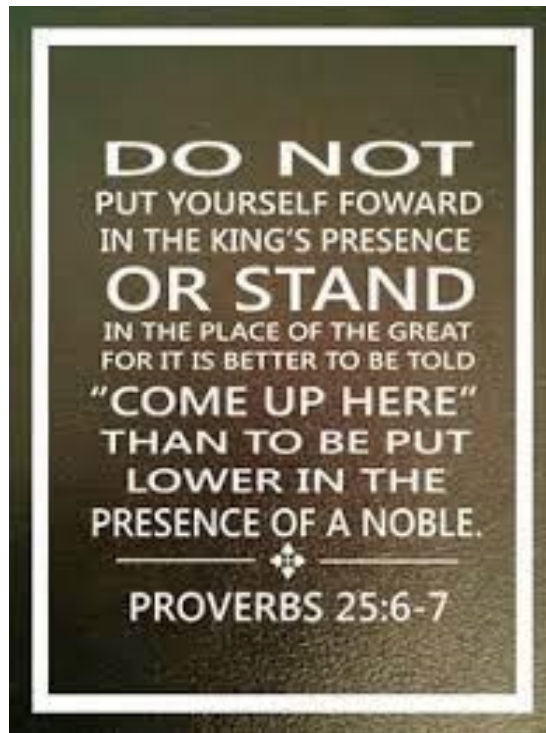

Faith Lutheran Church

*We are given this awesome calling by Christ to:
“Love God, Love Others, Share Christ”.*



*August 28, 2022
9:00 a.m.*

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Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning! We pray that the grace of God, given to us through Jesus Christ, will fill you to overflowing with peace and joy. We pray that each of you will sense the Holy Spirit as we worship together and celebrate God's gift of grace to us.

To help today's worship service run smoothly while being safe, we ask you to use hand sanitizer and wear a mask at your discretion. If you still feel uncomfortable being inside the building, you will be able to hear the service on radio station 95.9 FM in your car. This radio signal can only reach the immediate vicinity of our church.

We have resumed communing at the altar; however, you may continue to bring your own communion elements or they will be provided in individual packaging so that you can remain in your pew and self-distribute communion. We will have an after-service fellowship time in the Narthex.

Adult Bible Study is held after service, in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office at 719-392-5076 as messages are checked daily. Pastor Rick can be contacted at 402-875-1569. Thank you for continuing to support our church.

Today ministering to us...

Altar Flowers: Clark & Charlene Pickart—In Celebration of their 48th Wedding Anniversary

Altar Guild: Margit Jamison, Michelle Searcy & Carolyn Walter

Assistant Minister: Jon Charles

Evangelists and Stewards of God's love: Every Member

Greeters: Norma Crawford

Preaching: Pastor Rick Mensing

Song Leader: Kathie Hendricks or Erwin A. Spruth

Ushers: Del & Gabriele Suhr or Maria Kappelmann & Karola Kaufmann

Those we are asked to remember in prayer:

Members: Christine Banister, Rita Bucholtz, Anna Culver, Frank & Dody DeBell, Gloriann Finck & Family, Tom & Kathie Hendricks, The Kappelmann Family, Karola Kaufmann, Jodi Kurozawa, Dee Dee Kwiatkowski, Amanda Lopez, Phyllis Marvin, Pat Meacham, Lois Pearson (in-home hospice), Charlene Pickart, Amy Reid and Family, Wayne & Norma Riley, The Spruth Family, Shirley Taylor, Jim & Lori Tyree, George Vinnedge, and Pat Wohlfeil.

Friends/Family: Anni Golter, The Family of Bonnie Jackson, Kim Jenkins, and Geneva Mensing.

Individuals will be listed in the prayers for 2 weeks, unless the office is notified otherwise.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

When you enter God's house for worship, PLEASE silence or turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand if you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God,

C: proclaiming our allegiance to His name. (*Heb 13:15 NLT*)

ENTRANCE HYMN *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* LBW 293

**My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain: **On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.** (*Refrain*)

**His oath, His covenant, His blood Sustain me in the raging flood;
When all supports are washed away, He then is all my hope and stay.** (*Refrain*)

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before the throne!** (*Refrain*)

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (*sung*)

A: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

A: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

A: For Your people here, who have come to give You praise, for the strength to live Your Word. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, and defend us, O God.

