



The Greatest Story *Holy Week at Faith 2015*

PALM SUNDAY, March 29! After FLC's 9:30am worship with the kids' Parade of Palms & Easter Egg Hunt, return for **"The Joy of the Lord" Community Celebration Service, 6pm**, Cornerstone Bible Church (Fairgrounds Rd). Our choir shares "On Eagles' Wings," a favorite presentation of Psalm 91.

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, 7pm, FLC. Jesus shared his last meal with friends, washed their feet, and offered his greatest commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." Remember and re-live the experience.

CHANGED! Good Friday, April 3, 12 noon, FLC. Moments from Jesus' *via dolorosa* or "road of suffering" draw us into the depth of God's passionate love and sacrifice through music, dramatic reading, contemplative prayer, and silence. **A short service that's perfect for your lunch hour ☺. There is no evening service.**

Holy Saturday, April 4. Breakfast setup, 10:00 am. Easter Vigil service at St. Paul's Episcopal, 7pm.

Easter Sunday, April 5.

- **FESTIVAL WORSHIP at 8:00 & 10:30am.** Invite your friends and neighbors!
- **BREAKFAST 9:15am.** WAY more great food than you can eat *and* good Lutheran coffee. Bring the family. Freewill offering for FLC college scholarships. Served by FLC youth, families, and friends.



Hey kids!

Don't forget to bring your Easter basket on Palm Sunday (March 29).

We have been invited to an Easter Egg Hunt at Sapphire Lutheran Homes after worship.

Plan to Attend:

Easter Breakfast

Between services on April 5th

Served by the youth of our congregation.

There will be a freewill offering with all proceeds going to Faith's College Scholarship Fund

Confirmation Conclusions...

Enjoy Holy Week services with the rest of us (no Wednesday activities on April 1—no foolin'!), and take Wednesday, April 8 off, too. But everybody's back at 6:30pm on April 15 to celebrate Tax Day (argh!) and end the year strong! Eighth graders, you're writing/creating and presenting your "creeds" or "elevator speeches" during worship: what you believe about God, life, and everything in 90 seconds or so. (Try God, Jesus, and Spirit/Life/Purpose as an outline if you're stuck!)

Confirmation Sunday Planning: Wednesday, April 22. **8th Grade Families ONLY.** Parent Meeting! Kids can work on their presentations with PB.

Confirmation Sunday: May 3, 2015.

Passion

I remember Anne Hathaway embodying the powerless mother in *Les Miserables* so fully she brought me to tears, firefighters charging the Twin Towers, even (confession!) Bruce Willis dying ever harder because someone must. What does "passion" mean to you?

It's odd that "passion" and "passive" are related. I think of "passion" *throwing* itself at the object of its love. But passion also passively "suffers" the object of my love to possess my heart. Passion gives over control. It suffers another to be and do as they will—sometimes bringing joy, sometimes causing deep, deep pain.



So it is that Jesus' Passion embodies God's love for us and suffers us to be and do as we will—sometimes bringing great joy to the heart of The Holy, sometimes causing pain deep as nails tearing through flesh.

A woman pours expensive perfume over Jesus' feet, drying them with her hair as she weeps. Somehow Christ "suffered" her to be as she is and has loved her, broken and beautiful. This is his passion for her; it inspires her passion for him. Joy! She is changed, made more whole in her suffering and his.

Jesus' loved ones watch, silent and frightened, as their own temple's leaders and their own people cry for his death. He suffers their fear, their silence, their violence. They are broken and very ugly. They are also beautiful, precious. Jesus' passion lets them be as they are and do as they do; it loves them to his death. And back.

I often watch, silent and frightened, as Christ my brother or sister is attacked. I cry out condemnation (or at least think it) against my neighbor. I think and do sad, stupid, hopeless, shameful things seen by none by me and God. I am broken and ugly. Yet I am also beautiful, precious. As are you. It is Christ's passion to know us well, to let us be as we are and do as we do, yet love us to his death. And back.

Please pray with me: *Jesus, you suffer us to be as we are. Love us, please, broken and beautiful. Wash our feet with the tears of your passion. Inspire our passion for you. Change us. Make us whole and wholly yours. Amen.*

Connections:

Women's Spiritual Reading Group: Contact Pastor Brenda, 381-1919, bsatrum@gmail.com. This month we're reading *Deep, Down, Dark* by Hector Tobar, for discussion on Monday, April 27. Clatters Coffeehouse, 5:30-7:00pm.

