

The Faith Herald

May 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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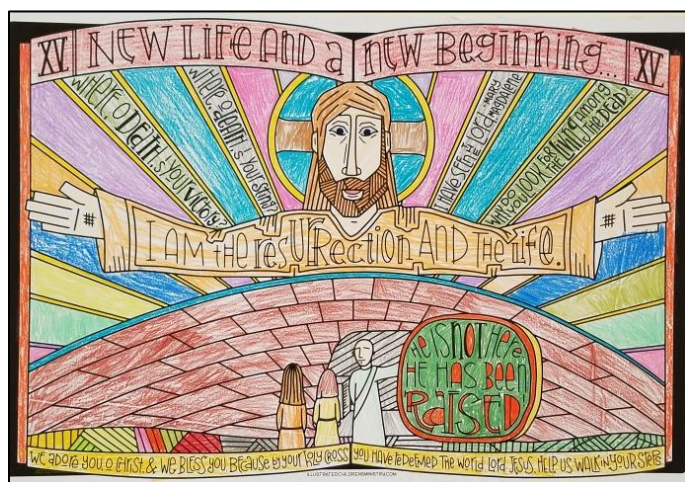
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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

A family of God built on love.



Pausing at the Station(s)

I've been thinking about "stations" lately. The station I visit most often sells gas. I stop there to refuel one tank and empty another. On long trips, we stretch and scrounge food and drink. With kids and dogs along, gas stations and rest stops are recreational, too.

The Stations of the Cross in Jerusalem are established sites where pilgrims to Jerusalem pause and remember the events of Jesus' last hours, his walk on the *Via Dolorosa*, the Way of Sorrow. Last month during Holy Week, Faith's worshipers paused at Stations of the Cross colored by our people to refuel on the self-giving love of God demonstrated in Jesus' Passion. After Thursday night's

service, Carol exclaimed: "I just can't imagine that he'd go through all that for us!" Me neither. Wow.

Faith's Stations of the Cross will remain on display in our sanctuary throughout the Easter Season (the month of May). When you're here, do take a moment to fuel up on God's love and the creativity of our friends expressed on our walls. Drink in the colors. Reflect on the words. Stand back and comprehend the images. If you're an artist, please sign your work!

Maybe wonder about the "stations" in *your* life. What are ways or places where you stop to refuel? Are you getting enough of them? Our daughter Hannah was featured in PLU's school paper last week under the headline: "No Sleep? No Problem!" She called that night to assure us that "no sleep" was indeed a problem and that she'd be getting more of it this week. ☺

And consider the stations *of* your life: In what times or places in your life did you clearly see God's love or presence? Have you set any markers to remember them? Do you have excuses to tell the stories to your kids or to friends in need of encouragement? As I hung our Stations, I remembered making banners to honor my quilting Grandma's death date, Good Friday. They were for Easter, all white and gold and strong and bright. A station I remembered with a smile.

Gas stations aren't the only places we stop to refuel and refresh. I hope! Please give yourself permission in the crazy whirl of spring to take (and I mean *take*) sweet stationary time with God and others on ballfields and gardens, on trails and sunny porches, on the road and safe at home, in scripture, silence, and prayer.

~Pastor Brenda

P.S. Thanks to our artists! Quovia Anderson & Cady Rollins, The Boelman Family, The Dunn Family, The Kestrel Family, Our Confirmation Students, The Silkwoods, Kylie & Brady McDonald, Ellen & Jack Davis, and Deb Cathey.

Don't forget to look for Faith online

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



2017 MAY and JUNE Youth Page

Wed May 3: Youth Group 7pm @ FLC

Sun May 7: Confirmation Sunday

Wed May 10: Year End Family BBQ

BBQ at St. Paul's for families to share food and fellowship at the end of another successful year! All members of the congregation are encouraged to come and join in the food and games! Starts at 6pm!

FLC families please bring salads, desserts, or beverages.



Wed May 17: Youth Group 7pm @FLC

Welcome Confirmands! This evening we will be getting to know our incoming freshmen, and playing water balloon volleyball if the weather allows! **This is an important night of fellowship for the younger kids and leadership for the older.** Bring your Nerf guns because a war might just break out inside if the weather is bad!

