

Bluff Hall Church Newsletter

July 2025



Thank You!

Pastor Richard and family for 10 Years of service to Bluff Hall E-Free Church! We really appreciate all you have done for us!

We wish you well in your new ministry at United Church of Crook in Colorado!



Search Committee Update:

The Search Committee has decided to partner with Interim Pastor Ministries (IPM) to aid in the search for an Interim Pastor and guide our church during this time of transition. This decision was made prayerfully and with insight from the book *When the Word Leads Your Pastoral Search* by Chris Brauns.

To ensure transparency and keep everyone informed, we will be giving brief updates during Sunday services. During these updates, we will also walk through key chapters of the book to help the congregation understand the biblical foundation guiding our search process.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we seek God's will together.

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Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 am

Sunday School: Will resume in the Fall



Prayer Needs



New, Recent, & Updated Requests:

- Those fighting cancer:
 - Earl Mast
 - Vaughn Flesner
 - Darla Schneider
 - Janice Waner
 - Grant House
 - Johnny Sparks
 - Alley Buck
 - Brenda Martin
 - Chris Blackmore
 - Danny Thomure
 - Leo Dietrich
 - Debbie (friend of Sandy Loos)
- Sandy Waterman – answers to health issues
- Chad Loos – healing of foot fracture
- Families of James Windoffer & Kenny Mowen
- Sue Kruitmeier – recovering from successful surgery
- Mary Lynn Tucker – recovering from surgery
- Laura Cole Cespina – answers to health issues and daughter Sophia with strep throat

Military:

Seth Miles, Henry Dodd, Ryan Mena, Kason Spratt
Blaine Brown, Gary Velasquez, Lucas Velasquez

Ongoing Requests:

- Joan Groh – healing for foot and shoulder
- Ron Whittaker – pain management
- BJ Cutforth – Needs miraculous healing
- Carolyn and Steve Kaiser
- Ralph Venvertloh – Health
- Tim Davis – Continued health
- Jim Woods – Continued healing
- Gail Oitker – Continued health
- Sheila Harwell Parkhill – continued healing
- Myanmar Mission and Seminary with civil war around them
- Those in our community battling cancer.
- Those in our community grieving loss.
- Unrest around the world
- Our Local, State and Federal Leadership
- Pastoral Search Committee

Praises:

- Scott Loos –successful surgery and cancer free!
- Leona Loos -successful cataract surgery
- Sheila Harwell Parkhill – improvement
- Successful Payson Community VBS!
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If you have any prayers concerns, please let the prayer chain know by contacting Geoff Cole



If you are in need of pastoral care,
please contact one of the Deacons.

Bluff Hall Outreach Mission

If you have a neighbor or know someone that the church might be able to serve in our community, please let the Missions Team know.
– Thank you!

Service Live Stream

For those who wish to remain at home or who are unable to join us, check out our live stream. You can find our YouTube channel by searching bluffhallelc at youtube.com

Welcome to Our New Members!

Donna, Sarah and Scott Riggs



Bluff Hall YouTube Channel

We invite our church family and community to visit the Bluff Hall EFC 'YouTube' channel and click 'Subscribe'.

Subscribing helps us extend our reach and stay connected as we share God's Word beyond our walls.

Bluff Hall Men's Fellowship Annual Ice Cream Social



Thank You All!

Dining Room Floor Refinishing

The Trustees have scheduled the refinishing of the dining room floor to start on **Monday, July 28th**. Activity in dining room including foot traffic will be restricted for **approximately 10 days to 2 weeks** to allow refinishers to complete their work as well as the new finish to completely dry and cure. We kindly request you honor the signs and barriers that will be posted during this time.

Sunday, August 10th Sunday Service - light foot traffic from steps to bathroom only!
Please & Thank you!

Women's Fellowship News

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m.

CPR Classes:

CPR Classes will be held at Bluff Hall E-Free Church on Thursday, July 24 at 6:00 P.M.

