



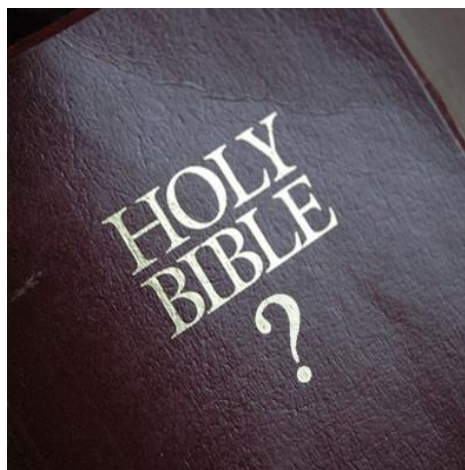
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# FAITH HERALD

## June 2015



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### Holy Words Still Bless *By Pastor Brenda*

I was sixteen when Dad said to me, “I may have questions, but I want *my pastor* to be certain.” We were talking dinosaurs, evolution, and the Bible’s creation stories. A few years later, when a “liberal” pastor came to serve my home congregation, my parents and others left to start a new church, a “Bible-believing” church. What they said then, I’ve heard from others: “They took away my Bible.”

For a time in college, I gave up on the Bible. I opened eyes and ears wide and let contradictions undermine my trust in the relevance of biblical spirituality for my life. Another time, I held my holy book with a death grip, eyes and ears closed to science and study that contradicted or made common its thoughts.

Today I hold my Bible gently but firmly. I still have questions, yet I enjoy an unexpected and humble certainty toward our holy book.

I am certain that reading the Bible is hard. It’s hard to find meaning in words held sacred through thousands of years and hundreds of cultures and languages. It’s hard to find time to “be still” and hear the voice of my soul and the voice of God. It’s hard to honestly seek with others what God’s words reveal about our faults and flaws. It’s even hard to see and speak the joys and hopes and dreams these words awaken deep within.

I’m certain that reading the Bible is hard. And I’m *doubly certain* it’s worth the struggle. I’m certain that reading and praying our book of faith has blessed saints to the thousandth generation, and I’m certain it blesses us as well: enlarging our world, our souls, our ideas of who God is and our ability to love self, God, and others.

I am certain we are blessed by holy words. May *you* be blessed by holy words this summer:

- Words of hope prayed in hospital rooms and at gravesides: “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He leads me in green pastures...” (Psalm 23)
- Words of painful honesty: “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us...” (1 John 1)
- Words sung with trust and hope: “The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love!” (Psalm 103)
- Words breathed as a mantra in troubled times: “Do not be afraid, only believe.” (Mark 5)
- Words of beauty and a vision worth living for: “Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful... Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things... (1 Corinthians 13)

Whether you’re home or away this summer, be blessed by holy words. Find Sunday’s sermon or the Bitterroot Faith5 on our website for devotions and simple practices. Pick up a devotional online or at church. Want more? Gather friends over your beverage of choice! Need ideas? Just ask! May you be blessed by holy words this summer and always!

### A Summer Idea:

Read in the car! Read *The Chronicles of Narnia* out loud while you’re driving, and the kids will never forget it! Older kids make great readers, too. Or Lloyd Alexander’s *The Chronicles of Prydain* were favorites, too. ☺





## Words From the Bishop - "Weep, Pray, Love"

How unfortunate that we are becoming accustomed to hearing reports of devastating natural events, massive disruptions, and staggering death tolls. The earthquake in Nepal is the latest in a series of crises calling for our response. We are already responding as a church, and I encourage you to join in.

Because we are part of a larger church, we are able to respond quickly. Lutheran World Relief, one of our major relief and development partners, already had people on the ground in Nepal before the earthquake hit. They were able to begin assessment and response almost immediately. Imagine those quilts that your congregation makes going to earthquake survivors in Nepal! Imagine them serving as shelter for a family whose home has been destroyed, as a blanket for a man who has lost his family, as a baby carrier for a woman whose baby is her only family left.

Lutheran Disaster Response, an ELCA ministry that works with disasters both domestically (Remember the floods at Rocky Boy? Remember the fires on the Crow Reservation?) and globally. LDR, in partnership with Lutheran World Federation, is also responding to the humanitarian crisis in Nepal. Lest you be concerned about Lutheran organizations tripping over each other, LWR and LDR work cooperatively, each doing what they are best at. I encourage you to donate to either or both ([LWR.org.elca.org/disaster](http://LWR.org.elca.org/disaster)).

