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# FAITH HERALD

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## Worry vs. Thanks? Bet on THANKS GIVING!

By Pastor Brenda Satrum

It's one of my favorite verses in the whole Bible: "Don't worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication [humble asking] with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

Worry sucks me in! I'm naturally a bit of a pessimist and also a perfectionist, so when I face uncertain decisions, I feel fear and pressure. Not long ago, negotiating the changes we're making this fall for Sunday morning family faith formation (what used to be Sunday School), would have tied me up in knots. So I welcome Paul's command (at least, I hear it as command and as permission) not to worry about *anything*.

Jesus said it, too: "Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you shall eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?" (Matthew 6:25)

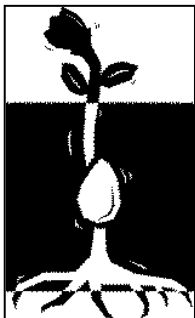
Heading into the holidays, these words are great permission not to stress about Turkey-Day or Christmas Dinner or any of the rest of the season's festivities. They're permission not to worry about who gets what and how much we have to spend. Life IS more than food and clothing, after all.

Don't worry about *anything*, but pray about *everything* with *thanksgiving*, Paul continues. God, teach me to pray out EVERYTHING that bugs me! Teach me to talk to you on the front end—and if I need a real, physical ear, send me to a friend who can help me to trust.

God, please teach me and my friends at Faith Lutheran to pray with such hope and expectation and *confidence* that we offer you our sincere thanks. And let Thanksgiving strengthen our confidence, brighten our hope, and bring smiles to our faces. Thank you, Lord God, that your servant Paul could call us to rejoice with confidence in your love and power *even from a stinking Roman prison cell*.

*Thank you*, Lord Jesus, for shepherding us into fun and effective family faith formation. *Thank you* for drawing every member of our gathering closer as they seek to know you more. *Thank you* that your will for justice and peace and provision and care is acted out in and through each of us everywhere and every day. *Thank you* that your kingdom is coming to us, to all. Amen and Amen.

*Hopeful Hint: For a great pick-me-up, read all of Philippians or AT LEAST Philippians 4:4-9 early and often. Take Paul's advice. Remember Paul was sick and in prison when he wrote these words. He's a credible writer on hope and peace in tough times.*



## Bitterroot Faith5\*

Enjoy a familiar resource with a new look! The Bitterroot Faith5 is our custom-tailored weekly talk-sheet to grow closer to God and each other in our homes. The BRF5 combines the best ideas from "Taking Faith Home" (from Vibrant Faith), Spark Lectionary (our Kids' Time curriculum), Pastor Brenda's own weekly teaching, and Faith Inkubator's brilliant Faith5 structure.

Find the BRF5 in print every week in worship or online (along with Pastor Brenda's sermons) at [www.faithlutheranhamilton.org](http://www.faithlutheranhamilton.org).

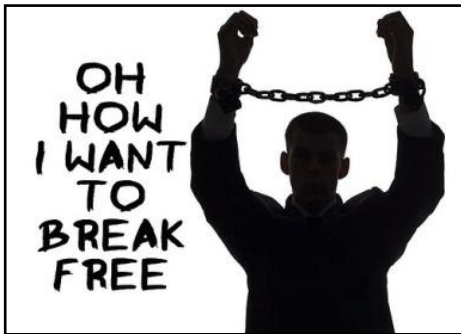
## My Faith-Full Thanksgiving list...

By Pastor Brenda Satrum

What's Faith been up to? I'm thankful for...

