



April 2016

FAITH HERALD



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Considering Our Mission: Whose We Are and What We're Doing...

Pastor Brenda

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

Faith. Faith is something we do, not something we possess (Heb. 11). At Faith Lutheran, a growing trust in God through Jesus is what we seek and share.

Lutheran. With old Martin Luther we place our trust in the God who loves us first, not in our own responses or actions. We cherish and study the Bible, relying on the Spirit of God to reveal our sin, draw us to the living Christ, and transform our lives.

Family of God. Like a human family, God's children are bound by blood—the blood of Jesus, who pursues each and every person to death and back with an unquenchable, inescapable love. As we live with God and others—loving, enjoying, serving, wounding, offending, forgiving, reconciling—God makes us more and more like Jesus. As a family, our responsibility is to raise and send mature citizens to love and serve the world (Dt. 6:4-9). Adults love and teach kids; all love and care for the sick, the stranger, the poor, the aging, “the least of these” among us.

Built on love. “We love, because God first loved us.” (1 John 4:19) God's *hesed/agape* love *always* places others first and gives itself to serve the neighbor, and even the enemy (Romans 5:8). God's love, poured into our hearts through Jesus' story and his living Spirit, compels us to serve neighbors and even enemies.

Worshiping... is a taste of Heaven, a glimpse of the beauty, joy, truth, community, and adventure of eternity. We gather weekly for Sabbath, as have God's people for millennia, to sing, pray, wrestle with God and others, and share a meal of forgiveness and freedom. We lean on ancient prayers and creeds and freely enjoy new styles and expressions of prayer and praise.

Welcoming. Jesus welcomed all people with no distinction. He taught, healed, ate, prayed, and wept with his friends—and so do we. Whether you come once or for a lifetime, you are fully welcome here, part of the family. You belong, just as you are. Members of Faith are the first in every situation to welcome strangers in love.

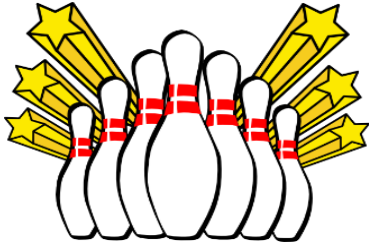
Serving. God provides all we need. Made in God's image, we provide for others near and far. From cups of coffee to quilts flown 'round the world to the Habitat House down the street, Faith's members and friends answer the call to serve the oppressed, the widow, and the orphan (Isa.1:17), the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind (Lk. 14:13), people just like us.

In Jesus' name. In the ancient world to act in someone's name meant to act in the character and essence of that person. The Bible says, “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” At Faith, we're getting to know Jesus—the one who, like no other, shows us both who God is and who we're meant to be. “In his name,” we live with peace, courage, and joy every moment, every day.

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April Youth Page

2016



WED April 6-Grub and Games-BOWLING!

Due to the past success of bowling we are doing it again! Meeting at the Hamilton Lanes bowling alley at 6:15. Pizza and soda will be provided. **Bring a friend!**

WED April 13-Youth Group and Confirmation Famine Sign-up

7pm at Faith the High School Youth will meet, and at 7:30 they will give a short presentation about the 30hr Famine to the confirmation kids. All confirmation and High School Youth are invited to participate whether they fast or not! To sign-up see Samantha Fife.

THE 30HR FAMINE IS MAY 6 AND 7!



SUN April 17-Youth Bible Camp Sunday and Brunch

Youth are participating in the service so please meet at 8:45 at Faith. ALL YOUTH are encouraged to attend a private meet and greet with a representative from FLBC while they eat brunch after the service. (Youth please grab brunch before the congregation and take it back to the Youth Room!)

WED 20 Youth Group 7pm @ FLC

WED 27 Youth Group 7pm @ SPE

SUN MAY 1 Confirmation



WED MAY 4-Youth Yearend BBQ

Come to St. Paul's to celebrate another wonderful year of Youth and Confirmation activities! All members of the congregations are encouraged to come and join in the food and games! Starts at 6pm! SPE families will take care of the burgers, fixings, and beverages. FLC families please bring salad, chips, and/or desserts!

*Samantha Fife-Faith Lutheran Youth Director, 406.370.8025 fifedrivel@gmail.com
Alana Cruse-St. Paul's Episcopal Youth Minister, 406.381.3534 ashortcruse@gmail.com*

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Faith's Worship Rhythm

- April 3rd : Celebration of Grace Gospel Liturgy
- April 10th : Traditional Liturgy
- April 17th : Praise/Chosen People
- April 24th : Traditional Liturgy*

* Guest Preacher Greg Karlsgodt

WOW Confirmation

Grub & Games: Bowling April 6...