As Christians we weep, in solidarity with the beloved children of God in Nepal who are suffering so deeply. And as Christians we pray for them. We pray for the victims, for the rescue workers, for the relief and development workers. We pray for a better, safer and more just future for the people of Nepal. And as Christians we love. We share our bounty with those in need.

*Jessica Crist, Bishop of the Montana Synod of the ELCA*



## Office/Staffing Changes... Sharing the Desk

Many thanks to all who've helped cover Faith's office while Adrienne Patterson has been on sick leave! It's been really wonderful working with you all.

This time has provided an unexpected opportunity to consider some changes that we hope will help us all: Administrative Secretary Adrienne Patterson will continue in the office for the three days a week (TBD), while Financial/ Membership Secretary Jacque VanDenburg will keep office hours at Faith on the other two days (TBD). This schedule should use our staff's time more efficiently for FLC and clarify and improve accountability.

We also plan to move summer office hours to 9am-noon, starting June 1. It's often pretty quiet around here.

Please pray for and be patient with our staff during this time! Changes are often good, and usually hard. We truly expect FLC will benefit, and are working both to care for people and steward our resources well. Please contact Pastor Brenda, or Stewards Ann Wright or Darrin Heitmann if you have questions or comments.

## Stay Connected: Use the Web!

Out and about this summer? Check out [www.faithlutheranhamilton.org](http://www.faithlutheranhamilton.org) for up-to-date news, sermons, and the Bitterroot Faith5! Also find us on Facebook at Friends of Faith (Hamilton, MT).

## New Faces

Faith has enjoyed meeting people this spring! Here are some names to go with new faces:

- **Kody Messerschmidt & Wes Kampa**, with new baby Easton (born Feb. 13) and big brothers Isaiah and Kaiden.
- **Suzie & Jerry Deibert**, recently moved from Missoula to Corvallis.
- **Shawn & Amy Boelman**, Amanda & Bennett, also in Corvallis.
- **Mike & Debbie Johnson**, new owners of the Anglers' Cabins.
- **Hal & Laura Reichart**, Kenny & Grace, of Hamilton.





## Faith Lutheran Vacation Bible School Week of July 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

**“A Love That Never Ends”** will be the theme for the week as Faith Lutheran hosts VBS the week of July 13-17. 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 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 Faith’s children, but as a Christian outreach to any young children in your life: grandchildren, nieces and nephews, neighbors, etc.**



**Look for more complete information and a pre-registration form in the July Herald.**

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



## Montana Synod Assembly June 5-7 Great Falls

John Trangmoe and Celeste Pogachar are Faith’s delegates to the Montana Synod Assembly this weekend. This year’s theme is the Montana Synod’s second benchmark: “Serve the World, Especially the Poor and those in Need”. They will attend workshops on global mission related topics, adopt a budget and constitutional changes, elect voting members to the church-wide assembly, and consider resolutions brought before the assembly.

Rev. Justin Eller, ELCA Coordinator for Latin America, will be the keynote speaker. Faith’s worship offering for this gathering will support the Bolivia Water Project.

Please hold us in your prayers as we will hold you in ours!  
We’ll bring back lots of great news!



## **Faith Lutheran Church Supports:**

- **S.A.F.E. Boot, Scoot, & Boogie**

Join S.A.F.E. for a boot scootin' good time May 29<sup>th</sup>. First Interstate Center at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds. Patron reception is at 6pm. General Admission is at 6:30pm. Dinner catered by B+B Catering, no host bar by Brewski's. Live auction at 7:40pm and dancing begins at 8:30pm. Call S.A.F.E. at 363-2793 for more info.

- **Gospel Guitarist Josh Snodgrass at The Remington, Tues., June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

Bring your lawn chair or blanket, family friendly, refreshments available. Call 262-2800 for more info or go to [www.SapphireLutheran.org](http://www.SapphireLutheran.org).

- **Spokes and Suds, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

A ride that benefits Bitterroot CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocates.

The bike tour begins & ends at Red Barn Bicycles, proceeding to the Lost Horse and Lake Como areas then back to Hamilton. They offer two rides, one being 34 miles for \$35 and one 14 miles for \$30 - children under 12 are free.

