



SAN RAMÓN, NICARAGUA

have given. My heart is full.

Generosity Fills!!!

We'll be on our way home from Nicaragua when you read this, but as I write, it's two days till liftoff. My heart is full.

People are still writing checks in support of our work in the tiny town of San Ramón, Nicaragua and the tinier villages around it. Frankly, I couldn't ask for much—what with benefit marathons and the 30-Hour-Famine and all of the giving I've already encouraged, I felt tapped-out. But others asked. And so many

My heart is full of a friend who makes do with very little, but who is setting aside \$10 every month so that one day she can go on a healing mission, too. Not only that, but she's raised well over \$500 in donations for medicine and supplies for OUR trip.

My heart is full of a friend who pulled me aside, apologizing for being late and under the weather, and wrote a rather big check. "Keep it anonymous," this one said. "We're not supposed to let our giving be known." All I could do was grin.

My heart is full of a friend who dropped off goodie bags of practical travel trinkets for Hannah and me even though she has more than enough on her plate.

My heart is full of bills and checks that keep trickling in, adding up to over \$4000 and counting as of today.

And my heart is full of all of you friends who will pray and stay and keep doing what you're doing: the best you can with all you've got day after day after day. Some of you battle hard pasts, others nasty illnesses; some live with addiction and pain, others are doing just great.

But my heart is full of gratitude at the magnificent generosity of my friends in this little Montana mountain town. "Poverty with a view," some call it. Others say you can never be poor if you enjoy and share what you've got. Amen! My heart is full. Thank you, Friends! ~*Pastor Brenda*



Soothe Your Soul and Warm Your Heart: Christmas in July

Who says our favorite songs are only for December?

Come celebrate the presence of Jesus with carols and cookies on

Sunday, July 27, 2014.

After all, we're half-way there!

Please bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share during the Coffee Hour that Sunday.

Please also bring a "gift" of non-perishable food items for the "Gift Drive" for Haven House. Summer is hard on families and food banks. Let's help them out!

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September – October 2014 FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



Ready for a fresh look at faith? Animated conversations with friends and family? This fall, Faith Lutheran offers the ELCA's best new learning experience: animate FAITH.

This seven-week guided tour through the basics of Christian Theology is presented by some of the best, names you'll see on the shelves at Barnes and Noble: Brian McLaren, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Shane Hipps, and others. They'll bring us their questions, their wonderings, and their experiences of traveling the often-bumpy road of faith and give us a chance to consider or reconsider our own.

Ever wish you could talk with your kids, grandkids, or neighbors about your faith in ways that didn't scare them away or turn them off? We think "Speaking of Faith" will help you begin practice thinking and talking naturally, positively, and comfortably about some spiritual biggies:

- 1) GOD: Faith is a Quest, Brian McLaren
- 2) RELIGION: Spirituality Is Not Enough, Lillian Daniel
- 3) JESUS: The Revolution of Love, Mark Scandrette
- 4) SALVATION: Abundant Life Now, Shane Hipps
- 5) CROSS: Where God Is, Nadia Bolz-Weber
- 6) BIBLE: A Book Like No Other, Lauren Winner
- 7) CHURCH: An Imperfect Family, Bruce Reyes-Chow

Faith will focus on these topics in worship beginning September 22, followed by a large group DVD and table groups over coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Not able to join us after church? We're looking for several homes and facilitators to host weekly small groups as well. Materials are simple to use and lead—no expertise required! About 1 ¹/₂ hours is plenty of time per session.

Hope to see you in September!

Pastor Brenda & the FLC Council





Faith with and for kids...

SUMMER LIFE IN YOUR FACE!



JULY-AUGUST

Fireworks at Faith!!!

Wednesday, July 9, FLC Parking Lot Grub & Games at 8:00 pm Fireworks at dark

Lake Como and Counselors... Wednesday, July 16:

Hit the beach with FLBC Counselors! Burgers, dogs, watermelon, and chips provided. BYO bevs and goodies to share. Stay tuned for further details and be ready to jump in!



River Nights July 23 & 30, 6:30-9:00 (Take August off—last fling, September 3!)