- Almost 20 Confirmation students and the parents who love them and support our program.
- The 18 kids who visited Quigley at the Kids' Talk in worship last week.
- Worshipers welcoming guests with warmth and kindness.
- Nancy, Brooke, Ericka, Samantha, the Dunns and Bosios for teaching and leading our precious kids.
- Everybody who forgives me (you know who you are) and others. ☺
- Bob, Ethel, Ellen, Sylvia & all the chronologically gifted folks who bless me & others every time we stop by.
- Faith's Community Meal makers—serving up Christ's love!
- Trimmed trees, sealed parking lot, clean windows, and heat tape on the roof!
- CROP walkers ages 12 to 80 who gathered about \$400 to lighten the load of the poor.
- Celeste and Adrienne's awesome card packets for our homebound folk.
- FLC's Emergency Assistance 50<sup>th</sup> assist in 2014 and "Fix It—Set It—Forget It" benefit.
- High Schoolers helping at St. Paul's Episcopal on Halloween.
- Nicaragua Missionaries sharing their story (coming Nov. 9).
- Operation Christmas Child leaders, donors, and packers (see you Nov. 16!).
- Corner of Love Benefit organizer Hannah Peterson (I'm proud of you!) and all helpers, donors, and guests.
- ***And all of the quiet, daily acts of faith and hope with which each of you move this world in God's direction. You make my day!!!***

Whew! I'm a little tired and a lot inspired. How about you? ☺ Thanks!



## Freedom in Christ Prison Ministry in Crisis

Friends of Freedom in Christ should know: as of its October council meeting, this ministry of the Montana Synod inside the walls at Deerlodge projected enough income to continue only through the end of 2014.

Freedom in Christ's leaders ask all supporters to consider extra giving through this winter and beyond. Operating expenses have been exceeding income by about \$2000 per month in FiC's roughly \$100,000/year budget, which goes largely to support Pr. Rob Nedbalek in full time ministry there.

This ministry was begun through the efforts of Pastor Greg Karlsgodt among others. Faith members Barb Davis and John Trangmoe have been faithful advocates in our congregation, and FiC is supported solidly through Faith's own mission support giving (your offerings through our church).

If this ministry is close to your heart, now's the time to chip in to keep it going.

***When we visit those in prison, we visit Christ. (Matthew 25)***



## Join Us for Worship in November



- 11/2 All Saints Day**, Honor deceased loved ones with candles during worship. (Now the Feast)
- 11/9 Nicaragua Sunday**. Our missionaries remember their June travels and share the impact of the experience on their lives. (Celebration of Grace)
- 11/16 Youth Sunday**, Our HS kids deliver God's message. Listen and Love! (Praise Service)
- 11/23 Christ the King Sunday**, Live Generously! Guest presenter Tom Gossack, MT synod Vice President, shares his Journey of Generosity. (Now the Feast)
- 11/30 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**, Prepare your hearts for Jesus & start your Home Advent Wreathes! (Hymn Service)

*Can you contribute special music during Advent or Christmas?*

*Please contact Celeste and we'll work together to schedule and locate music (if needed).*

# THE YOUTH PAGE

## Fallin' into Faith

Nov. 5 7pm, Hannah's birthday Youth Group ☺  
 Nov. 9 8:30 SS, Nica Sunday, 11:30 Worship Band  
 Nov. 12 7pm Youth Group  
 Nov. 16 8:30 SS, Youth Sunday & Brunch  
 Nov. 19 7pm Youth Group  
 Nov. 23 8:30 SS  
 Nov. 26 No Youth Group (Thanksgiving Break)  
 Nov. 30 No SS  
 Dec. 7 8:30 SS, Nicaragua Benefit Dinner, 5:30-8:00



## "RE:FORMING" HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAYS...

It's crazy, smart, and asks great questions, say the Dunns and Bosios, leaders for FLC's High School Sunday group. "The kids love it!" And they must like our new *re:form* videos (and their leaders!) because they're getting up to be at church at 8:30am. Cinnamon rolls help. So do lattes. ☺

Parents: Lend a hand! Make a pot of hot chocolate or send some muffins for Sunday School or Youth Sunday Brunch. Contact Bosios, Dunns, Jane Mason or Gwen Lawry to volunteer.

