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November 2  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**  
**2:00 A.M.**

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**ELECTION DAY**

November 6  
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1:00 P.M.

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CHURCH BAZAAR

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**VETERANS' DAY**

November 11  
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Council Meeting, 5:30 P.M.

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Newsletter  
**DEADLINE for DECEMBER**

November 23  
Faith Worship Service at  
**8:30 A.M.**  
First Lutheran Church Service in  
Salida: 10:30 A.M.

DUAL PARISH THANKSGIVING  
Noon meal at  
First Lutheran Church in Salida

November 27  
**THANKSGIVING DAY**

November 28  
**BLACK FRIDAY**

November 29  
Decorate the Church for Christmas:  
10:00 A.M.

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**First Sunday of Advent**



# November Newsletter 2025

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*Thankful*

## Pastor's Corner

### Just A Couple More 'Proper' Things

**Prayers of the Church:** Last month we discussed the Hymns and the Sermon. Now this month, following up the Sermon, comes the Prayers of the Church. Just as with the Collect of the Day, the Prayers of the Church bring together the petitions of the congregation into one voice. The Pastor prays each petition on behalf of the whole congregation, to which we respond, "Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer." Or "For \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy."

Notice again too, where I have underlined, Lord have mercy. This is a callback to the beginning of the worship service where we spoke or sang the 'Kyrie Eleison,' Lord, have mercy!

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## Pastor's Corner, Cont.

**Offering and Offertory:** Finally, with praise and thanksgiving for the mercy that we have received, for all that we have received, we bring our tithes and offerings to God. As Christians we ought to recognize God's graciousness in our lives. Everything that we are, everything that we have, even the very air we breathe and the food that we eat, everything is a gift from God! So, with thanksgiving, we bring offerings, giving back a portion of what he has given to us.

The Old Testament customs called for this offering to come from the first fruits. In other words, we don't give from what is left over in our wallets after going out to the bar on Saturday night. No, we ought to give from the best of the best. We should give intentionally and purposefully. St. Paul writes to the Corinthians (2 Cor 9:7) "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Now I want to be clear. We do not give offerings to buy favor with God! As we discussed previously with confession and absolution, we cannot do that. Rather, we thankfully and freely offer back to God according to the abundance which we have received. Also, there is more to tithing than just money. Tithing includes time, talents, and treasure. Maybe a portion of our tithe is giving time to serve as an officer in the church. Maybe we pull weeds, water plants, take out the garbage, clean the basement or sanctuary, etc. Perhaps you have a particular talent. Maybe you're a musician, a singer, or a broadcast engineer. All of these things may be a thankful offering back to God.

Even so, on Sundays, we often do make our monetary tithes and offerings. Still, you may choose to give via direct deposit, or through some other means. If you are tithing in these ways, you shouldn't feel guilty for passing the plate without putting anything in. Once more, we are to give "not reluctantly or under compulsion, but cheerfully."

This pretty much wraps up the first part of the Worship Service, 'The Service of the Word.' Next month I will discuss the "Service of the Sacrament."



### November Birthdays

- 6 - Kole Harms
- 12 - Cindy Dunekacke
- 20 - Mark Harms

### No November Anniversaries in church records



## Nov 2, 2025 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

When local daylight time is about to reach

Sunday, November 2, 2025, **2:00:00 am** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to . . .

Sunday, November 2, 2025, **1:00:00 am** local standard time instead.

Also called Fall Back and Winter Time.



***First Fruits*** for this month . . .

**MISSION** currently needs –

Spaghetti Sauce, One-Dish Meals (canned), Peanut Butter, Jelly,  
*Tuna Packets, Ramen Noodles, Canned Fruit and/or Pre-Packaged Fruit Cups*  
-- reflecting the need to feed those without cooking facilities.

Financial contributions are also welcome!

Please take contributions to their back door and knock to donate.

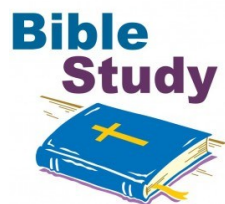
**HOURS:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Food items can also be put in the collection basket in the church narthex.

Remember to grab a couple jars/cans every time you go to the grocery store.



**THANK YOU** to ALL of you for your continued  
prayer support and donations  
– from all of us at the mission!



## **SUNDAY**

**Sunday's Adult Bible Study:** 9:00 A.M., has started a new Study: Red Letter challenge, Serving Challenge by Zack Zehnder.

**Sunday School** at 9:30 A.M.

## **TUESDAY**

### **LifeLight Bible Study . . .**

The current LifeLight study is on Prayer.  
All meetings start at 9:30 A.M. Tuesday mornings.  
LL will be available on Zoom and by meeting in person in my home.  
We will break over the Christmas holidays.  
Questions? See Barb.

**Tuesday's Adult Bible Study.** Pastor Sorensen is leading a Bible Study on Tuesday evenings beginning study of 1 Kings, starting at 6:30 P.M.  
Last Bible Study of 2025 will be held November 18, resuming January 6, 2026.

