

The Faith Herald

June 2017

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

Isaiah 40:9

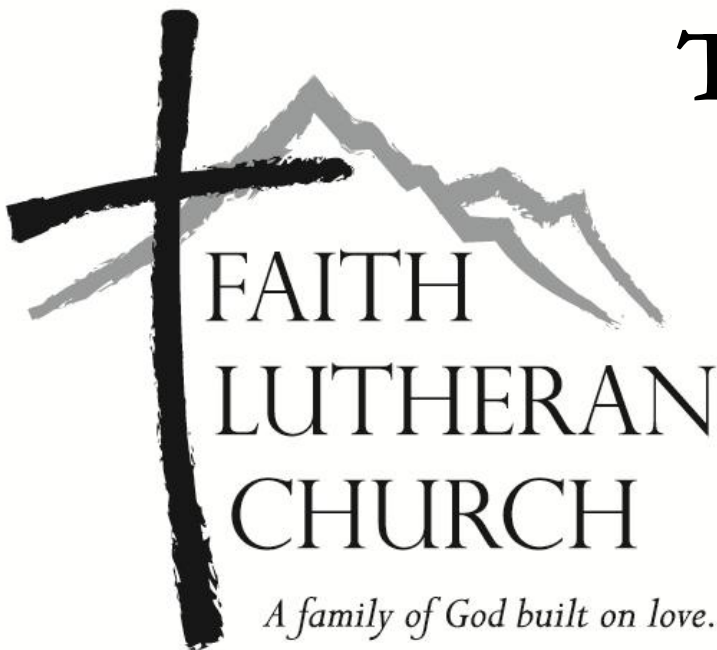
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Way to Go!

As I write, I'm listening to grandparents struggling with their toddler. Over and over, they say, "Don't do this! Don't do that! No, Mikey! No, No, No!"

Personally, I love how Luther explains and turns the Commandments from a list of no, no's into an invitation to come to know God's power and grace more intimately in the everyday circumstances of life: the demands and distractions of competing priorities (idols), our deep need for rest and a breath of fresh air (Sabbath), the struggle to care for aging parents and participate as citizens (honor your parents). Issues of envy and greed, anger vs. care for the neighbor,

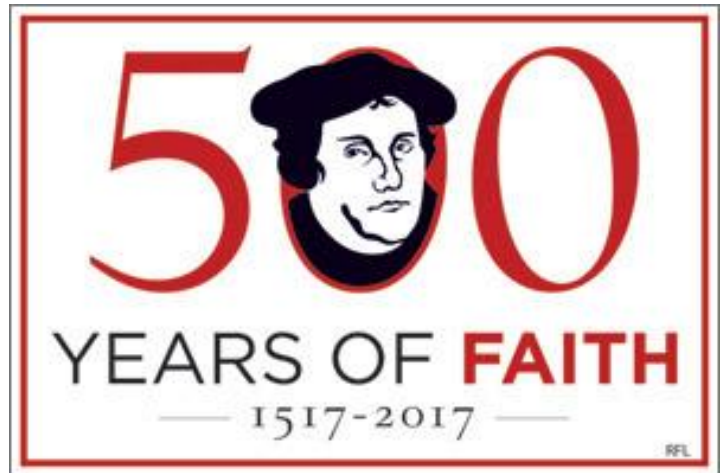
faithfulness in marriage, and guarding the tongue all become invitations to trust the sufficiency of God and move into life with confidence and generous courage. They're a great Way to Go in any season.

Maybe summer seems a strange time to consider the Ten Commandments, but God says, "keep these words that I'm commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise..." (Deuteronomy 6:6-7) So they're good traveling fare!

And then, 500 years ago (Happy 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, folks!), our founder Martin Luther wrote of his "Small Catechism" (a "brief teaching" for home use that considers the 10 Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Creed, Baptism, and Communion) that it is the minimum of knowledge required of a Christian, "Therefore, it is the duty of every head of a household to examine his children and servants at least once a week and ascertain what they have learned of it, and if they do not know it, to keep them faithfully at it." (*The Large Catechism*, "Preface") Now there's a challenge for all of us! Are your servants well-taught, Friends? ☺

So join us for worship whenever you're in town, check out posted sermons, and for deeper study, find a copy of Luther's *Large Catechism* and see what our founding teacher wrote firsthand—it's pithy and brief, an altogether refreshing read!