## THANKS!!! THANKS!!! THANKS!!! THANKS!!! THANKS!!!

To Kerry and Troy for getting us out to the Field of Screams. It was a screamin' good time! And to Alana for weekly Youth Group leadership, Doug for helping out, and Jane and Gwen for faithful Youth Sunday calls and food!!! Who else have I left out??? You ARE God's church! God bless! Pb



## Misión Nicaragua

A Benefit Dinner for Medical Care  
 5:30-8:00pm, Sunday, December 7, 2014  
 \$15.00 per person

Faith Lutheran Church, 171 Lewis Lane, Hamilton



## \$500 buys \$1500 of medical supplies for Nicaraguan families for whom Tylenol is a luxury.

Join Hannah Peterson in getting something done for and with the folks we met on our mission trip to San Ramón, Nicaragua last June. Guests enjoy a homemade and authentic Nicaraguan meal: Grilled Achiote Chicken, handmade tortillas, pinto beans and rice, coleslaw, pico de gallo and chimichurri salsa, and yummy desserts (maybe not so Nicaraguan ☺). Take a break from dinner to check out the silent auction, too!

**Volunteers needed:** Setup and cooking on Saturday, Dec. 6, 10:30 till we're done. Prep on Sunday 3:00 and following. Service crew 5:00 to 8:00. Cleanup till we're done. (This is Hannah's Independent Study. Please help her out!!!)

**Silent Auction Items needed:** Movie baskets to raft trips, it's all good!!! Offer up your household's specialty!

Contact... Pastor **Brenda Satrum**, Faith Lutheran, 406.381.1919 (cell). [bsatrum@gmail.com](mailto:bsatrum@gmail.com)  
 or Youth Minister **Alana Cruse**, St. Paul's Episcopal, 406.381.3534 (cell). [ashortcruse@gmail.com](mailto:ashortcruse@gmail.com)



## Kids' Time Comes to Sunday Worship

By Pastor Brenda Satrum

September's conversations and October's experiments are bearing fruit! Many, many thanks to the terrific parents and other caring adults who are helping move our Sunday morning faith-formation for families into its next stage! You've asked great questions, made helpful observations, worked hard, and been sooooo patient.

**For now we'll call it Kids' Time:** Youngsters preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited (not required) to enjoy a song and message just for them in the worship service, then head out to enjoy small group Gospel learning at their own level.

**During November and December,** all our kids are also invited to stay after worship to practice for the *Kids' Christmas Worship* on Sunday, Dec. 14, 9:30am. Preschoolers can enjoy the nursery (staffed with older youth earning camp/youth gathering \$) during Kids' Time, then split off with Nancy Osborn after church while middle and big kids stick with Celeste in the sanctuary. **Middle and High Schoolers** are *welcome* to help out with any of these groups!

**Preschoolers** are still a bit of a question. Teachers notice it takes more time and consistency to serve this age-level well. I see that along with the usual moms and dads, some super grandmas are bringing grandkids to church, and I wonder if we might find enough folks to give the first 45 minutes of worship to teaching our preschoolers on a rotating basis. Maybe this group's leaders could even gather for a monthly daytime check-in, planning session, and time of prayer for our kids and grandkids. Talk to me if you have comments or suggestions—and I'll be talking to you!

**In January,** the world changes again when gymnastics, basketball, and ski season begin. Our new materials from Augsburg's Sparkhouse Online, are easy to adapt to smaller classes and larger age groups, and parents can use them to take family faith-formation on the road.

**Thanks for sticking with it!** Good folks are doing great work, and our kids and families are growing closer to God and each other for real life. The ride will get bumpy, but the bumpiest roads go to the BEST places. Keep trying different seats on the bus till you find what fits—we won't strap you in! If you've got a seat in mind, please volunteer to Mark Livesay or to me. Keep bringing questions and suggestions. Pray and give thanks: God isn't finished with us yet!

**November 2 – 23:** Kids' Time during worship & Christmas Practice after.

**November 30:** No Kids' Time (Thanksgiving Break)

**December 7:** Kids' Time during worship & Christmas Practice after.

**December 13 (Saturday):** Kids' Worship Practice 10:00-noon

**December 14:** Kids' Christmas Worship at the regular service, 9:30am. Arrive by 9:10am.

**December 21 – January 4:** No Kids' Time (Christmas Break)

**January 4:** Un-deck the halls after worship. All hands wanted and needed!

## Check Out Kids' Time Curriculum!

Out of town? Sick on Sunday? Check our website for Pastor Brenda's messages and the Bitterroot Faith5 (a household faith-forming talksheet) and/or check your kids' age level for lessons your family can enjoy.

