



The Faith Herald

April 2019

*"Get up to a high mountain,
and lift up your voice with strength...
herald of good news!" Isaiah 40:9*

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Greetings members and friends of Faith Lutheran Church,

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. Psalm 145:3-6



The birds are back, the days are getting longer, spring has officially started, the snow is disappearing, and it's warming up. God indeed deserves our praise!

We have been journeying through Lent as we make our way to the cross and on to Easter and the celebration of the resurrection. Lent Soup Suppers, our intergenerational study on communion, and our Holden Evening Worship Services, held on Wednesday evenings beginning at 5:45pm have been well attended and supported. Please come and join us for our last 2 on April 3rd and April 10th. We have enjoyed this time of fellowship, study and worship. The week following our Lenten Services is Holy week and we would really like for you to join us for worship during that week. (See the calendar for the schedule)

I am excited to report that Ian Bartling, from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp will be here participating at Worship for "Bible Camp Sunday" on Sunday, April 28th. This will be a great time to pull out your FLBC tee-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.. and wear them to worship. It's hard to believe that camp is not that far off. Camp is a wonderful place to "*meditate on the glorious splendor of God's majesty, and on God's wondrous works,*" as well as to play, fellowship, eat, and learn more about God's love for us and how we might "*proclaim the might of God's awesome deeds and declare God's greatness.*" Gwen and I, along with two of our grandchildren will be going to "Grand Camp," from June 23rd-the 28th. I will be helping to lead this as well. Please bring your grandchildren and join us for "Grand Camp."

I hope that all of you who are on "Spring Break" this month have a wonderful and safe time with your family and friends.

Indeed, "*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.*"

Partners in sharing God's grace,
Pastor Paul

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The Youth Page April 2019

Wednesdays & Sundays



Wed Apr 3 * Soup Supper Series and Holden Worship
*Tri Church Youth Group 6pm @FLC

Wed Apr 10 *Soup Supper Series and Holden Worship
*Tri Church Youth Group 6pm @SPE

Wed Apr 17 ***Have a Great Spring Break!**

Sat Apr 20 *Brunch Set-up 10am-12pm @FLC

Sun Apr 21 *Youth Scholarship Brunch *see details*

Wed Apr 24 *Wednesday Night Alive! Returns 5:45pm
Tri Church Youth Group 6pm @FP

Sun Apr 28 *Bible Camp Sunday & Youth Sunday

Lenten Soup Suppers



April 3rd and 10th, all are welcome to come and enjoy a soup supper at Faith Lutheran. Dinner is at 5:45, followed by an intergenerational series from Pastor Paul. It will focus on communion and faith testimony within our community. All ages and faith denominations are welcome. Families in particular are encouraged to let go of the stress of cooking and cleaning to gather together in

Faith one night a week! Following the meal and the presentation we will have our short Holden Evening worship at 7pm. *If it works better for your family, the Tri Church Youth Group will still be rotating churches and doing fun lessons for kids!*

Easter Scholarship Brunch



This is a very important fundraiser! If you or someone in your family has, or possibly will, benefit from a college scholarship from the church please consider taking a shift! Kids will serve beverages and bus tables. Adults will be needed in the kitchen and for clean-up. It's easy! See Samantha or Mark Livesay to sign up!

Sat: Set-up 10am-12pm Sun: Shift A is 9-930am Sun: Shift B is 9:30am-10am

Samantha Fife-Youth Director
406-370-8025
fifedrivel@gmail.com

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Hey kids!

Join us for the procession of palms on Palm Sunday, April 14th. Meet before worship at 11:15 in the church lobby.
And don't forget to bring your Easter Basket! We have been invited to an Easter Egg Hunt at Sapphire Lutheran Homes after worship.

Worship Notes for April



Wednesday, April 3rd: Holden Evening Prayer, 7 pm
Sunday, April 7th: Tree of Life
Wednesday, April 10th: Holden Evening Prayer, 7 pm
Sunday, April 14th: **Palm Sunday**
Thursday, April 18th: **Maundy Thursday**, 7 pm
Friday, April 19th: **Good Friday**, 12 noon
Sunday, April 21st: **Easter Worship**, 8 am and 10 am
Sunday, April 28th: **Bible Camp Sunday**

Wednesday Night Alive! Presents: Lenten Soup Suppers
Wednesdays at Faith Lutheran Church, April 3 & April 10
5:45 Soup Supper
6:15 Presentation
7:00 Holden Evening Prayer



Calling all Musicians!

Can you contribute your talents to worship during the Lent and Easter seasons? Celeste is looking for singers to help lead our new liturgy, sing the Holden Evening Prayer, or sing in the choir. Of course, any piece of special music would be most welcome!

Please contact Celeste at 239-3952 or celestepogachar@gmail.com

One in the Spirit

A Community Worship Celebration on Palm Sunday

April 14th, 6:00-7:30pm

Cornerstone Bible Church, Fairgrounds Road

Gather in Christ to worship God and love the world.

Bring the family for an evening of encouragement and hope!

*The pastors and churches of the Ravalli County Ministerial Association
offer this time together to share Jesus' new life and unstoppable love
with our community and to celebrate our unity in Christ.*

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April 28 is Bible Camp Sunday!