C: Amen.

NOW THE FEAST (*sung*)

Refrain Only: **Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy,
to the God of life and love and freedom: Praise and glory forever more.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray that we may offer ourselves to God. (*brief silence*) Lord God,

C: Your Son humbled Himself in obedience to Your will and gave up His life for us.

Transform and renew us within. Help us not to be conformed to this world, but to dedicate ourselves to You, and do what pleases You. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON:

Proverbs 25:2-10

A: It is God's privilege to conceal things and the king's privilege to discover them. No one can comprehend the height of heaven, the depth of the earth, or all that goes on in the king's mind! Remove the impurities from silver, and the sterling will be ready for the silversmith. Remove the wicked from the king's court, and his reign will be made secure by justice. Don't demand an audience with the king or push for a place among the great. It's better to wait for an invitation to the head table than to be sent away in public disgrace. Just because you've seen something, don't be in a hurry to go to court. For what will you do in the end if your neighbor deals you a shameful defeat? When arguing with your neighbor, don't betray another person's secret. Others may accuse you of gossip, and you will never regain your good reputation.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM:

Psalms 131

A: LORD, my heart is not proud;

C: my eyes are not haughty.

A: I don't concern myself with matters too great

C: or too awesome for me to grasp.

A: Instead, I have calmed and quieted myself, like a weaned child who no longer cries for its mother's milk.

C: Yes, like a weaned child is my soul within me.

A: O Israel, put your hope in the LORD

C: now and always.

SECOND LESSON:

Hebrews 13:1-17

A: Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters. Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it! Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies. Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery. Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." So we can say with confidence, "The LORD is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?" Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. So do not be attracted by strange, new ideas. Your strength comes from God's grace, not from rules about food, which don't help those who

follow them. We have an altar from which the priests in the Tabernacle have no right to eat. Under the old system, the high priest brought the blood of animals into the Holy Place as a sacrifice for sin, and the bodies of the animals were burned outside the camp. So also Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates to make His people holy by means of His own blood. So let us go out to Him, outside the camp, and bear the disgrace He bore. For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come. Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to His name. And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God. Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able.

ALLELUIA (*sung*)

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia!**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke in the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL:

Luke 14:1-14

P: One Sabbath day Jesus went to eat dinner in the home of a leader of the Pharisees, and the people were watching Him closely. There was a man there whose arms and legs were swollen. Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in religious law, "Is it permitted in the law to heal people on the Sabbath day, or not?" When they refused to answer, Jesus touched the sick man and healed him and sent him away. Then He turned to them and said, "Which of you doesn't work on the Sabbath? If your son or your cow falls into a pit, don't you rush to get him out?" Again they could not answer. When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner were trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table, He gave them this advice: "When you are invited to a wedding feast, don't sit in the seat of honor. What if someone who is more distinguished than you has also been invited? The host will come and say, 'Give this person your seat.' Then you will be embarrassed, and you will have to take whatever seat is left at the foot of the table! "Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, 'Friend, we have a better place for you!' Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Then He turned to His host. "When you put on a luncheon or a banquet," He said, "don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

A WORD for and with the CHILDREN

SERMON

The Place of Honor

Proverbs 25:7

The Proverb for today warns us not to think too highly of ourselves. We have no right to take the place of honor before God. But we are also reminded to be thankful for who we are through Jesus Christ and because the heavenly Father bestows honor upon us for Jesus' sake!

Please stand if you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Having now heard the Word of God, let us come before Him to confess our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Now let us join in confessing to the Lord:

C: Gracious and merciful God, You sent Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into the world to become one of us and to take on Himself all of our sin and guilt. Now we pray that You will again forgive us and pardon us for our failure to live up to Your Word and serve all people with love, and for our failure to study Your Word and to remember all Jesus has done for us. Continue to have mercy on us for His sake. Amen.

P: Almighty God, have mercy on us; forgive us all our sins, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life. You are forgiven through Christ, from Whom goodness comes. Go in peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LBW 304

If you would like prayer for you or someone else, we invite you to now come forward to the altar for prayer.

**Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.**

**Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.**

**Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us, How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.**

**O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the Triune God together through the words of the APOSTLES' CREED.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS

A: Through Jesus, let us offer a sacrifice of prayer and praise to God with lips that confess His name.