Men's Breakfast Group: Pastor Doug Peterson, 381-0885, ingthwy@gmail.com.



Nicaragua Mission Interest Meeting

Featuring Corner of Love Directors Tanya & Nelson Amador

Wednesday, April 8, 7:00pm

Faith Lutheran Church

Interested in an adventure with a purpose? Grab a bite of dessert and learn what's going on at Corner of Love. Tanya and Nelson, a native of San Ramón, Nicaragua, have led international medical, dental, clothing, clean water, and education efforts in the Matagalpa region since 2000.

Last summer, a dozen Bitterrooters joined them in their work. Some of us are returning this summer; others will join trips scheduled year-round. Meet the leaders of this awesome organization and see if it calls to you.

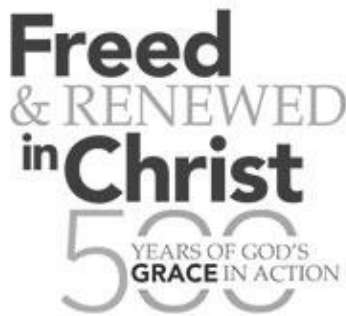
World Malaria Sunday — April 26

This will be the final observance of ELCA Malaria Day. How can this be?

Do you remember a couple of years ago when our youth started collecting quarters to fill M&M tubes? FLC collected over \$600 that first summer (and more later). A filled M&M tube could buy one mosquito net in the ELCA's campaign to eradicate malaria. Their lofty goal was to raise \$15 million by the year 2015. To date, they have raised \$13.5 million. This means that they are 90% of the way towards their \$15 million goal. The generous congregations in the Montana Synod combined have given \$153,092.19. If you wish to donate once again in the final stretch, please write a check to "ELCA Malaria Campaign" and place in the Sunday offering. Way to go, Lutherans of the world! We have made a big difference, 25 cents at a time!



Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation



Get ready to celebrate 500 years of the Reformation! In 1517, Martin Luther launched an epic movement that forever changed the church and the world. He wanted the church unified by the Gospel--the Good News that humanity is saved from sin, evil and death by the justifying work of Jesus Christ, and not by our own works and devices, no matter how churchly and moral they appear to be. Christ's redemption is entirely a work of divine grace to be received with trusting faith and witnessed in worship and works of love. After nearly 500 years, despite conflicts within churches and with the world, the Reformation continues. Huge gains have been made in

Gospel-centered church unity, and the Gospel as the power of salvation has freed and fortified countless Christians to live with faith, hope and love. A celebration, beginning in 2015 and climaxing in late 2017, is now on the minds of Lutherans and other Christians around the world.

We are excited to share that the website, www.ELCA500.org, is **live!** We hope this note serves to both inform you and also reemphasize the invitation to share resources and events you may know of, related to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. There is a section on the website called "Post It!" where you can submit any resources you may want to share. You may also email 500@elca.org.

We hope that you'll consider following the **ELCA Reformation 500** on Facebook, at facebook.com/elca500! It is another space to share information and create community around this observance. Gratefully, Amanda Lauer, Marcus Kunz & Heather Dean



Youth Page

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Holy Week

Take time to be with your family and rejoice! No Youth Group or Sunday School the 1st or 5th. "Rejoice in the LORD always; and again I say rejoice!" Phillipians 4:4



Wed., Apr. 8, Youth Group @ Faith 7pm

Starting off with Nicurgaua interest meeting with the founders of Corner of Love misson! Following the Q&A we will begin the planning for our last group Youth Sunday.

Wed., Apr. 15, Youth Group @ SPE 7pm (special video project)

Sun., Apr. 19, YOUTH SUNDAY!

Kids will meet at 9am to go over their different roles in the service. They will also be setting up and cleaning up for coffee hour. Treats are not required, but appreciated.

Wed., Apr. 22, Youth Group @ SPE 7pm (learning from the life and works of Jean Vanier)

Sun., Apr. 26, Outdoor Ministry Sunday

FLBC Outdoor Ministry representative Ian Bartling is our guest speaker during the service. He will have lots of awesome stuff to share! Come and welcome him!

