



The Faith Herald

July/August 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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On the Pastor's Heart: Why Nobody Wants to Go to Church Anymore (and what we might do about it)

Ok, so we don't like it, but many of us know in our hearts that something's not right between Christian churchgoers and non-churchgoing folk. And many of us feel something is missing in our own experiences at church, too. We just can't quite put our finger on it.

Thom and Joanie Schultz, founders of Group Publishing, one of American Christianity's most trusted youth and education sources, offer painfully honest and deeply hopeful comment in *Why Nobody Wants to Go to Church Anymore (and how 4 Acts of Love will make your church irresistible)*, © 2013, Group.

Leaning on polls from Gallup, Pew Research, their own work and many others', Schultz's report: of 350,000 congregations in the US, only 2,200 showed growth in 2012; churchgoers are older than the general population; the younger the generation, the lower the percentage who affiliate with a church; 4/5 Americans say they're sure God exists, but less than half attend church; giving in congregations is down across the board. If you want more stats, quotes, and anecdotes, there are plenty.

Now, lots of us church people get angry and afraid when faced with this stuff. It hurts! As when we cover our bodies with clothes, then find ourselves startled when we look in the mirror, church folk have been covering over, avoiding, and fighting anxiety over this for years. Now it's obvious.

But if any Christians are invited to be honest, it's Lutherans: "if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves..." we fearlessly confess. Schultz's write,

"We, as the church, need to admit we don't look that good. When others see us, they're not all that attracted to us and wonder why we don't make some changes. For our own good—and for their good, too. But like those of us carrying around unhealthy poundage, we're looking for someone else to blame: McDonald's, Ben and Jerry's, potato chip manufacturers, giant sodas, commercials, oversized restaurant portions—hey, we're big-boned! Like the overweight, we in the church like to shift the responsibility to something or someone else: declining morality, Sunday sports, bad parenting, bad attitudes, lack of commitment, the media, technology, busy schedules, the economy, Satan, unstable global influences, the Internet....



God says this to everyone

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Top 4 Reasons People Don't Go To Church

Why Nobody Wants to Go to Church Anymore continued....

STOP! Blaming gets us nowhere. And it's pointing fingers in all the wrong directions.

One thing we've learned at Group Publishing is to train all our leaders to speak

the language of accountability. As a team, we read *The Oz Principle* together. It's all about building a culture of personal ownership and responsibility. We've learned a lot about how to address issues head on in a healthy, productive way.

The church must do this, too. And we've got to start by confessing that the church is broken. Say it with us: 'The church is broken.'"(16-17)

When Schultz's asked folks why they no longer attend church, answers grouped into four reasons (pp. 24-27):

1. **"I feel judged."** Fair or not, 87% of Americans label Christians as judgmental, ...critical, disapproving, condemning. When author Phil Yancey asked a single mom trying to get out of prostitution if she'd tried church, she said, "Church? I feel bad enough already!"

Yet people long for love and belonging. Could Faith love all people with **RADICAL HOSPITALITY**, unconditional acceptance? Can we really love others as they are and not as (we think) they should be? Do we want to?

2. **"I don't want to be lectured."** Schultz's find that all ages—from preschoolers to the elderly—want to engage in conversation. Sermons are mostly lectures, yet people have questions, doubts, stories; they want real connections and friendships and support.

Could Faith love all people in **FEARLESS CONVERSATIONS** that welcome each other's and strangers' thoughts, doubts, and insights in authentic conversation about issues that matter? Could we seek more to understand than to be understood?

3. **"Church people are a bunch of hypocrites."** In 2007, 85% of Americans thought this; I doubt it's changed. Religious folk often claim to know the "right" way try to impose it on others—when it's pretty obvious that Christians don't have our stuff together. Yet many people long to know that others struggle as they do, that they're not alone.

Could we love others with **GENUINE HUMILITY** that is honest and understanding on every level? Can kind-hearted and open sincerity become normal? Can church—or at least *this* church—become the least hypocritical and most compassionate community in America?

4. **"Your God is irrelevant to my life. But I'd like to know a God who cares."**

Research shows that most people don't actually experience the presence and power of God on Sundays at church. Do you? How? Schultz's write: "Relevance isn't the worship pastor showing his tattoo on stage. Relevance isn't serving fair-trade coffee in your lobby. Relevance isn't showing the latest popular movie clip during a sermon. True spiritual relevance is seeing God in the matters at hand. Seeing God in MY life."