Visit <https://sundayschool.sparkhouseonline.org>, enter our Church ID "faithlutheranhamilton", and set up your own account as a parent. If you'd like to download materials, contact Pastor Brenda and she'll get you set right up. Paper copies of leaders' guides are also available.

We're delighted this resource comes from our own Lutheran publishing house, Augsburg Fortress.





## Light of Hope

Fundraiser to benefit CASA

“Voices for Children” of the Bitterroot

Friday, December 5th, 2014 6 pm

Catholic Parish Hall

\$35/ person or \$300/ table for 8

Food, beverages, entertainment, silent & live auction items. For more information or to donate an auction item, please contact CASA board member Celeste Pogachar.

So what is CASA? CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates, carefully screened and highly-trained volunteers whose sole responsibility is to speak for the best interests of children, who get swept into the local justice system through no action of their own, in cases that may involve abuse, neglect, or even exploitation. These volunteers are appointed as “guardian ad litem,” meaning one who speaks on behalf of another, and are sworn in as officers of the court. A CASA volunteer provides the ongoing attention of an adult, “who has no ax to grind.” It is the CASA volunteer’s job to listen to what the child wants, evaluate the possible options, and present his or her recommendation to a judge.

## Scandinavian Dinner

Saturday, January 24, 2015 3-7 pm

Dinner co-chairs Celeste Pogachar, Linda Beyer & Colleen Southwick have scheduled the following prep days:

- Meatballs Sat. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Lefse Fri. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> and and Sat. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>
- Cookies Sat. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>
- Decorating Fri. Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>



Attention shoppers! Can’t resist those holiday baking sales? Please consider buying a little extra and donating it to the cause. We can use flour, sugar, butter, potatoes, coolwhip, cranberries.

## A GIFT THAT ONLY KIDS CAN GIVE

On November 2nd, our kids begin the journey toward our annual Christmas program. “WHY?” asked Pastor Brenda during a recent meeting. “Why do you feel so strongly about putting together a Christmas program each year? It’s a lot of work!”

Here’s my answer: As children sing the words of those age-old carols and hear the familiar words from Luke’s gospel, the Christmas story is impressed upon their hearts (*and mine. I can recite Linus’ part in the Christmas pageant of “A Charlie Brown Christmas” word-for-word!*) And when this message is shared with our congregation through the voices and talents of children, it comes to life year after year.

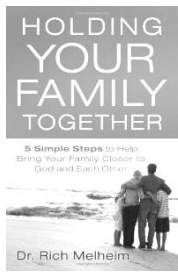
So there’s the “WHY?”: *I love the story and I love the kids.*

***Please come and help our kids to share the gift that only they can give.***

***Kids’ Christmas Worship Service will be Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>***

***Practice begins after worship (10:45) on November 2nd***

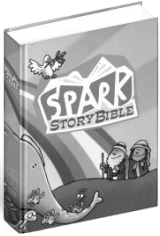




## WAY in time for Christmas...

By Pastor Brenda Satrum

Wondering what meaningful and helpful gifts to give family and friends? My top read for the year has been Dr. Rich Melheim's *Holding Your Family Together*. It's the source for The Faith5 we've been using this fall at Faith Lutheran: five simple, transformative steps on the path toward God and each other. Get a copy for every family you care about!



**What about the kids?** Well, at Faith we're using the *Spark Story Bibles* from Augsburg Fortress more and more. I hope every one of our little ones can have their own! They're fun, colorful, not pushy at all, and our Bitterroot Faith5 and Spark curriculum use their stories weekly. *Spark Bibles*, also from Augsburg, are great for strong readers through adults (PB's considering them for our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bible gifting to this edition).

**Adults**, if you're into adventure, try *Pastrix* by Pastor Nadia Boltz-Weber, the tattooed AA veteran whose All Saints and Sinners Lutheran Church has drawn all sorts of attention in the last couple of years. I found her book *delightful*.

