

## 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 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. \$735.77 has been received through the end of August.

**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 **TOMORROW**, 9/6/2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the church.

August	Budget	Received	Still Needed	Balance 9/4/2020
	\$1,400	\$1,373	\$27	
Expense				<b>\$,1601.64</b>
Evangelism	--	\$8	--	\$1,010.46
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](http://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.

**CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:** Happy Birthday Monday to Roxanna Munoz!

**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

The topic of prayer is one of three or four subjects in the Christian life about which I receive the most questions from believers, or hear and observe the most frustration and exasperation from people. How do I pray continually? And how do I talk to God in prayer in a way that is real and doesn't feel like a formality or discussion with an imaginary being? Our friend Ellen provides some very helpful perspective on how to approach God and prayer in "Steps to Christ." Ellen recognizes that Christians often pray very little; whether we forget to bring our requests and needs to God or we struggle to believe that God will hear and answer us, it is an undeniable fact that we don't pray as much, as fervently, or as faithfully as we would like (65; 1977 edition). And she warns us that if we don't pray often, it is easier for the devil to surround us with an atmosphere that makes us more prone to continue neglecting prayer (65). But the solution Ellen gives to praying more is not found in what we do but what prayer is: "Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive Him. Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him" (64). Did you notice what Ellen says here? Prayer doesn't open God's heart to us; rather, it opens OUR hearts to God! Prayer doesn't bring God near to us, because he's already close to us; instead, prayer brings us near to God in relationship! Prayer, therefore, doesn't so much enable us to present requests to be fulfilled like a grocery list, as much as it enables us to RECEIVE God into our hearts and lives! And this is the reason why Jesus "is our example in all things" (64): because Jesus, by his life of prayer and love for God, shows us that the motivation to pray is love for God and trust in God, which will free us to lovingly entrust ourselves into God's care and invest in a relationship with him (64-65). Friends, would you like a more robust prayer life? Then take note of what prayer is. Prayer is not God opening himself to you, as if he doesn't like you. Because he loves you and already pursues a relationship with you, prayer is simply the time when you open yourself to him - which hopefully encourages you to keep praying. God bless.

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

Welcome/ Announcements		Karen Fernandez
	<b>Worship in Praise</b>	
Praise Song		Karen Fernandez
	<b>Call to Worship</b> 784 <i>Blessed Is the Man</i>	Martin Pope
	<b>Worship in Prayer</b>	
Pastoral Prayer		Martin Pope
	<b>Worship in Stewardship</b> <i>Local Church Budget</i>	Martin Pope
	<b>Worship in Song</b>	# 286
Opening Hymn	"Wonderful Words of Life"	
	<b>Worship in the Word</b>	
Scripture	Psalm 119:34	Martin Pope
Special Music		Video
Sermon	<i>"In Harmony With His Law"</i>	Al Lopez
Benediction		Al Lopez
		# 75
Closing Hymn	"The Wonder of It All"	
Sundown Today 7:22 PM		Next Friday 7:12 PM