A: Merciful Father: thank You for giving us our identity as forgiven sinners welcome at Your table for Jesus' sake. Forgive us our pride, and free us for glad fellowship in Your church and humble service in Your world. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for the leaders of the church, its pastors, elders and lay assistants, that together we may provide examples of true humility and holy living. And we pray for all Your people, that we may welcome high and low alike into our homes and churches with unbiased hospitality, and that our witness may be an effective voice of invitation to those who have yet to take a place at Your table. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for all in positions of prominence, including our country's politicians. Guard them against sinful pride and arrogance. Direct them to see their influence as a gift from You, and to use it in proper public service. And free us all from greed and a love of money. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for refugees and all who are strangers to us. Move us to welcome them and to share with them what You have given us. Have mercy too on prisoners and their families, and especially those suffering unjustly for their faith. Sustain them in their trial and send them ministering angels. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for marriage, that it may be honored by all, and that homes may be safe and sustaining places for children. Prosper all rightful work. Sanctify the arts and culture of our nation. And make every home a place where Your name is kept holy and Your kingdom comes. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for those who do not have enough of the things of this life. Spread the good things of the earth to them, and move us all to generous giving. Heal our planet's atmosphere and weather, and provide the rain our land and reservoirs need. And meet the needs of all we know to be in want and whom we now name silently in our hearts ... *(brief silence)* ... Christine Banister, Rita Bucholtz, Anna Culver, Frank & Dody DeBell, Gloriann Finck & Family, Tom & Kathie Hendricks, The Kappelmann Family, Karola Kaufmann, Jodi Kurozawa, Dee Dee Kwiatkowski, Amanda Lopez, Phyllis Marvin, Pat Meacham, Lois Pearson, Charlene Pickart, Amy Reid and Family, Wayne & Norma Riley, The Spruth Family, Shirley Taylor, Jim & Lori Tyree, George Vinnedge, and Pat Wohlfeil. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

A: Lord of the banquet, remember all those for whom we pray, and gather us together around Your table, here on earth and with all the saints in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please stand, if you are able.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Greet each other: "Peace be with you." Response: "Peace be with you."

All return to their places. The service continues with the Offertory.

OFFERING

Before or after the service, please drop your offerings into the container at the back of the sanctuary.

OFFERTORY *(sung)*

As The Grains of Wheat

**Refrain: As the grains of wheat, once scattered on the hill,
were gathered into one to become our bread;**

so may all Your people, from all the ends of earth, be gathered into one in You.

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of Your love. Refrain**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Merciful God, help us to please You by offering the true sacrifices of doing good and sharing what we have.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Raise your hearts in praise.

C: We raise our hearts and voices in thanks to God.

P: It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day of the week, He overcame death by His resurrection and opened up for us the way to eternal life with You. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise Your glorious name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*sung*)

**Holy, holy, holy are You, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in Your name.
Hosanna in the highest; Hosanna in the highest!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*If you desire, join hands with those around you.*)

P: Now we are bold enough to call God our Abba, our Papa as we pray the prayer our Lord has taught us:

C: **Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE MEAL

All those who are baptized and believe that Jesus is truly present in this Holy Meal are invited to come to the altar and receive Communion. Those assisting with the Lord's Supper will commune first.

P: Here are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD (*sung*)

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You are the Bread of Life for us all:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

COME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain* LBW 301

**Come to Calvary's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.
Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; Those who drink shall thirst no more.
Those who drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.**

Jesus, Remember Me

WOV 740

**Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.**

Please stand, after all have communed, if you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Now may the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you strong in your faith, renew you in hope, strengthen you for service, and lead you to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

THANKS BE TO YOU (*sung*)

**Praise to You, O God of mercy: thanks be to You forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to You forever!
From of old You loved and sought us: thanks be to You forever!
Truth and justice You have taught us: thanks be to You forever!
Strong is Your faithfulness, strong is Your love,
Rememb'ring Your covenant of life with us.**

**Praise to You, O God of mercy: thanks be to You forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to You forever! Thanks be to You forever!**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Lord God, as we have received the body and blood of Your Son Jesus Christ, transform and renew us within. Help us not to be conformed to this world, but to dedicate ourselves to You, and do what pleases You. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

