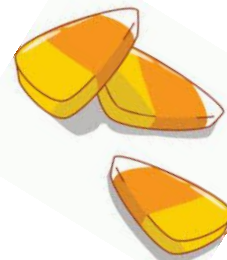


October 2016



FAITH HERALD



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9:00 am- 1:00pm
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I look out the window of my Lincoln City beachside room two days before returning to Montana and my work at Faith. One after another, waves curl into churning foam—a ceaseless, thundering fringe that hems the Pacific. Captivated by the moving peaks of the sea, I imagine the peaks of the Bitterroots to which we'll soon return. It's time.

Thank you, Friends of Faith, for Sabbath time. What a precious gift: three months without deadlines or the daily pressure of work! In this moment, I feel refreshed and reconnected with God and self, with husband and family, with the hopes and passions that drew me into pastoring and led me to you. You've been busy! Y'all ran another awesome VBS; supported Bonnie Savory, the Holmlund family and others through grief; worked through questions around the Gerloff gift; kicked off the Larson Habitat Build; and honored our first responders. And that's just what I could see from afar! Now we're starting a choir for kiddos, an adult Bible study, a new worship time and Sunday School. Confirmation and Youth Group are waking up. WOW!!! ☺ WELL DONE!!! This Fall's gonna be awesome!

And here's what I've been up to:

The Daring Way for Faith Leaders back in June (remember June?) offered me the chance to bring some dark moments from ministry into the light of conversation and response from others. It helped uncover some of the roots of my toughest challenges in life and work and continue their healing I plan to continue this work and hope one day to facilitate it locally.

Intermittent time at home in 'The Root' allowed for cycling, gardening, hiking, visiting local congregations, forming an accountability group and deepening friendships outside our congregation. I managed to draft four of the seven weeks of a shorter, sweeter version of the *Experiencing God* Bible study many of us worked through five years ago for use (I hope!) this winter, and reconnected with several writers who make my heart of faith sing (Brennan Manning and Erwin McManus chief among them), AND participated in a transformative Bible Study (by local author Barb Raveling) via a Facebook group. Time at FLBC and PLU reconnected me with those powerful places for growth and learning.

Time intentionally companioning friends (one following her husband's suicide, another in recovery from satanic ritual abuse) was, as always, life-giving for me. The reality of tragic grief and the trauma intentionally inflicted by abusers is horrific and overwhelming. Yet the honor of accompanying real, deep, focused, difficult recovery work and the privilege of being present to one person's healing for a focused time is one of the deepest joys of my life. Thank you for your support and your prayers, Faith!

What now? We settle in to work together and see what sprouts from sabbatical seeds planted among us! Above all, Friends of Faith, we'll give thanks for good gifts given and coming to harvest this fall and always. God is good! ALL the time! And I'm so glad to be back among you!

~Pastor Brenda

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OCTOBER

Youth Page

2016

🎃 Wed 5 – Youth Group 7pm @FLC (Faith Lutheran Church)

🎃 Wed 12 – Youth Sunday Planning 7pm @FLC

🎃 Sun 16 – Youth Sunday 8:15am @FLC

🎃 Wed 19 – Youth Group 7pm @FLC

🎃 Wed 26 – Youth Group 7pm @SPE (Saint Paul's Episcopal)

🎃 Mon 31 – Youth Hosted Candy and Cocoa 4-10pm @SPE

NOVEMBER

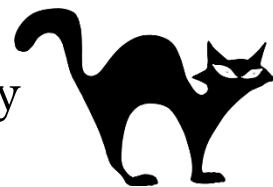
🎃 Wed 2 – Grub and Games! BOWLING 6:30PM @Bitterroot Valley Lanes

HALLOWEEN Volunteer Opportunity

St. Paul's will again be hosting a candy and cocoa stop for families on

Halloween this year! They need help

from our Youth Group! Sign up for your shift at Youth Group. Don't forget your costume!



