

May 2016

FAITH HERALD

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Fabulous, Flawed, Forgiven & Filled

With the opportunity to consider Spiritual Gifts with women in retreat and our Confirmands on May 1 (Happy May Day!), I'm thinking big picture:

Friends of Faith, our tradition teaches you are FABULOUS! Genesis 1 says over and over that God created all things good, *tov* (say tove), and that all things together in the end are *tov tov*—VERY good. In Ephesians 1, Paul claims each of us is God's *poiema*, God's masterpiece or work of art, poetry in motion, I like to say. Some have believed the Christian tradition thinks poorly of humanity, critters, and our beautiful, fragile planet—but it doesn't. As singer David Crowder writes, "You make everything glorious, and I am yours. What does that make me?" Well...? Glorious. Fabulous. Really.

Of course, fabulous isn't the whole story. It's pretty clear that humans in general, probably you, and most certainly me are also FLAWED. There's my bum knee, reminding me my body's mortal and breaks more easily (and mysteriously) than I wish. And there's my amazing ability to blame others instead of taking responsibility, to get snippy when I'm tired or somebody crosses me, and to take the most wonderful situation and find problems with it. And those are just the sins I commit before 8 or 9 am! Consider Syria, the presidential election, healthcare, the front page of the Ravalli Republic or your own family for further evidence: We're flawed. All of us.

Fabulous. Flawed. And FORGIVEN. Some folks these days don't believe in God. But I do. I believe in a God whose Spirit was fully embodied in a man named Jesus who lived the life God intends for each of us (trusting, loving, healing, risking, standing for what he believed), who died rather than play it small, and who rose, still loving, still forgiving, still inviting you and me to come near to God and follow his Way. You are forgiven. You can start new.

Because you are FILLED. Lutherans claim it happens in Baptism, whether we feel it or not: we are filled with the Holy Spirit of God (1 Cor 12). Sometimes I imagine the Spirit of God is like the spirit of a great coach—my coach's confidence, enthusiasm, positivity, hard work, and discipline fill the members of my team...and create a "team spirit" that has a life of its own. In the same way, the Spirit of God through Jesus fills and inspires us, starting as a small flame that grows as we draw nearer to our coach and teammates, as we practice and drill in worship and service and prayer. Whenever we read the Bible and speak love and truth to one another, the Spirit's flame warms us and others with "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Gal. 5) If you want God's Spirit within you to grow, find some ways to give it fuel, then watch out! And when you notice a friend's or teammate's flame dim and flicker, offer some of the Spirit's warmth. You'll both glow a bit brighter.

Because your friends—and you—are fabulous. And flawed. Forgiven. And filled. Whether you feel it or not. Burn on, Friends of Faith!

~Pastor Brenda

Don't forget to look for Faith online

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

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May & June Youth Page

Sunday, May 1 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



Wednesday, May 4 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!

FLC families please feel free to bring salads, desserts, and beverages.



30hr Famine and Service Lock-in May 6-7

Event starts at 5pm on Fri and kids should be done by 7:30pm Sat. Drop-off is at FLC and pick-up is at SPE.



Wednesday, May 11 African Children's Choir Concert

Youth meet-up is 5:30 for dinner at BJ's, and 6:45pm at the PAC for the concert.

Tuesday, May 17 HHS Choir Concert 7:30pm @ PAC

Wednesday, May 18 Youth Group w/incoming Freshmen 7pm @ FLC

Welcome Confirmands! This evening we will get to know our incoming freshmen, and make some big decisions about 2017! **This is an important night!** Bring your Nerf guns because a war might just break out!

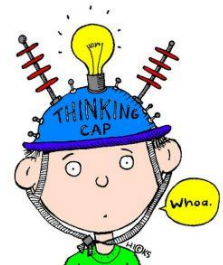
Sunday, May 22 SENIOR YOUTH SUNDAY

This is the last Youth Sunday until the fall, and it will be a celebration of our Seniors! Come and wish them luck on their next adventure! **If you have memorable pictures of our seniors you would like to share please get them to Samantha by Mon May 16!**

Tuesday, May 24 HHS Band Concert 7:30pm @ PAC

Wednesday, May 25 Finals Study Group

Invite friends and come prepare for finals week 7-830pm @ Faith. Dinner will be provided.