Start a Bible study! No, *really!* William Barclay's commentaries are a great complement to Bible reading. They exude all the charm of a pipe-smoking, grandfatherly teacher who's soaked in life and scripture for years. Pick up his commentary on Mark, our Gospel for 2015 (Lectionary year B) and gather friends for coffee and conversation!

**Want FUN gifts with a purpose?** Keep an eye out for *Fair Trade* chocolate at church. Rumor has it someone wants to sell some to benefit Corner of Love, our Nicaraguan mission friends. Or log on to *Lutheran World Relief* and EITHER buy fairly traded stuff for your friends and family OR give good gifts in their names to people who could use a hand.



## Community Thanksgiving

Grateful Hearts Offer Thanks & Prayers!

Sunday, November 23 6-7:30pm

Hamilton Assembly of God

601 West Main

"How good and pleasant when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)

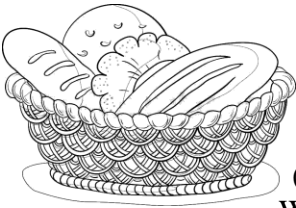
It's a joy to us and a HUGE testimony to our community when Christians get along!

Do you have a song, scripture or poem to offer? Contact Pastor Brenda, as soon as possible.

The pastors and congregations of the Ravalli County Ministerial Association offer this time together to share Jesus' new life and unstoppable love with our community and to celebrate our unity in Christ.







## Bread of Life Retreat

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

November 14-15, 2014

(Retreat begins with dinner at 6:15pm on Friday and ends with dinner at 5pm on Saturday)

Warm hearts and warm ovens unite at this unique retreat! Learn to bake many varieties of bread and take your new favorite recipes home with you! Also enjoy fellowship, Bible study, and worship. Beginning bakers are welcome! Contact Nathan Clements, Associate Director, at (406) 752-6602, [www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net), or [office@flbc.net](mailto:office@flbc.net) for more information about this wonderful retreat.

## Advent Celebration at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp:

*“Come, Come, Emmanuel”*

Celebrate the Advent journey with your family at FLBC this year, December 5-7, 2014. Arts & crafts, worship, great food, family fun, and much more are all a part of this great retreat. It begins at 6pm Friday and concludes at noon on Sunday. We hope to see you there!

Cost: Includes meals, lodging, & crafts: \$92 per person 12 and over, \$46 per youth 5-11 years old, children under 5 attend for free. The maximum cost per nuclear family is \$276. Contact Nathan Clements, Associate Director, at (406)752-6602 or [www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net) for more info.

*(Hey families! Hamilton Schools have the day off on Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. This would be a wonderful way to celebrate the three-day weekend and prepare for the Advent of our Lord!)*



## Griz vs. Cats

### Campus Ministry Challenge

Montana Campus Ministry Challenge Special Offering

On the Sunday before the annual Cat-Griz football game (Sun., November 16th), team cups will be used for a special offering for Lutheran Campus Ministry at the U of M and MSU.

Put your donation in your favorite team's cup. Which team will get more support??

Regardless of the outcome of this fun competition, donations are split equally between the UM and MSU campus ministry.

## Empty Bowls Lunch

Saturday, Nov. 8

11:00 am – 2:30 pm

St. Francis Pastoral Life Center

411 South Fifth Street, Hamilton

Donation at the Door (suggested minimum of \$20/person, more if you're able. Cash, checks & credit/debit cards accepted.)

Proceeds provide funding to Ravalli County RSVP to assist their work to lessen food insecurity among elders in our community and to Pantry Partners Food Bank in Stevi to support its work to end hunger there.



## Paracords for Warmth



Last school year, I got a phone call from a mother of another child in Luken's class. She was upset because her kids were cold and she didn't have the means to keep them warm in their own home. I gathered up what spare blankets I could find, took the space heater from my bedroom and loaded up the items into my car. I drove to her house and found all her children huddled together under blankets on the couch. The house was so cold that the pipes kept freezing. The children couldn't stay warm in their own beds so they were all on the couch trying to use each other's body heat to stay warm. The scene broke my heart.

