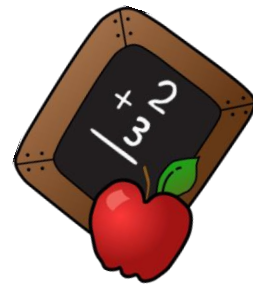




September 2016

FAITH HERALD



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SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

A Note from Helen:

We hope you all have had a restful and blessed summer. However, our hearts and prayers go out to all those evacuated and to those that lost their homes in the Roaring Lion fire. And to our local fire fighters, RC Sheriff's Department - you are beyond amazing, so appreciated and we are all so grateful for ALL you do!

Many of you have heard about the Robert and Rachel Gerloff Memorial Endowment Fund. Your Council has had considerable discussions and research on this, much with the ELCA Foundation headquarters. I would like to share with you the summary of the results of this research:

~ The Gerloff Endowment agreement was created in 2009 at the ELCA Foundation but it was not funded until Mr. Gerloff's death in 2012.

~ The Fund is managed and controlled by the ELCA Foundation.

~ Yearly distributions are disbursed by the Fund to 5 ministries: Luther Seminary (using for scholarships), Faith Lutheran Church (youth and music ministries), Concordia (music scholarships), Pacific Lutheran University (music scholarships), Flathead Bible Camp.

~ Faith Lutheran Church is to receive \$15,000 per year from the Fund. FLC received \$60,000 from the Fund on May 6th of this year which represented payments from 2013-2016.

~ In February, 2017 and for the next 25 years, as long as the funds are available, FLC will receive a check for \$15,000.

~ After 25 years, any funds that are available will be distributed in equal shares to the 5 ministries.

~ Regarding the yearly distribution of \$15,000 to FLC:

- These funds are designated to be used to supplement the youth and music ministries of the congregation.
- There are no strings or stipulations other than the above. All or part of the yearly distribution can be used yearly for the youth and music ministries or a portion may be set aside for future use if the FLC Council so desires.
- Funds received by FLC are not meant to be directed to the FLC's Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is managed by the ELCA Foundation and as stated, FLC is one of the 5 "income beneficiaries". It will be beneficial that the new up-dated and active FLC Endowment Committee be a part of the process as they submit their recommendations for Council approval.

We are planning FLC's 65th anniversary this fall. A date will be forthcoming soon. At this time, the memory of the Gerloffs will be honored. Please come and share your stories, and memories of Bob and Rachel.

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And there is more good news to share:

Claudia Williams, Steward of Discipleship and her committee have been diligently planning/meeting, in fulfilling their goal of Sunday School beginning this fall - beginning with the primary grades. As of this printing, more staff and aides will be needed. If you can assist in any way, please get in touch with Claudia. (370-0615, or 363-5754).

Also, FLC will be honoring the 'first responders' (firemen, police, sheriff dept. etc) on the 15th anniversary of 9/11, on that Sunday September 11, with a special worship service at 9:30am followed by a BBQ at 11am. We thank Nathan, Celeste, Judy G. and others that have been in the process of planning this event. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this special time to honor these special folks in our community and elsewhere.

It has been a busy summer here at Faith, and we have much to be thankful for! We truly believe as our mission statement reads, Faith is a family of God built on love: worshiping, welcoming, and serving in Christ's name.

We are looking forward to Pastor Brenda's return the middle of September.

Blessings to each of you,

Helen Volden--Convener



ELCA Church-wide Assembly Report

Submitted by Ben Peterson

New Orleans is a beautiful city, and I'm glad that I went to the ELCA's church wide assembly, but I'd be lying if I said that I wasn't glad to be back home. There was a lot on the docket for us down in the Big Easy, but I think we did a pretty good job.

We adopted a new budget, most of which is dedicated to the current church-wide goal of donating 198 million dollars over the course of five years to hunger across the globe. We also voted overwhelmingly to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery that the church adopted in the Age of Colonialism, and to enact the AMMPARO project (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities), which involves providing a suitable environment for South American migrants. Additionally, we voted on environmental reforms regarding investments the church makes, which will provide an alternative investment plan that doesn't involve investments in fossil fuels.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate William Horne from St. Paul Lutheran in Clearwater Florida for being elected to the office of Vice President, and will serve there for the next six years.