This fall, we'll build on the basics with more of Luther's Catechisms and the most influential and transformative insights of the Reformation. Happy Reformation 500, Faith! ~Pastor Brenda



Don't forget to look for Faith online

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



How can you help? We need: Kitchen helpers, Preschool helpers, Counselors' helpers, Folks to host Counselors or a meal, Kitchen supplies and food, Craft supplies (see Linda Beyer), and of course, \$\$\$ donations are helpful too!

If you can help, please contact Celeste!

Just Add Water



Vacation Bible School

Sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church

July 10-14, 2017

Youngsters from age three through entering 6th grade are welcome!

- **Pre-schoolers** meet from 9:00am to 11:30am
- **School-age kids** meet from 9:00am to 1:30pm (Includes Lunch)



This wonderful experience is open as a Christian outreach to any young children in your life: grandchildren, nieces & nephews, neighbors, etc.

There is no charge to attend, however donations are gladly accepted to help with expenses.

- Fun Songs
- Games
- Crafts
- Team-building
- Community Service
- All led by **awesome** young FLBC counselors

Vacation Bible School Craft Requests

If you have plastic or glass bottles with the lids from specialty teas or other beverages and liquid products that are unique shapes (square, oval, squatty, round, too) and have smooth not ridged sides please bring them and put them in the tub in the narthex. If you are willing to get the labels off them that would be greatly appreciated! Empty cans about the size of the 15 oz. can of pineapple are needed as well.

Thanks!

Linda Beyer



Pre-registration is greatly appreciated, as it helps us provide for food and crafts **or** Register in the lobby at 8:15am Monday, July 10th.

Registration forms & information are available at the church office, (363-2964) or on our website's homepage under **Upcoming Events**.



When would you like worship to begin?

Please go to Friends of Faith Lutheran Hamilton on Facebook and participate in or poll, or let us know your preference on a Faith Response Card.

New Summer Office Hours.

Monday through Thursday
9am-1pm

Faith's Worship Rhythm: Beginning June 11, Sundays at 9:00am

We will be adding some of your favorite songs to the same uplifting liturgy every week.



*Wear Red for
Pentecost*

Please wear
red to
worship on
Sunday,
June 4th!

WANTED



Musicians willing to offer special music at worship this summer.

Hopefully that would be you!

Pick your date; the schedule is wide open right now. July 2nd will be a patriotic service and July 23rd will be Christmas in July.

I'm certainly willing to help you find music or connect you with an accompanist if you need one.
Please consider sharing your gifts with the congregation!
~Celeste



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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 sapphirlutheran.org for more information

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



June Youth News

Sun June 4: Laser Tag and Finals Survival Party

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.

Have a wonderful summer everyone and we will see you in the fall!

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

FLBC News & Notes



It's not too late to sign up for summer camp. The 2017 activities brochure is available online (www.flbc.net) or on the counter outside the church office. The theme for 2017 is "Just Add Water."

Upcoming Retreats & Events

June 2-4: Woman's Retreat "The Gift of Who You Are"

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

June 10: Partners Luncheon

All Partners of FLBC (those who give \$150 or more annually) are invited to our Partners' Luncheon, 12:15pm in the main dining hall at camp. We hope to see you there!

- **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 half your camp registration, up to \$200! Pick up the form on the counter outside the church office, or contact Celeste Pogachar for more information.
- **Help Us Fill Up the Large Sack in Entryway!** Bring extra toilet paper and Kleenex by June 8th, to help fill up the large sack which Pastor Brenda will be delivering to FLBC this summer.

Annual Scholarships Awarded

The scholarship committee of Faith Lutheran Church is pleased to announce the recipients of its annual college scholarship awards.

On Sunday, May 21st, scholarships totaling almost \$5,400 were presented to:

- 🎓 **Bethany Davidson** (*U of M*)
- 🎓 **Abbey Dunn** (*MSU*)
- 🎓 **KaSondra Grymes** (*Bitterroot College*)
- 🎓 **Kayla Grymes** (*MSU Northern*)
- 🎓 **Emily Heitmann** (*MSU*)
- 🎓 **Amy Lowry** (*MSU*)
- 🎓 **Brooke Lawry** (*MSU*)
- 🎓 **Colter Mason** (*MSU*)
- 🎓 **Josephine VanDenburg** (*University of Utah*)



Thank you, Friends of Faith and Thrivent, for your generous donations to the scholarship fund (the funds for this scholarship are the proceeds from the Easter Breakfast)!