Sun May 21: Senior Sunday

This is the last Youth Sunday until the fall, and it will be a celebration of our Seniors! **If you have memorable pictures of our seniors you would like to share please get them to Samantha by Sun May 14!**

Wed May 24: Pre-finals Week Dinner and Study Group 7pm TBA location

Samantha is still looking for a possible host family, or even just someone to help make the dinner! Let her know if you can help out!

Sun May 28: HHS Graduation 3:30pm @HHS

Hamilton seniors: Colter Mason, Josie VanDenburg, Amy and Brooke Lawry

Wed May 31: NO YOUTH GROUP (FINALS)

Sat June 3: CHS Graduation 11am @CHS

Corvallis senior: Abbey Dunn

Sun June 4: Laser Tag and Finals Survival Party

2016-17 High School Youth can invite one friend each, but **the sign-up deadline is Wed May 24.** Trip includes 2 games of laser tag. 10 tokens, and pizza. We will meet at FLC by 11am, and dinner party location is still TBA around 3pm. **We are looking for chaperones and a host family!** Call Sam at 370-8025.



2017 HiSet Graduate: Allison Borgen

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Faith's Worship Rhythm

- May 7: **Confirmation**, Celebration of Grace
- May 14: **Mother's Day**, Now the Feast
- May 21: **Senior Recognition/ Quilt Sunday**, Praise Service
- May 28: ELW Setting 10

National Day of Prayer

May 4, 2017, 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



Congrats to Confirmands!

Confirmation Sunday: May 7, 2017

Please offer your affirmation and congratulations to our 2017 Candidates for Confirmation: Tanner Hanson, Kaitlin Denton, Maizie Mendenall, Kenny Reichart, Belle Sidoruk, Logan VanDenburg, & Anna Seifert have participated in our confirmation program. They've learned tons, and are becoming truly awesome human beings. We'll celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, May 7, at our regular worship time. Please enjoy cake, conversation, and celebration with our kids and their families after church! Way to go, kids, parents, and Family of Faith!

SAVE THE DATE!

July 10-14

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

at Faith Lutheran

Hosted by FLBC counselors

This Year's Theme: "Just Add Water"



Hope for an Unseen Epidemic

Thanks to the Bitterroot Cares for Kids Network, I enjoyed a mind-blowing 3-hour workshop on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) on the day after Easter. Google ACEs and learn for yourself: Studies now show that the traumas we and our kids experience cost our health dearly, running tabs into the billions of dollars. Check out the TED Talk by Pediatrician Nadine Burke Harris for a short introduction and wonder with me: How might this profound understanding of our own and our neighbors' potential for healing speak God's invitation to join God's work?

~Pastor Brenda



FLBC News & Notes

Sign up for Summer Camp before May 1st and save \$25! Summer Brochures are available on the counter outside the church office, or online.
Bring a friend who has never been to camp and save \$200 off your registration.

- **May 1: 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.
- **Help us fill the wheat sack!** What can you contribute to help us fill the gigantic wheat sack in the lobby? Creative ideas coming soon!

Retreats, Events, and Updates:

For additional information about these great upcoming retreats and events, check out their website at www.flbc.net. There is still time to register, but act fast!

May 26-29: Thrivent Memorial Day Family Work Retreat

Bring your family and help camp prepare for the summer season during this FREE retreat, thanks to Thrivent Financial! There are projects for all ages and abilities. This is also a great way to introduce your children to camp and meet summer staff members!

June 2-4: Women's Retreat

The weekend is yours! Join us for worship, massages, kayaking, yoga, great food and, of course, relaxation. FLBC welcomes Dr. Terri Elton as our Bible study leader!



- ♪ Friday, June 30th: Tincup
- ♪ Friday, July 7th: Big Sky Mudflaps
- ♪ Friday, July 14th: Western Union
- ♪ Friday, July 21st: Who Dat Band
- 🎭 Tuesday, August 15th @ 6pm: Shakespeare in the Parks **Macbeth**

Join us!

At Sapphire Lutheran Homes

501 N. 10th Street, Hamilton

For a series of free events

Bring your lawn chair or blanket

Family Friendly

All Music at 7PM

Call 406-363-2800 or

go to sapphirelutheran.org for more information

The Annual Assembly of the Montana Synod of the ELCA June 2-4, 2017, Heritage Inn, Great Falls.

Faith Lutheran's representatives to the assembly will be Rod Pogachar and Jennifer Murrillo. This year's theme is "Promote Unity," the Montana Synod's Fourth Benchmark.





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.