I know that this wasn't the only family struggling; our house was cold. Not dangerously cold but cold enough to where we all wore extra clothes and closed off parts of the house we didn't frequent. We heated Luken's room, and the rest of our living area we just heated enough to not shiver. Even cutting back so much, it took me until July to catch up on my power bill.

In talking with Luken over the summer, he told me that he wanted to do something to make the world a better place. He went through a dozen or so grand ideas complete with dragons and ninjas and huge indoor airports constructed of legos. Not wanting to shoot down his zest for helping others, I suggested he do something to help people who live near where we live. "Oh, like buying cold people blankets so they can be warm!" was his response. Thus started the *Paracords for Warmth* Project.

What is the Paracords for Warmth Project? I priced out paracord and buckles, ordered a bunch of different colors and started cutting and tying bracelets. Each bracelet costs about \$2 in supplies to make. Luken has been selling them for \$3. That gives him \$1 for each bracelet sold to go toward his goal of raising \$500 to buy blankets and new space heaters to give to people who are at risk for being cold this winter. He has set Christmas as his end time.

Many people have purchased these bracelets. Kids love them because they are kinda cool looking and many kids can afford a \$3 item. Adults like them because they feel like it's an easy way to help a kid make a difference. Adults often pitch in a few more bucks for their bracelets. Any additional funds go toward the project goal.

I set up a page on Facebook for Luken's project. It's called [Paracords for Warmth Project](#). People can go to that page and order (bracelets, key fobs, awareness ribbons) by messaging me. I will deliver local orders and mail orders to people who live out of the area. The buyer pays shipping.

Since we started this project in August, Luken has made \$117 toward his goal of \$500. I'm very proud of him for wanting to do something to make a difference. I'm even more proud that he has actually taken action to make that difference.

Why am I telling you? Because I want your help. I need help getting the word out. I'd love it if the church would host a blanket drive so people who have extra blankets crowding closets can donate them to this project to be given to people who are at risk of being cold. These are a few of my ideas. If you have thoughts or ideas on how Luken and I can better get the word out and get people wanting to be involved, I welcome them.

I am pretty excited about this project and think that a goal of \$500 is quite reasonable. I welcome help and input from Luken's church community.

Thank you.

Heidi Kestrel (one of Luken's Moms)







## Operation Christmas Child – Be a Part of It!

Faith Lutheran has participated in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox discipleship program for years. It fits well with the Seasoning of Giving. These simple shoeboxes share more than small gifts and trinkets. They share the story of Jesus' birth and offer children in many parts of the world a chance to learn about His life and God's abundant grace and love.

There are many ways to contribute to the cause. Here are a few...

- Pack a box and bring it to church or better yet, to the **Packing Party on November 16<sup>th</sup>**.
- Donate toys & items for the Packing Party that are more than trinkets but still fit in a shoebox.
- Be a participant in the November 16<sup>th</sup> Faith Packing Party
- Help bag items like soap, candy, toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Help with setting up the day before
- Fold "GO" shoeboxes
- Assist children with filling out "About Me" sheets or with packing their shoeboxes
- Pack a shoebox
- Help with the lunch and snacks
- Help with clean-up (for more info check with Karen Heller)
- Provide shipping costs for some shoeboxes – average cost to ship one shoebox is \$7
- Volunteer a couple hours at the Hamilton Relay Center (Cornerstone Church) during **Collection Week November 17-24** (call Debbie Reinhardt at 642-6790)
- **Pray that each shoebox makes a difference in a child's life!**



**Get all you can,  
Save all you can,  
Give all you can.**

*John Wesley*

**Our parents didn't talk  
about sex or money.  
We assumed they had neither.  
Turns out they had both.**

*Dave Ramsey*



St. Francis Bazaar  
Saturday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
8:30am – 2pm  
Corner of South 5<sup>th</sup> and Ravalli St.





## HIGHLIGHTS FROM FLBC'S ANNUAL MEETING

FLBC's annual meeting and delegates' retreat was held at the camp on October 3rd and 4th. Pastor Brenda and Celeste & Rod Pogachar attended the meeting.

