

The Faith Herald

January 2017

"Get up to a high mountain...
and lift up your voice with strength...
herald of good news!"

Isaiah 40:9

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Re-forming Faith in 2017

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Immanuel!

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," text Phillips Brooks

Brooks med will recall what it meant and

2017. The Reformation movement that birthed churches named for a monk named Luther celebrates its 500th year. This year, "Lutheran" churches around the world will recall what it meant and what it means to re-form for Christ's sake. We'll look at doctrine, values, key concepts, and great stories. We'll sink deep into our roots and stretch branches to the sky.

And I bet our namesake would hope above all things that the church which bears his name would seek to know and follow Jesus...to let Jesus be formed and re-formed among us more and more deeply. So for Luther's sake (and our own!), let's get at it!

Let's sink deep into the Word about Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. In our 3-year cycle, 2017 is Matthew's turn, so we'll take the first eight weeks of the year for an overview. Sermons will introduce major themes, and those wishing for pastor-led class can join me for a "Book of Faith" study after worship starting January 8. I'm looking forward to a conversation with Matthew that helps us know God, each other, and our power and purpose in this world more fully. Old Martin will grin from his chair in the heavenly library.

Then let's grab an apron or a table and enjoy hospitality! Hospitality was a spiritual practice even before "Abraham entertained angels unaware," and angels will host angels over the "piece of cod that passes understanding" at our Scandinavian Dinner. It's a holy meal: the gift of community grown over ground meat, hot ovens, potato peelers, butter, sugar, and beans, then shared as love on full plates, in hot cups of coffee, smiles, and sudsy elbows.

We'll continue practicing hospitality in March, when Lent Soup Suppers bring Our Neighbors' Faith back to FLC. We're seeking speakers from the Buddhist, Muslim, Native American, and Jewish traditions...and one more—any ideas? Do you know anyone who could join us—not necessarily experts, just neighbors in the Bitterroot? Talk to me, please! (Continued on the next page)



Re-forming Faith in 2017 Continued...

Also in March—for Lent and Easter—Faith will return to *Experiencing God*, a study we enjoyed in 2011. This seven-week sermon series and small group focus welcomes Jesus to be reborn in us daily as we hear and do the will of God. Part of my 2016 sabbatical was spent slimming down and brightening up this life-changing encounter with God for use at Faith, and I'm very much looking forward to revisiting with you the big ideas that God is always at work, pursuing us in love and extending love and saving leadership through us to others. We'll be seeking a few small group facilitators and hosts.

And in the fall, our kids on Wednesdays and congregation on Sundays will study Luther and the Reformation directly—the spiritual DNA that shapes our spirituality 500 years later.

Dear Friends of Faith, thank you for allowing me to be part of your re-forming journey in Christ! I continually give thanks for terrific work with wonderful people. Lord, Jesus be born in us today and every day. Thank you for hearing our prayer.

~Pastor Brenda

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: OPEN SCRIPTURE. JOIN THE CONVERSATION.

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 8 – FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Exploring the Bible deeply with others opens us to God working in and through us. God's Word is life-reforming, church-reforming, and world-reforming. Lutheran approaches to Scripture provide a fruitful foundation for connecting Bible, life, and faith. During these weeks, sermons will introduce our topics, while those joining Pastor Brenda after worship will use Learner Guides to structure our conversation and provide resources for additional study. Several guides will be provided for use or purchase (\$10.00 each).

- **January 8: The Birth of the Messiah.** Matthew 1:18-2:12.
- **January 15: This Is My Son, the Beloved.** Matthew 3:13-4:11.
- **January 22: You are the Salt of the Earth.** Matthew 5:1-48.
- **January 29: You of Little Faith.** Matthew 14:13-36.
- **February 5: Who Do You Say That I Am?** Matthew 16:13-17:13.
- February 12: Where Two or Three are Gathered in My Name. Matthew 18:1-35.
- February 19: My God, My God, Why Have you Forsaken Me? Matthew 27:32-56.
- February 26: I Am With You Always. Matthew 28:1-20.



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FLC's Scandinavian Dinner

January 28, 2017



Preparations Have Begun!

How will you join the fun?? The co-chairs have met, the date is set, and the committee chairs have been recruited. Now we need you! Please lend a hand; check the calendar below to see when you are available, and say, "Yes, I can do that!" when you receive a phone call to serve. If you don't receive a call, let us know and we can hook you up!