Wed., Apr. 29 Youth Group @ SPE 7pm

(50/50 games and discussion night)



Sun., May 3 Confirmation Sunday

Wed., May 6 Grub And Games Bash!

BBQ at St. Paul's to celebrate another wonderful year of Youth and Confirmand activities! All members of the congregation are encouraged to come and join in the food and games! Starts at 6pm!



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Faith Lutheran Church Supports:

• Family Shelter of the Bitterroot, Inc.

We are planning several fundraising activities in 2015 which will involve local sponsorship. We need help from local congregations to provide a reliable funding base as there are currently only two churches helping us on a monthly basis and an ever increasing demand for assistance.

We are aware that there are numerous non-profit organizations in need of community support, all with equal importance, and we strongly feel that we are one of them. Our mission in taking care of families in this way allows them to not only stay in the area, but also become contributing members of our community. We would greatly appreciate any financial help that you can give us, and ask that you keep the Family Shelter of the Bitterroot, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, in mind when planning your 2015 charitable commitments.

April Birthdays

- 6 Julie Swanson
- 7 Austin Drake
- 8 Shirley Sorenson
- 9 Katelyn Bitterman, Kyle Borgen
- 10 Charles Patterson
- 12 Royal Beyer
- 13 Brooklyn Dowd
- 16 Barbara Anderson
- 17 Melissa Luebbert
- 19 Spencer Cruse, Pr. Bud Holmlund
- 21 Deb Cathey, Susan Rose, Thurlowe Scudder
- 22 Luke Mendenall
- 23 Ellen Gaulke, Nicole Lawry
- 24 Emily Heitmann, Robert Mahon, Jenny West
- 26 Carol Mitchell, Ellen Schilke
- 29 Seth Mason
- 30 Abbey Dunn



Faith Lutheran Church News

• Emergency Assistance Update

Since last month's Faith Herald, there have been three more assists bringing the total to 8 for 2015. Six have been rental assists and 2 were for power.

Thank you, people of Faith, for your caring and sharing. ~Nancy O.

• Baskets of Promise

On April 12th (11am), we will have the Baskets of Promise Packing Party. Join the fun and celebrate a good deed well done! ~Nancy O.

• Serve the ELCA in New Orleans!

If you'd like to attend the ELCA's next churchwide assembly in the summer of 2016, please submit your name for nomination to Pastor Brenda. She had an awesome experience in 2013; ask her about it!

• Change of Council Meeting Dates

Please note the following council meeting dates:

April: Monday April 20, 2015

May: Thursday May 21, 2015

June: Thursday June 18, 2015

July: Thursday July 16, 2015

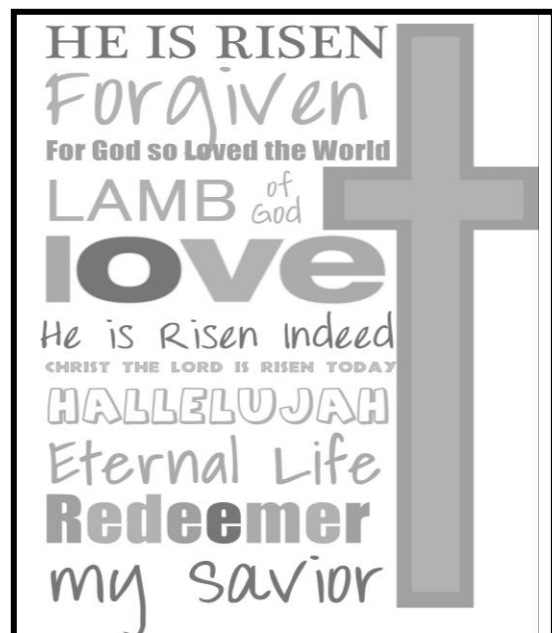
August: Thursday August 20, 2015

September: Monday September 21, 2015

October: Monday October 19, 2015

November: Monday November 16, 2015

December: Monday December 21, 2015



FLBC NEWS:

Thurs., May 1st: deadline for early-bird discount for summer camp registration at FLBC! Camp brochures are located on the counter outside the church office. Also, don't forget to fill out a matching campership application form (located in the same place).