Faith Lutheran Awards over \$2,000 in FLBC Camperships:

This summer 13 of our youth and 2 adults attended Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Ten of those campers received matching camperships, and one received a full scholarship. Nearly \$2,312.50 in matching funds was awarded. By all accounts, these kids had awesome spiritual adventures on the shores of Flathead Lake. Any of them would be delighted to tell you about it; just ask one! Thanks for your generosity, Faith Lutheran Church!



FLBC News & Notes

Upcoming Events

September 2- 5:

**(Lunch, Saturday – Lunch, Monday)
Labor Day Family Camp**

Kids Ask the Darndest Questions!

What parent hasn't faced their child coming to them asking a question about God or faith that they just didn't know how to handle? In our time together we will develop a top ten list of such questions and then work at finding a way to answer them. In the process we may laugh, cry, disagree, or find that some of our own faith questions have been answered as well! While Pastor Schmidt leads the adults, there will be great activities for all ages of children. Fun, swimming, stand-up paddle boarding, sailing, kids' sessions, family time, campfires, s'mores and much more will be enjoyed this weekend!

Steve Schmidt serves as lead pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman, MT.

Cost:

**\$175 for adults and children ages 13+ | \$135 for children 7-12 | \$115 for children 2-6
\$590 maximum cost per nuclear family (e.g. mom, dad, kids)**

If you would like to arrive Friday night for dinner and have Saturday breakfast, too, with minimal activities, please add \$15 per person.

October 7-8, 2016

Delegate Retreat & Annual Meeting:

Delegate retreat starts with dinner Friday and goes through Saturday 2pm.
Annual meeting will be held at 1pm on Saturday.

- **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.



Starting on September 18th, Worship will begin at 9:00am, followed by Sunday School at 10:15am

NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

September 18, 2016, 9am

Invite a friend to Church...

- ✓ Who do you know who could use a lift?
- ✓ Worship @ 9:00
- ✓ COMFY pews!
- ✓ Kid-friendly worship
- ✓ Friendly faces, and warm greetings
- ✓ Uplifting music
- ✓ Best cookies and coffee in town!



Acolytes to Be Trained and Recognized at Worship on Sept. 18th

Acolytes, please plan on attending worship at 9am on September 18th, when your service to our church will be recognized. After church, please stay for training, or a refresher of your duties, and an “Aco-light” brunch! Not yet an acolyte? If you are in 3rd grade or older and wish to become an acolyte, please see Celeste Pogachar.

Worship Assistant Training and Refresher Course Sunday, September 25th

Lectors, Ushers, Assisting Ministers, Communion Assistants, we will gather at 10:30am on Sunday, September 25th for a brief training of our duties. If you are not able to join us that morning but would like copies of the handouts, please contact Celeste.

Not yet a worship assistant? Please consider volunteering for this very important part of our worship; time commitment is minimal. Again, Celeste would love to visit with you about the possibilities :-)



Don't forget to look for Faith online

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



You're Cordially Invited! 9/11 Remembrance and First Responder Appreciation September 11th, 2016

On the 15th anniversary of September 11th, we are remembering the victims and showing support for our local first responders.

Worship Service: 9:30 am

Barbecue 11:00 am

Can you help with set-up or donate food?

Please contact the Church Office (363-2964) or Judy Wilson (363-3490)



Faith Lutheran's Youth Group will Begin Soon!!!
Please see upcoming bulletins for more information.

Confirmation 2016/2017 is Here!!

Here are a few dates to remember:

Wednesday, September 21, 6:30-8:00pm, Confirmation Parent Orientation. This gathering is for PARENTS ONLY to review the curriculum, materials, and goals; talk about how you can help your kids—and each other—succeed; and take care of logistics like food; set-up and take-down; grub and games nights; and communication (phone, text, facebook?).