All of us want to know that God exists and is at work in our lives. Could Faith love members and neighbors with **DIVINE ANTICIPATION** that God is always at work in you, me, others, and our world for real, deeply needed good? Can we become a community where we and others truly experience God in fresh ways—if not all the time, then much of it? Could we be "the most relevant place to go on Sunday?"

Friends of Faith, I believe that in Christ we deeply long to be people who practice these 4 Acts of Love: **RADICAL HOSPITALITY**, **FEARLESS CONVERSATIONS**, **GENUINE HUMILITY**, and **DIVINE ANTICIPATION** for ourselves and for the world. On Pentecost Sunday, I felt the Spirit inviting us all to a journey of greater engagement with God, each other, and our neighbors both inside and outside our building.

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Why Nobody Wants to Go to Church: TODAY'S INVITATION

My gut tells me that by practicing four natural, joyful, Spirit-impelled acts of love in our current activities and a few new ways, we can experience more fully and begin to introduce more of our neighbors to the life-giving love and leadership of God.

FOUR IRRESISTABLE ACTS OF LOVE

1. RADICAL HOSPITALITY
2. FEARLESS CONVERSATIONS
3. GENUINE HUMILITY
4. DIVINE ANTICIPATION

So today's invitation: choose one of the four acts of love to practice this summer, and see what happens. For more ideas, Friends of Faith Lutheran Hamilton and Faith's website will have my summary of *Why Nobody Wants to Go to Church* posted this month. Pastor Brenda is hosting "fearless conversations" about the sermon after worship and resourcing on Facebook as Faith on the Road. It's not just about making Faith Lutheran Church irresistible, it's about experiencing and making faith in Jesus as irresistible and unstoppable as his love...the perfect way to continue The Reformation Martin Luther inadvertently began 500 years ago this year!

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, and altogether refreshing Lutheran take on The Ten Commandments as we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of The Reformation.

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



Ruth Circle Schedule Change

Ruth Circle will not meet in July. We will do both July's and August's Bible Studies when we meet on August 10. Have a wonderful July.



Changes are Coming to the Faith Herald

In an effort to save trees and postage costs hope to change how our monthly newsletter is distributed, starting with the next issue in September.

There will be three possible ways to receive the Herald.

1. **The e-edition of the Herald by email only.**
2. **A paper copy of the Herald in your church mailbox.** This will be the default method for those who prefer receiving the Herald in paper form, and have a church mailbox. (*Heralds not picked up within two weeks will be mailed to you.*)
3. **A paper copy of the Herald mailed to you as before.**

Over the past several weeks many of you have indicated your preference to Pastor Brenda, or by using your Faith Response Card. If you have not indicated your preference of how you would like to receive the Herald, or you have any questions, please contact the office at (406)363-2964. **Thank You**



Faith Herald July/August 2017



Vacation Bible School

Sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church

July 10-14, 2017

*When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you. Isaiah 43:2*

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

Vacation Bible School...

is a tremendous outreach of Faith Lutheran's ministry. **This wonderful experience is not just open to Faith's children, but is a Christian outreach to any young children in your life: grandchildren, nieces and nephews, neighbors, etc.** Nearly 80 children attended last summer, and more than half of those children do not attend church at Faith. A LOT of resources are needed to successfully pull off another great week of VBS this summer! Please prayerfully consider how you may give of your time, talents, or treasures.



Pre-registration is greatly appreciated.

Registration forms & info are available at the church office, on our website under events. **Avoid the rush Monday Morning!** Pre-register at the International Community Potluck on Sunday evening. You can also register in the lobby at 8:15 a.m. Mon., July 10th. **Questions? Call Faith Lutheran Church!**

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Enjoy!!!!