Sunday, May 29 HHS GRADUATION 3:30pm HHS Gym

FLC seniors: Kimberly Denton and KaShondra Grymes

SPE seniors: Aidan Carmody

AND: Cameron Meikle

Saturday, Jun 4 Laser Tag and Finals Survival Party

2015-16 High School Youth can invite one friend each, but **the sign-up deadline is Wed May 25**. Trip includes 2 games of laser tag, 10 tokens, and pizza. We will meet at FLC by 11am, and dinner party will be at the Kimzey home following.



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

- May 1: **Celebration of Grace**, Gospel Liturgy
- May 8: **Mother's Day**, ELW 3, Traditional Liturgy
- May 15: **Pentecost**, ELW 3, guest preacher: Mick Gray. **WEAR RED!**
- May 22: **Holy Trinity**, Praise Service, **Senior Recognition/ Quilt Sunday**
- May 29: **Hymn Service**

Worship Summit Tuesday, May 10, 6-8 pm

Let's have a discussion about the structure and liturgies of our Sunday worship: What is meaningful, What is tradition, What is missing? What can we improve to make sure that worship is inclusive to all and fits the mission of Faith Lutheran Church?

We will gather around a meal (yet to be planned) so bring your good ideas and your appetite.

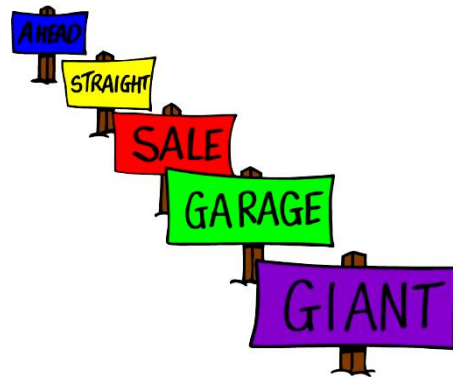
I look forward to a lively conversation! ~Celeste



Sunday, May 15th



**KEEP CALM
AND
WEAR RED
ON
PENTECOST**



**Save the date!
50 Mile Garage Sale
June 25, 2016**

Proceeds to be used for the general fund reserve.
Start collecting your stuff!

National Day of Prayer

**May 5, 2016, 12:00 noon
Bedford Building, Hamilton**

**Investing in Hope...
Transforming our Nation through Prayer!**



Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. 1 Kings 8:28

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FLBC News & Notes

It's not too late to sign up for summer camp, but do it soon because the early registration discount only lasts through May 2nd. The 2016 activities brochure is available online (www.flbc.net) or on the counter outside the church office. The theme for 2016 is "Living Like Jesus."

Upcoming Retreats

May 8:

Mother's Day Brunch

Bring your family to camp to celebrate Mom's special day with Mother's Day brunch in the Cockrell Center, overlooking the shores of beautiful Flathead Lake. Four seating's available, (9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, and 2:00 PM). Please call for reservations. Proceeds go to assist women in need and FLBC camperships. *Suggested Donation: \$20 per adult, \$12 per child ages 5-14, under 5 attend for free.*

May 27-30:

Thrivent Memorial Day Family Work Retreat

No cost to attend. RSVP to the office at office@flbc.net or (406) 752-6602 to reserve your spot today. Assist camp in getting ready for another fantastic summer season by being a part of the Thrivent Memorial Day Work Weekend!

There will be projects for people of all ages and abilities, so be sure to bring your family and friends as well to this fun and meaningful retreat! THANK YOU Thrivent Financial for your sponsorship again this year.

June 3-5:

Woman's Retreat "Unsung Heroines of the Bible"

This amazing retreat includes worship, great food, relaxation, spa time, and sessions with Dr. Nancy Eldredge-Hess. More information is available online at www.flbc.net

- **May 2: Deadline for Early Bird Discount Registration!** (Regular prices after)
- **Thrivent Members!** Thrivent Choice dollars make a big impact at FLBC! If you are a Thrivent member, choose Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp to send your Thrivent Choice Dollars. Don't forget, you must choose your recipient each time since the "reoccurring" option has now ended. THANKS so much.
- **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.

SAVE THE DATE!

July 11-15

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

at Faith Lutheran

Hosted by FLBC counselors

Can you help?



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:



- S/Sgt Anthony Hunter, grandson of Carl Swanson, serving in Texas
- Mike Hebert, grandson of Don & Shirley McGourty, US Army, serving in Joliet, IL
- Lt. Col. 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.

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, and Ellen Schilke.

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

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March Council Highlights

There is a spring work day scheduled for April 23 at 9am until noon. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Also with regards to keeping up with maintenance of the church, It was brought to the attention of Council of the need to paint the exterior of the church. Presently there is not enough in the building maintenance fund to cover this expense.

