

Red, White, and Blue

Sundae Sunday

in the

Fellowship Hall

July 3

Celebrate Independence Day as we gather in fellowship after the worship service! You won't want to miss our patriotic Sundae Bar, after worship on July 3. Create your own sundae masterpiece with red, white and blue (and chocolate) toppings and enjoy!



Youth News

Thanks to everyone who helped make it possible for FCC's kids and youth to attend church camp at LaForet! The staff, parents, grandparents, and all the folk who drove the campers back and forth for each session's drop-off and pick-up!

We will share some of what we did and what we learned at LaForet when we present **YOUTH CAMP SUNDAY** on **July 17** during the usual 10:00 am worship service. We hope all our church family can be there to celebrate and worship with us.

To plan and prepare for Youth Camp Sunday, we will be meeting on the Sundays preceding July 17. Campers, remember to come and help create the service!

See you soon!

Todd, Caitlin, and FCC Youth



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The Christian Caller Newsletter

July/August 2022

Message from Mark

Dear Church,

You have probably noticed I like to mark dates and the passage of time. July is a 5 Sunday month. So I got the 31st of July to preach as Judi and I parsed out the month. It hit me that July 31st 1977 was the Sunday of my ordination. By my math that will be 45 years ago.

Mary Kay and I would like to invite all of you after church to share in a "Gourmet Hot Dog Bar." We will be providing everything except the participants—that's up to you. We will be sharing a story or two about the seven ministries I have had the pleasure of serving in those years. We will make this fun!!!

Love,

Mark

Pastor Mark's Tuesday morning book study and Tuesday evening Zoom Bible study will both be on hiatus during July. Both will return on August 2 at their regular times. Enjoy your summer!

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Child care is provided during the service.

Find more information at www.fccgreeley.com.



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FCC's Annual Ice Cream Social!

Saturday, July 23
6:00pm
@ Tom & Shirley
Miller's house
Bring a treat to go
along with Delicious
HOMEMADE ICE
CREAM!

RH RN

RIGHT HERE/RIGHT NOW is July 3!

All \$1 bills and checks written to FCC with "RH/RN" in the memo line go toward meeting immediate needs within our church family or community.

July Birthdays

- 1 Keaton Hartmann
- 2 Mark Pumphrey
- 8 Diane Doyle
- 14 Daniel Recor
- 18 Taylor Gray
- 19 Tom Rainbolt
- 21 George Hypes
- 22 Guin Skow
- 22 Junior White
- 23 Roy Berg
- 26 Emerson Skow

August Birthdays

- 01 Viola Corliss
- 03 Paula Armstrong
- 05 Rodney Herman
- 06 LaShonda Cordova
- 09 David Haining
- 10 Sandy Beiser
- 10 Isaiah Gray
- 13 Ronelle Heitman
- 15 Caren Renee Haining
- 27 Phyllis Hansberry
- 31 Sam McMichael



Elder's Message

—Bill Rusher

I still have family in the Arkansas Valley and in a recent visit I read a message written by Father Soosai of St. Peter's Catholic Parish in Rocky Ford for the Rocky Ford Daily Gazette. It spoke to me because even he as a Catholic Priest was reminding us of Jesus' love for all of us (catholic or not)! He referred to the parable in Matthew 18: 10-14 where Jesus is talking about how the good shepherd, who when he found that one of his flock of 100 had strayed, left the other 99 and went out to search until he had found the stray and brought it back to the flock. Father Soosai relates how the Pharisees and the scribes were scratching their heads that Jesus was teaching what appeared to be what was opposite to the logical thinking of that time. Why would Jesus waste his time on strays, sinners, outcasts, and tax collectors instead of caring for the rest of the "good people" in the flock? The answer is LOVE. The good shepherd in this parable, (Jesus), challenges us and by his sacrifice shows us how, just as he loved all of us, we should follow his example and love each other. Even though we are not all alike and heaven knows we are not always deserving of his love, Jesus still loves us. This parable reminds us that everyone of us is precious to him, especially those who are the most vulnerable. And we are called by both his message and example to provide love and help to all of our brothers and sisters because they/we are all members of his flock. Like Father Soosai, I think that we are being called as members of Christ's flock to Love and Care for everyone! Not just by our words but by our everyday actions in times like these in our broken and twisted world beset with so much darkness in the Ukraine, Uvalde TX, Buffalo NY, and even for some of our neighbors here in Greeley. And like Father Soosai, I would like to end with the thought that no matter in what kind of mire you may be stuck in, take joy in the knowledge that God forgives us, because we are all sinners, he forgives every one of us!

First Christian Church Governance Meetings

Ministries Cabinet, 5:30 pm: July 12 and August 9

General Board, 5:30 pm: July 21 and August 18

Mission Matters

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Serve Day 2022 – July 15 & 16

Each year, thousands of Christians around the world observe Serve Day by going outside their building walls to serve their communities. First Christian has a number of options for serving. You can sign up at church or let Carla Ikenouye know which project you would like to help with.



Fri., July 15

Weld Food Bank – 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Guadalupe Shelter – 11:00-1:30 p.m.

Sat., July 16

Hymn Sing at senior living facilities – 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (tentative)
Homebound visits – scheduled individually
Church member projects – scheduled individually

Wear your green "Serve Day" shirt or red "Doers" shirt! Need a shirt? Carla has extras.

If you have a project at your house you could use help with, please let Carla know.

Habitat for Humanity Building Impact Breakfast – July 20

Learn about the exciting plans Habitat for Humanity has for our community at their 2022 Building Impact Breakfast on Wednesday, July 20. The event is free, but donations will be requested. Dick Monfort, owner and CEO of the Colorado Rockies, will be the featured speaker. The breakfast will be at Christ Community Church (1301 15th St.) and will begin promptly at 7:00 a.m. and end at 8:00 a.m. Rich Recor and Carla Ikenouye are hosting tables, so a sign-up sheet is posted. You can also join the breakfast virtually on the [Habitat website](#), Facebook and YouTube. Watch it live or up to a week after the event. You can also donate on their [website](#) and attribute your support to Rich or Carla.



Back to School Drive – July 17-August 7

Help students in District 6 have the supplies they need to get their new school year off to a great start. The Mission Team will be holding our annual Back-to-School Drive from Sunday, July 17, through Sunday, August 7. We will collect school supplies for our partner school, the Fred Tjardes School of Innovation, as well as the Family Center at School District 6. The Fred Tjardes School appreciates art supplies in particular, such as 24-count crayons, 12-count colored pencils, 8-count markers, glue sticks, and construction paper. The Family Center helps students all across the school district and especially needs #2 wooden pencils, pens, spiral notebooks (wide and college-ruled), sharpies, glue, dry-erase markers, pocket folders, rulers, and scissors. Please place your donated items in any of the school-bus boxes located around the church. Thank you for your donations to school children in our community!



IRCNoCo Food Truck Festival – August 4

IRCNoCo is hosting their second annual Food Truck Festival fundraising event on Thursday, August 4, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in their north parking lot at 3001 8th Ave. In addition to food trucks, there will also be entertainment and games. It is a fun event for the whole family! Want to help a refugee family in Greeley? Check out this [Amazon Wish List!](#)