And for grown-ups: two outstanding upcoming retreats! Susan Briehl's name may be found in our ELW hymnal, often next to her contemporary Marty Haugen. They have been fixtures at Holden Village for many years. I met Dr. Julia Fogg when she presented at the pastors' conference in Chico last spring. A dynamic speaker and art historian. Financial assistance is available for those interested in attending either of these workshops. Celeste can give you more information.

- **April 19-21: Adult Spirituality Retreat**

"A River Runs Through Us" - In song, story, images and play, we will follow the rivers that run through scripture, flow into our Sunday worship, and stream out through us in our daily lives.

These rivers call us to pay attention to, delight in, learn from, respond to, sing with, and give thanks for the beautiful, blessed, and battered world God made and called us to keep and tend.

Rev. Susan Briehl will be our guest presenter. Join us for a time of renewal including: great food, study, recreation, reflection time and worship. Cost is \$175 for the entire retreat or \$75 per day. More info is available at www.flbc.net

- **June 5-7: Women's Retreat**

This amazing retreat includes worship, great food, relaxation, spa time, and sessions with Dr. Julia Fogg, who will lead us in our theme, "Paul and Communities: The Spirit Builds Community in the Body of Christ." Dr. Fogg is Associate Professor of the New Testament and early Christianity, and chair of the Religion Department at California Lutheran University. Cost is \$113 per person for women 18 years of age and older. More information is available online at www.flbc.net

Apply to be a Camp Volunteer!

FLBC has many jobs (year-round) for willing hands and hearts: kitchen, cleaning, maintenance (handy man, plumbing, electrical, painting, landscaping, woodworking), office help. Consider being a camp grandparent or nurse/doctor this summer! Enjoy the beauty of the outdoors while contributing to a very worthwhile ministry. Information and application forms are available online at www.flbc.net, or contact Celeste for a packet. **Deadline to apply is May 1st.**

April 26th is Bible Camp/ Outdoor Ministries Sunday!

Ian Bartling, FLBC Wilderness Program Coordinator, will be worshipping with us on Sun., April 26th. He will explain the off-site camping experiences (sailing, hiking, canoeing, etc.) offered at Flathead Lutheran Camp. We'll enjoy Bible Camp tunes, and hear about one of the strongest Lutheran camping ministries in the country.

As you are doing your spring cleaning, peruse the wish list below. If you have anything to contribute to the camp (tax-deductible), please bring it to the church before April 26th, and Ian will be glad to deliver it to the camp.

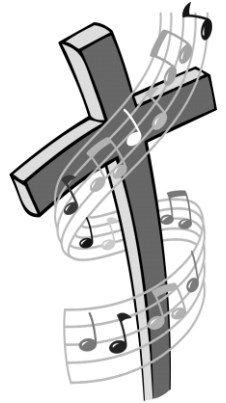
FLBC Wish List

Quilts size 60x96"
Reliable Vehicles
Sporting Equipment
Kayaks (\$800 each)
Tent Cabins (\$900 each)
Gently used Furniture
Baskets of any kind
Motor Boats, Sailboats, Rafts
Pontoon Boat
SUP (stand-up paddle boards)
12-passenger vans
Golf Carts
Hand Tools
Sewing Machines
Small Coffee Pots
Ceramic or Glass Teapots
Mirrors
Throw Rugs
White T-shirts & Bandanas
Crayons, Markers, Beads
Used Candles
Large Food Dehydrator
Canister Vacuum Cleaners
Snow Blower
Cross-Country Equipment
Snow Shoes
Washer & Dryer Set
Wooden Outdoor Chairs
Locking File Cabinets
Chain Saws
Generator
Laminate Flooring Installer

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

Worship Schedule for April

- + **Sunday, March 29**
Now the Feast, Palm Sunday
- + **Thursday, April 2**
Maundy Thursday, 7pm
- + **Friday, April 3**
Good Friday, 12 noon
- + **Sunday, April 5**
Easter, 8am & 10:30am
- + **Sunday, April 12**
Now the Feast
- + **Sunday, April 19**
Praise Service
- + **Sunday, April 26**
Now the Feast, Bible Camp/
Outdoor Ministry Sunday



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The Faith Lutheran Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. High School seniors, or anyone enrolled in a secondary educational institution for the fall 2015 term may apply. Applications are available on the counter in the church lobby and are **due back to the church office by Wed., April 15th.** If you would like an electronic copy of the application, please contact the FLC office at office@faithlutheranhamilton.org.

