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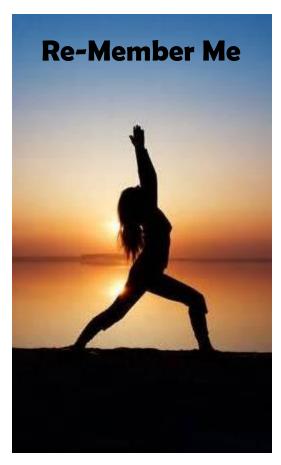
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May 2014

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am– 1:00pm





Once as a Buddhist monk walked the roads of China, he was challenged by a guard: "Who are you and where are you going?" he demanded. "How much would I have to pay you to follow me and ask that question daily?" replied the monk.

In large part, the world's spiritual traditions exist to help humankind remember who we are and where we're going in a world that spins toward chaos. Spiritual beliefs and practices give us a positive (we hope!) and power-filled foundation on which to build lives, families, and communities that are increasingly whole and good.

Long ago, a spirit-filled man named Ezekiel envisioned a valley filled with dry bones, the remains of some great and terrible battle. Our world is filled with such valleys—burial sites in every country contain the skeletons of violence. Even in our own homes, we hide "skeletons in our closets," tucking personal and family secrets behind overcoats of shame.

So Ezekiel's God—Jesus' God, OUR God!—told him to, "Speak my words of life to these bones, words that DO what they SAY. Tell them to be re-membered: bone to

bone, flesh to flesh, breath to breath." And so it was. God's power-filled word re-membered and gave life to the dry bones in Ezekiel's valley of death, just as Jesus' words and touch called dead people back to life and God's hand raised Jesus himself from the grave.

Is it crazy to believe in a God who brings the dead to life? In this world of physics and biology and better(?) things to do, is it still worth precious time to remember the ancient words and works of God in weekly worship and daily reading? It's worth it for me. Because time and again God puts back together my scattered and skeletal life. God re-members me in worship, in word, and in your welcome, Friends of Faith.

Dearest readers, I pray that you will remember the God who re-members you. I know it's hard. Going to church *does* seem crazy in this sped-up, dis-connected, fact-obsessed world.

But it's not. Keep comin' back. Be re-membered here. ~ Pastor Brenda



May is Mission Month at Faith! Please Help Support...

Misión Christo Rey June 22-29, 2014

In just a few weeks twelve of us from Faith and other Bitterroot churches will join folks from Georgia and Florida on Mission Christ the King (*Christo Rey*).

We'll offer four days of medical/dental clinics in the rural villages around San Ramón in the Matagalpa region of Nicaragua, distribute shoes for school-aged kids, and help with construction on Corner of Love's clinic and leadership school at La Lima River.

You Can Help!!!

Money is easiest and often most efficient: \$10 buys a pair of sturdy black school shoes for a child in Nicaragua. \$500 buys a med-pack full of medicines retailing for over \$1500. Everything in-between helps. EITHER write a check to Faith Lutheran Church with "for Corner of Love" or "for Nicaragua Mission" in the memo line OR visit www.corneroflove.org to donate directly. If you'd like to help "scholarship" one of our missionaries, please speak to Pastor Brenda—our youngsters and their families would really appreciate it!

We're also taking donated supplies (* denotes priority items). Please drop the following items in the Nicaragua Mission collection box in the lobby at Faith:

*hydrocortisone

*Neosporin/triple antibiotic

*Visine/eye drops

*Ibuprofen (adult/child)

*Infant/toddler meds

*Children's cold/cough meds

*Vitamins/multivitamins

Acetaminophen/Tylenol

Anti-fungal sprays/cream

Lice treatments

First aid supplies

Washcloths

Body powder/Goldbond

Hair combs/brushes

Baby items

Toothpaste & toothbrushes

Compact mirrors

*Spanish Bibles

New children's socks and

underwear

All toiletries, hotel & sample sizes: shampoo, soap, lotion,

mouthwash, sewing kits...