Wednesday, September 28, 6:30-8pm, Confirmation Kick-off. For all Middle Schoolers and Parents. Pizza, ice-breakers, team building, group covenants, and course overview.



Download Luther's Small Catechism for Free!



A helpful tool whether you are in confirmation this fall, or have forgotten all those things you learned in confirmation so long ago!

“With New Voices – the Small Catechism in the 21st Century”, is a toolkit and website with suggestions and resources for the 500th anniversary of the reformation. Both will be updated throughout the coming year as new resources become available. For example, a **free catechism app for mobile devices is available from Augsburg Fortress**, as well as a Midweek Lenten Series based on the Small Catechism is available in the Reformation 500 Sourcebook (reformation500.augsburgfortress.org).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



FLC Scandinavian Dinner 2017

Come and enjoy a little Lutefisk and conversation with your friends.

January 28th 2017



Hamilton CROP Hunger Walk



October 30th, 2016
@ 2pm



FAITH
IN ACTION

Emergency Assistance Update

There has been no new assists since the last report, so the total assists for the year remains at 5.

Thank you, Family of Faith, for your love and care for those who are in need of help. ~Nancy Osborn

- The ladies from the FLC Quilting Group donated 15 of their quilts to the American Red Cross for disaster relief.
- For the VBS 2016 caring project the kids put together over 55 back to school kits, which will be sent to Lutheran World Relief to help under privileged children around the world receive an education.



FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS FOR ALL!

Starting in September at Cornerstone Bible Church

280 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton, MT

Mon, Tues, & Thurs evenings, serving 5:30- 6:30 pm

Everyone welcome!

Help Out! Contact Judy Griffin, Steward of Outreach, to volunteer: 406.961.4390 or idclairus@yahoo.com. Faith serves on fourth Tuesdays every month.

Provided by area Churches & Community Groups in cooperation with Family Shelter of the Bitterroot, Inc.



Can't resist those great sales on school supplies? Is going to yard and garage sales one of your weekend activities? Can you find good deals? Help out Faith's Operation Christmas Child packing party by looking for Beanie Babies or other small stuff toys that are clean and in good condition for the Shoeboxes. Donations of such items are greatly appreciated!

Operation Christmas Child

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me" (Matthew 19:14) and "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19). We can help to bring children to Jesus and make them His disciples when we fill a shoebox with gifts of love and the message of Jesus.



Operation Christmas Child (OCC) delivers these shoeboxes in over 140 nations around the world introducing children to God's love through our generosity and the gospel message that is provided with the shoebox. Faith Lutheran has participated in the OCC shoebox program for years. The last 5 years we have had a Packing Party to pack around 100 shoeboxes each year. Last year was our greatest with 142 boxes. **The party is tentatively set for November 6th this year.**

Items we still need to fill 100 boxes at the Faith Packing Party in November are:

- Bars of Soap (50 more), Toothpaste
- Hairbrushes and Combs (boys and girls)
- Coloring books, activity books
- Toys suitable for boys and girls from ages 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14
- Boxes of Crayons (25 more), Colored pencils, markers
- Clothing like T-shirts, simple dresses, shorts, flip flops
- For older kids: sewing kits, tools, flashlights, small board games, cards
- Many more ideas are on a sheet that can be picked up at the church
- Music makers
- Balls – soccer balls are popular
- Soft, fuzzy, plush toys and/or dolls

Now is a good time to check local sales for items. Or, if you are in Missoula, Walmart and the Dollar Tree often have good buys. If you are a crafty you could make bracelets, necklaces, key chains, cloth shoulder bags to carry things in, pillowcase dresses (patterns on the internet), knit/crochet toys/dolls, - the ideas are endless. Sharing handmade items is a true expression of love!

Your donations are greatly appreciated and serve as an act of discipleship that reaches around the world. Donating a little of your time is appreciated too. Helping fill the boxes at the Packing Party is just as important as providing items for the boxes! Please plan to attend...it's fun for all ages and is fellowship with a purpose!