LBW 560

**Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me!**

**O all you pow'rs that He implanted, Arise, keep silence now no more;
Put forth the strength that God has granted! Your noblest work is to adore!
O soul and body, join to raise With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise!**

**You forest leaves so green and tender That dance for joy in summer air,
You meadow grasses, bright and slender, You flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,
You live to show God's praise alone. Join me to make His glory known!**

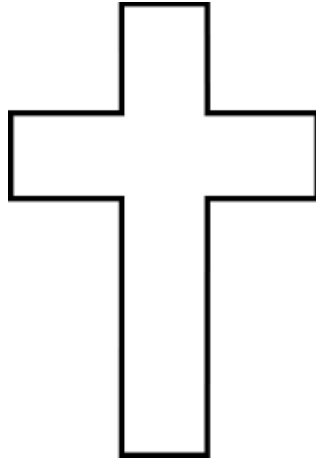
**All creatures that have breath and motion, That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion, Help me to sing God's praises high!
My utmost pow'rs can never quite Declare the wonders of His might!**

**Creator, humbly I implore You To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore You, When I have joined the angel throng
And learned with choirs of heav'n to sing Eternal anthems to my King!**

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace, and keep on loving one another.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Please be sure to record your attendance today, in the red or black Friendship Booklet at the end of each pew.

Church Announcements

Church Annual Picnic—TODAY after the church service. Please stay and enjoy—there is plenty for all!

Adult Christian Education—NO Adult Bible Study today because of the Annual Picnic, but we hope to see you next Sunday! Presently we are studying current events using the Lutheran Coalition for Renewal monthly newsletter as our guide. The current event articles are discussed from a Scriptural perspective in order to provide guidance for our lives and to guide our responses to those in whose midst we live.

Celebrations!—This week we celebrate the following birthdays: Aug 28—Ann Goodwin, Aug 30—Linette Jacobson and September 1—Dustin Finck, Raphael Martin and Phyllis Marvin. If your special dates (month/date) are not in the directory, call the office or leave a note of when it is. May God bless you all with a great year!

Deutsch Family Addition—Congratulations to the Deutsch family on the birth of Raiden Ezra, son of Dustin and Janeth, born Monday August 22nd.

Ladies' Bible Study—We meet next on Thursday, September 1st at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more info see Phyllis Marvin 719-392-2160.

Quilting, Needlepoint, & Crafters Group—Join us Monday September 5th at 9 a.m. in the Council Room. All friends who share an interest in quilting, needlepoint, or crafting are welcome and have a great time working on our own projects, sharing our skills. For more info: Linette 719-266-3573.

Bookies—Our next meeting is Thursday, September 8th at 1 p.m. in the kitchen to discuss “Marlene” by C.W. Gortner. If you would like to read the book, see Kathie Hendricks. All are welcome.

Church Announcements Continued

Church Prayer Time—Join us in prayer Thursday, September 8th at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Church Council Meeting—Our next meeting is Thursday, September 8th at 7p.m. in the Council Room. Just a reminder, any congregation member is always welcomed to our meetings.

Game Night—Join us for some fun fellowship on Friday, September 9th at 7 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome. Hope to see you there! POC: Charlene Pickart 719-237-8106.

Sharing God's Gift—Those of us who filed Colorado State Taxes for 2021 are getting a Tabor rebate from the State. While it is true that this is owed to us, it gives us an opportunity to do some special sharing as well. At our last Council meeting, we agreed to thank you for your wonderful financial support of Faith Lutheran's ministry and to ask you to consider taking a portion of the TABOR refund and use it as a Thank Offering to God. This "extra" gift would help the Congregation meet our needs for ministry.

Prayer Chain Coordinator—Tina Thorn is the Prayer Chain Coordinator for Faith Lutheran. Her email address is: tinathorn93@gmail.com; and her telephone number is: (719) 648-9884. Contact her to submit prayers to our Prayer Chain.

Church Office—Our secretary, Kim is taking a leave of absence until Monday, October 3rd. While she is out of the office, phone messages will be checked daily. Clark Pickart is producing our weekly worship folder.

Pennies—The charity for 2022 is Everything For Sight.org in Colorado Springs. This charity provides financial assistance to patients in need of medical and surgical eye care. Our penny total is now \$259.26. Thank you for your generosity. Our goal is \$300 for the year. If you would like further information or have questions, please see Ruth Archer.