Kiwanis Park Gazebo and beyond. Bring friends, tubes, Frisbees, snacks, bug spray and whatever else makes hanging out at the river perfect fun! Campfire provided. Alana and PB host.

River Dads 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, check your phones! We'll head inside somewhere.

???Shall We Go???

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA JULY 15-19, 2015 DETROIT, MICHIGAN Make memories, friends, and faith changes for a lifetime! Costs run up to \$1500 per person. Folks from Missoula and Western Montana are already planning.



Registration opens in mid-October. It's time to decide: Who's along??? See <u>www.elca.org/YouthGathering</u> for more information. We can raise the \$\$\$ to do this!

IDEAS??? LET'S HEAR 'EM!!!

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>

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Faith Lutheran Vacation Bible School July 14th-17th





"This stinks! When they said 'vacation,' I thought they meant Vacation Bible School."

"Living in God's Time" will be the theme for the week as Faith Lutheran hosts VBS the week of July 14-17. Four FLBC counselors will lead our youth in bible-centered activities that include singing, games, crafts, team building exercises, and worship.

We welcome youngsters from the age of three up to entering 6th grade to sign up for this incredible week. Preschoolers will meet from 9:00 to 11:30. School-age children will meet from 9:00 to 1:30 (lunch will be served).

This wonderful experience is not just open to our Sunday School children, but as a Christian outreach to any young children in your life: grandchildren, nieces and nephews, neighbors, etc.