**HOME
OF THE
FREE
BECAUSE
OF THE
BRAVE**

Pray for At-Home Members and Friends...

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

Charitable Gift Strategies for Individuals and Families

May 9 - 5:30-7:00 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran, Missoula

Benjamin Boline, J.D., InFaith Community Foundation Charitable Gift Planner, will share ways you can maximize support to charities and causes reflecting your values.



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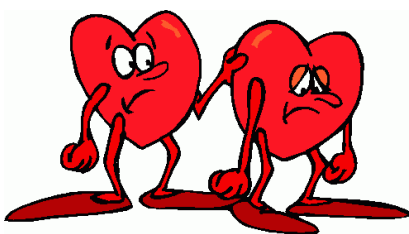
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Learn ways to create an income and save on taxes while achieving your charitable goals, how to create a donor-advised fund to practice family philanthropy and support multiple charities, and how to be strategic in your giving for maximum tax deductions.

Refreshments will be served. Thrivent members, non-members, and guests welcome.

Hosted by Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and your local Thrivent Financial Representative, Julie Kieckbush Jones.

RSVP by May 1 to Julie at 406-728-9255 or email TMN.Northwest@Thrivent.com.



When Grief is Complicated

Frank Sesno, former CNN anchor, will lead the panel of noted authorities that includes: Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, MDiv; Robert A. Neimeyer, PhD; and Therese A. Rando, PhD, BCETS, BCBT.

Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017, at Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital (Blodgett Room) from 11am to 2pm.

2.5 hours of Continuing Education credits are available for a wide range of professions.

A sack lunch and refreshments will be provided at no charge.

For more information or to register to attend our local viewing, contact Doug Peterson, Chaplain, at 406-375-4722, or via email, dpeterson@mdmh.org.



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March Council Highlights

Jennifer Murrillo was welcomed to the Council as the new Steward of Outreach.

Discussion continued concerning weather to continue leasing a copier, or to purchase a LaserJet copier for office needs.

The General Fund Reserve now holds over \$20,000, up from \$13,000 at the beginning of 2016. Due to recent emergency expenditures the General Fund and Building and Grounds Savings accounts have been negatively affected. A get well plan was approved to help replenish those accounts. \$4,000 from the Scandinavian Dinner account will be invested in a Thrivent Account with another \$977 transferred to the Building and Grounds Savings account to help replenish that account.

The new tenants of Faith House were married last month and have moved into the rental.



2017 Balance Sheet: The Good News!

Our congregation, like most congregations nationwide, struggles yearly with their operating budget. Predicting income is a challenge. But we have another side to our financial picture that we have every reason to be proud of and rejoice in – our Balance Sheet is rock solid.

Thanks to the wisdom and generosity of our past leadership and congregations, we enter the 2nd Quarter of 2017 with the following Balance Sheet:

1. Total Assets: \$987,800
2. Total Liabilities: \$ 3,400 (our liabilities are Federal and State taxes)
3. Total Equity: \$984,400

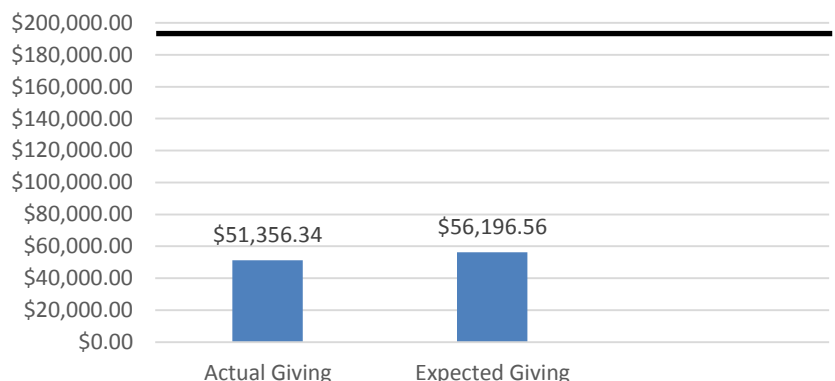
Faith Lutheran is debt free. Faith owns the Church building, Faith House (the rental property next door), has Current Assets (bank accounts) of \$95,500 and Other Assets (Thrivent, Endowments, etc.) of \$169,200.

We need to pause and celebrate these blessings and to thank our past leadership and congregations for their wisdom, generosity and strength!

Blessings to all of you!

