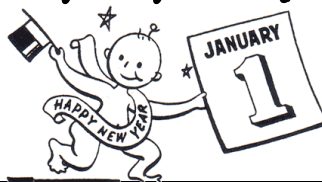


January 2015

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FAITH HERALD



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Our Roots in the 'Root

What mattered then matters now: meeting friends, working together, sharing food, bringing up our young with good, sturdy values and habits, being community across and through ethnic heritage, generations, and geography.

When our Scandinavian forebears settled in the United States, they longed for Lutefisk, their “old country” staple: plentiful, cheap, and kept forever (literally!). They made lefse and butter cookies because potatoes, wheat, butter, and cream were produced on their farms and kept hard-working families warm and happy as could be.

Oh, it's yummy (well, all but the Lutefisk ;-)! But it's even more delightful to rekindle in our time and place the humility, hospitality, community, and hard work our grandparents shared. What mattered then matters now: growing strong, deep roots in The 'Root! ~Pastor Brenda

Time to Talk...and Listen

Some topics are easier than others! Folks around the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, our larger denomination) have noticed practices around **Holy Communion** vary widely. Here at Faith, we're adapting to commune kids as early as they're interested, and some youth and adults come to the Table before Baptism, taking things out of their traditional order.

We want to enjoy the gifts of Font and Table deeply and well, so this January, we'll take time in worship to talk about Baptism and Communion—we'll study the Sacraments in Confirmation, too, and with some of our younger kids at the same time.

Same-gender marriage is a touchier topic. Doubtless our views and feelings vary widely. Folks dear to our congregation were among the first to wed last November. Many celebrated whole-heartedly; others surely have reservations. What shall we do when I as Faith's pastor am asked to perform a same-gender wedding? When a couple desires to be wed in our sanctuary?

Several FLC members, along with Montana's Bishop, Jessica Crist, have urged us to consider how to hold conversations about same-gender marriage. Some have asked for my view. I and others deeply desire that this time around we face both the conversation and our differences openly and with respect; some of us even hope that our conversation might bring understanding, even healing. I don't know what we'll do or when. But we will talk. Our Bishop's letter is in the Fellowship Hall. I will post my views on our website. Will you please pray and share your suggestions.

~Your Servant, Pastor Brenda

New Members January 25

It's been fun seeing new faces and meeting new folks this fall! After personal calls and visits with Pastor Brenda, several households will be joining Faith Lutheran at worship at January 25. If you're interested in membership, please give Pastor Brenda a call (381-1919).



Faith Herald Over-haul



Notice anything different? A new year brings some changes to the Faith Herald; even the best of things have to change sometimes. First, it's a bit more condensed. We are trying to curb the “fluff” and bring you the information that's really important. The second thing you may notice is the new format—which will hopefully be more consistent and pleasing. Page 1 will always be the Pastor's page. The 2nd page is church news and “FLC Supports”. Page 3 covers the major monthly event we have going on at the time. The Youth page follows on page 4 and page 5 will be our Worship Coordinator's page. Page 6 contains the Military listings, church contact info, and “Thank You's”. Page 7 is a spill-over page. The last page is the mailing face including the “Dates to Remember”. The FLC Calendar and Worship Assistants is a separate insert for easy access. Change isn't always easy, but we do hope you enjoy our “new” streamlined Faith Herald.

Faith Lutheran Church Supports:

● **Family Shelter of the Bitterroot, Inc.**

FSB received \$4300 at the Community Thanksgiving Service! During October, they served 180 meals as part of the Community Meal Program. Meals are served Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday to anyone in need in the area. The average cost per night is \$150 plus about \$250 for paper plates & utensils. The wages for the Meal Coordinator average \$450/mo. To volunteer for our congregation's night to serve (Tues.), contact Linda Beyer, Helen Volden, or Dale Brady. For general info, contact Cheryl Calvert at 381-2819 or cdcalvert@cox.net.

● **Emmaus Campus Ministry**

Emmaus is holding a winter break book study featuring *An Altar in the World*, by Barbara Brown Taylor. They will meet (12-1:30pm) on January 8th, 14th, & 21.

Emmaus will also be hosting winter break movie nights, starting at 7pm each Tuesday. Snacks provided.

There will be a Winter Retreat Feb. 27- Mar. 1 at Discovery Ski/ Georgetown Lake. Cost is \$20/person.

Also planned is a Spring Break Trip to Portland, OR. Mar. 27- Apr. 4. Cost is \$200. For more info on any of these events, contact Pr. John Lund at 396-4974.