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:



- Mike Hebert, grandson of Don & Shirley McGourty, US Army, serving in Colorado Springs, CO
- 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
- 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.

Pray for At-Home Members and Friends...

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

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April Council Highlights

President Helen Volden accepted Nancy Osborn's letter of resignation from the Emergency Assistance Committee.

The American Red Cross is considering the use of FLC's main building as an emergency shelter. Further details will be provided in the future.

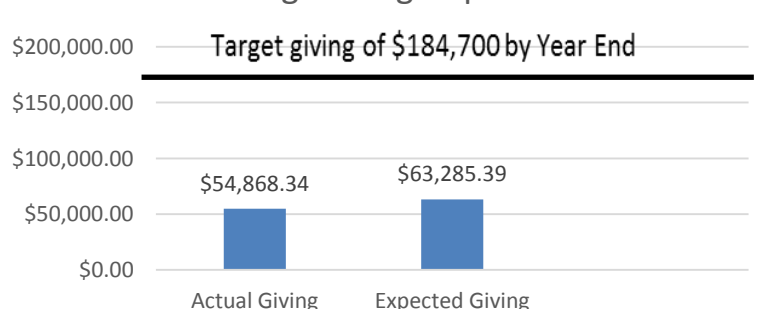
\$4,000 from the Scandinavian Dinner account has been invested in a Thrivent Fund where it will earn interest until needed for the 2019 Scandinavian Dinner. \$7,500 has been withdrawn from the Thrivent Gerloff Youth & Music account to supplement the salaries of the Youth Director & Music/Worship Coordinator.

Giving Report:

Currently YTD Giving is \$8,417.05 below requirements.

A portion of Faith House rent is to be used for support of the 2017 budget. This was not taken into account when calculating the current giving target. An updated giving target with explanation will be given in the next Faith Herald Giving Report.

Giving Through April 30 2017





New Faces at Faith

Faith is welcoming several households this spring. Read on and say hello to these folks when you meet them!

Larry and Nancy Hansen come to us from Farmington, MN. They live nestled next to the hills on the north side of the Skalkaho Highway and hope to share some of their rocks with climbers—and maybe youth groups! Larry is a former truck driver, and Nancy retired from nursing and case management. They were part of starting their ELCA congregation, Light of the world, in Farmington and really loved the hands-on, lively personality of that

congregation; they have a passion for young folks and fundraising that they hope to express at Faith, too. Hansons returned to Minnesota for some medical concerns over the winter, and made it back to the Bitterroot in late April. Welcome home! Their sponsor is Helen Volden.

Trel and Lauren Sidoruk, Bella, Maddy and Logan spent a year traveling in cars and a camper-trailer (with their adolescent Bernese Mountain Dog!) seeking their next home before settling in the south Bitterroot in May 2016. Formerly from New York, they're enjoying the slow pace and relative peace of western Montana. Trel currently works from home in marketing and consulting, while Lauren, a trained English teacher, is subbing in local schools. Bella's finishing up 8th grade at HMS, Madison's in 4th at Daly, and Logan's in 1st grade at Washington. Trel will 'officially' become a member when he's baptized sometime soon—probably in the river. Anybody else up for a dunking? At Faith, they enjoy spirituality for real life and the balance of structure and freedom, the clarity that faith is about God's love, not what we do. ☺ We're still looking for sponsors for this awesome family. Could it be you?

Terry Smith did an awesome job heading up Faith's Easter Breakfast, which isn't surprising since she did enjoy working in a restaurant! She's lived in Darby with her husband "Smitty" since 2013 and in Florence before that, where she enjoys baking for and helping out her neighbors. Terry's also a proud grandma; her grandson Wyatt enjoyed Faith's VBS last summer, and they're looking forward to this year's, too. Terry has found Faith Lutheran to be a secure the hopeful community of faith, and enjoys sharing a church family with Dean and Sandy Drake, her sponsors, and friend "since forever."