Several items are proceeding to help raise funds for the church; 50-mile garage sale, a 10% fee from fund raisers used to help support the church, and planning of another silent auction later in the year.

Staff received a very modest but long overdue increase to their wages of 2%. The increase amounted to less than \$500 for the remainder of the year. The wage increases will be funded by reducing from items within the existing budget. ~ **Mark Grotbo, Steward of Communications**

May 2016 Finance Report

I am pleased to report to the congregation that Quarter 1 (January thru March) expenditures are within our budget. Contributions are also well ahead of expenditures compared to last year. I would like to thank Council for their diligence and the entire congregation for their generous giving during this period.

Council has also approved several initiatives to grow our General Fund Reserve Fund (rainy day fund) to three times monthly operating expenses (the reserve fund will currently cover only one month of operating expenses). A three month reserve is the minimum recommended for all businesses and private individuals. Getting to a three month reserve will be a multi-year effort, but Council has charted the course to get there and we are on our way!

Here are the highlights of what we are doing and where we are in the process:

Quarter 1 Budget Report:

1. Quarter 1 Budget. Council held expenditures to slightly under the budget for Quarter 1. Council will continue to monitor budget very closely as we proceed through the year and I will report status to the congregation again at the end of Quarter 2.
2. Quarter 1 Income/Expense. Income for Quarter 1 exceeded expenditures by approximately \$4,400. This compares to a \$6,000 deficit for the same period last year. It is very important to build up a surplus at this time of year as many anticipated expenses fall later on. Thanks again to the congregation for your generous support during Quarter 1!

Council Approved Initiatives To Grow The General Fund Reserve Fund:

1. 50 Mile Garage Sale Fundraiser! FLC will participate in the Second Annual Bitterroot 50 Mile Garage Sale. FLC will join the garage sale on Saturday, June 25th. We will conduct the sale in our parking lot and we hope to accompany it with a bake sale and opportunities for outreach with tours of the Church and general information. I will have more on this as we move closer to the event but keep this in mind for now!!
2. 10% Overhead Fee To Be Added To Church Supported Fundraisers. Our congregation works hard to support many activities with fundraisers throughout the year. A small amount of fundraiser profits need to go back to the Church to help cover overhead and improve its financial position. All overhead fees will be directed into the General Fund Reserve Fund.
3. Dinner with Silent/Live Auction Fundraiser. This fundraiser was approved for a yet to be determined date later this year. All profits will go into the General Fund Reserve Fund.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions, questions or concerns.

Thanks to Council and the entire congregation for your support!

God Bless You All ~**Dean Drake, Steward of Finance**

Pastor Brenda's Sabbatical, "What's Up For Faith Lutheran?"

If you have been reading your Faith Herald during the last couple months, you know that Pastor Brenda will be on sabbatical from June 15th until September 15th. You may be asking yourselves (or others) "who will be preaching and doing Pastoral Care during her absence? Who will be taking care of us?" Not to worry! Pastor Brenda and Rick Brown (our Steward of Worship) have put together a fantastic team to keep Faith Lutheran running smoothly!

We will be having Pastor Don Melchert, Pastor Mick Gray, and Pastor Doug Peterson taking great care of us! All three of them will be serving us in different but loving ways. Pastor Melchert and Pastor Gray will be preaching our Sunday services. Pastor Peterson and Pastor Gray will be taking care of all other Pastoral Care. That means that we will always be able to be in contact with one of our substitute Pastors and it will be great getting to know all of them better. In case you don't know these Pastors personally, here is a short introduction for you.

Pastor Melchert is an ELCA pastor who graduated in 1967 and has preached many times at Faith. In fact, he was our interim Pastor for five months back in 2009 and many of you know him well. He had retired from his church in Auburn, Washington back in 2004 Pastor Melchert had served in numerous churches in both Washington and Montana during his career. After retiring, he and his wife Pam moved to Missoula to be closer to their daughter and her family. Don and Pam stay very busy being # 1 grandparents, traveling, and Don is of course in high demand as a substitute pastor! He will provide the main coverage in the pulpit.

Pastor Mick Gray and his wife Charlotte live here in Corvallis and many of you know him well!

Pastor Gray recently retired from Corvallis United Methodist Church after serving as their pastor for the last 15 years. Two years ago he came to Faith Lutheran as a guest speaker and gave a wonderful narrative to us during Lent. He is a great speaker and he will be helping us cover some of the pulpit time and also will be available for emergency pastoral care.