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE



2nd & 4th Tuesdays
(Sept.-May)
9:15-11:30am
Bitterroot Calvary Chapel
700 N. 4th Street
Hamilton, MT 59840
(406) 363-3431
facebook.com/groups/
HamiltonMOPS
Come Join Us!

How Can Our Congregation Support the Local Schools?

One small way each of us can help is to collect labels from many of the products we use every day. Please read below to see if you can contribute to this worthy cause!

- **Boxtops for Education-** Look for this logo on many household products. Careful! They do have an expiration dates.
- **Labels for Education-** Look for this logo on household products.



Clip the coupon (or save the cap) and give your box tops, or labels, to your favorite student (or Celeste) to deliver to school.

- **My Coke Rewards-** Go to mycokerewards.com to register and find out how the program works. Several area schools are participating in this program.



ATTENTION KIDS! SUNDAY SCHOOL IS STARTING SOON! For kids 3 years of age thru 5th grade.

This year the 3-6 year olds will start the third year using the Spark Story Bible. We will learn about some of the sayings of Jesus, some parables, and about the early believers. Our first class will be about following Jesus.

Since Sunday School will take place after church we will have more time for the Bible stories, projects, music and other activities. It will be an exciting year.

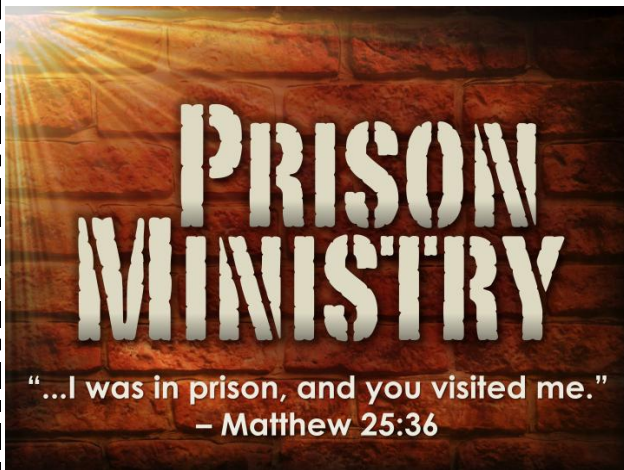
**Sunday School will begin on September 18 at 10:15am
and we look forward to seeing all of you.**

God be with our college students as they head back to school:



Kyle Borgen (U of M), Katie Exner (MSU)
Maddison Duchshere (Western WA), Lauren Lawry (U of M)
Seth Mason (UM Western), Kelby Grotbo (MSU)
Beth Bitterman (U of M)
Emily Heitman (MSU)
Hannah Peterson (PLU)
KaSondra Grymes (Bitterroot College)





Kogudus Retreat at Woman's Prison September 23rd-25th

Jesus was drawn to people who were sick, oppressed, poor, and rejected by others. As his followers we are called to carry on his ministry to the least, the last, and the lost...the marginalized, those our society generally despises or would like to ignore. Those who are serving time in prison fit that description; and, yet, when we Christians on the outside dare to spend time with them at a retreat we find that our common bond in Christ creates inspiration and encouragement for all of us. Kogudus Renewal Ministry has been offering retreats at Montana Women's Prison in Billings since 2011. The next

one is called "Lament & Laughter" and is scheduled for September 23-25, 2016. **If you are interested in serving on the team, please contact Rev. Greg Karlsgodt, Executive Director, at 544-1699 or gk@kogudus.org.** Celeste Pogachar is planning to attend and is also available for information.

Marriage Enhancement Weekend-September 23-25

A Marriage enhancement excursion, called Retrouvaille, will be held September 23 to 25 at the Billings Hotel & Convention Center in Billings, MT.

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way?



Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website: www.retrouvailleMT.org or HelpOurMarriage.com.