**Fun songs
Games
Crafts
Team-building
Bible Study**

**All led by awesome
young Flathead
Lutheran Bible Camp
counselors**



VBS 2017 Schedule

•**Sun., July 9th 6pm** International Community Potluck/Pre-registration/Welcome FLBC Counselors

•**Mon., July 10th 8:15 am** VBS Registration begins

~~~Monday through Friday~~~

•**9:00 am- 11:30 am** Classes for preschoolers

•**9:00am- 1:30 pm** Classes for school age children (through entering 6th grade)

•**Wed., July 12th 6:00 pm** Lake Como Campfire/dinner for counselors & all middle school & high school kids.

Snacks will be provided to children of all ages and lunch will be provided to all school aged children, FLBC Counselors, and adult volunteers.



Vacation Bible School...

Here's how you can help!

Advertising: **Help spread the word.** Place the VBS poster found in the Herald in a prominent place at your work, a place that you do business with, or frequently visit. If you can distribute more poster, please notify Heather in the church office. Thanks!

Kitchen: snacks and lunch are provided every day. We need folks to bring food supplies (*see list below*) as well as many helping hands to prep and serve food. For more info see Deb Cathey (218-8394).

Preschool: 20 busy preschoolers require a lot of grown-up supervision! They meet 9-11:30 am. Bring your energy!

Crafts: ask Craft Queen Linda Beyer what she needs most (207-3471.)

Vacation Bible School Craft Requests:

- 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**

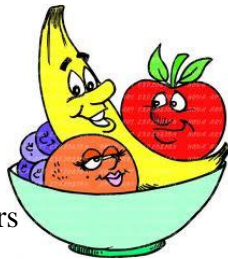
Hosting: Can you house 2 counselors for the week? Or provide 4 counselors with an evening meal on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday?

Cash donations are great too! We can use \$\$\$ to buy craft or kitchen supplies.

If you can help in any way, please call Celeste Pogachar (239-3952)

Suggested items:

- Fruit & Veggies
- Snack Crackers
- Cookies (homemade are wonderful!)
- Cheese slices, shredded, block
- Cinnamon Toast Cereal & Granola bars
- Juice or powdered Juice Mix
- Peanut Butter & Jelly Paper
- products: 3 & 6 oz cups, 6" paper plates, & napkins



Como Lake BBQ— BRING FRIENDS!!! Wednesday, July 12 6pm to Dark MS/HS Kids & families

Hit the beaches with FLBC Counselors! Burgers, dogs, watermelon, and chips provided. BYO bevs and goodies to share.

Boats, Kayaks, paddle boards, noodles...BRING 'EM ON!!!



VBS Offering Opportunity:

Start Saving Your Quarters for Intermountain Children's Home!

Each year the children who attend VBS are encouraged to make a kid-to-kid offering to a selected charity, and this year we have chosen Intermountain Children's Home. Recently, we (the Montana Synod ELCA) voted to become partners in ministry with Intermountain Children's Home. Every year, Intermountain helps more than 2000 children, teens and their families who are struggling with emotional or mental health challenges or substance use. Their current need is to build a playground at their facility, and we are going to help them reach their goal! On Sunday July 9th, we will kick off our campaign at worship. You are welcome to take a full or empty tube of M&M's home, (remember when we used them to collect all that money for mosquito nets?) and bring them back full of quarters (they hold \$14 worth!) Our VBS kids will be encouraged to do the same thing.

Let's see how much money we all can raise to help others in need!



Faith's Summer Worship Highlights

July 2nd, worship will feature many of your favorite patriotic songs.

July 23rd, we will celebrate "Christmas in July" with guest accompanist, Cameron Meikle.



Calling All Musicians!

Please consider sharing your talents to enhance worship this summer. It's as simple as this:

- pick a date that fits your schedule,
- find a song you like (or I can help you),
- recruit a friend if you wish,
- contact the accompanist (if you need one), practice, and then bless us with beautiful music!



Soothe Your Soul and Warm Your Heart: Christmas in July

Who says our favorite songs are only for December?
Come celebrate the presence of Jesus with carols and cookies on

Sunday, July 23, 2017.

After all, we're half-way there!

Please bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share during the Coffee Hour that Sunday.

Please also bring a "gift" of non-perishable food items for the "Gift Drive" for Haven House.

Summer is hard on families and food banks. Let's help them out!



July 9: An Awesomely INTEResting Sunday!!!



In Worship: Intermountain Children's Home