Light clothing for all ages

Shoes in good condition

And please pray for our missionaries:

Brooke & Lauren Kimzey Linda Beyer Jennifer and Abby Dunn Susan Wetzsteon Christi Skelton & Sydnee McClendon Ali & Maddison Murray Pr. Brenda Satrum & Hannah Peterson Jennifer and Abby Dunn Ali & Maddison Murray



Faith with and for kids... May 2014

LIYF! LIFE IN YOUR FACE!



For God's Sake, Get a LiYF!

May 4: Confirmation Sunday

May 7: 6:30-8:30 Grillin' Grub & Games @ SPE—Year-end party!

May 18: HS Senior Quilt Sunday/Youth Sunday
June 11: River Nights Begin, 6:30-9:00 (see below)

THANKS!!! THANKS!!! THANKS!!! THANKS!!!

To all who helped with the **Easter Breakfast** this year! Yummy food, fun décor, and bucks raised to send our kids on with love and support. Special thanks to the kitchen committee—Mark Livesay (Steward of Discipleship), Helen Volden, and Linda Beyer.

AND! Our **30-Hour Famine** finally totaled just about \$4000 dollars to feed children and help communities develop sustainable livelihoods. Way to go, people!

Congrads to Confirmands & Grads

On May 4, six awesome young adults will take responsibility for their walk of faith in worship. Please come and support Royal Beyer, Allison Borgen, Sam Bosio, Walker Buhler, Nicole Denton, and Jacob Heitmann.

Sunday, May 18 celebrates this year's high school graduates: Lars Larson, Matt Turley, and Sam Parker (our contemporary worship pianist). We're hoping for some special

music from Sam and his collaborative instructor, Tricie Callaghan-Stover, to go along with quilt and scholarship presentations and Youth Sunday worship.

Year-End Grub and Games

Wed. May 7, 6:30-8:30 at St. Paul's

Grillin' and playing Capture the Flag, a scavenger hunt, or...?

AWESOME CRAZINESS!

River NightsWed's June 11 & 18, 6:30-9:00

Bring friends, tubes, grub, bug spray and whatever else makes hanging out at the river perfect fun! Campfire provided.

Co-hosts Needed! Please contact PB to volunteer. Middle and High Schoolers and family members welcome! Shoot—we'll even take plain old friendly adults. ©



In case of bad weather, head to Pastor Brenda's: 629 MD Circle, south of The Canyons.

Contact... Pastor **Brenda Satrum**, Faith Lutheran, 406.381.1919 (cell). <u>bsatrum@gmail.com</u> or Youth Minister **Alana Cruse**, St. Paul's Episcopal, 406.381.3534 (cell). <u>ashortcruse@gmail.com</u>



Bible Camp News

It's not too late to sign up for summer camp, but do it soon because the early registration discount only lasts through May 1st. New programs include Basketball Camp for grades 4-7, Night Camp for grades 8-9, and an on-site Senior High Camp. The 2014 activities brochure is

available online (<u>www.flbc.net</u>) and our newly redesigned website is now live! The theme for 2014 is "Living in God's Time." -Ecclesiastes 3:1

Remember, matching FLC camperships are available. Pick up the form on the counter outside the church office, or contact Celeste Pogachar for more information.

₩ May 1: Deadline for Early Bird Discount Registration!!! Don't miss it!

May 11: Mothers' Day Brunch

Join FLBC in celebrating mothers and all women at this year's Mothers' Day Brunch! Seatings begin on Sunday, May 11th at 10:00 AM and conclude at 2:00 PM. Please note that reservations are required, and the suggested donation is \$17 per person, \$10 for youth 5-14 years of age. Contact the camp office at (406) 752-6602 for available seating times. This year's proceeds will benefit women in need in the Flathead Valley and FLBC's campership fund for women to attend our meaningful retreats.