VBS 2014 Schedule

| •Sun., July 13 th | 6:30 pm | Youth Leader Summit @ Satrum/Petersons |
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| | | (for counselors and teenage VBS helpers) |
| •Mon., July 14 th | 8:15 am | VBS Registration begins |



~~~Monday through Thursday~~~

| | es for preschoolers (Monday through Thursday) es for school age children (through entering 6th grade) |
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| •Wed., July 16 th 6:00 pm | Lake Como Campfire/dinner for counselors & all middle |
| •Thurs., July 17 th 6:00 pm | school & high school kids. (Please RSVP to Barb Heitmann at yellowmg@cybernet1.com or360-0492 if you plan to attend.) Meet at the church @ 5:30 if you need a ride. VBS family potluck & Closing Program. We will provide hamburgers & hot dogs (plus fixin's), drinks & paper products. Please bring chips, sides, & desserts. |

Avoid the Rush! Download the VBS registration form @ www.faithlutheranhamilton.org

How can you help? We need: Kitchen helpers, Preschool helpers, Counselors' helpers, Folks to host Counselors or a meal, Kitchen supplies and food (see Helen Volden), Craft supplies (see Linda Beyer), and of course, \$\$\$ donations are helpful too!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS:

We will be providing snacks for pre-school children (age 3 up to entering 6th grade); snacks AND lunch for school-age children. (This includes 4 Flathead Bible Camp counselors and other participating adults). Food items or a few dollars to purchase items, and/or hands to help prepare snacks/lunches **will be greatly appreciated!**

Suggested items:

- Fruit--- apples, oranges, grapes, bananas, melon, etc.
- Veggies--- carrots, celery, broccoli, etc.
- Snack crackers--- Cheese-Its, Goldfish, Wheat Thins, etc
- Cinnamon Toast Cereal (a real favorite with the pre-schoolers!!)
- Granola bars
 Cookies (homemade are wonderful!)
- Cheese slices, shredded, block
 - English muffins
- Peanut butter, jellyJuice or powder beverage mix
- Paper products: 3 & 6 ounce cups (work great to dispense snacks for the younger crowd!)

If you can help in any way, please call Celeste (363-2649, 239-3952), Helen (369-6448, 361-0222), or our 'Craft Queen' Linda Beyer (375-0735, 207-3471)

> Please know that any support you can provide is greatly appreciated! And we all *thank you* in advance!





Faith's Chance to Shine: Community Picnic Grill Techs and Desserts Needed July 13!

There's a unique and precious thing happening in this valley: Christians are getting along! Please consider worshiping with our larger local body of Christ on Sunday July 13 at 11:00am, at Claudia Driscoll park. Worship will be family-friendly and should include some familiar hymns and songs. And hey—if the kids get squirrely, there's a playground!

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The BBQ/Picnic starts at 1:00pm. Thrivent's funding the meat, let's supply the muscle! Please sign up in the FLC lobby or call the office if you can take a turn at the grill on Sunday, July 13, between 1:00 and 2:30 pm. The more hands, the lighter the work! All materials provided, but bring your own apron.

It's BYO sides and beverages, but FLC can sweeten the deal: Bakers, if it sounds like fun, please sign up to bring a dessert to share at the Faith Lutheran Dessert Table.



Thrivent Action Funds contributed \$250 to this event, and Thrivent members are encouraged to lend a hand if possible. **THRIVENT TEE SHIRTS FREE TO ALL VOLUNTEERS!**



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

Courtesy of Aubrey Larson

Pastor Brenda proposed to the Council at the June meeting an adult study/discussion program. Called "Animate FAITH", topics covered include God, Faith, Life and everything in between. The program, which comes from the ELCA, is organized along small group meetings to be held at church and possibly in homes. The program aims to encourage group discussion and questions. The Council agreed to proceed with the study program, which is tentatively scheduled to begin in September.

The Church Council received a letter from the Montana Dept. of Revenue in which the Department proposes to change the taxable status of the church property at Faith House.

The Department claims that Faith House property no longer qualifies for exemption under religious use, and they asked for additional information from the church, otherwise "the property will be returned to taxable status for the 2014 tax year."

Council agreed to respond to the letter and will challenge the proposed change. A letter to the tax officials, explaining the reasons why the property should qualify for exemption, was prepared by Council members Heitmann and Larson.

In other business, the Council agreed:

--to purchase a new chair for the office manager. The old chair is about shot, she said.

--to seek another bid on church roof repair, to fix a leak along the roof over the kitchen area