Faith's VBS is excited to support ICH this summer with our gifts and offerings!

Since its founding by Methodist preacher "Brother Van"

VanOrsdel and Louise Stork as the Montana Deaconess School in 1909, Intermountain Children's Home has worked to meet the needs of the most vulnerable kids in Montana and beyond. Currently, ICH campuses in Helena, Kalispell and Missoula serve kiddos from the toughest of situations with safe and loving residential and outpatient care.

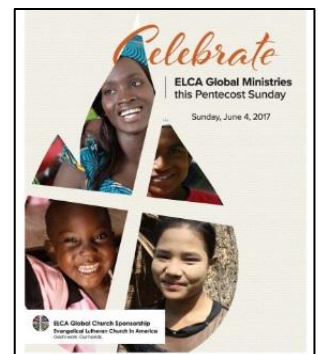
Come hear about Intermountain's inspiring and hope-filled work—real stories of the power of God's love and human hearts to heal and restore deeply wounded children and families. Development Director Terry Chaney will join us during worship and in conversation afterwards. The Montana Synod of the ELCA joined with ICH as a ministry partner in 2016.

Supper, 6-8pm: International Community Potluck

Great global eats, international tunes, kids' games led by FLBC counselors, and ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission Eamon Ormseth make for an evening of delicious and delightful learning and friendship. Bring your own favorite international dishes to share (but you're welcome even if you're not in the mood for cooking—a Thrivent Action Team Grant guarantees plenty of food!), and INVITE FRIENDS, especially international neighbors, to join us.

VBS FAMILIES: Avoid the rush Monday morning by registering during the potluck!

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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 Events

July 21-23:

Family Camp Weekend!

Daily Bible study centered on our summer theme, "Just Add Water." Intergenerational fun and traditional FLBC activities such as swimming, arts & crafts, and so much more! Sign up early!

\$95 for adults and children 13+

\$55 for children ages 7-12

\$35 for children ages 2-6

Under 2 no charge

Maximum of \$360 per nuclear family
(Add to the adventure and subtract \$50 from the cost and stay in a Tent Cabin for the weekend!)

Off to Camp This Summer

The following people will be traveling to FLBC to enjoy adventure and fellowship. **Please keep them in your prayers** as they travel:

June 18-23 *Kiley McDonald*

June 25-30 *Quoia Anderson, Kady Rollins (Seattle Servant Trip.)*

July 2-7 *Luke and Heidi Kestrel*

July 9-14 *Maizie Mendenall*

July 16-21 *Luke Mendenall*

August 6-11 *Cole Kimzey*



- **FLC Camperships.** There is still time to apply for a matching campership. 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.
- **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.

As everyone knows Faith Lutheran serves the best soup at their Lenten Soup Suppers. We will be publishing some of those delicious soup recipes which their creators have generously shared with FLC's Youth Group.

This month's creations are from Deb Cathey. Thanks Deb.

Irish Potato Leek Soup

4c. chicken broth
3 potatoes
¾ c. chopped cabbage
1 diced leek
1 chopped onion
2 carrots
1 t. salt
¾ t. caraway seeds
½ t. black pepper
1 bay leaf



Crock Pot 6-8 hours

Mix together: ½ c. of liquid from crock pot and ½ c. sour cream. Add back in with 1 lb. bacon, crumbled and serve. ☺

Seafood Chowder

½ c. butter
1 stalk celery
1 small onion
¼ t cayenne pepper
¼ t thyme
¼ t marjoram
3 T. flour
3 cans condensed cream of potato soup (undiluted)
1 ½ lbs. seafood
Chopped fresh parsley



Sauté celery and onion in butter. Add pepper, thyme, marjoram, & flour. Stir until smooth. Clean and chop seafood as you like. Add milk and condensed soup to sauté mix and stir until piping hot. Add seafood and stir over medium heat till seafood is cooked through. Top with fresh parsley. (add oyster crackers if you want.)



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, Jean Summers and Doris Koch.

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May Council Highlights

Karen Jakobsen was approved for membership.

Pastor Brenda was approved for the Renovaré Institute, personal and congregational spiritual formation. This 2-year program is part of her continuing education.

Electronic Sound and Percussion's proposal for a new digital sound system was accepted. Installation of the new system has begun.

The Community Meal program is on hiatus until the fall. There was a discussion that FLC participation in the program is underfunded, but it was unknown if FLC has the resources to increase funding at this time.

The new phone and internet system from Verizon is up and running. The copier lease from ABS has been modified to lease to own. The final contract should be in place by the end of June. The term will be \$155 per month 60 months.