A brief summary of the meeting:

- **A Strategic Planning Committee was formed.** The twelve members will meet several times in the next year, with the goal of creating a long-term plan and mission statement for the camp. This will aid with grant applications and provide accountability to the "shareholders"- the 55 congregations (including us!) that own the camp.
- **Pastor Brenda was elected to the FLBC board**
- **The number of campers onsite has dipped slightly since the peak year of 2008**, due to economic conditions and so forth. **Faith had a record number of youth attending camp this summer: 23!** (There were only 2 congregations in the state with higher numbers) **Campership registrations cover only 60% of the cost** of a child who attends camp. The extra 40% is made up through fundraising (grants and donations). Congregations are asked to contribute \$5/ per confirmed member. **Please consider becoming a member of the FLBC Partners' Club** (donation of at least \$150/ year). Thanks to those who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to the camp.
- FLBC's Day Camp (aka VBS) Ministry is thriving, with counselors traveling to 22 Montana congregations, and reaching nearly 1000 children. **Faith's VBS in July had a record number of children attending.**
- **FLBC is looking for ways to grow the camp ministry** through year-round retreats. We brainstormed ways to attract grown-ups by offering a variety of programming options. Many of the cabins have very nice accommodations (heat and indoor plumbing!)
- **Summer Camp Brochures will be available in December** (I'll keep you posted). New camps this year include: Cooking, Grandparents/Grandchild (for those children younger than 3rd grade), and Advanced Backpacking. Choir camp has been retooled to include music, art and drama.
- The new **Gathering Pavilion was dedicated** in a ceremony at the close of the meeting. Keep in mind that this beautiful facility can be used for family reunions, etc. (The camp is available for rent on weekends during the summer, too!)

If you are in need or more info, all sorts of FLBC brochures can be found on the counter outside the church office. Your FLBC representatives from Faith are Brooke Kimzey, Colleen Southwick, and Celeste Pogachar.

## Benchmarks of the Montana Synod



**Montana Synod**

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

The Montana Synod will measure its own faithfulness to our

mission and vision and to the task of providing leadership to the Montana Synod by the following benchmarks:

**Face the future boldly.**

**Serve the world, especially the poor and those in need.**

**Deepen faith and witness.**

**Promote unity.**

**Strengthen congregations.**

**Montana Synod Mission Statement:** *"Marked by the cross of Christ forever, abundantly blessed, we faithfully serve God and neighbor."*

**Montana Synod Vision Statement:**

*"Every person a witness, Every minister equipping witness, Every congregation and ministry, empowered for witness, serving faithfully."*

## The Mutual Ministry committee would like everyone to know that we are available!

If anyone in our church has questions, concerns, or a problem with anything concerning the church please contact anyone of us.

- Ann Damrow - [Annbjindamrow@gmail.com](mailto:Annbjindamrow@gmail.com) Or at 961-4321
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- Pete Seifert - [pjseifert@hotmail.com](mailto:pjseifert@hotmail.com) Or at 363-2698



All conversations are completely confidential. It's much better to communicate with the MM committee members than to play the game of telephone with your friends! We might be able to help you out and not just spread it around! We appreciate your trust in us.

Peace and God's love be with us all,

Ann Damrow

Mutual Ministry Committee Chair

### On Loan-

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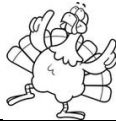


Home mortgage, bare land, line of equity, adjustable rate, 30 year fixed, interest only, capital, construction, vacation, automobile, tuition, and so on and so forth. Any kind of loan for any sort of application is available in the current lending market. Aside from monetary loans we loan and borrow from each other. Currently I have a cutting torch and a cargo trailer that was loaned to me from friends. I have a cook book out on loan to one of my friends and tools on loan to my brother. I remember who I loan to and eventually I expect them to find their way home. Likewise, the items I borrow I will eventually return to their owners. The cutting torch I have had on loan for around three weeks and the trailer almost two months. Eventually, the owners of these items will want them back. I may not be finished with them however they do not belong to me and I have no choice but to let them go. My tasks will be harder without them and work will take longer but, they were on loan.