₩ May 24-26: Memorial Day Work Weekend

Assist camp in getting ready for another fantastic summer season by being a part of the Thrivent Memorial Day Work Weekend! There will be projects for people of all ages and abilities, so be sure to bring your family and friends as well to this fun and meaningful retreat! THANK YOU Thrivent Financial for your sponsorship again this year. There is no cost to attend, but please RSVP to the office at office@flbc.net or (406) 752-6602 to reserve your spot today. We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

₩ Are You a Thrivent Member?

Thrivent Choice dollars make a big impact at FLBC! If you are a Thrivent member, choose Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp to send your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Don't forget, you must choose your recipient each time since the "reoccurring" option has now ended. THANKS so much!

FLBC Wish List

•Quilts size 60x96" •Reliable Vehicles •Sporting Equipment •Mirrors

•2 Kayaks (\$800 each) •Tent Cabins (\$750 each) •Gently used Furniture

•Baskets of any kind •Motor Boats, Sailboats, Rafts •12-passenger vans

•SUP (stand-up paddle boards) •Golf Carts •Hand Tools

•Sewing Machines •Popcorn machine •Small coffee pots

•Throw rugs •SUP (stand-up paddle boards)

Contact the Camp Office with any questions: 406.752.6602 Office@flbc.net

Hey Parents and Grandparents!

Are you interested in having your very own copy of the Spark Story Bible?

This is the one that your children enjoy reading in the pews on Sunday mornings.

The cost is \$20. I will put in an order in early June.

~Celeste Pogachar

July 14-18 VASATION BIBLE SCHOOL at Faith Lutheran (hosted by FLBC counselors)

We Love Vacation Bible Sc

Worship Schedule for May



May 4 Celebration of Grace (Confirmation Sunday)



May 11 ELW Setting 4

(Mother's Day- Sunday School Flower Planting)



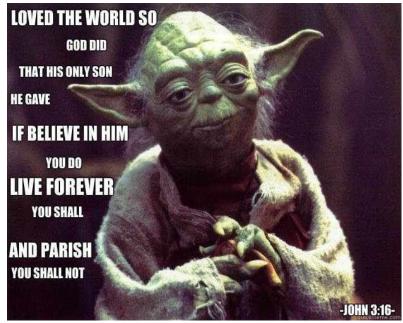
May 18 Praise Service

(High School Senior Celebration- Graduating Seniors will be recognized with quilts and scholarships)



May 25 ELW Setting 4







Pastor John Lund: <u>John.lund@umontana.edu</u> 396-4974, <u>www.ecmum.org</u> (like us on Facebook!)

- <u>Friends in Need</u>: Emmaus Campus Ministry has been blessed by many gifts and we want to pay it forward. We're looking for maintenance, fix-up, painting, or clean-up projects for elderly, disabled, or low-income homeowners who are connected to our partner churches in any way. Please contact our office Emmaus Campus Ministry <u>emmaus.montana.office@gmail.com</u> or Pastor John.
- Year-end BBQ, May 14th 5:30-7:30 at Emmaus: All students, family, church members, faculty, clergy and friends of Emmaus are welcome to join us as we close our school year and honor our graduates.
- Emmaus Needs: A nice couch for an upstairs apartment



S.A.F.E. CRYSTAL BALL

Friday, May 16, 2014 Bitterroot River Inn

Catered by Fresh Local Tasty Catering Dancing with the Chuck Lawrence Trio For more information, please call 363-2793



or safe@SafeInTheBitterroot.org

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These poems submitted by Linda Beyer (Thanks, Linda!):

Decide to Forgive

By Robert Muller

Decide to forgive, For resentment is negative Resentment is poisonous Resentment diminishes and devours the self.

Be the first to forgive,
To smile and take the first step
And you will see happiness bloom
On the face of your human
brother or sister.

Be always the first, Do not wait for others to forgive.

