christmas stockings for Casper's children. In December we gave monetary gifts to our FCC staff. Both Interfaith and Hospice received material goods during the year. During the three summer months, those who were able stayed after our meetings to help make blankets for the Blanket Ministry.

We had our annual potluck dinners, one in the summer and one in December to celebrate Christmas. A fun project this year was the creation of a very large Christmas card for all DWM members. Their individual pictures were surrounded by a Christmas frame, along with their memory of belonging to this church or to DWM/CWF.

The most important thing you need to know about our DWM women is that we care about each other. At every meeting we share joys and concerns. Friendships are made and bonds are formed. We care about reading the Bible and we are being challenged to read it daily with the goal of finishing it by December 31, 2025. We care about our church, our Casper community, and the rest of the world.

Join us on the second Tuesday of each month in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. **And remember, "Every day, we need each other still. Pass this on to all the other women who make your life**



DWM FEBRUARY 11, 2025 SERVICE PROJECT

On February 11th, as a service project DWM (Disciples Women's Ministry) will be bringing fresh produce, eggs and bread to give to the Wyoming Rescue Mission. We are inviting the congregation to join us in this effort. **PLEASE LEAVE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE KITCHEN ON FEBRUARY 9TH.** We will make sure it is taken to the Rescue Mission where it will be used to feed the hungry and be deeply appreciated. Any questions contact Lani McBee