6:15pm at Hamilton Lanes

Kicks off our last month! Bring a friend! On April 13, everybody will do Life of Jesus presentations from our Lent assignments. EIGHTH GRADERS, this is your dry run for what you'll present during worship on Confirmation Day. I'll give anybody a hand who wants one—and all our eighth graders.

Confirmation Sunday Planning: Wednesday, April 20. **8th Grade Families ONLY.** Parent Meeting! Kids can work on their presentations with PB. Rehearsal, April 27.

Congrats to Confirmands!

Confirmation Sunday: May 1, 2016

Please offer your affirmation and congratulations to our 2016 Candidates for Confirmation: Quoia Anderson, Cady Rollins, Tristan Hanson, Dylan Berglund, Bryce Reed, Weston Buhler, and Grace Reichart have participated in our confirmation program. They've learned tons, and are becoming truly awesome human beings.

We'll celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, May 1, at our regular worship time. Please enjoy cake, conversation, and celebration with our kids and their families after church!

Way to go, kids, parents, and Family of Faith!



FLBC Cottage Brunch

Sunday, April 17, after worship

Join Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Associate Director Nathan Clements for in-depth news from YOUR Bible Camp over some FANTASTIC eats!

FLBC Board Member Pastor Brenda, along with Corporate Delegates Anita Bell, Celeste Pogachar, and Michelle Mendenall, invite you to remember how FLBC and other camps have enriched your life, learn what's going on at FLBC today, and see how you might partner in ministry to the more than 5,500 folks of all ages who'll experience God's love in powerful ways through FLBC this year.

Partners of Flathead was established to encourage and honor those who contribute \$150 or more annually to the camp. FLBC's operating budget is comprised of 70% from user fees and 30% from gifts: our gifts keep camp open for kids, for all. Join the Partner households at Faith this year and support quality ministry that communicates the love and leadership of God through Jesus and changes lives for good!

FLBC Legacy Partners make a gift to FLBC in their estate plan. **Thrivent Members** can designate Thrivent Choice dollars to FLBC. Every little bit helps!

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.



FLBC News & Notes

Upcoming Retreats

April 17-19: Adult Spirituality Retreat

Dr. Jim and Julie Ageson, consider, "Spiritual but not Religious: Spirituality in a Non-Religious World" and "Quest for God: Contemplative Practices and a Life of Faith." For more information: flbc.net

April 22-24:

Growing the Fruits of the Spirit

FLBC's Women's Spring Retreat

Come play with Celeste and PB! Bring a friend, daughter, granddaughter to one of the most beautiful places on earth! Two nights at FLBC with just the girls, God, Flathead Lake, and some really good food.

Theme: Speaker Lois Olmstead, back to share her testimony and faith.

Worship: Holden Evening Prayer, Prayer Around the Cross, and Spirit-led music offered by Celeste Pogachar. Sunday Preacher: Pastor Brenda Satrum, FLC.

Costs: \$115 before 4/8, \$125 after.

Registration information is available on the office counter at Faith or at 222.imluchurch.org/womensretreat.



May 27-30:

Thrivent Memorial Day Family Work Retreat

Come when you can and stay as long as you can! Sewing, planting, painting, building, cleaning, raking and cooking are just a "few" of the fun work projects we will do! This is a great way to introduce your child to the camp with the fun of worship, campfires and much s'more! Full weekend includes 3 nights of accommodations in camp cabins, 8 meals and 4 snacks! Thank you for registering in advance!

Cost is Free to Volunteers thanks to Thrivent! Please Register in Advance.

May 1st Deadlines:

- **Early-bird discount** for summer camp registration at FLBC! Camp brochures (And campership applications,) are located on the counter outside the church office.
- **Camp Volunteer Applications!** 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 online at www.flbc.net, or contact Celeste.

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 17th, and Nathan will be glad to deliver it to camp.