*Samantha Fife-Faith Lutheran Youth Director
406.370.8025 fifedrive1@gmail.com,*

*Alana Cruse-St. Paul's Episcopal Youth Minister
406.381.3534 ashortcruse@gmail.com*



Opportunity to go on a mission trip to Nicaragua

December 4-11, 2016 ; January 1-8, 2017 ;

January 9-16, 2017 ; February 4-11, 2017

Please consider volunteering at one of Corner of Love's medical clinics in North Nicaragua. No medical experience is needed, there are jobs for everyone - like helping count pills, sort clothes, fill goodie bags, etc. Doctors, dentists, and nurses, are always needed, but everyone is welcome to serve. All trips are one week. Youth and kids welcome! God is good! Come serve in Nicaragua!



FLBC News & Notes

Upcoming Events

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.

November 11-13, 2016 (9th & 10th optional)

Crazy About Quilting Retreat

Open to All



Whether you are brand new to quilting and have always wanted to learn, or if you are an advanced quilter – this retreat is for you! Retreat includes lots of time for quilting, along with great food, worship, massages, hiking and fun! All adults 18+ are welcome; teenagers must be accompanied by an adult. Sorry, childcare is not provided. Prices include meals, tables, snacks, programming and activities. Massages are extra.

Cost: Wednesday—Sunday \$220 Thursday—Sunday \$185 Friday—Sunday \$120 Commuter \$50/Day

FLBC Wish List

Pontoon Boat, Motor Boats, Reliable Vehicles (cars, vans, and trucks), Bird, Insect, and Plant, Identification Books, Montana Nature Items & Posters, Chainsaws, Riding Lawn Mower, Volunteers to paint, clean, and do dishes for Fall & Winter Retreats

THANK YOU to everyone who has donated items to camp! Your donation is tax deductible.

Contact the Camp Office with

any questions: 406.752.6602

Office@flbc.net

Camp representatives will be traveling to camp on October 7th, and will be glad to transport any items you wish to donate!

- **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.



Faith's Worship Rhythm

- 10/3 Celebration of Grace
- 10/9 Traditional Liturgy
- 10/16 Praise Service
- 10/22 Traditional Liturgy
- 10/30 Reformation Hymn Service

Consecration Sunday

October 16

Worship at 9am

Celebration Luncheon following

*Who then will offer willingly,
consecrating themselves today to the Lord?*

King David, 1 Chronicles 28: 5b



Please plan now to be in worship and stay for a catered Celebration Luncheon on October 16! Consecration Sunday is our congregation's effort to understand and practice the stewardship of our whole lives as God intends. We offer ourselves and our money NOT because the church needs what we have, but because WE need to give.

No one will be put on the spot. No one will be embarrassed. *Everyone* will be invited to grow as God calls. See you there!

—the FLC Church Council

Re-FORMing Faith

Sunday, October 30

We'll warm up for the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation starting THIS Sunday!

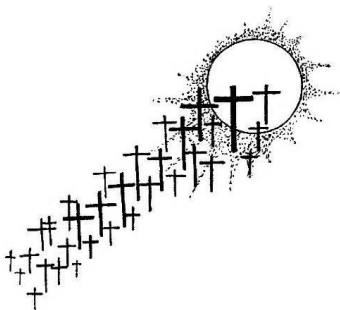
Please wear red as we remember the courage of those who risked their lives to know and share the Good News of God's love and life for all, and wonder how God is moving and changing the church TODAY. We stand on a firm foundation in excellent company!



Remembering Our Saints

9am, Sunday, November 2

Celebrate our new saints (those baptized into the life of Christ) and those who've passed on in worship. We'll toll a bell and process with flowers for those who've died in the past year and light candles in honor of all those who've ever loved us well and gone home to God. Please turn in a Response Card at worship or email the office with the name/s of those who've passed this year, so that we can list them and provide a flower.



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Save the date: The Scandinavian Dinner will be January 28th!!

It's almost lutefisk and lefse time ☺

Can you help? Please contact Judy Wilson, 369-3490

Uff da!



Lutefisk!



FAITH IN ACTION

Emergency Assistance Update

There have 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



Family Shelter
of the
Bitterroot, Inc.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS FOR ALL!

at Cornerstone Bible Church
280 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton, MT

Everyone welcome!