Appleton, Wisconsin • Minneapolis, Minnesota

Meet Thrivent's Bitterroot Financial Representative -

Julie Kieckbusch Jones can help answer questions about Thrivent Choice Dollars and Thrivent Action Teams. Julie usually spends one day each week working in the Bitterroot valley. She has lived in western Montana for over thirty years. Julie and her husband, Dean, have three grown children and they enjoy spending time on the rivers, in the mountains, on the golf course and the ski hills. Contact Julie at 728-9255 or Julie.KieckbuschJones@thrivent.com.



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, Ethel Warwick, Morry & Ann Mitteness, Bob Maker, Clara Felton, Elsie Jean Buckner, Virginia Rotering, LaVonne & Les Beers, Carl Swanson, Pat Berglund, Bob Mathison, Larry & Mabel Pyle, Doris Koch, and Ellen Schilke.

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Happy Anniversary, Heather!

It has been one year since Heather Wintergerst joined the office staff at Faith. She makes us all seem so organized, and we are so blessed to have her. She's a keeper! ~Celeste

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July Council Highlights

The Council and several Guests heard news of the potential shortfall of finances to cover approved church expenses. Several expressed ideas and suggestions to consider to help with the projected loss.

Sunday School will start on September 18th following the church service. A decision was made to have Sunday school following the service versus as was done this past year, during normal worship time. The Sunday School Committee is asking for volunteers to teach or team teach for the already purchased curriculum.

The plan is to have the church building re-stained before the snow flies. It has been six years since the building was last stained and is in need.

~ *Mark Grotho, Steward of Communications*

The FLC Garage Sale held on June 25th was a very big success!

In addition to the funds raised by this event (\$1,260.65 for the General Fund Reserve and \$93 for youth activities) the team had a great time working together and getting to know each other better.

We had tremendous support from the FLC Congregation. From those that donated items, to those that setup, priced, and worked the actual sale, I want to express my sincere thanks!!

While I can't individually thank those that donated to the sale, I do have a list of volunteers that gave their time to make this a success. In no particular order (and please forgive me if I leave someone off!), I want to send a big THANK YOU to the following volunteers that directly worked the sale:

1. Ron and Nancy Osborn
2. Connie Satter
3. Deb Cathey
4. Clairice Brady
5. Jennifer Murillo
6. Chad Farrenburg
7. Lea Nordstrom
8. Sally Porter

9. Helen Volden
10. John Trangmoe
11. Samantha Fife
12. Terry Smith
13. Sandy Drake
14. Ross and Ann Damrow
15. Alberta Henderson
16. Bertie Senn



A special thanks to "Habitat for Humanity" for accepting many of the donations that did not sell and to Dan and Vicki White for picking up the remaining donations and delivering them to local non-profits.

FLC is truly blessed with a wonderful Congregation!

Thanks again to you all!! ~*Dean Drake, Steward of Finance*

Welcome Back Pastor Brenda!

On September 18th Pastor Brenda will return from her 3 month Sabbatical. She is looking forward to returning to Faith Lutheran, and we are looking forward to having her back. Please stop by and say hi to Pastor Brenda and let her know how much she has been missed.





With Gratitude

Dear Friends at Faith,
Thanks for what you have done for the ministry of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. We appreciate you, and thank you for your love and care for this ministry that helps children of all ages grow in love and faith.
Thanks so much for your wonderful care and support! Summer is wonderful and it's great to hear the faith growing fun stories from campers. We are praying for a wonderful day camp for you.
God Be With You

Margie Fiedlen

Faith Lutheran Bible Camp



Dear Faith Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for the support throughout my college years. The scholarships from the church have helped me immensely and I cannot thank you enough!

Thanks,
Seth Mason



Thank you to all for your prayers, cards, presents, and love given to me and my family during John's death and beyond. Again Thank You.

God is Good.

Elaine Wasem

Former Member of FLC



Thank You Charley Larson for always sharing your garden goodies. They are delicious.



Faith Hosts Another Successful Vacation Bible School!