~Co-Chairs Celeste Pogachar & Judy Wilson

Mark Your Calendars!

- Jan. 7 (Sat, 9am) Meatballs
- Jan. 13-14 (Fri-Sat, 9am) Lefse
- Jan. 20-21 (Fri- Sat, 9am) Cookies/Desserts
- Jan. 24 (Tues, TBD) Salads
- Jan. 27 (Fri, TBD) Potatoes/ Decorating
- Jan. 28 (Sat, 3-7pm) Dinner

Share Your Scandinavian Treasures

Along with all the good food at dinner, a Highlight are the decorations & display of Scandinavian artifacts & treasures including clothing (like sweaters).

If you would like to share, please label your items and bring to the church on Fri., 1/23. Please call

Thanks Michelle Mendenall for designing our posters.

Can you help get the word out by placing the inserted poster in the place where you do business or where you work? There will be more to distribute soon!



New Member Sunday Postponed to February 26

Thanks for your patience! Travel schedules and snow have prevented connections. So, there's still time... Interested in membership? Want to know what makes Faith tick and how we keep it together? Contact Pastor Brenda via text or phone call @ 381-1919 or use your Response Card in worship to set up a home (or coffee shop!) visit and consider being Christian, being Lutheran, and being together on our way to God through Jesus.

We plan to receive and celebrate new members on February 26 in worship. Not going to be here? We can work something out!

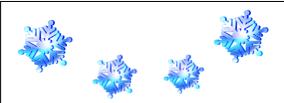
We'll also schedule a new member gathering soon to get to know each other better.



Worship Notes for January

- ❖ 1/1 Name of Jesus, ELW 4
- ❖ 1/8 Epiphany, Service of the Word
- ❖ 1/15 Baptism of Our Lord, Youth Sunday, Praise Service
- ❖ 1/22 Guest Preacher Pastor Mick Grey
- ❖ 1/29 Hymn Service, Prayers of Healing





The UN-Decorating Party Sunday, January 1, 10:30am

All hands on deck! If everybody takes a job, Christmas comes down fast and fun. Let's keep it simple: we'll grab a cuppa coffee and a cookie, then get right to it.

Home by noon, easy!

Pancakes for the Larsons

Benefit to help with appliances for Jennifer January 15, following Worship



Jennifer Larson's home being built by Habitat for Humanity will be closed in soon. With a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Faith has an opportunity to help her with appliances and/or needed furnishings. So come and enjoy some pancakes and we'll all help out with a free will offering.

While enjoying yummy pancakes, please consider picking up a hammer and few nails to help complete Jennifer's new home. Please see the Habitat for Humanity application on the next page.



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

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Please mark the skill level next to your top 5 - 10 **Skills/Interests** and check the **Committees** on which you might like to serve. Feel free to use the Comments section to describe additional skills, interests or your ideal volunteer assignment.

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FLBC Middle School Retreat March 17-19 (Friday night – Sunday noon)

A one- or two-night retreat to bring our WOW Confirmation kiddos and friends to camp! Join your classmates at FLBC for fun, fellowship, craziness, games, Bible study, worship and an introduction to camp's 2017 summer theme, "Just Add Water." Seeking one adult (no cost to register) of each gender to chaperone (staying with the kids in cabins).



Cost: Friday-Saturday, \$85 per person; Friday-Sunday, \$95 per person. Scholarships available for Faith kids!

FLBC Summer 2017 Schedule Is Posted

It's not too early to start thinking about when your family wants to attend camp this summer! Look for FLBC's Summer 201 Schedule to be posted online at www.flbc.net and checkout the new camps this year.

Camp brochures were mailed out in late December. Some of the popular weeks (like Family Camp) fill up fast. Matching camperships for all who wish to go to camp this summer are available from Faith Lutheran. We ask those who apply for a campership to track their service to our church—for example, assisting with worship (like acolyte), VBS helper, Easter breakfast servers, Scandinavian Dinner helpers, church decorating or cleanup, etc. Please contact Celeste and she will put a copy of the application form in your church mailbox.

