

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all our guests and friends this week. If you are searching for a church home, we cordially invite you to make the Ft. Lupton Seventh-day Adventist Church your church home. **Thank you for wearing your mask inside the building and remember to social distance,**

PRAYER MEETING via ZOOM every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. We are studying the book of Galatians with Aspen Park and Leadville.

ADRA FEED HUNGRY CHILDREN PROJECT this year. Drop your spare change in the donation box hanging in the foyer or write a check and place it in an offering envelope indicating it is for ADRA Project. \$694.91 has been received through the end of July.

NEXT WEEK: Al Lopez will have the worship service. The offering will be for Local Church Budget. **Loose offering goes to Local Church Expense and undesignated offerings in envelopes go to Insurance.** Online giving is now available by clicking on the Online Giving link at the church website (see Karen for more information).

CHURCH BOARD MEETING: The next regular board meeting will be Sunday, 9/6/2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the church.

August	Budget	Received	Still Needed	Balance 8/28/2020
	\$1,400	\$1,051	\$349	
Expense				\$1,642.38
Evangelism	--	\$5.50	--	\$1,007.96
Insurance		\$2,625.51	\$3,610.19	Goal: \$6,235.70
Building Fund		\$10		\$867.85

LADIES! You're invited to LEMONADE, a Fall Picnic 'retreat' outside on the Campus of Campion Academy Sabbath, 9/26/2020, 9:00-5:30. Pastor Jenn Woody will be the guest, and it'll be a day of fun and encouragement from God's word. For more info and the link to register (it's free!) go to www.rmcsda.org/women. Due to COVID restrictions, everyone must pre-register as we are limited in the number who can attend, so sign up today!

NEXT PRAYER OPPORTUNITY: The next prayer opportunity with the Pastor will take place in the Fellowship Hall from 10:35 - 10:55 AM on Sabbath, 9/19/2020. We will follow a simple order comprised of three elements: 1) we will begin by hearing a psalm from the Bible read aloud in order to allow Scripture to shape our prayers; 2) then we will pray through the Lord's Prayer from Luke 11, allowing each stanza to inform our prayer requests or praises; and 3) we will finish our prayer opportunity with a brief time of thanksgiving. Please don't feel obligated to come. But please also know that I'll love to see you there!

SABBATH SCHOOL: Sabbath School will begin again on Sabbath, 10/3/2020, at 10 am in the Fellowship hall. We will include this in our Zoom meetings each Sabbath. Masks and social distancing are required. Lesson study will end at 10:50 am and church service will begin at 11 am.

KEEP GOD'S HOUSE CLEAN: When you leave the sanctuary, please do not leave trash/bottles/etc.in the pews. Use the Clorox/Lysol wipe and wipe down the back of the pew in front of you and the arm of your pew. Take trash with you and put in the trash can at the end of the table outside the sanctuary door.
Thank you very much!

Welcome Fort Lupton Seventh-day Adventist Church



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Pastor's Notes

Last week I addressed the temptation Adventists tend to face in reading the Bible: either treating it as an opportunity to get to know Jesus, or as a magical totem to produce a change in behavior. At that time, I pointed out that the primary reason to read the Bible is to get to know Jesus. You will only hear Jesus speaking to you in the Bible if you read it to get to know Jesus, and all other reasons will result in the Bible being just another book to you. But in getting to know Jesus, how does the Savior effect life-change in you and me, and what role does the Bible play in this? Ellen provides us with some insightful and helpful perspective on this question. In "Steps to Christ," she points out, "The theme of redemption is one that the angels desire to look into; it will be the science and the song of the redeemed throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Is it not worthy of careful thought and study now?" (61; 1977 edition). According to Ellen, as we think upon "the perfections of the Saviour," a desire begins to grow in us "to be wholly transformed and renewed in the image of His purity" (61). Studying a biblical passage in order to understand "its relation to the plan of salvation" is of the highest value and will yield tremendous results (62). But why is this? It is because you are reading the Bible to get to know Jesus better, by praying for the Holy Spirit to exalt and show Jesus to you, to help you understand Jesus more, to enable you to more humbly give yourself to Jesus, and to cause your life to flow from Jesus, the fountain of life (62-63). If you do not desire to see the Bible's "beauty or comprehend its deep and hidden meaning," which is Jesus, then you will not benefit from reading the Scriptures and will have missed its true treasure: fellowship with Jesus (62). When we read the Bible for the purpose of reflecting on Jesus' love and mercy, thinking about his great sacrifice for us, and meditating upon his character and saving mission, we will find our prayers becoming more fervent because our love and faith in God will become stronger: "there will be more constant confidence in Jesus, and a daily, living experience in His power to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him" (61). Friends, this is why you should "fill the whole heart with the words of God" (60). God bless.

The Rocky Mountain Conference will be holding a video town hall meeting on Friday, October 9, 2020. RMC leadership did some thinking and found a way to adapt to the COVID19 situation while still providing a town hall. This town hall will be a pre-recorded video that we can watch, either individually or in a modified group setting that will practice social distancing; it will be posted on the RMC website. The town hall will not be a live virtual meeting, where people can join online and interact with the Conference leaders in real time, because that was deemed far too hectic to be constructive or of any use to church members. However, Conference leaders will answer any questions you have during the video town hall. To that end, they would like you to email your questions, comments, or concerns to them by September 1, 2020, at the email address: Townhall@rmcsda.org. Please note that this is time sensitive information. There is no guarantee questions, comments, or concerns that are emailed to them after the September 1 deadline will be included or addressed in the video town hall. This announcement will continue to be made in the Sabbaths leading up to September 1, in order to give everyone plenty of time to email the Conference.

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Our Church at Worship 11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Welcome/ Announcements Karen Fernandez

Worship in Praise

Praise Song Karen Fernandez

Call to Worship

Responsive Reading 726 Martin Pope
The Lord Is My Shepherd

Worship in Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Martin Pope

Worship in Stewardship

Call for Offering *Local Church Budget* Martin Pope

Worship in Song

Opening Hymn # 537
"He Leadeth Me"

Worship in the Word

Scripture Martin Pope
1 Samuel 16:13

Special Music "It Won't Rain Always" Video
Janet Paschal

Sermon Al Lopez
"Anointed, Not Appointed"

Benediction Al Lopez

Closing Hymn # 554
"O Let Me Walk With Thee"

Sundown Today 7:33 PM

Next Friday 7:24 PM