## **THURSDAY**

**Men's Morning Bible Study:** 9:00 A.M. in Faith's Fellowship Hall, studying the Spirituality of the Cross.



## Last Half of September 2025 and First Half of October 2025 Attendance and Offering Report

Date	Church	Communion	Offering
September 21	38	33	\$2,738.35
September 28	36	29	\$1,038.35
October 5	36	32	\$3,962.35
October 12	31	24	\$1,398.35

### Subject:

Newsletter  
suggestions (5 W's)

When submitting articles for the monthly Newsletter please include the following:

**Who** (who is doing the event and who to ask questions or give suggestions to)

**What**

**When** - date and times.  
(Start and ending times)

**Where**

**Why**

Volunteer needed?



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD shoeboxes . . .

. . . are due back at the church by November 23; time is fast approaching! There are now additional shoe boxes in the narthex for those who would still like to fill them for a child. The shoebox labels are inside with good information on how to pack your box, shoebox gift ideas, and items **NOT** to include.

These gifts to children help spread the good news of Jesus Christ to children and their families. It is suggested that \$10.00 per shoebox be given as a donation. This covers shipping, processing, collecting expenses and ministry materials to people giving out the shoeboxes.

You may also build a shoebox online or they will build it for you. Just follow the online directions, the cost is \$25.00 per box. ([samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ)).

Please let me know if you order online so we can add it to our count.

Thank you,  
Sherry Bishop and Mark Brinkmann

# Those Serving Us This Month

## Communion Setup

Month of November - Jody Werner

## Altar Flowers

November 2 - Jean and  
Mark Brinkmann

November 9 - Ronnie and Sharon Carter

November 16 - Mark and  
Jean Brinkmann

November 23 - Ampy Swart

November 30 - Jean and  
Mark Brinkmann

## Greeters

November 2 - Jean Brinkmann

November 9 - Sherry Bishop

November 16 - Jerry Gallob

November 23 - Sherry Bishop

November 30 - Jerry Gallob

## Ushers

November 2 - Jerry Gallob and  
Jean Brinkmann

November 9 - Sharon and Ronnie Carter

November 16 - Sherry Bishop and  
Jerry Gallob

November 23 - Ronnie and Sharon Carter

November 30 - Clare and Joel Tarcha



## Elders

Mark Brinkmann

Joel Tarcha

Bob Hickey

## Reader

November 2 - Jana Schumann

November 9 - Colleen Miller

November 16 - Jana Schumann

November 23 - Sherry Bishop

November 30 - Clare Tarcha

## Cleaning the Sanctuary

November 2-8 - Mark Brinkmann

## Cleaning Fellowship Hall

November 2-8 - Clare Tarcha

## Cleaning the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall

November 16-22 - Sharon and  
Ronnie Carter



From Sharon Carter, Stewardship Chair:



. . . to all who volunteered this past year in various ways in service to the church.

Please check your service date posted on the bulletin board by the main door of the church in the Narthex.

⇒ **If not able to serve on that date, please find your own substitute.** —

Also please note that the chart is up in the Narthex to sign up to bring Altar Flowers for 2026. Please sign up if you wish to do this next year.

Time and Talent forms will be on the credenza in the Narthex next month. Please take, complete and return them when you get a chance.

Stewardship Chair, Sharon Carter 303-881-9840

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## OTHER DATES OF NOTE:

OCTOBER 25 - Please start bringing donation items to the church basement for "GRANNY'S ATTIC" as part of the **Church Bazaar**, to be held November 8.

NOVEMBER 8 - **Annual Cookie Bazaar** 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 11 - **Veterans' Day**.

NOVEMBER 16 - **Faith Voters' Meeting** following Worship Service.

NOVEMBER 23 —> **Faith** Worship Service begins at **8:30 a.m.**

—> **Dual Parish Thanksgiving** noon meal at FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH in Salida.

NOVEMBER 29 - Decorate Faith's Sanctuary for Christmas, 10:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 30 - First Sunday of Advent.



### Thrivent Action Team

All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. However, the number of teams each member can lead per year depends on his or her membership type.

Benefit members are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and associate members are eligible to lead one per calendar year (maximum of three).

A \$250 Community Impact Card you can use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact.



NOVEMBER 11  
**Veterans' Day**



NOVEMBER 27  
**Thanksgiving Day**



Please submit your articles and other input for the  
**DECEMBER Newsletter**  
to FLC's administrative assistant ON OR BEFORE  
**Tuesday, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**Thank You**



If you need to get in touch with one of the Elders, they have generously made their telephone numbers available . . .

Mark Brinkmann	661-444-7865
Joel Tarcha	970-819-8459
Bob Hickey	719-649-0403

**FLC Office Hours:** Rev. Sorensen's office hours at Faith are:

9:30 A.M. to 12 Noon Thursdays. Other times by appointment only.

**Deadlines:** Please make sure any information needing to be included in Sunday's **bulletins** is given to FLC Administrative Assistant by the **Thursday BEFORE that Sunday service**. If it is received after Wednesday, the information will then be included in the following Sunday's bulletin. Our bulletins can then be published in a timely manner.