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

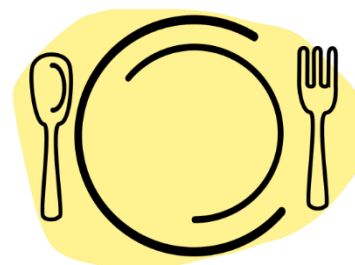
Cornerstone Bible Church
280 Fairgrounds Rd., Hamilton
5:30 pm-6:30 pm

Wednesdays

Hamilton Assembly of God Church
601 West Main St., Hamilton
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Fridays

St. Francis Catholic Church
411 South 5th St., Hamilton
5:30 pm -6:30 pm

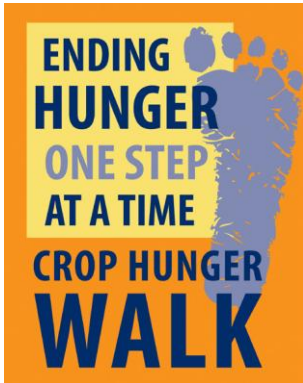


Help Out! Contact Judy Griffin, Steward of Outreach, to volunteer: 406.961.4390 or idclairus@yahoo.com. **Faith serves on fourth Tuesdays every month.**

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



2016 Hamilton Area CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 30th, 2pm



CWS (Church World Service) fights hunger – and you can too!

Did you know that malnutrition is an underlying cause of death for 3.5 million children each year? That's about one-third of all child deaths in the world. Factors contributing to this malnutrition are many – drought and disasters that decimate crops, lack of clean water, poor sanitation and hygiene, and rising food prices, to name a few. But you can help by participating in a Crop Hunger Walk. The walk is symbolic as hungry people in developing countries typically walk as many as six miles a day to get food, water and fuel, and to take their goods to market.

The Walk is a once a year fundraiser for CWS. Be a walker and recruit others to sponsor you. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised will remain in our local community and be given to Haven House.

The 2016 Hamilton area CROP Hunger Walk will take place in Hamilton at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 30. Rich Johnson of Corvallis United Methodist Church is the local coordinator for this event. He can be reached at 363-5070

You're Invited To: A Party with A Purpose!



That's right it's a party to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child on November 6th. These simple shoebox gifts have changed lives and bought hope to children and families around the world. But, it takes you and me to make it possible. The Faith Lutheran Packing Party is one way we all can change lives and give children and families an opportunity to know our gracious God.

This is a party for everyone...not just kids and parents. There is something for everyone to do – fold boxes, pack a box, help a child pack a box, help with filling out the "All About Me" forms or Christmas card, taping labels on the boxes, helping re-pack items so they fit, securing boxes with rubber bands, saying a prayer for the child receiving the box, and joining the fun and fellowship of the Faith family working together. Please come and help out regardless of your age...be that inner child!



There are ways to help before the party. There are still some items needed for the packing party. Some of these are toothpaste, soap, wash clothes, note pads (Steno Size fits better in boxes), small plush/stuffed animals, dolls, trucks, basically toys and fun things girls and boys might enjoy. You can pick up a list of suggested items for shoeboxes from the OCC table in the lobby of the church or ask Linda Beyer. Monetary donations are welcome as well. It costs \$7 to ship boxes to distant areas of the world. Monetary donations for box filler items can be made out to Faith Lutheran and specify Operation Christmas Child. The needed items will be purchased.

So, this is your official invitation to the party...the more the merrier and the more shoeboxes for children around the world introducing them to the Grace of God.





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Annual Griz BBQ & Football Game

SUPPORT THE GRIZ AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
You are cordially invited to attend this FREE event hosted by Thrivent Financial.

Event Details

Saturday, October 8th

11:30am-1:30pm

Bonner Park, Missoula

Questions?

Call: 406-214-2096

Join us for the annual Thrivent member barbeque at Bonner Park before the Griz take on the Delta Devils. Come enjoy free food, drinks, and kids activities.



Annual Harvest Dinner & Dessert Auction

Corvallis United Methodist Church

Eastside Hwy at Cemetery Road
(1 mile south of Woodside Cutoff)

Monday, October 10th, 5pm

Free-will offering for dinner



Join us for Oktoberfest!

Friday, October 21st, 6:00 p.m.