Don't forget to look for Faith online

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



The Endowment Fund

The “Other” Endowment

Most people with Faith Lutheran connections are aware of a very generous gift from the Robert and Rachel Gerloff Endowment. A sizeable amount of money is projected each year until 2037 to benefit the youth and musical ministry activities of the church.

However, there is another Endowment that is likely not as well known. It is the Faith Lutheran Endowment. While details are sketchy, it appears that about 20 years ago a gift of \$5,000 was made as the principle. That means that this amount has been invested each year earning interest which in turn is available for grant requests. Past Endowment Committee members did not proceed in that direction, likely since there was a rather

small amount and felt the interest needed to build up. Also, over the years there has been no addition funds added to increase the principle from the first, and only donation.

The current Endowment Committee is proposing the following two recommendations.

1. Encouraging members and Friends of Faith Lutheran to consider providing funds to the principle. While it may have been understood that it had to come from an estate or the death of someone, anyone at anytime may participate whether it be one time, annually, quarterly, or monthly. The amount is subject to donor's choice.
2. Invitation is extended for possible requests of accumulated interest funds. While Gerloff funds are restricted to music and youth, other areas of the church may consider this fund. Ideas may be equipment replacement, landscaping, minor building repair, etc. Total of funds is about \$5,200. (This does not include the \$5,000 that remains as principle.) Requests honored will likely be in the lower three figure totals unless we may see the principle amount increase as mentioned in the first recommendation.

Please contact anyone on the committee if you have any questions, or concerns.

COMMITTEE: John Trangmoe (Chair), Jen Dunn, Amber Richardson, Dirk Beyer, Carol Mitchell.

Giving Report as of June 19, 2017

Currently YTD Giving is \$2,894.30 below requirements.

After including expected 2017 Faith House rent FLC need to receive \$177,249 in giving from the congregation. A full financial report will be included in the next Faith Herald.

Giving Through June 19 2017





2017 Montana Synod Assembly Highlights June 2-4, 2017 Great Falls

Faith's Voting Delegates: Rod Pogachar and Jennifer Murillo

Also attending: Pastor Brenda Satrum, Celeste Pogachar

Theme: Montana Synod's fourth benchmark: Promote Unity

Saturday workshops supported the theme: Disaster Preparedness, Women and Justice Social Statement, Small Church Network, My Neighbor the Refugee, Intermountain- Mental Health Issues for Children, to name a few.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael Trice, Theme: Reconciled to God

Reports were given by the representatives of the various ministries supported by the Montana Synod (and you!) The new MSU Campus Minister, Kathleen, Larson Aashiem, was introduced.

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in Houston. Pastor Jason Asselstine will be coordinating a bus trip for Montana youth to take to and from Houston.

The Mission Builders will be working on the synod house this summer and they need your help. Volunteer labor will result in a significant cost savings and reduction of debt. They can use everybody with any ability, no experience necessary. Participants at the conference were invited to a free lunch at the synod house site. The old synod building has been sold. The monthly mortgage will be approximately \$3000. On-going fundraising efforts will hopefully lower this amount.

ELCA Vice President: Mr. William "Bill" Horne II was in attendance. He spoke on a number of issues. He presented a detailed churchwide annual report. He lifted up a study from the ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice: One in Christ. Faith, Sexism, Justice: Conversations toward a Social Statement. The response period runs until August 31, 2017.

Recognition Banquet: Carl Rohr & Don Melchert were recognized for celebrating their 50th Anniversary of Ordination.

Sunday morning, the assembly voted to adopt the proposed 2018 budget of \$1.089 million. Proposed amendments to the constitution were approved. A joyous Pentecost worship service led by Bishop Crist closed the assembly.