I am recently married. I found a beautiful woman who is not only beautiful on the outside but also has a beautiful heart and mind. Like most things in my life we met for a reason, fell in love for a reason, and now share a deep love for each other. God is the reason. God arranged it. In the midst of marital bliss and happy times I sometimes think what I would do without her and how my life would change. I think about my family and the ones I have lost along the way. You see, we too are on loan to one another. We Christians belong to God and someday God will take us back. God will not ask nor give much warning when that time comes. Just like those tools, when the owner needs them back, life changes. So when that day comes and the loan expires on a loved one try to not dwell on the change but thank God to have had them on loan. Find comfort in knowing it was God that ended the loan. Fellow Christians, in the way of Jesus, take care of each other, appreciate each other, and love openly. Remember to thank God for the ones in our lives and enjoy the "borrowed" time.

## *With Gratitude:*

Thank you to the wonderful FLC members that donate their Choice Dollars to Faith Lutheran. In October we received a donation of \$47. Thank you so much! Your generosity is wonderful.



Dear Faith,

Thank you for helping me get to camp this year. My friend and I enjoyed it very much. There were so many cool things! I can't wait until next year!

Quoia Anderson



Thank you for supporting the work of Lutheran World Relief with your gift of \$5.00 given through the Montana Synod of the ELCA.

Your gift makes such a difference in the lives of people living in poverty around the world.

On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve, please accept my thanks for your gift and all that it will do. God bless you!



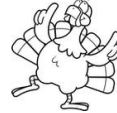
Warm Regards,  
Daniel V. Speckhard  
President & CEO  
Lutheran World Relief

Dear Faith Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$600. Your gift is a blessing as we seek to share the love of Christ with all.

Thanks for your prayers for your our campers and staff this fall and winter.

In thanks and praise to God for your faithful stewardship.



Margie Fiedler  
Executive Director  
Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

## **THANK YOU, THANK YOU**

The Fix it - Set it - Forget it! Crock Pot Luncheon Fundraiser on Oct. 26 for Emergency Assistance was a huge success. The luncheon, silent auction & donations brought in \$1200 and with the Thrivent match of \$500 the total raised is \$1700!

Thank you Helen Volden for chairing the fundraiser. And thank you to all who contributed food, silent auction items, set up, cleaned up, purchased auction items, donated money and Thrivent for the match.

As of Oct. 24, 52 people/families have been helped by Faith Lutheran. With two months remaining in the year, these funds will be a big help in meeting needs.

People of Faith, you are the greatest. Thank you for caring for our brothers and sisters who are in need. ~Nancy Osborn, LEAF Coordinator

## **Thank You From the LEAF Committee**

We thank all of you for being a part of Sunday's (10/26) LEAF (Local Emergency Assistant Fund) luncheon fundraiser. For the food donations, silent auction items (and the generous bidders!), and overall money donations. A wonderful fellowship event – all TO THE GLORY TO GOD! ~ LEAF committee







## The Stewards of Faith 2014 Church Council

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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 Ft. Hood, TX
- Lars E. Larson, son of Daniel Larson & grandson of Patricia Larson, recent graduate from Navy Bootcamp, now attending school in Great Lakes, IL
- S/Sgt Anthony Hunter, grandson of Carl Swanson, serving in Texas
- Mike Hebert, grandson of Don and Shirley McGourty, US Army, serving in Joliet, 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, serving at Fort Drum, New York
- 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.



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## **Dates To Remember**

- 11/2 All Saints' Sunday, Kids' Xmas Program Practice Starts
- 11/9 Nicaragua Sunday
- 11/16 Youth Sunday, Campus Ministry Brawl of the Wild,  
Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
- 11/18 Faith Herald Deadline
- 11/23 Guest Speaker Tom Gossack,  
Community Thanksgiving Worship @ Assembly of God
- 11/25 Faith Herald Folding Party
- 11/27 Happy Thanksgiving! (FLC office closed until Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>)
- 11/30 Advent Begins, Cornerstone Mission Fair