For by forgiving You become the master of fate The fashioner of life A doer of miracles.

To forgive is the highest, most beautiful form of love In return you will receive untold peace and happiness. Achieving a Truly Forgiving Heart By Robert Muller

Sunday: Forgive yourself. **Monday:** Forgive your family.

Tuesday: Forgive your friends and

associates.

Wednesday: Forgive all across economic lines within your own nation.

Thursday: Forgive across cultural lines within your own nation.

Friday: Forgive across political lines within your own nation.

Saturday: Forgive other nations.

Only the brave know how to forgive. A coward never forgives. It is not in his nature.





What IS Thrivent?

I've been asked this question recently by some of our church community so please realize this is an explanation and not a sales pitch. Thrivent came about when Aid Association for Lutherans and Lutheran Brotherhood joined together. Both sold insurance, annuities, and other financial products just to Lutherans making them fraternal organizations. The official name is Thrivent Financial for Lutherans but the membership is now open to all Christians and the members are the owners. Members are grouped into Chapters. Ravalli County is the name of our local chapter.

Thrivent's purpose is to serve its members and society by guiding both to be wise with money and to live generously. The underlying belief is that all we have is a gift from God and that generosity is an expression of faith. Thrivent succeeds when members, their families, and their communities thrive. In addition, Thrivent is considered one of the world's most ethical companies by the Ethisphere Institute.

As a fraternal organization, Thrivent is able to return some of the monies that would be paid in taxes to the membership to do good works (generosity) within our local and broader communities. Some of these dollars are in the form of Thrivent Choice Dollars that individual members allocate to organizations they want to support. Care Abounds in Communities monies are returned to the Chapter. Members and others can apply for these dollars from the Chapter Leadership Board to fund service projects and/or match dollars made through fund raising to help a person in need or a worthwhile cause. And most recently, Action Team monies have been made available. Each Thrivent member (over the age of 16) can plan a service project, form an Action Team, and apply for up to \$250 to complete this project...and can do this twice a year.

So Thrivent is insurance and investments but it's also much more. If you have other questions, Clairice Brady and Linda Beyer are currently elected members of the Chapter Leadership Board and can answer most questions or you can check the website or call a Thrivent Financial Representative.

Thrivent Action Team \$\$\$

Are you a Thrivent member who has an idea that could help others? That idea may be to build a handicap ramp, provide a community dinner, Christmas gift bags for shut-ins, care packages for military personnel overseas, clean up an elderly person's yard or repair something for them. The ideas are endless. Thrivent may provide you with as much as \$250 to make this idea happen. You just need to formulate the plan, get a team of people together, and apply for the funds on line. It takes 2-3 weeks to receive the prepaid credit card and then you are ready to put the plan in action. You will need to follow-up with a short report on-line after the event. And, you can do this 2 times each year. Yup, it's free money to help others...you just supply the person power! (https://www.thrivent.com/actionteam/) ~ Linda Beyer



Money Matters at Faith

Thank you all for a lively springtime at Faith! All is well and growing... and it's time for a financial update:

Our expenses through the spring have slightly outpaced our income on what we knew would be a tight budget. As a result, Faith is behind expenses by just over \$1,500.

For more information, check the financials posted in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

~Darrin Heitmann, Steward of Finance

The Stewards of Faith 2013 Church Council

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Coordinator

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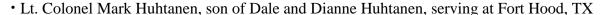
Care for Military Families

The American Legion supports the families of deployed servicemen and women through care packages to spouses and kids left at home.

Please contact Sharon Klakken of the American Legion (544-8774) or let our office know if you are or if you know of such a family to access this helpful service.