Four awesome VBS counselors and 68 campers and teenage helpers rocked the church during VBS the week of July 11-15. We had so much fun playing games (and playing in the water!), leaning bible verses, worshipping, praying, singing..... Special thanks to Judy Wilson and her amazing kitchen crew (Sandy Drake, Bonnie Savory, Judy Griffin, Terry Smith) for

preparing fabulous snacks and lunches. Our craft queen, Linda Beyer, Vicky Mahon, and their crew, helped the kids create some really cool crafts. Ericka Dowd led a delightful preschool team (Connie Satter, Victoria Moore, Jennifer Murillo) in creative activities for our preschoolers. Also thanks to Masons, Mendenalls & Satrum/Petersons, Marks (housing and feeding counselors), Heather (daily newsletters), Laura Reichart (Como BBQ), KaSondra Grymes (registration), and many others who dropped in to help. The list goes on and on..... There are so many others who donated money, food, time, talents. Through our offering, we also collected enough school supplies to create 65 school kits for Lutheran World Relief (our goal was 50)! Thanks to those who sewed the bags. Thank you, congregation of Faith Lutheran Church, for collectively contributing to this amazing outreach in our community!

Faith Lutheran Quilters Have Been Busy!

In August, our quilters donated 2 quilts for the campers' bunks at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, and 15 quilts to the Red Cross to aid those who had been displaced from their homes during the Roaring Lion Fires.

Thank you so much, generous quilters!



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September Birthdays

Gladys Simonds	9/1
Teri Beyer	9/3
Tanner Hanson	9/3
Vicki White	9/7
Ann Damrow	9/8
Finn Dufresne	9/8
Jewell Steele	9/8
Robert Steinhoff	9/12
Mable Pyle	9/13
Barbara Heitmann	9/17
Emma Mitchell	9/18
John Trangmoe	9/18
Heather Kilwein	9/19
Eric Larson	9/20
Daniel Li	9/20
Beth Bitterman	9/21
Kathy Owings	9/21
Jack Davis	9/22
Kylie Davis	9/24
Carolyn Larsen	9/25
Jim Owings	9/25
Quinn Larson	9/26
Rylee Auch	9/27
Wanda Huddleson	9/29



Introducing the New FLC Logo



Thank You Michelle Mendenall
for your wonderful work.

Greetings From the Li Family

Joy Li writes to say that her family has purchased a house and are getting settled in to their new lives in Pennsylvania.

Their address is 10 Broad Leaf Trail, Malvern, PA 19355

She writes, "We miss Faith church and the people. Please let church people know that everyone is welcome to stay with us. If someone would like to visit or happen to be in the Philly area, they can contact me and they are welcome to stay with us."

We miss you too, Joy, and Yimu and the boys as well. We miss Daniel and Christopher acolyting, listening to them play the piano at worship, and participating in the annual Kids' Christmas Worship.

~~Celeste



Faith Endowment Fund

Quarterly Report

Second Quarter Financials

Faith Endowment Fund

(1) CD.....\$1,888.20 (2) CD.....\$7,951.68 (3) Savings.....\$248.39

Endowment Committee Members:

Dirk Beyer, Carol Mitchell, Jenn Dunn, Amber Richardson,
John Trangmoe (Chair)



IN LOVING MEMORY

By Clairice Brady



Mary Sander Lewis let go of her earthly life and took Jesus' hand in early July. Mary had lived the last four years at Discovery Care Centre in the loving care of the Alzheimer's unit. The last time I saw her, though she didn't respond to my voice, I still saw my good friend in her eyes.

Mary and her family joined Faith the same day we did in 1972 and we have cherished her friendship all these years. We hadn't known her family long when their son Ronnie was killed in a car crash at Bear Mouth on the highway to Helena. That was so devastating to her and in a visit with daughter Judy we agreed she probably never recovered from that terrible grief.