Missoula Fairgrounds

Home Arts Building

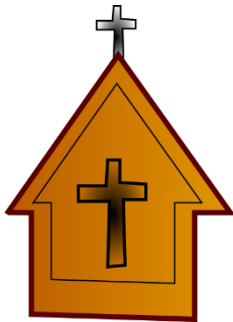
Brats, Beans, Beer and more!



Live music & a Live and silent auction items and prizes!

Tickets are \$15 individual, \$25 couple, \$40 family.

Call 396-4974 to donate items, or for more information or for tickets.



Intermountain receives generous matching grant to help build new chapel!

Intermountain recently received a \$100,000 matching gift to be used to renovate a vacated cottage into Van Orsdel Commons, a chapel on campus for their residential program! They have 120 days to raise the matching funds in order to receive the entire grant. If they succeed, they will have all the funding necessary to start the chapel project. For more information, go to

<http://www.intermountainministry.org/new-chapel-project/>

At the 2015 Synod Assembly, delegates overwhelming voted to establish a full partnership with Intermountain Children's Home. Intermountain, based in Helena and Kalispell, serves children coping with psychological, behavioral and emotional issues. They have over 100 years experience working with children and families, providing services that will help children and young adults grow healthy and strong.

Come to the "Friend-raiser" Dessert Social to learn more about their services:

Friday, November 4th, 7 pm

Corvallis United Methodist Church (Eastside Highway)

There is no cost to attend. Folks from our congregation are hosting a table. Please contact Brook Kimzey at 363-2587 for more information.

If you have a heart for children, this is a great opportunity for you. Let's aim for a strong Lutheran presence at the social!





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 as a hospitalist at Fort Campbell in Kentucky.
- 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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Don't forget to look for Faith online

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



August 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 proceeding 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 Grotbo, Steward of Communications

Kairos Workshop:

Israel/Palestine: Beyond the Headlines.

Digging Deep for Justice & Peace in the Holy Land

Monday, October 17, 2016 11am - 4:30pm

Atonement Lutheran Church 2205 34th Street, Missoula

\$20 per person before Sept. 19/ \$30 per person after Sept. 19 (Registration fee includes lunch)

For more information, please check the brochure on the bulletin board in the lobby

For questions contact: The Christian Church in Montana (406)564 -1887



Reformation 500 Update

Oct. 31, 2017, will mark the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, which is an opportunity for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to bear witness to the hope and joy we have through Jesus Christ. Many people will be asking about the significance of what happened 500 years ago when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses. This action started a dialogue that changed the way we receive and share the gospel which continues today. This anniversary is an opportunity to communicate the Lutheran Reformation's significance for faith and life in the 21st Century and the freedom we have in Christ that liberates us to joyfully serve our neighbors. ELCA500.org is a dedicated website for the 500th anniversary that hosts a growing collection of resources, event announcements and information on Reformation anniversary observances.

Something New has Started...

Every Wednesday 4:15 at the Church - -

A Children's Choir!!!

From 4:15 til 4:45 every Wednesday for kids from preschool til 6th grade.

We will sing once a month at Church starting in October.

Come, bring a friend and let's get singing!!!

~Amber Richardson



Calling all singers!

Praise team will be re-convening in early October and we would love to have you come make music with us!

Also, Celeste is looking for folks willing to contribute special music once in a while (either in a choral group or as special music.)

Are you interested? Please let her know!



October Birthdays

Helen Volden	10/3
Donald Huddleson	10/6
Maizie Mendenall	10/6
Krieger Larson	10/7
Emily Neville	10/7
Amber Richardson	10/7
Jeni Seifert	10/7
Doris Englund	10/12
Kiley McDonald (Davis)	10/12
Julia Seifert	10/12
Kaitlin Denton	10/16
Ruth Dillon	10/17
Kathy Clark	10/18
Jon Anders	10/20
Nancy Schueler	10/20
Alberta Henderson	10/20
Allyson Borgen	10/21
Lauren Kimzey	10/24
Charlie Swanson	10/25
Jan Hathaway	10/26
Keith Bell	10/27
Kathrine Russ	10/28



With Gratitude

Thanks to all who attended and/or helped with our
9/11 Remembrance/First Responder Appreciation!
It was a great event!!