Join us at home. Search for **Faith Lutheran Church Buena Vista CO on YouTube**. There you will find Live and archived services.

**OR** go to: [faithlutheranbv.org](http://faithlutheranbv.org).

And follow the links to Services. See you online!





## **Stephen Ministry**

# *Look What God is Doing!*

Hear about the surprising things that God is doing in Stephen Ministries.  
By Connie Wright

### *Psalm 100*

A Psalm for giving thanks.

*<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*

*<sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness!*

*Come into His presence with singing!*

*<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord, He is God!*

*It is He who make us, and we are His;  
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.*

*<sup>4</sup> Enter His gates with thanksgiving,  
and His courts with praise!*

*Give thanks to Him; bless His name!*

*<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good;*

*His steadfast love endures forever,  
and His faithfulness to all generations.*

Gratitude, thanksgiving, gratefulness, service, praise and worship...

These are some of the thoughts that run through this short, and uplifting Psalm.

It may just be a perfect Psalm to reflect on for the month of November and the season of Thanksgiving!

May the goodness of God's many blessings, fill your hearts with true gratitude, thankfulness, and praise.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

# **Gingerbread House Bazaar**

**Saturday, November 9, 2024**

**Faith Lutheran Church, Buena Vista**

**15440 W. Main (CR 306)**

**9:00AM to 2 PM**

**Lunch Served 11 AM to 1 PM**

**Homemade  
Candy &  
Cookies  
by the pound**

**Seasonal  
Gifts**



**Craft items**



**Credit and Debit  
cards accepted**





Oatmeal Scotchies, Chocolate Chip, Pizzellis, Shortbread!! Do you know how many calories you just read?

Gingerbread House Bazaar is coming up. Saturday, November 8, Faith will welcome the community into our church home and offer them the privilege of shopping Grannie's Attic, selecting from our beautiful craft projects AND buying our homemade COOKIES!!

Please look through your recipes and decide what YOU will contribute to our cookie sale. We request no bar cookies – they crumble easily – and ask that the cookies be packaged 6 to a Ziplock sandwich bag.

Proceeds from our Gingerbread House Bazaar go to fund mission projects like our prison card ministry, Nepal missionary Megh Gerung, Ark Valley Mission and adopting a seminary student.

Questions? See Cindy Dunekacke.



**November 6, 10:00 AM until Noon.** We will be finalizing and setting up for the Bazaar. All women are welcome and invited to join in this year's Bazaar.

**LWML meeting: 1:00 P.M.**

Countdown to BAZAAR November 8

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Please place your **"Granny's Attic"** donations in the Fellowship Hall.

**"Serve the Lord with Gladness"**

# November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> <i>Daylight-Saving Time Ends</i> Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> LifeLight, 9:30 a.m.  ELECTION DAY  Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Men's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.  Bazaar set-up, 10:00 a.m.-noon, LWML Meeting, 1:00 p.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> COOKIE BAZAAR 9a.m. until 2p.m. 
<b>9</b> Bible Study, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m. Happy Feet Sunday	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>VETERANS DAY</b> LifeLight, 9:30a.m.  Elders Meeting, 5:15 p.m.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Men's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.  Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. <b>VOTERS MEETING</b> following Worship Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> LifeLight, 9:30a.m.  Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Last one this year.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Men's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Faith Thanksgiving Service, 8:30 a.m. <b>DUAL PARISH</b> Noon meal at First Lutheran Church in Salida	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> LifeLight, 9:30a.m.  <div> <b>DEADLINE for</b>  <b>DECEMBER</b>  <b>Newsletter</b> </div>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>THANKS-GIVING DAY</b>	<b>28</b> <b>BLACK FRIDAY</b>	<b>29</b> Decorate the church for Christmas, 10:00 a.m.
<b>30</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.		December 2: Last LifeLight Meeting in 2025, 9:30a.m.				

***Please e-mail prayer requests to: [timjo@centurylink.net](mailto:timjo@centurylink.net)***

## **In Our Prayers**

Please continue prayers for **LARRY HESPEL**, Marianne Kendall's brother. It's been determined that he has cancer. Further testing is being done.

Please keep **ERIN MUELLER** and her mother, **BARBARA SPRADLIN**, in your prayers. Continued prayers for Erin as she is dealing with several health issues. Her mother Barbara's scheduled to have exploratory surgery October 16. Prayers for recovery from anesthesia and surgery.

Lisa's mom, **NANCY BJORNSTAD**, is still in hospice and is doing well. She is receiving spiritual care from the pastor at Faith Lutheran in Woodland Park. She loves to hear from her church family here in Buena Vista. If you have time, please give her a call or send her a card. She would also welcome visitors if you are making a trip to Colorado Springs.

**MANDI**, Lisa's daughter, has completed her chemotherapy treatments. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she transitions to radiation treatments.

**If you are sick or injured,  
please contact Pastor Sorensen or one of the Elders  
so that we may visit and/or pray for you.**