-- Steward Ann Wright will improve communications regarding each Stewardship group by profiling one each month in the Faith Herald. The profile will describe programs, projects, calendar of events and servanthood opportunities.

In a lighter vein, the Stewards responded to a question from the pastor asking "What is something you miss from the church of the past?" Council president Southwick lamented the lack of old-time songs, which he enjoys, and which are less common in our church services. Steward Heitmann chimed in with similar thoughts, and noted the timelessness and unique history of many old tunes. To all of which Councilman Larson replied: "You guys can have your old, crawly tunes....I'll take the new lively, jumpy music anytime." ©



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Picketing for Emma's House Update

To my fellow congregational members: **Thank you 1000 times over** for your generous donations to Emma's house for their new picket fence. Faith Lutheran is absolutely amazing when it comes to responding to a need in the community. You are all saints!! Thank YOU!!!" ~ Scott Southwick, FLC Council President



Help Wanted

How many people does it take to make our Sunday Worship service flow smoothly? One? Five? 10? 20? 25?

Let's count:

The pastor, the assistant, the pianist, the guitarist, drummer, keyboard player, the projectionist, the ushers, the acolytes, the lector, & the communion assistants.

Oh, by the way, let's not forget:

The secretary, the altar guild, the custodian, the counters, & the coffee and crumpets hosts.

Wow! So far I count 26! Which of these things could you do?

Here's how it works: each month I make up a chart and place our volunteers in the various positions. I email that chart to everyone and publish it in the Faith Herald. If someone will not be there the day they are assigned, they merely ask someone else to switch, and notify the office of the change, that's all there is to it.

Most of these jobs are small and do not take a great deal of training. I feel guilty assigning the same loyal volunteers over and over again, especially when we need five people for communion several Sundays in a row.

Here's how you can help, just write on the worship form that you would be willing to be an usher, a communion assistant, or anything else and put your email address on there. I will be happy to contact you and discuss the details of each job.

Thank you so much to all the faithful assistants on the list as of now. Perhaps you can look to your neighbors and invite them to join any of these groups.

Let's all serve our Lord joyfully! ~Karen Heller, Steward of Worship



FLBC Update:

Join us for:

- Worship each Sunday at camp thru August 10th at 10:30am.
- Thursday evenings at dusk (around 9:30pm) for the Passion Play from now through August 14th.
- Labor Day Family Camp: August 30th- September 1st



Need a minute of worship today? Check out the Worship Minute link at: www.faithlutheranhamilton.org



FLBC Wish List

•Cars •Quilts •Vans •Mirrors •2 Kayaks •Tent Cabins •Golf Carts •Hand Tools •Straw bales •Throw rugs •Beef, Pork, Lamb •Sewing Machines •Sporting Equipment •Vacuums, shop vacs •Small coffee pots •Gently used Furniture •Baskets of any kind •Motor Boats, Sailboats, Rafts •SUP (stand-up paddle boards) •Commercial Popcorn Machine •Recreational Equipment (balls, Frisbees, etc.)

Contact the Camp Office with any questions: 406.752.6602 <u>Office@flbc.net</u>



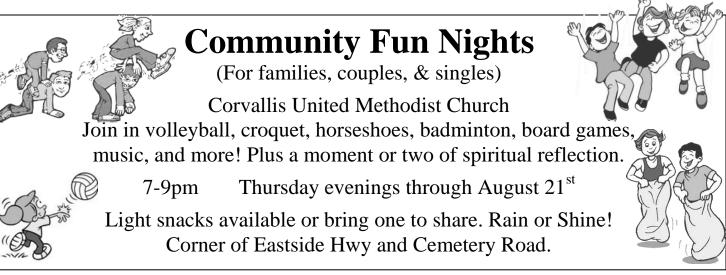
Live-In Care Giver Sought:

Live-In care giver sought for 87 years young woman. Light housekeeping, meal prep, and help with pets. Contact the FLC Office (363-2964) by July 15 if you are interested in getting more info. Thank you! Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

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The Stewards of Faith 2013 Church Council

Church Staff Members

| Pastor |
|-----------------------|
| Office Manager |
| & Financial Secretary |
| Bookkeeper |
| Custodian |
| Music/Worship |
| Coordinator |
| (406) 363-2964 |
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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.

Pray for our Military

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:

- Lt. Colonel Mark Huhtanen, son of Dale and Dianne Huhtanen, serving at Fort Hood, TX
- 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.



July Bírthdays

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| Dan Kimzey | July 2 |
| Adrienne Patterson | July 2 |
| Deanna Shook | July 3 |
| Ross Damrow | July 4 |
| Gary Kubat | July 4 |
| Michelle Marquis | July 5 |
| Joann Engbrecht | July 7 |
| Jane Hollibaugh | July 7 |
| Renee Huddleson | July 7 |
| Pete Dunn | July 8 |
| Lauren Lawry | July 8 |
| Crimson Beyer | July 9 |
| Erv Unruh | July 10 |
| Thom Webb | July 10 |
| Drew Therrien | July 12 |
| Jamie Carrington | July 12 |
| Kyla Grymes | July 12 |
| Lindsey Dorn | July 13 |
| Amber Holland | July 13 |
| Jonathan Syme | July 15 |
| Gavin Bone | July 16 |
| Kenny Buhler | July 16 |
| Avery Joyner | July 16 |
| Sonya Bitterman | July 17 |
