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**2025 1st Quarter Newsletter**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Happy Spring! Greetings from your Church Council, sending you an update on the business of the church.

**Annual Meeting**: The annual meeting of Faith Lutheran Church was held following the service on January 26, 2025. 26 members were present. Allen Letterly and Jan Leffler both agreed to a second term on the Council. Chris Leffler agreed to serve on the Preschool Board. Mike Ketterling volunteered to continue as financial secretary, and Judi Niccoli as treasurer (ex-officio). Deb Patton has submitted her letter of resignation as church secretary, so we are looking for someone to fill this position. Pastor O’Shea has agreed to continue to fill the pulpit until the Call Committee can find a permanent pastor.

The current Council Committee members are:

President, Allen Letterly Vice President, Jan Leffler Secretary, Mary Jimenez

Treasurer, Judi Niccoli Member, Dale Patton Member, Tess Lindsley

**Call Committee**: The committee has interviewed two potential candidates, both of whom have withdrawn. Another interview is scheduled for April.

**Outreach**: A worship Service at Benjamin Square has been held on the first Monday of each month starting in January. Although attendance has been low, participation by those attending has been good. Donations have been made, of clothing to the Greeley Interfaith Clothing Bank, (our team volunteers twice a month) food to the Ault Food Pantry, and a monetary donation to the Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry.

**Preschool**: Many thanks to Jan Leffler for her tireless work to unravel the mystery of the two church EIN#. We are once again classified as a nonprofit and eligible for food program refunds. Two new toilets have been installed in the basement. The transformation of the garage into and infant and toddler room, named “Llama Llama Room,” will be finished by the end of March. This project is financed by a State of Colorado Grant.

**Christian Education:** Adults are studying “Characters of the Bible.” Women meet once a month for Bible Study and children are focusing on “God Made Us.” A Movie, “St. John in Exile” was shown after the potluck on March 30th.

**Properties:** The leak in the narthex has been repaired. It was apparently caused by a North Weld Water surge. As a result, the carpeting in the narthex and two offices will be replaced in the near future.

**Worship and Music:** The Ash Wednesday Service was held on March 5. Evening Lenten Services continue each Wednesday until Easter. These are preceded by a Soup Supper at 6:00 with the worship service beginning at 6:30. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

**Upcoming events:** Palm Sunday is April 13. An Easter Brunch will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Easter morning followed by the worship service at 10:00 a.m. You may sign up to bring egg or potato casseroles, or breads, fruits or juice. Ham will be provided. We hope to see you there.

“Joyfully Sharing God’s Love with All,”

Your Church Council

**Treasurers Report**:

Faith 1quarter income       $33780

                     Expenses $36515

         Total                              - $2735

**From Your Council Stewardship**:

We would like to begin by expressing our profound gratitude for your ongoing support and generosity to our church, Faith Lutheran. Your contributions have made a significant impact on our ability to spread the love of Christ into our community.

We believe God has called us to be a part of the Eaton community and to be a voice in sharing his love and message. We understand that giving is a personal decision, and we appreciate any amount that you can contribute. Whether big or small, every donation makes a difference in the work we do.  It is our hope that you will continue to support us in any way you can, whether it’s through financial contributions or volunteering your time and talents.

As we look at our budget and our giving, we see that our giving is slowly going down, and our expenses for gas, electricity, trash, etc. continue to increase. This letter is to ask you to prayerfully consider if you can increase your giving by as little as $5.00 a week. If you would like to see a detailed accounting of our finances, please feel free to ask any council member for an explanation. This will help as we look to the future. We are excited about what God has in store for our church. We believe that with your continued support, we can make an even greater impact with the message of love, hope and salvation.

Thank you again for your generosity, faithfulness and commitment to our church’s mission.  May God bless you abundantly.

**SECRETARY WANTED!**

Faith Council would like to thank Deb Patton for many years as our church secretary.   We are looking for a new church secretary, for 5 or 6 hours - one day a week. It is a paid job. Duties include creating and printing the weekly bulletin, sending out newsletters, keeping up the church directory and assist the Pastor with other duties. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact a council member.