Donations to Faith's Scholarship Fund are always welcome! They can be left in the church office, included with your regular offering envelope, or received at the Easter Breakfast. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the scholarship committee:

Celeste Pogachar (239-3952)
Mark Livesay (381-5172)
Jacque VanDenburg (363-5393)

The JOY of the LORD!

***A Community Worship Celebration on Palm Sunday
March 29, 6:00-7:30pm***

Cornerstone Bible Church, Fairgrounds Road

***Gather in Christ to worship God and love the world.
Bring the family for an evening of encouragement and hope!***



*The pastors and churches 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.
Contact Pr. Brenda Satrum to volunteer: bsatrum@gmail.com or 381-1919.*



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M&M Easter Poem

As you hold these candies in your hand and turn them you will see, the "M" becomes a "W", an "E", and then a "3".



"E" is for Easter Sunday, the celebration
that Jesus lives.



"M" is for the mercy and miracles that
He freely gives.



"3" is to remind us that he rose on the third day.



"W" because we worship Him and it's in His
name we pray.



The Jelly Bean Prayer

RED is for the blood he gave.
GREEN is for the grass he made.
YELLOW is for the sun so bright.
ORANGE is for the edge of night.
BLUE is for the sins we made.
WHITE is for the grace he gave.
PURPLE is for his hour of sorrow.
PINK is for our new tomorrow.

A bag of jelly beans so colorful & sweet,
Is a prayer, a promise, & a special treat.

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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:

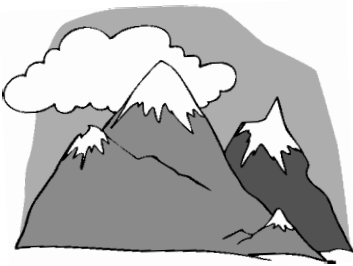
- Lt. Colonel Mark Huhtanen, son of Dale & Dianne Huhtanen, serving at Ft. Hood, TX
- Lars E. Larson, son of Daniel Larson & grandson of Patricia Larson, recent graduate from Navy Bootcamp, now attending school in Great Lakes, IL
- S/Sgt Anthony Hunter, grandson of Carl Swanson, serving in Texas
- Mike 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
- 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.



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Bible Camp Supporters!

Join Pastor Brenda for brunch with Wilderness Coordinator Ian Bartling at noon on April 26 (Bible Camp Sunday). Get Ian all to yourself for questions and news, enjoy a delightful spread, and hear a shameless plea to become a “Partner” of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp—just \$100 a year earns you this honorable distinction! ☺

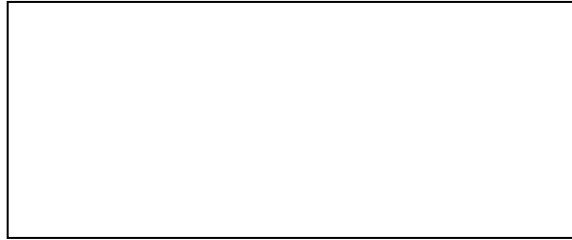


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Dates To Remember

- ❖ 3/29 Palm Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt @ Sapphire, Community Service @ Cornerstone
- ❖ 4/2 Maundy Thursday, Worship @ 7pm
- ❖ 4/3 Good Friday, Worship @ 12noon
- ❖ 4/4 Holy Saturday, Breakfast Set-up @ 10am, Easter Vigil @ St. Paul's Episcopal
- ❖ 4/5 *Happy Easter! He is Risen!*
- ❖ 4/8 Nicaragua Trip Interest Meeting @ 7pm
- ❖ 4/12 Baskets of Promise Packing Party
- ❖ 4/15 Faith Herald Deadline
- ❖ 4/26 Bible Camp Sunday
- ❖ 4/30 Faith Herald Folding Party
- ❖ 5/3 Confirmation Sunday

Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God built on love: Worshiping, welcoming, and serving in Christ's name.