Pastor Doug Peterson is a Pastor I know you all know well! Pastor Doug became an ELCA pastor in 1993 and had churches in Helena and also Enumclaw, Washington with Pastor Brenda. He is now the Pastor of Prince of Peace in Missoula and also Jocko Valley Lutheran in Arlee. That's two ELCA congregations at one time! On top of that, he is the Chaplain for Marcus Daly Hospice here in Hamilton. Pastor Doug will be available for emergency care as well as Pastor Gray during Pastor Brenda's sabbatical.

Our Faith's Caring Visitors will also continue regular care for our homebound with visits and at home Communion.

So, as you can see, Pastor Brenda and Rick Brown have really put a lot of thought and planning into Faith Lutheran's summer! We at Mutual Ministry appreciate all the services that are scheduled. Even though we will greatly miss Pastor Brenda during the summer we are also looking forward to our visiting Pastors and hope that our congregation welcomes them into our family.

Ann Damrow, Mutual Ministry Chair

Travel to Germany with Bishop Crist!



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

May 9-18, 2017

Cost: \$4,750

More information can be found in the Church Lobby!

Contact Brian Mathis of Peterson | Litts

At (406) 206-0550 or

brian@globaltravelalliance.com for more information.



Rest. Remember.

Bishop Jessica Crist

Brita Stendahl, in her book: *Sabbatical Reflections: The Ten Commandments in a New Day*, describes how a sabbatical influenced her understanding of Sabbath:

"For us the greatest and loveliest result of the sabbatical year was that it gave us our lives back. In small measure that is what the Sunday service is supposed to do every week. It gives us back the week for judgment and forgiveness. The purpose of worship is not to hear a sermon, to sing a hymn or two. It is something much larger: to come in contact with the world as it is and as we want it to be. Both, and at the same time. That's why it looks so silly to an outsider and observer who objects to the seemingly easy transition, not knowing that it is not easy at all. It is an ongoing process, Sunday after Sunday. It is not habit; it is discipline and discipleship. In one short hour to moan and to mourn and then to forget oneself and join with joy the others in a mock-up banquet reminding us of bread-hunger, wine-blood, life-death, and resurrection-the hope that defies despair. You don't do that in an hour—the hour becomes only a manifestation of what it takes a lifetime to realize."

Sabbath is a precious gift in our overprogrammed and over secularized society. Remember.

Words From the Bishop.....

Deepen faith and witness - Gratitude

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18)

Gratitude is a faith practice. Sometimes we think gratitude is simply saying "Thank you." My parents taught us to say "please" and "thank you." And we taught our children to say "please" and "thank you." Good manners are the foundation of a civil society, and we could all use a refresher course, especially in this political climate. Good manners are not the cure to all of society's ills-but they are a start.

Good manners involve reciprocity. You do something for someone else, and they do it for you. The "Golden Rule," which has parallels in almost every religious tradition, says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." (Luke 6:31) Just about everybody agrees that it is a common-sense moral guide, as universally applicable as "Do no harm." But Jesus, immediately after pronouncing "Do unto others as you would have them do to you," in Luke's Gospel, immediately goes way beyond it. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them." (v. 32).

Jesus goes beyond reciprocity and good manners, into deep commitment. And that is what gratitude is. It is far more than an automatic "thank you." Gratitude is a whole way of life that is learned. Gratitude is knowing that everything that we have and that everything we are comes from God. Gratitude is finding grace and the hand of God in everything we experience. Gratitude is what enabled Martin Rinkhart to write "Now Thank We All Our God," in the midst of an epidemic that took his wife and children. Gratitude is what made it possible for South Africans under the yoke of Apartheid to sing, "We are Marching in the Light."

Gratitude is not rosy optimism or shallow happiness. Gratitude embraces pain and sorrow, and sees God's love through it all. How many times have you heard someone say, "I would never have wanted this, but I have been so changed and so blessed throughout it." That is gratitude, born out of grief, born out of experience.

Gratitude is a response to love, to grace, to life. It is a way of life. It is thankfulness, generosity, trust and joy. There are no "buts" with gratitude. Gratitude is complete. In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians he writes: "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus." (I Corinthians 1: 4-5) His gratitude does not prevent him from admonishing them harshly immediately thereafter.