| Tanin Buhler | July 17 |
| Robin Ireland | July 17 |
| Teresa Laine | July 17 |
| Sam Lawry Larkspur | July 17 |
| Patty Eitel | July 18 |
| Jane Mason | July18 |
| Matt Youngblood | July 19 |
| Ruth Webb | July 20 |
| Lucan Kestrel | July 23 |
| Matthew Turley | July 24 |
| Weston Buhler | July 26 |
| Alivia Drake | July 27 |
| Karen Heller | July 27 |
| Rexanna Luebert | July 27 |
| Jessica Huseby | July28 |
| Marian Montgomery | July29 |
| Lea Nordstrom | July 30 |
| Cody Frisbie | July 31 |

<u>August Bírthdays</u>

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| Vonnie Nulliner | August 2 | | | |
| Sue DeRidder | August 3 | | | |
| Nathan Anderson | August 6 | | | |
| Quoia Anderson | August 6 | | | |
| Dale Brady | August 6 | | | |
| Melanie Auch | August 7 | | | |
| Alexa Lindsey | August 7 | | | |
| Kasondra Grymes | August 8 | | | |
| Troy Hanson | August 8 | | | |
| Colleen Hoeben | August 10 | | | |
| Werner Wolf | August 10 | | | |
| Faith Hollar | August 11 | | | |
| Fran Bennett | August 12 | | | |
| Christopher Bell | August 14 | | | |
| Al Mitchell | August 14 | | | |
| Tyrell Exner | August 15 | | | |
| Don Thomas | August 15 | | | |
| Garrett Ledbetter | August 16 | | | |
| Matthias Bierer | August 17 | | | |
| Doris Koch | August 17 | | | |
| Randy Melton | August 17 | | | |
| Harley Fogel | August 19 | | | |
| Dianne Huhtanen | August 20 | | | |
| Connor Laine | August 20 | | | |
| Michon Decker | August 22 | | | |
| Eli Harden | August 22 | | | |
| Joyce Reynolds Gladiolus | August 22 | | | |
| Corbett Mann | August 23 | | | |
| Dan White | August 23 | | | |
| Jean Buckner | August 24 | | | |
| Pam Melton | August 25 | | | |
| Alison Markette | August 26 | | | |
| Ginny Rinta | August 26 | | | |
| Rick Brown | August 27 | | | |
| Debbie Crane | August 27 | | | |
| Carl Russ | August 27 | | | |
| Bonnie Southwick | August 27 | | | |
| Gail Lewis | August 29 | | | |
| Colleen Buhler | August 30 | | | |
| Linda Beyer | August 31 | | | |
| Cheoa Smith | August 31 | | | |
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With Gratitude:

Thank you to the FLC Scholarship Committee for our grandson's campership. Wyatt's absolutely delighted! Wyatt, Keith, & Anita Bell

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Thank you to the generous FLC Members that donate their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Faith Lutheran Church! In June, we received a generous gift of

\$387.00. Thank you so much!



Through everyone's generous donations & Thrivent's matching funds, we will be able to provide 6 med packs which is enough medicine to help 3,600 people! Wow! Way to go Faith! Pastor Brenda



Dear Faith Lutheran Church, Thank you for your gift of \$250.00. Your gift is helping children go to camp, creating leaders for the church and world.

Thank you for your care, prayers, and support of this ministry. You are the best!



In Christ's Service Margie Fiedler Executive Director Faith Lutheran Bible Camp

Summer Grape Salad

Submitted by Adrienne Patterson

Ingredients

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream

1/2 cup sugar

- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 pounds seedless red grapes
- 2 pounds seedless green grapes
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped almonds

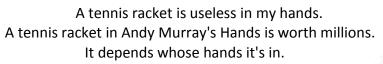
Directions

In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, sour cream, sugar and vanilla until smooth. Add grapes and toss to coat. Transfer to a serving bowl. Mix brown sugar and almonds; sprinkle on top. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

Put it in God's Hands

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19. A basketball in LeBron James' hands is worth about \$33 million. It depends whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6. A baseball in Felix Hernandez' hands is Worth \$275 million. It depends on whose hands it's in.



A rod in my hands will keep away an angry dog. A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea. It depends whose hands it's in.

A slingshot in my hands is a kid's toy. A slingshot in David's hand is a mighty weapon. It depends whose hands it's in.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches. Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in Jesus' hands will feed thousands. It depends whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse. Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world. It depends whose hands it's in.

As you see now, it depends whose hands it's in. So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, Your families and your relationships in God's hands because... It depends whose hands it's in.

~Submitted by Celeste Pogachar











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Dates To Remember

- 7/9 Parking Lot Fireworks
- 7/13 Community Picnic
- 7/13-17 Vacation Bible School
- 7/16 Middle & High School Picnic @ Como
- 7/27 Christmas in July Service & Food Drive
- 8/19 Faith Herald Deadline
- 8/28 Faith Herald Folding Party