- Motor Boats
- Reliable Vehicles (cars, vans, and trucks, especially AWD)
- Gently Used or New Furniture
- Planted Flower Pots & Baskets
- Hand Tools - hammers, rakes, shovels, etc.
- Chainsaws
- Booster Seats
- Go-Pro Camera
- Irons & Ironing Boards
- Good Vacuum Cleaners
- Postage Stamps
- Mountable Projector
- Reams of Paper, Markers, Paint Brushes, Color Crayons
- Microscope & Telescope
- Congregations to 'Adopt a Cabin'
- Contractors, Plumbers, and Electricians to Volunteer at Camp

**THANK YOU to everyone
who has donated items
to camp!**

Contact the Camp Office
with any questions:
(406)752-6602 or office@flbc.net

Summer 2016 Adult Volunteers!

Registration for adult volunteers
for the 2016 summer
camping season
is now open!

**Call (406) 752-6602 for the best
availability of weeks!**



Deepen Faith
and Witness

The annual Assembly and Theological Conference of the Montana Synod of the ELCA will be held June 3-5, 2016, at the Radisson Hotel Billings (formerly the Holiday Inn Grand.)



Montana Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Rev. Peggy Paugh Leuzinger, Synod Secretary, February 1, 2016

We will be focusing on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and offering many workshops.

Our keynote speaker will be Mary Jane Haemig, professor of Church History at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Our Churchwide Representative will be Kevin Strickland, Assistant to the Presiding Bishop, Executive for Worship.

There will be an installation of Pr. Mark Donald to Christikon Bible Camp during Friday evening's worship and the ordination of Tonia Fisher-Clark during Sunday morning's worship. We will recognize more than 20 new Lay Pastoral Associates.

All materials will be sent via e-mail to rostered leaders and congregations and will also be posted on the synod's website. One mailed packet will be sent to each congregation in early April.

Check the weekly e-news or our website, www.montanasynd.org/assembly for more information.

Travel to Germany with Bishop Crist!



The 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses (1517-2017)

May 9-18, 2017

Travel to Germany

The Montana Synod is offering a chance to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's Nailing of the 95 Theses to the doors of the All Saints Church in Wittenberg.

This private trip is open to all ELCA Montana Synod members and their guests. So, come and enjoy a 10 day program that will take you through the highlights of the work of Martin Luther, from his birth to his death and to key sites of those who still follow him today.

Spots will be limited!

Cost: \$4,750

Contact Brian Mathis of Peterson | Litts
At (406) 206-0550 or brian@globaltravelalliance.com for more information.

Lenten Baskets of Promise Project Person Care Kit Assembly

On April 3, after church, we will assemble the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Our goal this year was to put together 75 kits and thanks to the generous people of Faith we will meet that goal. When our work is finished we will enjoy lunch celebrating a job well done.

Thanks go to Thrivent Financial for the Action Team Grant and to our Thrivent Action Team.

If you have any questions, call Nancy Osborn.



Published the week of March 2 in the *Bitterroot Star* and *Missoulian*...

Dear Neighbors,

As the people of the Bitterroot Valley debate who should and who should not be allowed to live here, we have heard much fear, anger, and distrust. As pastors, Christians, and members of this community, we feel called to speak a different word.

Though the Bible is full of stories of violence and war, sometimes by God's command, its movement is toward the unity of peoples and love for our neighbors—even our enemies. God promised Abraham that through him "all the peoples on earth will be blessed" (Genesis 12). After freeing the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt, God taught them through Moses, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt" (Leviticus 19).

In Jesus, God's heart for peace is fully displayed (John 1). In days of brutal Roman violence toward his own people, Jesus said, "You have heard it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." In fact, Jesus died at the hands of his enemies, praying from the cross: "Father, forgive them; they don't know what they're doing" (Luke 23). Christ calls those who would follow him to pick up our own crosses and offer the same life-giving love to all others (Luke 9).

It is good and right that our government—national and local—protect our people and our borders. At the same time, it is God's call through the centuries, taught and lived in Jesus, that God's people extend our hands in welcome and reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5), even if it costs our own lives.

A life full of anger and fear is not living, is it? Walls and guns won't keep us safe. Neighbors watching out for one another, communities that speak and act for the benefit of those most in need—these are the ways that make for peace.

So, dear neighbors of many religious traditions or none at all, a challenge: let's make Ravalli County a safer, better place—one word of welcome, one act of kindness, one prayer, one neighbor at a time.