Gratitude is not a behavior. It is an orientation, an approach to life. It doesn't dull the senses or cloud the judgment. Rather it is an interpretive lens through which we view and experience all of life. It is extravagant, and it is counter-cultural. There is nothing rational about gratitude. In the end, it is a gift.

Henri Nouwen decided to leave his comfortable academic appointment and live among the poorest of the poor in Latin America. He went to help because he had so much to offer and they were in so much need. Instead he learned that these people whom he imagined had nothing were always giving to others, always grateful to others. Whatever they had they shared, and gratefully. He called his book *Gracias!*, because that's what he heard everywhere he went. "Gracias!" Not desperate, not pleading, but confident, joyous. **Gratitude. It is a faith practice.**

~Jessica Crist, Bishop

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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.



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

Faith Lutheran's representatives to the assembly will be Rod and Celeste Pogachar.

We will be focusing on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and offering many workshops. Because this is a Theological Conference, by Constitution, there will be limited business conducted.

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

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.



by
Clarice Brady



Charlotte Fullerton died recently in Washington state. Charlotte was seven years old when her parents, David and Clara Leicht, were among the charter signers for Faith Lutheran Church. The fledgling congregation was known then as American Lutheran. The Leicht family was active in the life and work of the church and Charlotte had wonderful memories of congregational picnics and Sunday School in the little alcoves of our former church home. Before leaving Hamilton, Charlotte worked with her husband in the family business, Fullerton Plumbing and Heating. In those years she cared deeply about Sunday School and youth ministry for her son Andy. Charlotte was the last living charter member of Faith. Donna Braun, member of the first confirmation class died a few years ago. Charlotte's younger sisters still live in the Hamilton area.

Marian Montgomery died at the Hospice Center earlier this month. Marian and husband Dick came here from the Midwest and purchased the Sundance Restaurant from its founders. They later sold it first to their daughter Paula and then son and daughter-in-law Jeff and Bonnie.

Granddaughter Helen and her husband are now at the helm. Marian was especially proud that the Sundance continues to remain in their family. At Faith, Marian and her sister Jere were active in all the women's activities. They were faithful to the SEARCH Bible study program and Marian served as a Small Group Leader for several sessions. She had a passion for beauty and decorating and for several years the Montgomery family skillfully adorned our church altar with gorgeous poinsettias and greens. Marian was proud of her family and loved to share with us information and stories about her grandchildren. Thank you Marian for your touch on so many of our lives.



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At Sapphire Lutheran Homes
501 N. 10th Street, Hamilton

Bring your lawn chair or blanket
Family Friendly

\$5 BBQ at 6PM
Free Concerts at 7PM


Call 406-363-2800
or go to sapphirelutheran.org
for more information

 **Friday, July 1st:** FREE Outdoor Concert **Red White, and BLUEGRASS:** Featuring Pinegrass followed by a fireworks display.

 **Friday, July 8th:** FREE Outdoor Concert: Featuring **Who Dat Band**

 **Friday, July 15th:** FREE Outdoor Concert: Featuring **Nashville 406**

 **Friday, July 22nd:** FREE Outdoor Concert: Featuring **Big Sky Mudflaps**

 **Wednesday, August 10th @ 6PM:** FREE PERFORMANCE
Shakespeare in the Parks A Comedy of Errors

Do you have questions about attending camp at FLBC this summer? Well, we've got answers!

1. The deadline for camp registration is NOT May 2nd. You can sign up for camp any time until a week before your camp starts. However, after May 2nd, it will cost \$25 more, and your favorite week may no longer be available.

2. The kind folks at Faith Lutheran church have raised plenty of money to send our kids to camp. We simply ask that you fill out a **matching campership form (attached, or found on the counter outside of the church office)** and return it to Celeste before you leave for camp. She will then notify the camp that Faith Lutheran Church will cover **half of the cost of registration (up to \$200)**, or more in needed (let us know). **Other discounts are available too.** Check the brochure, or the website. If you have been to camp before, bring a friend who has never been to camp and receive \$200 off your registration!

3. Your whole family can go to camp! Go for a week (July 3-8) or just a weekend (July 22-24), Labor Day Family Camp (Sept. 2-5). Or participate in the **Thrivent Memorial Day Work weekend for FREE!** Light work, includes sprucing up camp for summer visitors. Unless you're good with power tools....! Plenty of time for fun stuff too. A great introduction to camp life for those kids who may be a bit hesitant.