● **Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp**

FLBC Summer 2015 Schedule Is Posted

It's not too early to start thinking about when your family wants to attend camp this summer! Look for FLBC's Summer 2015 Schedule to be posted online at www.flbc.net.

Camp brochures will be mailed out in mid-January. Some of the popular weeks (like Family Camp) fill up fast. Matching camperships to attend camp are available from Faith Lutheran. We ask those who apply for a campership to track their service to our church—for example, assisting with worship (like acolyte), VBS helper, Easter breakfast servers, Scandinavian Dinner servers, church decorating or clean-up, etc. Please contact Celeste and I will put a copy of the application form in your church mailbox.



Year-End Givers, Remember Faith!

As you're making year-end donations, please keep Faith Lutheran in mind!



Bitterrooters Back to Nicaragua!

Interested in a mission trip to Corner of Love, San Ramon, Nicaragua? Several folks who traveled with Pastor Brenda last year are planning to go back at the end of June 2015. Total cost is around \$1600 for one week. Contact Pastor Brenda. It's an awesome opportunity!



The UN-Decorating Party (Sunday, Jan. 4, 11am)

All hands on deck! If everybody takes a job, Christmas comes down fast and fun. Let's keep it simple: we'll grab a cuppa coffee and a cookie, then get right to it. Home by noon, easy!



3rd Grade Bibles

Many thanks to Brooke Kimzey for equipping our 3rd graders' families to "place in their hands the holy scriptures" this spring. If you have a 3rd grade child and haven't been contacted yet about receiving a Bible from Faith, please give Brooke a call at 363-4441.

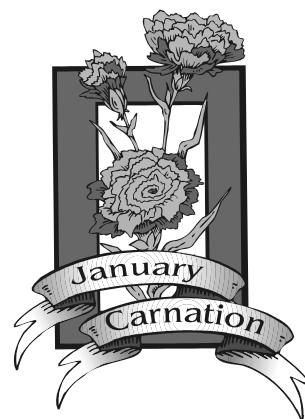


Emergency Assistance Update

From Nov. 18 to Dec. 15, seven more families were helped by your Emergency Assistance Committee; five rent assists & two power assists. That brings the total to 64 which is an all time record and there are still 2 weeks left in December. Thank you for your caring & sharing. ~Nancy O.

January Birthdays

- 1 Shirley McGourty
- 3 Clairice Brady, Chris Maul-Smith
- 5 Kyle Melton, Annie Strain
- 6 Lina Gyles, Marlin Lewis, Carol Peterson, Carl Swanson
- 7 Allie Auch
- 8 Lars Larson, Logan VanDenburg
- 9 Kerry Hanson
- 10 Gunnar Larson
- 12 Brenda Satrum
- 15 Nichole Mitchell, Jeff Montgomery
- 16 Ron Osborn
- 17 Virginia Kindzerski
- 21 Jerry Mitchell
- 22 Bob Maker, Ethel Warwick
- 23 John McKee, Susan Wetzsteon
- 24 Jennifer Larson
- 25 Gary Wright
- 28 Ann Mitteness
- 29 Keegan Williamson
- 31 Claire Matthews





Faith Lutheran Church Scandinavian Dinner

January 24, 2015

3-7 pm

171 Lewis Lane, Hamilton, MT 59840

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Adults: \$15 & children under 16 years: \$5. Donations welcome.

Proceeds will benefit FLC's Youth Program and Synod Ministries

Buy extra! Give a meal to a friend or neighbor. Tickets make great Christmas gifts!

Tickets available at:

Faith Lutheran Church, The Paper Clip, & at the door.



Scandinavian Dinner Preparations Have Begun!

How will you join the fun?? The co-chairs have met, the date is set, and the committee chairs have been recruited. Now we need you! Please lend a hand; check the calendar below to see when you are available, and say, "Yes, I can do that!" when you receive a phone call to serve. If you don't receive a call, let us know and we can hook you up! ~Co-Chairs Colleen Southwick, Linda Beyer, & Celeste Pogachar

Mark Your Calendars!

- Jan. 3 (Sat, 9am) Meatballs
- Jan. 8-10 (Thurs-Sat, 9am each day) Lefse
- Jan. 16-17 (Fri- Sat, TBD) Cookies/Desserts
- Jan. 23 (Fri, TBD) Potatoes/ Decorating
- Jan. 24 (Sat, 3-7pm) Dinner



May We Borrow...??

We are in need of a few items for the Scandinavian Dinner: a food scale, folding room dividers, and carts (like the ones in the kitchen). Please contact Celeste, Colleen, or Linda if you can help out and loan us one or more of these items.

Thank you!