This class will certify you for CPR through the American Heart Association.
You will also learn how to use Bluff Hall's AED (automated external defibrillator)

You may join in by letting Leona Loos know you wish to attend or simply showing up that evening.
Cost is \$35.00

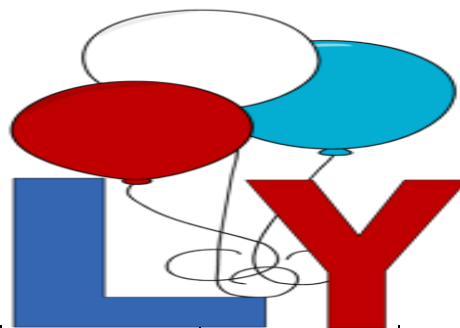


We really need your help!

Looking for a way to serve the Lord on Sunday?
We are always looking for people who can help lead the announcement/prayer times during Sunday service once a month or so. See Geoff Cole for more information.

Church Bloopers

The speaker at the service declared, "we need to throw all the liquor, drugs, and anything that keeps us from God into the river." Immediately the music leader invited those in attendance to sing, "Shall We Gather at the River"!



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Happy 4 th of July	5
6	7	8	9 Quarterly Meeting 7pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 CPR class 6:00	25	26
27	28 Floor Refinishing	29 Floor Refinishing	30 Floor Refinishing	31 Deacons for July: Geoff & Trevor Floor Flowers for July: Mary F, Barb C, Refinishing Peggy K, Sarah C		

Happy Anniversary

July 2 Brittany and Reed Bentzinger
 July 9 Lindsey & Craig Boggs
 July 18 Greg and Jane Huber
 July 20 Steven and Krisann Loos
 July 21 Junior and Cindy Mena
 July 22 Rodney and Peggy Kinder

Bluff Hall Accepts Online Gifts

Want to give online?

Go to bluffhallefc.org/donate and click the link to fill out the giving form.



July 2 Tana Maggart
 July 9 Rita Speckhart
 July 14 Bryon Wittler
 July 19 Dianna Miller
 July 21 Bob Humphrey
 July 22 Betty Speckhart
 July 24 Sarah Corrigan
 Aaron Speckhart
 July 25 Diana Felten
 Amanda Maiers
 July 26 Lucas Loos
 July 27 Chad Loos
 Barb Speckhart



Announcements

Sermons Online

Miss a Sunday? Want to
listen to a message again?
You're in luck!

Past Services can be found online through
our YouTube Channel.

YouTube.com and search for bluffhallefc or
click on YouTube link on our webpage.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, August 3

Payson Old Settlers Church in the Park

Sunday, August 31

Summer Brunch and Fun (all invited
following worship service – more
details to follow)

Thank You Meredith Humphrey for providing all the candid shots for the newsletter!!

Please pass along any information you have for the newsletter. It may be emailed to
bluffhallefc@gmail.com Deadline for August Newsletter is Wednesday, July 23. Thanks!



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Highlights of Church Council Meeting June 11, 2025

Prior meeting minutes read. 10 members present

Leona Loos, Treasurer, gave the following: 2nd qtr. QTD Income: \$18,151.20, Expenses: \$19,026.10, Current checkbook Balance: \$20,448.23, Memorial Fund Balance: \$12,292.27, Money Market: \$15,416.46 including the Building Fund Savings: \$5,355.95, CD: \$75,000.00, Building Fund CD: \$10,532.66 and \$147,602.35

Discussion on

- Lockbox cost has increased

- LP gas price locked in for winter

- Decision on whether we will need an OSA booth will need to be discussed at quarterly meeting.

- Discussed streaming license and cost.

- Look into Sermon.net and see why we would need.

- Will keep rate for supply pastors.

- Discussed search committee & where to pull expenses from.

- In an effort to increase followers, we need to go to bluffhallelcf site in YouTube and subscribe.

- Trying to find out who has access to email and if guest password for Starlink is available.

- VBS to be held next week. They need cookies.

- It was decided to ask deacons if they will be responsible for church telephone.

- We discussed having all minutes for all committees available at the Church for everyone to review. Will continue brainstorming how to do.

- Dining hall floor will be worked on July 24th. Question came up on what to do with piano in dining hall. If anyone is interested, let us know.

Next quarterly meeting will be July 9th at 7 p.m.

Next Council Meeting will be Sept 17th at 7 pm.