There will be a celebration including live music by David Baty, food from Famous Dave's BBQ and refreshments donated by Higherground Brewery.

Register at [SpokesandSudsforCasa.com](http://SpokesandSudsforCasa.com). Final registration will be at Higherground Brewery on Fri., June 20<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm. The late registration fee is being waived this year. Call 961-4535 for more info.

- **FLC Picnic and Concert**

**Save the date! Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> on the lawn at the Remington. Music provided by the Big Sky Mudflaps. More information will be in the July Herald.**

- **Lutheran Social Services of Montana**

LSS is pleased to announce the addition of Mike Nicholes, LCSW, to the counseling staff.

According to LSS, 58 women & men sought support with unplanned pregnancy, including 13 that chose to place their babies for adoption. LSS worked with 144 couples interested in adopting, finalizing 11 domestically.

For more info go to [www.lssmt.org](http://www.lssmt.org).

## **Faith Lutheran Church News**

- **Emergency Assistance Update**

Since the April Faith Herald, there have been 5 more assists bring the total to 13 for the year. There have been 9 rental assists and 4 power assists.

We would like to thank Ruth Webb for her years of service as a member of the committee. Judy Griffin will be replacing Ruth on the committee.

Thank you, people of Faith, for being such a wonderful caring congregation. ~Nancy O.

- **Annual Scholarships Awarded**

The scholarship committee of Faith Lutheran Church is pleased to announce the recipients of its annual college scholarship awards.

On Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, scholarships totaling \$3800 were presented to Maddison Duchscher (Western Washington), Lauren Lawry (UofM), Seth Mason (UM Western), Ben Peterson (U of M), Emily Heitmann (MSU), Hannah Peterson (PLU), Beth Bitterman (WSU), and Kelby Grotho (MSU).

Thank you, FLC, for your donations to the scholarship fund (proceeds from the Easter Breakfast)!

## ***June Birthdays***

<i>June 1</i>	<i>Jenn Dunn</i>
<i>June 2</i>	<i>Colleen Southwick</i>
<i>June 4</i>	<i>Dennis Rotering</i>
<i>June 7</i>	<i>Madyson Drake, Vicky Mahon, Jacque VanDenburg</i>
<i>June 10</i>	<i>Gwen Lawry, Scott Southwick</i>
<i>June 11</i>	<i>Aksel Mitchell</i>
<i>June 12</i>	<i>Kelly Auch</i>
<i>June 13</i>	<i>Katy Bosio, Mike Turley</i>
<i>June 15</i>	<i>Cody Ledbetter, Celeste Pogachar</i>
<i>June 18</i>	<i>McKenzie Syme</i>
<i>June 19</i>	<i>Ryan Turley</i>
<i>June 20</i>	<i>Sam Bosio, Brandi Williamson, Linda Wolf</i>
<i>June 22</i>	<i>Laura Hackstadt</i>
<i>June 24</i>	<i>Lois Burgdorfer</i>
<i>June 26</i>	<i>Cory Wetzsteon</i>
<i>June 29</i>	<i>Aubrey Larson</i>
<i>June 30</i>	<i>Lynn McKee</i>





## Faith's Worship Rhythm

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Celebration of Grace, Gospel Liturgy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: ELW 3, Traditional Liturgy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Chosen People, "pop" Liturgy
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: ELW 3, Traditional Liturgy
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays: Hymn Service

## Foreign Exchange Student Opportunity...



Host a high school student for half or all of a school year. Contact Katie Wemple, International Coordinator, Aspect Foundation (406) 360-9346 (cell) or [michaelandkatie.wemple@gmail.com](mailto:michaelandkatie.wemple@gmail.com)

## Faith YOUTH Summertime, Summertime

Take it easy this summer—enjoy the great outdoors and take some time with friends!

**FAITH FAMILIES:** If you're planning something fun, let your Faith Friends in on it! Get ahold of Samantha Fife or Pastor Brenda to gather the troops for a picnic at the river, a BBQ and Bonfire in your AWESOME backyard, or a ride down the Hiawatha Trail! If you've got a date, we can share it!

**VBS is July 13-17. AND WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!** Call Celeste at 239-3952.

**PAINTING, ANYONE?** Plans to paint and decorate a bigger Youth Room are in the works. Keep eyes and ears open for planning and painting!



## FLC Council Highlights May 2015

- What is Faith Lutheran Church to you?