*Photo courtesy of
Troy Hanson*

We also Thank:

- **Thrivent**
- **Hamilton Marketplace**
- **Super 1- Stevensville**
- **Frito Lay**
- **McDonalds**

For their donations to
the barbeque.

The Grill Masters from
Heart Ministries
&
Bagpiper Tom Campbell, and
Ross Damrow
For your
wonderful music

Thank you so much for all the help preparing the barbeque to honor the first responders during 9/11. I appreciate each one of you so much for stepping up and volunteering to help with each event at church.

You are Angels.

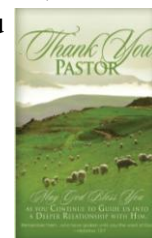
Judy Wilson



DID YOU KNOW???

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! This is the perfect time for you to call Pastor Brenda, drop her a note, send her a card, take her to lunch, or just stop in and to say "Welcome back, Pastor Brenda and thank you for all the great things you are always doing for us"! You could even sing her a sweet song like she always does for us on our birthdays! What would we do without her and how often do we tell her?

Thanks to you all, **Mutual Ministry Committee**



Thank you Faith family for your thoughts, prayers and interest in our Habitat home! As most of you know Emma, Aksel and I have been chosen as the partner family to build a home at 511 N. 6th St. in Hamilton. Many of you have shown an interest in volunteering to help build our home. For more information you can go to: www.ravallihabitat.org you can also contact Erin, the volunteer coordinator for Habitat, at 531-4353, 375-1926 or www.volunteerhfhrc@yahoo.com. Believe me, you don't have to have experience building a house, but if you do that is fantastic too. There are many opportunities, from cooking, delivering and setting up lunch to pounding nails, painting and caulking. The list goes on. As always your prayers are most valued! Thank you for joining us on this exciting journey. **Jennifer Larson**



Bitterroot Valley Chorus Rehearsals Begin

Monday evenings, 7-9pm, October-November

The Bitterroot Valley Chorus began rehearsing for their 44th annual December concerts on Monday, September 26th, at 6:30 pm in the HHS choir room.

Director is HHS choir director Mrs. Peggy Bucheit.

There is a \$25 fee to participate.

Rehearsals are Monday evenings from 7-9pm during October & November, culminating in performances for the community on Saturday and Sunday,

Dec. 10th 7:30pm and Dec. 11th at 2pm.

**The Chorus instrumentalists will be joined by a local brass ensemble this year. The audience will also have the opportunity to participate in carol singing throughout the performances.

For more info, call Tricie Callaghan-Stover, 360-7362.

Several members of Faith Lutheran Church have sung in this choir for years. Please consider joining them this year!

St. Francis of Assisi and the Blessing of the Animals

On the first Sunday of October we commemorate the death of Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. St. Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all of God's creation. It has become a traditional time to bless pets and animals, creatures Francis called his brothers and sisters.

Here are two blessings you can use at home to bless your pets. It is also appropriate to sprinkle your pets' heads with water as they are being blessed. Believe it or not, most pets receive this sacramental spritz with dignity (although cats have been known to flatten their ears a bit as the drops of water lightly pelt them!)

A Prayer to St. Francis for our Pets

Good St. Francis,
you loved all of God's creatures.
To you they were your brothers and
sisters. Help us to follow your example of
treating
every living thing with kindness. St.
Francis, Patron Saint of animals, watch over
my pet and keep my companion safe and
healthy. ~~Amen.

The Blessing of Pets

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures.
You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air
and animals on the land.
You inspired St. Francis to call all of them
his brothers and sisters.
We ask you to bless this pet.
By the power of your love,
enable it to live according to your plan.
May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation.
Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! ~~Amen.

Check out the God and Dog video!
Go to YouTube and search for:
"God and Dog Wendy Francisco"
It will make your heart smile!



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Dates To Remember

- 10/7-10/8 FLBC Delegate Retreat & Annual Mtg.
10/18 FH Deadline
10/19 No Youth Activities
10/27 FH Folding Party
10/30 Reformation Sunday
(Please Wear Red to Worship)