Dates to remember:

- **Summer 2016 Adult Volunteers!** FLBC needs adult volunteers for the 2017 summer camping season (pastors, youth directors, nurses, grandparents, etc.) Call (406) 752-6602 for information.
- 2017 Family Camp Registration!---Save the date! Registration opens January 30th at 10am.

Coming this Winter and Spring to Emmaus Campus Ministry in Missoula:

- **Confluence:** *Meets* 1^{st} *and* 4^{th} *Sunday nights,* 6-8pm, *at UCC church. Starting February* 12. A faith group grounded in Christian traditions & wisdom with a focus on spiritual practice, deeper conversations, social action, and having fun. For all people and perspectives in the 18-35 age group.
- The relevance of Christianity in the 21st Century (Jan. 25 Mar. 15): Wednesday nights with dinner 6-8pm. Location will rotate. How do we understand Christian faith in an ever more diverse and complex world? This is a student led conversation between Emmaus, Catholic, and Methodist students.
- **Faith and Climate Action:** *Meets second Mondays at 5:10 at Emmaus.* This is a working group that helps faith communities build internal "green teams", provides education and support, and is building an advocacy network of people willing to speak to power about environmental issues from a faith-based perspective. Contact Abby: 650-922-3250
- **SALAM: Standing Alongside America's Muslims:** This is an allies group that works to support local Muslim friends, put on educational and dialog events, and respond to hate speech. We can also come to congregations or groups to lead discussions on Islam or related topics. All are welcome. Contact Eamon for more info: 406-799-8889
- **Friends in Need**: We continue to do a variety of jobs and projects including Family Promise, food drives, nursing home visits, fix-up projects, shoveling and more. Contact Linsdey: 406-750-3929
- **All Area Youth Event:** We are again working with local congregations to put on middle-school and high school youth events in the winter and spring. Events TBA. Contact Maya: 406-240-6098



1/1	Shirley McGourty	1/16	Ron Osborn
1/3	Clarice Brady, Chris Maul-Smith	1/17	Virginia Kindzerski
1/5	Annie Strain	1/21	Jerry Mitchell
1/6	Lina Gyles, Carol Peterson,	1/23	John McKee, Susan Wetzsteon
	Carl Swanson, Marlin Lewis	1/24	Jennifer Larson, Paul Roege
1/7	Allie Auch, Maddison Duchschere	1/25	Gary Wright
1/8	Lars Larson, Logan Vandenburg	1/28	Ann Mitteness
1/10	Gunnar Larson	1/29	Keegan Williamson
1/12	Brenda Satrum	1/31	Claire Matthews
1/15	Nichole Mitchell, Jeff Montgomery		

With Gratitude

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for the scholarship to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. I had lots of fun there. I made lots of new friends. The one I really liked was Grace. Grace lives in California, but she got to Bible camp with her grandma that lives in Whitefish. The councilor that was in our cabin was named Baylee. There was another counselor named Elizabeth. We got to swim in the Flathead Lake, but I didn't take the swimming test so I had to wear a life jacket. The dinners were really fun because everyone in our cabin got to sit at the same table and talk to each other. My favorite part was when we had free time outside and we got to hang put with our friends.

Thank you so much. Have a great day. Your Friend,

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Dear Faith Lutheran Church,

Haven House received your generous donation of \$463 which the pantry will use for the purchase of food to supplement monthly food boxes.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our work.

With Warmest Regards, Judy Williamson, Director

Christmas Program Thanks!

What a joy it was for me to gather and lead our children in the telling of the Christmas story through their music and words. Nice work, kids! Amber Richardson, Michelle Mendenall, Nancy Osborn, Jennifer Murillo, Chad Farrenburg, Mark Livesay, Samantha Fife, and Rod Pogachar, Also, a special thanks to the Preschoolers for their beautiful Christmas mural! ~Celeste

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 Jolliet, 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.



Ruth Dillon, Joann Engbrecht, Bertie Senn, Morry & Ann Mitteness, Bob Maker, Clara Felton, Elsie Jean Buckner, Virginia Rotering, LaVonne & Les Beers, Carl Swanson, Pat Berglund, Bob Mathison, Larry & Mabel Pyle, and Doris Koch.

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Attention Worship Assistants:

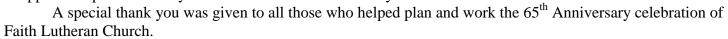
The January Worship Assistants Schedule will be available soon at faithlutheranhamilton.org under our newsletter, and will be sent to your inbox if you are scheduled to assist this month.