Please remember our family and friends that have joined the military & are defending our country each and every day. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Especially remember those close to our family here at Faith Lutheran:



- S/Sgt Anthony Hunter, grandson of Carl Swanson, serving in Texas
- Mike Hebert, grandson of Don and Shirley McGourty, US Army, serving in Jolliet, IL
- Major Timothy Spaulding, nephew of John Trangmoe, Air Force, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
- Tech Sgt. Andy Wetzsteon, son of Susan and Lonnie Wetzsteon, serving at Eileson AFB, Fairbanks, AK
- Eric Joiner, grandson of Bob and Marge Mathison, Army, serving in Afghanistan
- Sgt. Carl J. Selby, grandson of Clara Felton, serving in Hutchinson, KS
- Tony Robertson and Gretchen Robertson, brother and sister-in-law to the Beyers, serving in Alaska
- Dea Ross, niece of Craig Hurlbert & granddaughter of Dea & Bill Hurlbert, Navy, stationed in Afghanistan
- Anna Mitteness, granddaughter of Morrie and Ann Mitteness, Cpl US Marines Corps. Now at the Marine Station in Yuma, AZ, doing communications repair.



<u>May Birthdays</u>

Ainslee Carlson	Мау 1
Andy Mitchell	May 1
Katie Exner	Мау з
Nancy Osborn	Мау з
Maxwell Buhler	May 4
William Heitmann	May 4
Anita Bell	May 5
Bob Mathison	May 5
Deidra Markette	May 6
Mary Butt	May 7
Lavonne Beers	May 8
Greg Mitchell	May 8
Adam Senn	May 9
Doug Peterson	<i>May</i> 11
Nathan Brady	<i>May 13</i>
Tim Hollar	Ма у 13
Whitney Melton	Мау 13
Danielle Harden	Ма у 14
Morry Mitteness	Ма у 15
Tom Anderson	Ма у 18
Judy Griffin	Ма у 18
Sage Beyer	<i>May 22</i>
Rohn Williamson	<i>May 22</i>
Darrin Heitmann	<i>May 23</i>
Bill Kindzerski	<i>May 23</i>
Lucas Brady	<i>May 24</i>
Mark Joyner	<i>May 24</i>
Dick Hoeben	May 28
Jace Whitlow	<i>May 28</i>
Jayden Whitlow	<i>May 28</i>
Pete Seifert	<i>May 29</i>
Walker Buhler	<i>May 31</i>



Dentist's Hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns
	re Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn	The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn	There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn	Standing on the Promises
Optometrist's Hymn	Open My Eyes That I Might See
The IRS Agent's Hymn	I Surrender All
	Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn	Send The Light
	Sweet Bye and Bye
The Realtor's HymnI've Go	t a Mansion Just over the Hilltop
	He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn	The Great Physician
The Paramedic's Hymn	Revive Us Again
The Judge's Hymn	Almost Persuaded
The Telephone Operator's Hym	nA Call To Prayer
The Psychiatrist's Hymn	Just a Little Talk With Jesus
Miss America's Hymn	A Crown Over There
	How Firm A Foundation
	A Charge To Keep I Have
	All Creatures of Our God & King
The Postal Worker's Hymn	So Send I You
The Waiter's Hymn	Fill My Cup, Lord
	.Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
	Rescue the Perishing
The Pediatrician's Hymn	A Child Of God
	Search Me, O God
	en the Roll Is Called Up Yonder
	It Is Well With My Soul
	Anywhere With Jesus
	Rock of Ages
The Hematologist's Hymn	Are You Washed in the Blood?
The Men's Wear Clerk's Hymn	Blest Be the Tie
The Umpire's Hymn	I Need No Other Argument
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Whispering Hope

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

45mph	God Will Take Care of You
65mph	Nearer My God To Thee
85mph	This World Is Not My Home
95mph	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100mph	Precious Memories



BENEFIT WALK FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES

Saturday, May 3, 2014 290 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton, MT

9:30 a.m. - Check-in 10:00 a.m. - Walk Begins Join us for Lunch at the Finish Line Main route 2.5 miles (shorter routes available)