4. Weeklong camp onsite is for those kids entering 3rd grade through 9th grade. However, those kids entering 3rd grade may also go for a **partial week** (June 19-21, 22-24, or July 24-26, 27-29) **High school kids often go offsite** on adventure camps, such as sailing, rock climbing, rafting, biking, servant trips..... but may stay onsite as well.

5. Check out the camp brochure at www.flbc.net. There are many specialty camps for all ages (even grandparents with grandchildren): cooking, basketball, horseback riding, night camp, MAD (music, art, drama) and more. Also, there are a few brochures on the counter outside of the church office. And lastly, if you are not able to get up to the camp this summer, be sure to get a mini "camp fix" at **Faith's VBS, July 11-15.** A tremendous outreach for our community. Even big kids can participate as helpers! We are committed to helping as many kids as possible experience Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp's amazing outdoor ministry! Let us know how we can assist you in making that happen for your family!

Celeste Pogachar, Michelle Mendenhall, Anita Bell

With Gratitude:

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

A big thank you to all of you who helped make our Lenten project such a huge success. Thank you for donating items for the kits, for helping put the compete kits together, for helping with the lunch and for enjoying the lunch. 80 personal care kits were put together and shipped to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in MN. From there the kits will be sent to where they are needed. A big thank you goes to Merchants Delivery for shipping the kits and to Thrivent for the Action Team grant. ~Nancy Osborn



Kudos to Kitchen Heroes of the Spring!

Wow, have we had some awesome eats and table time at Faith this Spring! Huge thanks and praise to all our kitchen heroes of the Easter Breakfast and Bible Camp Brunch!!! Special high fives to Sandy and Dean Drake and their friend Terry Smith for championing the Easter Breakfast, to BC Brunch casserole cronies and helpers Anita Bell, Nancy Marks, Connie Satter, and Helen Volden, and fruit friends Sandy and Terry (again!), and to faithful diswashers and all-around awesome helpers the Reichart and Mendenall families--pitching in for BOTH events with good cheer! Lina Beyer and Donna Jakobson chipped in the yummiest quiche and ham & egg muffins, too!

Thank you **EVERYBODY** for making Faith warm and welcoming with food, fun, and fellowship! ~Pastor Brenda



May Birthdays

<i>Ainslee Carlson</i>	<i>May 1</i>
<i>Cliff Marks</i>	<i>May 1</i>
<i>Katie Exner</i>	<i>May 3</i>
<i>Nancy Osborn</i>	<i>May 3</i>
<i>Maxwell Buhler</i>	<i>May 4</i>
<i>William Heitmann</i>	<i>May 4</i>
<i>Anita Bell</i>	<i>May 5</i>
<i>Bob Mathison</i>	<i>May 5</i>
<i>Deidra Markette</i>	<i>May 6</i>
<i>Lavonne Beers</i>	<i>May 8</i>
<i>Greg Mitchell</i>	<i>May 8</i>
<i>Nancy Marks</i>	<i>May 9</i>
<i>Adam Senn (Deceased)</i>	<i>May 9</i>
<i>Doug Peterson</i>	<i>May 11</i>
<i>Nathan Brady</i>	<i>May 13</i>
<i>Whitney Melton</i>	<i>May 13</i>
<i>Danielle Harden</i>	<i>May 14</i>
<i>Morry Mitteness</i>	<i>May 15</i>
<i>Tracy Walczak</i>	<i>May 16</i>
<i>Tom Anderson</i>	<i>May 18</i>
<i>Judy Griffin</i>	<i>May 18</i>
<i>Donna Jakobson</i>	<i>May 18</i>
<i>Sage Beyer</i>	<i>May 22</i>
<i>Rohn Williamson</i>	<i>May 22</i>
<i>Darrin Heitmann</i>	<i>May 23</i>
<i>Bill Kindzerski</i>	<i>May 23</i>
<i>Lucas Brady</i>	<i>May 24</i>
<i>Dick Hoeben</i>	<i>May 28</i>
<i>Jace Whitlow</i>	<i>May 28</i>
<i>Jayden Whitlow</i>	<i>May 28</i>
<i>Pete Seifert</i>	<i>May 29</i>
<i>Walker Buhler</i>	<i>May 31</i>



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- 5/2 Deadline for Early Bird Discount @ FLBC
- 5/5 National Day of Prayer
- 5/15 Pentecost (**Wear Red to Worship!**)
- 5/17 Faith Herald Deadline
- 5/23 FLC Council Meeting
- 5/26 Great Big Folding Party
- 5/27-30 FLBC Memorial Day Work Retreat