Your Servants,

Rev. Brenda Satrum, Faith Lutheran Church, Hamilton

Fr. James Connor, St. Francis Catholic Community, Hamilton & Darby

Rev. Dudley Rose, First Presbyterian Church, Hamilton

Rev. Richard Reynolds, St. Paul's & St. Stephen's Episcopal Churches, Stevensville & Hamilton

Pr. Wendy Campbell, First Christian Church, Hamilton

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:



- Lars E. Larson, son of Daniel Larson & grandson of Patricia Larson, near Russia.
- 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
- Master 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
- Anna Mitteness, granddaughter of Morrie & Ann Mitteness, Cpl US Marines Corps. Now at the Marine Station in Yuma, AZ, doing communications repair.
- Capt. Alex Stephens, MD, grandson-in-law of Dale and Clairice Brady, serving at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma WA.
- Ashley White, niece of Paul and Lina Gyles, Stationed at Ft. Sill, Ok.

Don't forget to look for Faith online

at www.faithlutheranhamilton.org or on Facebook at "Friends of Faith"! We're everywhere!

Pray for At-Home Members and Friends...

Ruth Dillon, Joann Engbrecht, Bertie Senn, Doris Englund, Ethel Warwick, Bob Maker, Clara Felton, Elsie Jean Buckner, Virginia Roterling, LaVonne & Les Beers, Pastor Ralph "Bud" Holmlund, Carl Swanson, Pat Berglund, Bob Mathison, Larry & Mabel Pyle, Mary Lewis, Doris Koch, Marian Montgomery, and Ellen Schilke.

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Custodian	Richard Castor	363-2964	

***Staff Schedule Note:** Jacque will not be in the office on Fridays, April 8th thru May 12th.

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February Council Highlights

The newly elected council met for the first time in February. The council plans to meet the fourth Monday of each month starting the meeting at 6:30 pm. With the meeting time being later in the month than previous years, the update to the Herald will show the following month. Remember all Members of the church are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Our new Convener Helen Volden, set a positive role model for the council discussing expectations and setting plans for the coming year. With the new council, several financial items were covered; those authorized to sign at our bank, the low balance of our emergency reserve account, and staff salaries.

The Stewards gave their individual reports. A few items to pass along; communication of Pastor Brenda's upcoming sabbatical this summer, painting the outside of the church, the success of our outreach activities, and the need to find a new weekly money counting coordinator. The Council expressed their appreciation to Paul Gyles for his dedication for counting our weekly offerings and faithfully accounting for the funds received.



The Steward of Finance requests volunteers with accounting/ finance experience to conduct an internal audit of FLC's financial affairs. If interested, contact Dean Drake at (406) 544-5328



Meet the FLC Council, part 2

Helen Volden: Convener/President.

As your new Convener/President, I would like to share a few highlights with you about myself - - what drives this inner 'Scandinavian engine'. I was the youngest of 5 siblings, born and raised in N Minnesota. I attended Bemidji State for a brief period then went to work for the USDA (Forest Service, Chippewa National Forest). It was there that I met a Civil Engineer named Ron. We were married and soon after, Ron got transferred to the Lewis & Clark National Forest (Great Falls). About a year later we were transferred to the Superior National Forest in Grand Marais, MN. During our 6+ years there we were blessed with 2 children - - a daughter, Karen, (a nurse at St. Pete's Hospital, in Helena), and a son Kevin, (Administration Office @ Family Outreach, Inc., in Helena). We were then transferred to Duluth, MN. (Superior National Forest) for several yrs., from there to the Chequamegon National Forest in Park Falls, WI. In 1978 we were transferred here to the Bitterroot National Forest. Ron retired in 1989. He passed away from cancer in 2002.

I worked part time in various insurance offices, plus volunteering at various schools along this journey, serving on the State Bd as Legislative Coordinator for the MT PTA for several years, travelling the state and to Washington, D.C., advocating for all children.

More recent years I worked in various retail - one of my favorites working in a Pet Store, loved being a 'pet advocate', and will continue in that role.

When I was approached here at Faith to be the Convener/President, which I must tell you is a very rewarding, up-lifting, (and sometimes daunting), commitment - at first I asked "why me?", but then I asked "why NOT me?" What a great calling and I thank our Lord for motivating me in this direction. I know the challenges are many, from losing members and trying to find out 'why', to our strained budget the last few years, to implementing our Sunday school program again (at least thru the elementary grades), how to communicate with ALL our members more effectively, just to mention a few. But I am confident that by WORKING TOGETHER we can meet these challenges and goals, thanking God in the process.

Keep praying, keep smiling, keep focusing on the 'positive' - - how can we *not* with the many blessings our Lord continues to shower us with, day in and day out! Blessings to each of you, Helen Volden, Convener

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Claudia Williams: Steward of Discipleship.