Synod summaries are posted on the website: montanasynod.org. Celeste will gladly share her conference materials if you desire more information.



Promote Unity



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- ♪ Fri., July 7th: **Big Sky Mudflaps**
- ♪ Fri., July 14th: **Western Union, CHILI FEED BENEFITS FLC!!!** Volunteers come at 5:30.
- ♪ Fri., July 21st: **Who Dat Band**
- 🎭 Tues., August 15th @ 6pm: Shakespeare in the Parks **Macbeth**

**Birthdays****July**

- 1 Nancy Hansen
- 2 Dan Kimzey
- 3 Adrienne Patterson, Deanna Shook
- 4 Ross Damrow
- 7 Joann Engbrecht, Jane Hollibaugh, Renee Huddleson
- 8 Pete Dunn, Lauren Lawry
- 9 Crimson Beyer
- 10 Erv Unruh, Thom Webb
- 11 Larry Hansen
- 12 Christine Borgen, Jamie Carrington, Kyla Grymes
- 17 Sonya Bitterman, Tanin Buhler, Robin Ireland, Sam Lawry
- 18 Patty Eitel, Jane Mason
- 20 Ruth Webb
- 23 Luken Kestrel, Kenny Reichart
- 24 Matthew Turley
- 26 Weston Buhler
- 27 Karen Heller, Rexanna Luebbert
- 30 Lea Nordstrom
- 31 Cody Frisbie

August

- 6 Quoia Anderson, Dale Brady
- 7 Melanie Auch
- 8 Kasondra Grymes
- 9 Troy Hanson, Bertie Senn
- 10 Colleen Hoeben, Werner Wolf
- 12 Fran Bennett
- 14 Al Mitchell
- 15 Tyrel Exner
- 17 Doris Koch, Randy Melton
- 19 Gayle Roeger
- 22 Eli Harden
- 23 Dan White
- 24 Jean Buckner
- 25 Pam Melton
- 26 Ginny Rinta
- 27 Rick Brown, Debbie Crane
- 27 Carl Russ, Bonnie Southwick
- 30 Colleen Buhler
- 31 Linda Beyer, Chenoa Smith

**College Scholarship Thank You's**

Dear Faith Lutheran Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for the scholarship that you awarded me for the upcoming 2017/2018 academic year. Over the years, this scholarship has helped me afford textbooks, school supplies, and tuition as well. I am very grateful for the support that I have received from you, as it is always a comfort knowing that I am in your thoughts as I strive to complete my education at the University of Montana. This year, I will be a senior at the University, making this the final scholarship I will receive. Please know how deeply grateful I am to you for the scholarship this year, and the past few years as well. Thank you again, and God bless!

Bethany Davidson (Bitterman)

Dear Faith Family,

Thank you so much for all your love and support over the years. Ever since I was baptized into Faith Lutheran as a baby you have always been there to help my Faith and spirit grow in God's grace. Your contributions to everything that the youth of the church are involved in are greatly appreciated. I would like to specifically thank you for your assistance towards my future goals of college through the Faith Lutheran scholarship. I would also like to specially thank all the quilters for making me a gift that will wrap me in the love of my faith family through all my future endeavors.

With love, **Josephine VanDenburg**

Dear Faith Lutheran,

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as one of the recipients of the Faith Lutheran Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to continue my education and start my future. This money will be a big help for me to take my first step into my future profession. I am looking forward to continuing my education at the Bitterroot College for the first two years then I will go on to Dillon to finish my elementary education degree. Your scholarship is a big help for me in taking the next step in my life and I am very grateful for that. Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift.

Sincerely, **KaSondra Grymes**

Faith Herald Family,

I would like to sincerely thank you for blessing me with this scholarship. Deciding to return to college to earn another degree was not easy, but with your faith and support it makes it a better experience! Thank you again for supporting me on this journey.

Sincerely, **Kyla Grymes**

Dear Faith Lutheran Family,

Thank you so much for the scholarship! The money will be put to great use to help us by books and other materials needed for college. We will both be attending Montana State University in the fall! Go Cats!

Thanks again! **Amy & Brooke Lawry**

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Dates To Remember

- 7/2 Patriotic Worship
- 7/4 Happy Independence Day! (FLC Office Closed)
- 7/9 VBS International Potluck Kickoff and Pre-Registration
- 7/10 VBS 2017 Begins
- 7/14 FLC Chili @ SLH Summer Concert Series
- 7/24 FLC Council Meeting
- 8/17 September FH Deadline
- 8/28 Council Meeting & FH Folding Party

**VBS WEEK FLYER INCLUDED
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