For more info or to receive registration forms visit us at:

www.BitterrootFamilyShelter.org OR email: Bitterrootfamilyshelter@gmail.com

The Family Shelter of the Bitterroot, Inc. is a non-profit corporation with IRS 501-c-3 "public charity" status

Family Shelter is funded solely by contributions







FAMILY SHELTER of the BITTERROOT: Hamilton's Homeless Shelter

(Formerly the Lighthouse)

- We provided 21 nights of emergency shelter for 10 adults and 9 children at a cost of \$1,104.43 at local motels in March.
- We served 562 dinners during March, bringing our total since starting October 1, 2013 to nearly 2500. We paid \$351 in wages to our Community Meal Coordinator.
- We have a new logo and the website is up: www.BitterrootFamilyShelter.org
- The 2nd Annual Benefit Walk for Homeless Families is Saturday, May 3rd. Check-in starts at 9am, the walk begins at 10am. For more info call Cheryl at 381-4405, Denny Calvert at 381-2819 or Gary Locke at 239-8833.
- The "Spare Screwdriver and Big Boy's Toys" yard sale is June 13-14 behind the Riverside Christian Center.
- The Bitterroot Run will be on June 21st. It will start at the Wally Crawford Fishing access site.
- We would like to encourage all the local gardeners to plant a "Shelter Row" this year. We envision using that food for the meals when the shelter is completed.
- The 1st Annual Fall Ball will be on October 11th in the First Interstate Building at the Fairgrounds. Silent and a live auction with dining and dancing.

With Gratitude:

To the Ladies of the Naomi Bible Circle:
I thank you all very much for the beautiful
Easter basket & the Cross of Life you gave to
me. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will
not be forgotten.

Jerry Lewis



The Big Creek fundraiser raised more than \$4000 for Marcus Daly Hospice. Thanks to all who were able to stop by!

Doug Peterson



A BIG THANK YOU...

...to all of the volunteers who helped with the Easter Breakfast!! The food was delicious and the fellowship was fun!!

The breakfast was a fundraiser for the scholarship fund. We took in \$1733.00! That minus expenses will be matched up to \$500 by Thrivent.

Thank you to the congregation for your generous support of the scholarship fund.

Mark Livesay



God's Masterpiece is Mother

By Herbert Farnham

God took the fragrance of a flower...

The majesty of a tree...

The gentleness of morning dew...

The calm of a quiet sea...

The beauty of the twilight hour...

The soul of a starry night...

The laughter of a rippling brook...

The grace of a bird in flight...

Then God fashioned from these things

A creation like no other,

And when his masterpiece was through

He called it simply – Mother.

Thank you to the wonderful FLC members that have allocated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Faith Lutheran Church! The last donation amount was an amazing \$6,237.00! We greatly appreciate your generosity!

Memorial Day

By C.W. Johnson

We walked among the crosses Where our fallen soldiers lay. And listened to the bugle As TAPS began to play. The Chaplin led a prayer We stood with heads bowed low. And I thought of fallen comrades I had known so long ago. They came from every city Across this fertile land. That we might live in freedom. They lie here 'neath the sand. I felt a little guilty My sacrifice was small. I only lost a little time But these men lost their all. Now the services are over For this Memorial Day. To the names upon these crosses I just want to say, Thanks for what you've given No one could ask for more. May you rest with God in heaven From now through evermore



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Dates To Remember

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4/27	Bible Camp Sunday
4/30	8 th Grade Confirmation Practice
5/1	Deadline for Early Bird Discount @ FLBC
5/4	Confirmation Sunday
5/7	Grillin' Grub & Games Year End Bash
5/11	Happy Mother's Day!
5/15	Faith Herald Deadline
5/18	Quilt/Youth Sunday, Last Day of Sun. School
5/19	FLC Council Meeting
5/24	FLBC Memorial Day Work Retreat (thru 5/26)
5/26	Happy Memorial Day!
5/29	GREAT BIG FOLDING PARTY!