I am proud to be a native of Idaho and a graduate of the University Of Idaho. I married my college sweetheart, John and we have lived in Denver, CO; Oklahoma City, OK; Midland, TX; Idaho Falls, ID; Los Alamos, NM; and Gainesville, FL before moving here in 1999. We have two sons, Jeff and Jenn in Denver, and Brian and Pam in Ramona, CA. We also have a sweet four-year-old granddaughter, Violet. I currently own Patchwork Quilts.

Education has been one of my great loves and I enjoy teaching classes at my store. I hope you all will share with me any programs or classes that will motivate and guide you on your spiritual journey. We are never too old to enjoy learning the words and ways of God.

Dean Drake: Steward of Finance.

1. Name: Dean Drake
2. Council Position: Steward of Finance
3. Family: Married to my soul mate Sandy Drake.
Parent to one great puppy: Poco (Yorkiepoo)
Two children: Son, Daris in San Diego, Ca.
Daughter, Dylan in Dallas, Tx.
Four Grandchildren
4. Residence: Stevi
5. Education: Bachelors in Business Finance (U of M -- GoGriz!)
Masters in Management Information Systems
6. Employment: ACM and Champion - Bonner, Mt
- Great place to work thru college
- 1st Engineer in the Power Plant
US Navy
- 12 years service
- Electronic Warfare/Intel
Sperry - Washington, D.C.
- Defense contractor for DoD
Boeing - Washington, D.C and Seattle, Wa
- Systems Engineer/Systems Integrator/Sys Admin
- Supported all models including Air Force One
Retired – 1/2014
7. Member of Faith: Attended FLC since 12/2014 and became a member in 1/2016
8. Previous Residences: Born in Livingston and raised in Butte and Missoula.
Career led me to Vietnam, the Philippines, Spain, Florida, California, Washington D.C., Helena, and Seattle.
9. Sandy and I love to camp and fish at Georgetown Lake in the summer. We both enjoy working on our property (landscaping, outbuildings, fencing, deck, etc.) and making it better. I really like pushing snow with my little Kubota tractor and moving dirt in the summer. I love playing competitive Chess and also help small businesses in the valley.
10. Goals as Steward of Finance:

Budget:
- Closely track 2016 Budget vs Actuals
- Report status to Council at least quarterly

Financial Audit:
- Organize voluntary internal audit team
- Perform financial audit
- Compile and report results to Council

Replenish General Fund Reserve (GFR):
- Work with Council to plan ways to replenish GFR
- Grow GFR to 3 months of expenses

Coordination Activities:
- Memorial and Endowment committees
- Treasurer
- Financial Secretary

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Mark Grotho: Steward of Communications.

Mark is a native Montanan. He was raised and attended high school in Columbus, MT. After graduation he attended Montana State University where he received a B.S. Degree in Electrical Engineering. He is a licensed professional engineer. Mark and his wife, LaDonna, have moved around the state living in Great Falls, Lewistown, Helena and Shelby. In 2014 they moved to Corvallis for him to accept the reins as General Manager of Ravalli County Electric Cooperative. They love to enjoy the outdoor activities the Bitterroot has to offer.

LaDonna and Mark have two children, Brice 24 living and working in Darby, and Kelby, 21 attending Montana State University. Kelby is presently doing a semester of study abroad in Sydney Australia. This past summer, she was a counselor at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

Pastor Brenda's Sabbatical Plans

Out of curiosity, I looked up the definition of 'sabbatical'. According to Webster, sabbatical (noun) is defined as a period of time during which someone does not work at his or her regular job and is able to rest, travel, do research, etc. Sabbatical (adjective) of or relating to the Sabbath, hmmm.

Pastor Brenda will begin her sabbatical on June 15th and return to Faith on September 15th. She shared her objectives and some of the activities that she will pursue during this timeframe. High on her list is rest and restoration and learning/leadership development. Pastor Brenda also plans to explore a couple of creative outputs for worship or discipleship – The Passion Play based on Mark's Gospel or a Lutheran revision of a terrific discipleship program from the Baptist tradition.

"I'm particularly excited to hike the Bitterroots and Glacier with husband and friends AND to participate in The Daring Way for Faith Leaders, a leadership development opportunity based on the work of Brene Brown that's being held at my alma mater, Luther Seminary, in St. Paul, MN in late June. I'm also planning to run/walk either the Lolo Peak half-marathon or the Missoula Half-marathon receiving pledges to support a friend's therapy in recovery from Ritual Abuse."