Share Your Scandinavian Treasures

Along with all the good food at dinner, a Highlight are the decorations & display of Scandinavian artifacts & treasures including clothing (like sweaters).

If you would like to share, please label your items and bring to the church on Fri., 1/23. Please call John Trangmoe for more info at 363-2463 or 880-2463.



"Sons of Norway" Plan Norwegian Weekend

Scandinavians will descend upon Hamilton the weekend of Jan. 23-25 for fun and fellowship and to learn more about their culture. There will be vendors, demonstrations, & info on Norwegian culture. For more info, contact Carol at 381-8564.

THE YOUTH PAGE



Wednesdays & Sundays

- Jan 4 No Sunday School
- Jan 7 Youth Group Game Night 7-8:30pm @ Faith
- Jan 11 Sunday School 8:30am
- Jan 14 Youth Group-Youth Sunday Prep 7-8:30 @ Faith
- Jan 18 Youth Sunday!
 *Sunday School 8:30am
 *Youth Brunch following the service
- Jan 21 Youth Group @ St. Paul's Episcopal
- Jan 24 Scandinavian Dinner Service & Clean-up 2-8pm
- Jan 25 Sunday School 8:30am
- Jan 28 Youth Group at the Movies! Meet @ Faith 6-10pm

Scandinavian Dinner January 24, 3-7pm

There are tons of opportunities to help out with this awesome event! Traditionally the HS kids serve while the confirmation kids are bussers. A big chunk of the money raised goes to the youth programs!



Youth Group at St. Paul's

We are going to try out having one HS youth group a month at St. Paul's for a while to help share some of the youthful energy with their church! They are on the corner of 3rd and Desmet, and we will be meeting in the basement.

End of the Month MOVIE!

To celebrate our first month of the New Year we are heading to the Pharaohplex! We will be choosing the movie as the time gets closer, and the tickets are all taken care of! We will meet at Faith between 6-6:15pm. Youth leaders will be driving everyone to and from the show.

Welcome to Samantha Fife, FLC Youth Director!

She was born and raised in Missoula, attended college in Bozeman, and you may find her cheering for both teams. She moved to Hamilton in March 2014 to run the local party rental shop. Sam remembers teaching Sunday School when she was 16 at Atonement Lutheran in Missoula. Samantha and her yellow lab Archer love to hike, camp, hunt, read, sing, swim, and watch football. Pastor Brenda hopes if anybody ever checks her references for a job, that people like her HALF as much as they like Sam!

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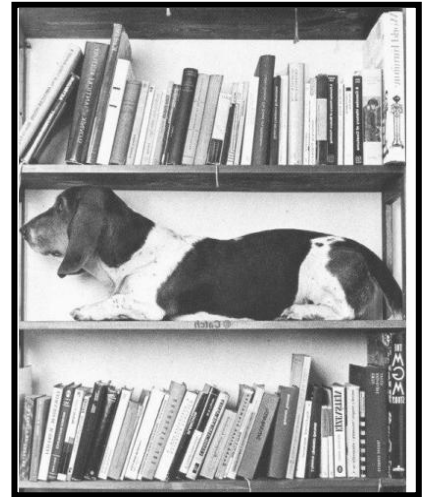
NEW!!! FLC Book Nook

Purchase great spiritual reading at Faith! Thanks to seed money from a generous member of our congregation, books are on sale in the narthex.

Available now:

- SPARK STORY BIBLE \$20
(like those found in the pews. Purchase one as a gift for a special child in your life!)
- GOSPEL OF MARK: Barclay's Commentary \$16
(we are reading Mark in worship this year)

Here's how it works: Choose a book, put payment in the envelope provided, place envelope in the offering plate or leave in the church office.



Worship Notes for January

- 1/5 Epiphany, Hymn Service
- 1/11 Baptism of Our Lord,
Now the Feast
- 1/18 Youth Sunday, Praise Service
- 1/25 New Member Sunday,
Now the Feast

**Sunday School
resumes
January 13th!**

Christmas Program

The Christmas Program presented to the congregation on Dec. 14 was something to make us all proud of our young people. I am especially proud of the 8 preschoolers who worked so hard to learn all their parts. The following preschoolers' names were inadvertently omitted from the bulletin: Crimson Beyer, Sawyer Dowd, Lila DuFresne, Brady McDonald, Mia Mendenall, Claire Seifert, Keegan Williamson & Rohn Williamson. Good job, preschoolers!

Thank you to the parents who helped their children learn their parts & to those who assisted me during the program. We hope you enjoyed the Nativity mural that the preschoolers made for the congregation. ~Nancy Osborn



Another Year Is Dawning

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be,
In working, or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.

Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.

Another year of service,
Of witness of Thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven
Another year for Thee

~Francis Ridley Havergal (1874)

The Stewards & Staff of Faith Church... for now. ☺

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Pray for our Military

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

- Lt. Colonel Mark Huhtanen, son of Dale & 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 & 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 & Lonnie Wetzsteon, serving at Eileson AFB, Fairbanks, AK
- Eric Joiner, grandson of Bob & Marge Mathison, serving at Fort Drum, New York
- Sgt. Carl J. Selby, grandson of Clara Felton, serving in Hutchinson, KS
- Tony Robertson & Gretchen Robertson, brother & 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 & Ann Mitteness, Cpl US Marines Corps. Now at the Marine Station in Yuma, AZ, doing communications repair.



With Gratitude

- ❖ **Thank You Everyone!** Our Kids' Christmas Worship blessed our little hearts!!! Kids and parents showed up with bells on, Celeste pulled it all together, Samantha, Rod, Cameron, Nancy, and all sorts of others offered their best to a truly wonderful morning. ~Pastor Brenda
- ❖ Thank you for the money. It helped a lot. I learn so much about God and more about my faith. The camp is so fun you don't want to leave. ☺ ~Amy Lawry
- ❖ Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go to FLBC. I love it so much and it is a big thing in my faith adventure. ~Brooke Lawry
- ❖ Thank you SO very much for my college scholarship! It helps me buy books during the school year, which is very helpful! Man is tough being a college kid these days! ☺ Again, thank you and God bless! ~ Lauren Lawry
- ❖ Dear Faith Lutheran Church, FLBC was amazing! I'm sorry that this thank you note is so late. Thank you for the scholarship that helped me attend. It was the best year of camp I've been to and I'm really glad I went and I could not have gone without your help. Thanks again. Sincerely, Ani & Colter Mason

ELCA STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION



FOOD TRUCK MINISTRY ON THE MOVE

If you happen to be on the east side of St. Paul, Minn., on Thursdays during lunchtime, there's a place where you can get a fresh, healthy meal — free of charge. Enjoy a homemade meat or veggie hand pie and salad, along with a cool glass of water and a genuine sense of community. And if you feel like hanging around, there's a Bible study and prayer service.

Shobi's Table, a mobile food truck restaurant and portable ministry, reaches out to people who are confronting homelessness and other hardships. Thanks in part to a grant from the ELCA churchwide organization through Mission Support, this new food truck ministry serves about 80 people every week.

Margaret Kelly, pastor of this unique mission start in the ELCA Saint Paul Area Synod, describes it as "a ministry of, by and for folks struggling on the margins in St. Paul."

About two-thirds of the volunteers who prepare food for Shobi's Table have been homeless, and some struggle with mental illness, addictions and unemployment. "They are the evangelists," says Margaret. "I'm there for good order. They walk up and down the block and invite people for a meal."

Noah says, "The reason I became a volunteer is because I was once homeless. I do it for two reasons — to give back to those that helped me and to show those we're serving that there is a way out, if you choose it. It may not be tomorrow, it may not be next year, but things can and will change."

This ministry "just keeps opening for us, which is also very scary. We've been called into this and given the resources. It seems very big, but we're just serving a meal, saying prayers and being community together," Margaret explains.

"I'm happy that I have a shoestring budget because I get to be in relationship with some really phenomenal partners," says Margaret. "I wouldn't be able to do this without support from the ELCA, our synod and local congregations."

**** FLC has a food collection basket in the lobby. Please give or take freely. All are welcome. Donations are taken monthly to the local food bank, Haven House. Haven House is located at 316 N. 3rd Street. Pantry hours are 10am-1:45pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays. They can be reached at 363-2450. Besides canned foods, toiletries and diapers are also wonderful donations.**

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Dates To Remember

- 1/1 *Happy New Year!!!* (FLC Office Closed)
- 1/3 Scandinavian Dinner Prep- Meatballs
- 1/4 Undecorating Party
- 1/8-10 Scandinavian Dinner Prep- Lefse
- 1/9 **Annual Reports Due!!**
- 1/16-17 Scandinavian Dinner Prep- Cookies/ Desserts
- 1/18 Community Meal Prep
- 1/19 FLC Council Meeting
- 1/20 **Faith Herald Deadline**, FLC Serves Community Meal
- 1/23 Scandinavian Dinner Prep- Potatoes/Salads/ Decorating
- 1/24 **Scandinavian Dinner, 3-7pm**
- 1/25 New Member Sunday
- 1/29 Faith Herald Folding Party