Curtis Fessler took a step toward Faith Lutheran when he married Helen Montgomery (daughter of Jeff and Bonnie) who grew up here. If you know Curtis and Helen, you may already have noticed that their family will be adding a member when baby comes in late summer. Congratulations! You can often find Helen at the Sundance Café, which she owns; Curtis heads up maintenance at GSK. Helen's folks will sponsor them.

Karen Jakobson met me at Big Creek Coffee holding a tattered and well-used 1982 original of FLC's "A Pinch of Faith" cookbook given to her by Pastor Noval and Margaret Hegland, attended Faith back then. She's sister to Donna, her sponsor, and a native to western Montana. Karen works as a nurse with the Ravalli County Public Health Department and enjoys walking, sewing, reading, and her husband, Mark ☺. She, too, has enjoyed a warm welcome at church, strong congregational singing, and the comfort of traditional liturgy

Other new folks not joining at this time:

Kevin and Jennifer Silkwood, Andrew and Aiden. The Silkwoods have lived in the Bitterroot for a long time; Kevin teaches art at Corvallis High, and Jennifer helps create commercial kitchens for The Gill Group. The twins just turned six. In addition to loving the outdoors, especially kayaking and skiing, Kevin's helping start up the new ClayWorks pottery co-op on Hwy 93 just south of downtown. Silkwoods are glad for the community of kids at Faith, its warm welcome and encouraging, helpful personality. Jane and Lynn Mason will sponsor them unofficially. Thanks!

Gene and Carolyn Merrell are a quiet couple you may not have met yet. If you see a slender pair of retirement age on the south side of the sanctuary that you can't quite place, introduce yourself and see if it's them. ☺



Other new folks not joining at this time continued:

Doug Erickson attends at Faith whenever he's in town on Sunday. He's a scientist working on a two-year project at Rocky Mountain Lab, where he's often headed right after church. Doug's "other" home is in the Seattle area—though I haven't even learned his wife's name yet! Doug says Faith feels like home and he really enjoys all the kids, "It's refreshing! Lutherans in Seattle are all about 85 years old." Thanks for welcoming him warmly, Faith.

Mark and Becky Triplett, Jacob and Jordan have visited recently. The boys are in 8th and 6th grade respectively; Mark works with ATF, and Becky's a musician and teacher. We hope they'll enjoy God's life at Faith.

FYI: Cedar Mitchell will be finishing her time at RML in July and heading on to more schooling later this summer. God's blessings go with you, Cedar!
~Pastor Brenda



Faith on the Road: Experiencing God Wherever You Go! June 11-July 23

Gonna be out and about most weekends this summer? Find Faith on the Road!

Starting June 11, Faith will open the Faith on the Road Facebook group for folks who'd enjoy some good car talk and some internet conversation. I'll post the seven weeks of Faith's Experiencing God Course as pdf's for daily devotions (short reflections and responses five days each week). Use the reflection questions

as intentional conversation back and forth to practice or at the end of the week when you travel to swim meets, golf tourneys, or to find family in far places.

Look for your invitation at Friends of Faith Lutheran Hamilton, our Facebook page.

June Birthdays

June 1	Jenn Dunn
June 2	Colleen Southwick
June 4	Dennis Rotering
June 6	Samantha Fife
June 7	Vicky Mahon, Jacque VanDenburg
June 10	Gwen Lawry, Scott Southwick
June 11	Aksel Mitchell
June 12	Kelly Auch
June 13	Katy Bosio
June 15	Cody Ledbetter, Celeste Pogachar
June 18	McKenzie Syme
June 19	Ryan Turley
June 20	Sam Bosio, Linda Wolf Brandi Williamson
June 24	Lois Burgdorfer
June 26	Cory Wetzsteon
June 29	Aubrey Larson
June 30	Lynn Mckee

Congrats 2017 Confirmation Class & High School Graduates



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Dates To Remember

- 6/2-4 FLBC Woman's Retreat
- 6/4 Day of Pentecost (**Please Wear Red to Worship**)
- 6/10 FLBC Partner's Lunch
- 6/11 Summer Liturgy Begins
- 6/14 July/August FH Deadline
- 6/26 Council Meeting
- 6/27 FH Folding Party