And, for fun she's planning to learn commercial cooking in the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp kitchen and hike on off days. Pastor Brenda and Doug will spend a week on the Oregon coast to wrap up her time off.

We will pray for a restorative time of learning and adventure and look forward to her return in September!

Sue Rose
Mutual Ministry Member

African Children's Choir Comes to Hamilton!

7:00pm, May 11, 2016

Hamilton Performing Arts Center

Enjoy an evening of excellent and energetic song and the sweet smiles of kids on their way to new lives! The African Children's Choir is made up of some of the poorest and most vulnerable kids from their countries, and helps its members break away from the cycle of poverty and hopelessness. Proceeds from ACC tours are used to offer students a quality education, leadership training and spiritual support at Music for Life Primary School sites in their respective countries.

Your attendance cheers them on. Our support changes their lives. See you at the PAC!

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With Gratitude:

Dear Friends at Faith,

Thank You for the love and support with which you surrounded our family during Bill's illness. Your kind words, thoughts, and prayers are a comfort to us with his passing.

Thank You also to the Quilters for the lovely reception following Bill's funeral.

The Kindzerski & Mason Families



Thanks Faith Lutheran Musicians for contributing your talents to give glory to God, and beautify worship during Lent and Holy Week!

It's a pleasure to make music and worship with you!

Celeste Pogachar



To Faith Lutheran Church Congregation, Lenten Blessings! Thank You for your gift of \$100 in February 2016. Your support of our ministry is very important to us. We always want you to know you are appreciated.

Happy Easter!

Elsie Mitchell

Church Council Member,

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Rocky Boy MT



Thank you, thank you, thank you to those who helped in big ways and small to make the Easter breakfast a success, especially chef Sandy and sous chef Dean Drake, Judy Wilson, Samantha Fife, Karen Heller, Barb Heitmann, the Mendenall family, and all others who prepped, set up, served and cleaned up. We earned \$783 to be used for scholarships for our college students.

~~~**FLC Scholarship Committee: Mark Livesay, Celeste Pogachar, Jacque VanDenburg**

## April Birthdays

|    |                                             |
|----|---------------------------------------------|
| 6  | Julie Swanson                               |
| 7  | Austin Drake                                |
| 8  | Shirley Sorenson                            |
| 9  | Katelyn Bitterman, Kyle Borgen, Mark Grotbo |
| 10 | Charles Patterson                           |
| 12 | Royal Beyer                                 |
| 13 | Brooklyn Dowd, LaDonna Grotbo               |
| 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, Randy Theisser                  |
| 30 | Abbey Dunn                                  |



**Surprise Party for Deb (Archibald) Cathey's 70th Birthday**

**Thursday, April 21 @ 6:30 pm**

Bitterroot River Inn

(Tammany Room)

**More information is**

**posted in the FLC lobby**



## COLLEGE/SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The Faith Lutheran Scholarship Committee will begin accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. High School seniors, or anyone enrolled in a secondary educational institution for the fall 2016 term may apply. Pick up an application form on the counter outside the Church office, or have an electronic copy emailed to you by

contacting Heather at [office@faithlutheranhamilton.org](mailto:office@faithlutheranhamilton.org).

**They are due back to the church office by Fri., April 15th.**

**Donations to Faith's Scholarship Fund are always welcome!** 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

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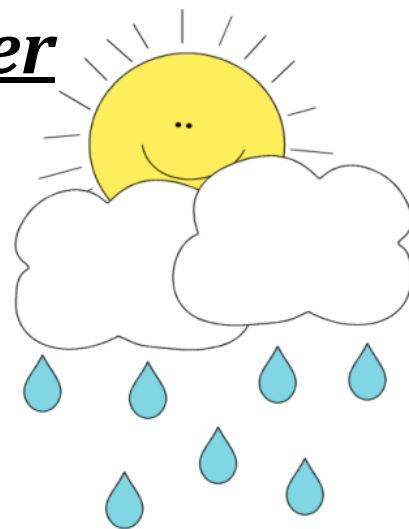
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## **Dates To Remember**

- 4/3 Personal Care Kit Assembling Party
- 4/19 Faith Herald Deadline
- 4/25 FLC Council Meeting
- 4/27 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Rehearsal
- 4/28 Great Big Folding Party



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