At Faith Mary was an avid giver of time and resources. She and Bryce Satter's mother Arlene worked hard on Faith's first public Scandinavian Dinner – the only one held at the Catholic Parish Center. She captained one of the first counting teams established by Bob Gerloff and continued that service for many years. Mary was a member of Mary Martha Circle – they were the ones who always cleaned the kitchen in the old church on work days and then served all the workers a hearty lunch. For many years that Circle served a Thanksgiving Dinner for their spouses and invited staff as well. They provided candy canes to children after the Sunday School program. Mary served a long time as their chairperson.

Mary was steadfast and loyal and always a lady. She had a smile that lit up a room and I so wish all of you could have known her.

Dear Jerry, we grieve with you and many of us will always miss your dear Mary.

Doris Englund was a Montana native who grew up on the Hi-line. She and Al and their family are among long-time Bitterrooters, and she worked for the Penney's store here for 20 years or more. Three children, several grand children as well as great and great-great grandchildren survive them. Family was important to Doris and she loved cooking and baking for them. Family gathered often at the Englund home on Mill Street.

Doris and Bertie Senn were next door neighbors and best friends for many, many years. They came to church together and always sat together in the back row. Hardly a day went by that they didn't have a chat in the front yard, have coffee together or take a walk around the neighborhood. Their friendship was so special.

Doris could often be found in the church kitchen. She was always 'wiping up' and a willing volunteer wherever she was needed. She and Bertie always worked together making salad for the Scandinavian Dinner.

Doris was missed at worship when she could no longer attend and was a cheerful 'light' while she was in Hospice, and then released to Discovery Care Centre. Bertie visited her most days and they had wonderful times looking back over the years when Doris could remember. We grieve with her family and we grieve with you Bertie. Doris will live on in our hearts too.



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IN LOVING MEMORY

By Clairice Brady

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John Wasem would have celebrated his 97th birthday this coming November 15. John was a New Yorker who came to Montana when he retired, via a career in California. After his service in the Navy, he worked 40 years as an aircraft engineer. He had great stories to tell about working on the cruise missile and other covert plane designs. He built his own homes as well. And . . . every screw, nut and bolt in his garage was categorized and listed on his computer.

John and his wife Elaine were married after their children were grown and they took their honeymoon on motorcycles. They were avid riders and sightseers and could both tell great stories about those special times.

At Faith, John's craftsmanship still enhances our worship. Some of those special items include the procession cross and the passion candle stand. He built things to last and was never satisfied until his craftsmanship was perfect.

He was a faithful friend and one who enjoyed fellowship. As his hearing and his sight diminished, John could enjoy a night of games just being with people and trusting they were having fun.

John's last years were spent at Discovery Care Centre where John enjoyed every visitor who stopped by, always gracious as long as he could. All of us who knew and loved John are better for having known him and he will be missed.

Calling All Volunteers!! CARPENTERS for CHRIST Serving Ravalli County

Carpenters for Christ is currently looking for volunteers! Their mission is to help Senior Citizens,

single parent families, low income families and the handicapped through a wide variety of construction services. Currently Carpenters provides all of their labor for free and ask those receiving their services to only pay for materials. Membership is strictly voluntary, with no age limit, and no dues are charged. Members do not have to be carpenters, just willing to help.

The economic collapse several years ago caused the Carpenters to lose all funding, requiring them to operate on a donation basis. Thankfully the LORD has continued to supply adequate funding, and no one has been refused services. Carpenters for Christ currently has 7 members, with 5 active at this time. Age and health has dwindled their roster and threatens to disrupt their mission, so they are in desperate need of volunteers. This organization needs some younger help especially. Can you donate a half day here and there for projects?



Current Officers for Carpenters for Christ are;

Patrick Erskine president ph 369-2636

Franz Erskine Vice President/Treasurer ph 240-3055

Special skills are not required, but appreciated. If you feel that you can help, please contact officers above for further info or to volunteer. Thank You.

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- 9/5 Labor Day! (FLC Office Closed)
- 9/11 First Responder and 9/11 Observance Service & BBQ
- 9/18 Back To Church Sunday (**New Service Time: 9am**)
- 9/18 Sunday School Begins
- 9/28 FLC Confirmation Kick-Off



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