Dean Drake, Your Steward of Finance

Giving Through Easter 2017





May Birthdays

Cliff Marks	May 1
Katie Exner	May 3
Nancy Osborn	May 3
Maxwell Buhler	May 4
William Heitmann	May 4
Anita Bell	May 5
Bob Mathison	May 5
Deidra Markette	May 6
Lavonne Beers	May 8
Greg Mitchell	May 8
Nancy Marks	May 9
Doug Peterson	May 11
Nathan Brady	May 13
Whitney Melton	May 13
Danielle Harden	May 14
Morry Mitteness	May 15
Tracy Walczak	May 16
Tom Anderson	May 18
Judy Griffin	May 18
Donna Jakobson	May 18
Sage Beyer	May 22
Darrin Heitmann	May 23
Lucas Brady	May 24
Dick Hoeben	May 28
Pete Seifert	May 29
Walker Buhler	May 31

Happy
BIRTHDAY

Camp Rally Day Thanks!

What a joyous morning Worship!!!

Thanks, youth and musicians for leading us in singing your favorite camp songs.

And thanks, Pastors Brenda & Doug for the yummy rolls!



With Gratitude

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Thrivent Financial and all those who helped in big ways and small to make the Easter breakfast a success, especially chef Terry Smith, and helpers Dean & Sandy Drake, Judy Wilson, Helen Volden, Deb Cathey, Clairice Brady, Linda Beyer, Amy Boelman, Jenn Dunn, Lyn & Bob McKee, Ross & Ann Damrow. We also thank the youth Tanner and Tristan Hanson, Abbey Dunn, Jacob Heitmann, Ani & Colter Mason, KaSondra Grymes, Amanda Boelman, and all others who prepped, set up, served and cleaned up. We earned \$1,214 to be used for scholarships for our college students.

~~~**FLC Scholarship Committee: Mark Livesay, Celeste Pogachar, Jacque VanDenburg, Karen Heller, and Jane Hollibaugh**

### Lent and Holy Week Thank You!!!

Musicians: Scott Southwick, Samantha Fife, Lina, Ross, Celeste, Tom, Amber  
Projection: Scott and Rod

Stations of the Cross Artists (listed front page)

Support: Heather Wintergerst, cheerful and competent in the office! And Celeste, keeping everything and everybody on track

Deb Cathey: organizing soup suppers

Rick Brown: arranging speakers for Our Neighbors Faith

Carol Mitchell: extra altar guild duties

LaDonna & Kelby Grotbo: Easter Sunday altar decoration



**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

I very much enjoyed talking with your congregation and I hope I answered their questions. To get a really good idea of what Judaism is all about, I highly recommend you all attend a service at Har Shalom. After the service I would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Our website is [har\\_shalom.org](http://har_shalom.org) and our schedule of events is on the website. If anyone wants to be on our weekly mailing list of events, please let me know and I would be happy to make it happen.

Thank you for inviting me to talk with you!

Shalom,

**Toba Winston**



Dear Faith Lutheran Congregation,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$100. We are preparing for a busy Easter weekend including a Church sleepover with the kids and Sunday breakfast. We pray your Easter is blessed as well.

**Susan Sutherland, Our Savior's Lutheran, Rocky Boy**

### Thank you to all of you who purchased the beautiful tulips for worship!!!

Brenda Satrum, *for our Grandparents*

Cliff & Nancy Marks, *for our Parents*

Paul and Tracy Walczak, *for Stanley and Helen Walczak*

Sally Porter, *for Gwen, Nick, and Gary Porter*

Judy Wilson, *for Cheryl W.*

The Wintergerst's, *for The Persecuted Church*

Helen, *for Ron*

The Brady's (Lucas & Jonah,) *for Great-Grandparents & Grandparents*

Karen Heller, *for Parents & Grandparents*

Anita Bell, *for Parents*

Jen Murrillo & Chad Farrenburg, *for Lila and Madilyn Farrenburg*

Dale & Clairice Brady, *for Friends of Faith Lutheran in Heaven*





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## **Dates To Remember**

- 5/1 Deadline for \$25 Early registration Deadline @ FLBC
- 5/4 National Day of Prayer
- 5/7 Rite of Confirmation
- 5/16 FH Deadline
- 5/21 Senior Quilt Sunday
- 5/21 Last Day of Sunday School
- 5/22 Council Meeting
- 5/25 Faith Herald Folding Party
- 5/29 Memorial Day