Share what's in your thoughts with the council. Share a note, a message, and an email or speak to a council member, we would love to hear from you. Stewards came up with these words for FLC:

Family - extended family	Faithfulness – future of the congregation	Faithful to duty, work and each other
Hope	Generous and Giving – in support of our ministries	Supportive
Caring	Love	Acceptance
Strong Tradition	Desire for modern	Openness to new
Growing	Thankful	Growing Trust
Honorable	Transparent	Integrity

- Our Youth group has out grown its space, and this summer they will begin to relocate to the Council Conference Room (rooms 9/11). They will redecorate this space to accommodate both the youth group and the council in this space.
- Focused discussion on objectives from the Council Retreat (held May 8):
  - Communications Plan – Look for our "Faith In Action" communication board starting in July. Let us know the information that is most important to you, reach out to Ann Wright or Darrin Heitmann
  - Heighten Choir in Worship- Exploring opportunities to bring choir to worship more often. Bring forth our musical voices to Rick Brown.
  - Enhance Homebound and Facility Bound Visitation in our church community- Reach out to Judy Griffin if you would like to join this amazing ministry.
- In April, Emergency Assistance provided support to thirteen families – nine for rent and four for power.
- **Call for Volunteers** for Coffee Social for the month of June, please sign up on the fridge in the kitchen or contact Judy Wilson



## Bible Camp News

It's not too late to sign up for summer camp! The 2015 activities brochure is available online ([www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net)) or on the counter outside the church office. The theme for 2015 is "Love that never ends."

- **June 5-7: Women's Retreat.** This amazing retreat includes worship, great food, relaxation, spa time, and sessions with Dr. Julia Fogg. More information is available online at [www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net)
- **June 13: Partners Luncheon.** For those who donate \$150 or more per calendar year. Become a partner today! Luncheon at 12:15pm, Stained Glass Window Dedication and Thrivent Choice Dock Dedication at 2:15pm
- **August 3-8: PB at Bible Camp.** There's a full schedule at FLBC this week, so come up and join us for awesome times!!!
- **FLC Camperships.** Your church pays up to half your camp registration! Pick up the form on the counter outside the church office, or contact Celeste Pogachar for more information.

To register for these retreats and events please call the FLBC Office at 406-752-6602.

FLBC is asking each congregation to make a donation for our fall harvest auction. This donation could be anything from a basket or a quilt to a scenic trip to Seattle... think big to help raise money for camperships to share FLBC with youth! For more information or to make a donation, Contact FLBC at 406-756-6610 or [office@flbc.net](mailto:office@flbc.net).

### Alzheimer's Poem

*Offered by Morry Mitteness following  
the death of his brother, Don.  
Author unknown.*

*Do not ask me to remember  
Do not try to make me understand  
Let me rest and know you're with me  
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand  
I'm confused beyond your concept  
I am sad and sick and lost  
All I know is that I need you  
To be with me at all cost.*

*Do not lose your patience with me  
Do not scold or curse my cry  
I can't help the way I'm acting  
Can't be different though I try  
Just remember that I need you  
That the best of me is gone  
Please don't fail to stand beside me  
Love me till my life is done.*



## Stewards & Staff of Faith Lutheran Church

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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.



***THANKS!! THANKS!! THANKS!! THANKS!! THANKS!!***

**From Corner of Love:** Our last four months of missions in Nicaragua have been full of incredible happenings!

- In December we distributed 1,666 Christmas presents to impoverished children.
- Also as Christmas we brought the love of Christ to CoL's employees and volunteers by delivering tamales and fresh bread.
- Between January and March we hosted 9 mission groups and brought our mobile clinics to dozens of villages.

Your donation to CoL helped us purchase medicine and numerous other items. We are very appreciative of your support and know that we could do very little without generous donors like you. Thank you so much for keeping us going and remembering the humble people we serve in your prayers and offerings. Gracias! In His service, Nelson & Tanya

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## *Dates To Remember*

- 6/1 Summer office hours start
- 6/5-7 Synod Assembly
- 6/8 Naomi Circle, 7pm
- 6/11 Ruth Circle, 9:30am
- 6/15 **Faith Herald Deadline**
- 6/16 Josh Snodgrass Concert at the Remington
- 6/18 FLC Council Meeting, 6pm
- 6/21 *Happy Father's Day!*
- 6/25 **Faith Herald Folding Party**