November Council Highlights

Planning has begun for our upcoming biannual Scandinavian Dinner. Please call Judy Wilson or the office if you'd like to volunteer.

A 2017 Budget recommendation was approved. Questions concerning the budget were answered on December $4^{\rm th}$ and presented for approval at a special meeting on December $11^{\rm th}$.

There will be two requests to modify the By-Laws at the annual meeting scheduled February 12, 2017. One request will deal with the Gerloff's donation and the other to modify the amount Council is authorized to approve to provide clarity between the constitution and by-laws.





The Faith Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Sunday, February 12th

Don't miss it—this is super important to attend & help make decisions on the future of FLC.



Consecration Sunday Report

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

King David, 1 Chronicles 28: 5b

Folks have wondered how we came to more generous budgeted income for 2017. Here's your answer: Faith's first Consecration Sunday was a wonderful experience! Pastor George Karres, deployed staff from the ELCA,

offered a great message, encouraging us to transform our hearts by putting our first fruits (the first investment of our income) back into God's hands. "Where your treasure is, your heart will follow."

And we responded! Forty households turned in *Estimate of Giving Cards* on October 16, intending to offer over \$124,000 to God through the ministries of our congregation. Added to the nearly \$70,000 received by Faith in 2016 from other regular givers and **\$13,000** in income from non-donor sources, we can hope for over \$207,000 in income at Faith in 2017." This is an increase of over \$45,000 or about 28% over last year. Wow!

As leaders begin the budget process for 2017, our Steward of Finance, Dean Drake suggests we plan to spend about \$20,000 of that projected increase for budgeted expenses and use the rest to replenish depleted operating reserves and long-term maintenance funds. Direct your thoughts or questions toward any council member! We're listening!

THANK YOU, Faith Lutheran Church, for a truly wonderful experience! We hope and pray that each of YOU and all of US will be blessed by putting God first in our lives and through our church!

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



Remembering Ethel

Ethel Warwick died on the afternoon of Faith's 65th anniversary celebration. Ethel loved celebrations of any kind and with her on our minds, we celebrated this one without her.

Ethel and her Vance were long time members of Faith. They came from Havre and though the High Line remained in their hearts they became Bitterrooters. They hiked the trails, fished the streams and loved the land. Nestled under a mountain up Skalkaho, Ethel watched diligently for the first Bitterroot to bloom and then urged us all to make the trip and hike up the hill with her. How she loved showing them off! And . . . she loved the water. It was not unusual for her to drive down 93 and stop suddenly to "dangle her feet in the water." She loved Glacier Park and made many trips up there – taking Vance not long before he died. Last year Judy Wilson gave her great joy when she helped her make her own last trip to the majestic mountains of Glacier National Park.

Ethel brought Hospice to the Bitterroot and remained faithful to its inception and success for many years. She had such a heart for the dying. and no less for the living. She had known loss and she knew how to reach others in theirs. She stood at the grave of two husbands and two daughters and one stepson as well as numerous extended family.

In late 1981 our family had just returned from the second family funeral in a week, when Ethel called, and invited us to supper. She had made a huge kettle of mashed potatoes with a purpose in mind. We cleared away the dishes and we made lefse. That was not unique. Many others received that same kind of love and thoughtfulness from the Warwicks. And we all know how meaningful that was!

Ethel and Vance knew people from everywhere. When we first met them in the late 70's, she had cared for a neighbor of our parents', and a member of our extended family in different parts of the state. She had connections everywhere – and she loved sharing those, especially in her later years.

At Faith Ethel and Vance were constants, and they could be counted on to serve wherever they were needed. Ethel was faithful to Ruth Circle, and always welcoming to new members and visitors.

We are all better for having known and loving Ethel Warwick and we will never forget the touch she has had on our lives. Jim and Jamie, you and your dear family are loved and we keep you all in our prayers as you go through the weeks and months ahead.

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Dates To Remember

- 1/7 Scandinavian Dinner Prep Begins (See page 3)
- 1/8 Sunday School and Adult Studies Resume
- 1/9 Book Club
- 1/16 Council Meeting
- 1/18 Faith Herald Deadline
- 1/26 Faith Herald Folding Party
- 1/28 Scandinavian Dinner