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Wilderness Coordinator, Ian Bartling will be with us to share in-depth news, including an update on construction of the all-access cabin, from YOUR Bible Camp and lead us in worship and singing of fun camp songs.

Learn what's going on at FLBC today, and see how you might partner in ministry to the more than 5,500 folks of all ages who'll experience God's love in powerful ways through FLBC this year.

Partners of FLBC was established to encourage and honor those who contribute \$150 or more annually to the camp. FLBC's operating budget is comprised of 70% from user fees and 30% from gifts: our gifts keep camp open for kids, for all. Join the Partner households at Faith this year and support quality ministry that communicates the love and leadership of God through Jesus and changes lives for good!

FLBC Legacy Partners make a gift to FLBC in their estate plan.

Information about Partners Club and Legacy Partners can be found on the counter outside the church office or at www.flbc.net

Thrivent Members can designate Thrivent Choice dollars to FLBC.

Check out the FLBC Wish List below. If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the church, April 28th. Ian Bartling can transport them back to the camp.

Also, **let's gather paper products and cleaning supplies** to send back to the camp with him, especially copy paper, construction paper, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, sanitizing wipes.

Every little bit helps!

Celeste Pogachar and Deb Cathey, Faith's FLBC delegates

In-Kind Donations (Wish List)

This is a list of items that Flathead Lutheran Camp can use!

Arts & Crafts: construction paper, acrylic paint, staplers, scissors, crayons, markers, pottery wheel,

Cleaning, Maintenance, & Garden: Large, quality tarps, ratchet straps, bag-less vacuum cleaners, rakes, hammers, pitchforks, trowels, shovels, commercial-grade washer and dryer, duct tape, work gloves, any and all garden tools, hand tools, garden hoes, lawn mowers, snow blower, tile or laminate flooring

Vehicles (in good working order): Minivans, "new" cars for year-round staff and day camp teams, 4 wheel drive truck, small 2wd trucks

First Aid Supplies: Band-aids, gauze, wraps, alcohol swabs, feminine care products

Camping/Program: Fishing lures, pedal boats, digital camera, Go-Pro camera, kayaks/canoes, snow sleds, thick oven mitts, guitars, winter clothes, boots, gloves, coats, snow pants, and warm hats for ages 9 to 13.

Office Supplies: Locking filing cabinets, SD memory cards, micro-SD memory cards, tablet PCs or iPads, scotch tape, postage stamps

Other: small refrigerators (dorm size), toilet paper

If you can bring these items to church April 28th Ian will pick them up.

**Save the dates:
Faith Lutheran's VBS
will be July 15-19, 2019**

Those awesome FLBC counselors will be in Hamilton giving our youngest folks the camp experience through Vacation Bible School activities



Early VBS Requests

One of the crafts for Vacation Bible School this summer is an Acts of Kindness jar. Clean, large-mouth plastic jars with lids are best for this craft idea. Food items that sometimes come in large-mouthed plastic jars are mayonnaise, 28 oz peanut butter, many of those yummy snacks from Costco...and probably more, plus non-food items. If you have any of these clean jars with lids please put them in the VBS tub in the Narthex.



Also, for VBS



Are you a traveler who saves the unopened bars soap from your hotel rooms? One of the craft projects for Vacation Bible School will use these. If you would like to donate your soap collection please put your mini-bars in the VBS tub in the Narthex! Any extras left after our project will be donated to Haven House or other helping agency! **THANK YOU!**

Early Christmas Shopping! (*Linda Beyer is planning ahead*)

It's never too early to think about Operation Christmas Child. As spring approaches there are often great sales on kids' clothes and other items. Maybe you can find some special goodies to add to this year's shoeboxes! All donations make a difference. *Thank you.*





FLBC Summer Camping Season Begins June 16th

Specialty camps offered this summer include: Paints, Prints & Pots, Performing Arts, Navigator Camp, Glaciers & Galaxies Camp, Basketball Camp, Ranch Camp, Adventure Camp, Night Camp, Montana Servant Trip, Rock & Raft, Grandparent/Grandchild Camp, Pack N' Raft, Sailing, Climb & Kayak, North Fork Raft, and Wild Water Week.

If you need brochures, please be sure to contact the church office or download a PDF from FLBC's website: www.flbc.net
Register by April 1st and save \$50, Register by May 1st and save \$25

\$200 Matching camperships to attend camp are available from Faith Lutheran. These funds are available for all who wish to go to camp this summer. We ask those who apply for a campership to track their service to our church—for example, assisting with worship (like acolyte or youth service), VBS helper, Easter breakfast servers, Scandinavian Dinner, church decorating or clean-up, etc. Please contact Celeste and she will put a copy of the application form in your church mailbox.

Women's Spring Retreat

April 26-28, 2019 Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

Plan now to attend the WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT. Motivating speaker, Fun, Fellowship, Service projects, Music, Great food (no cooking!).... Bring your friends, daughters, mothers, granddaughters (14 and up) along for a fun, restful, spirit-filled weekend on beautiful Flathead Lake.

Check out www.imluchurch.org/womensretreat for more details, to get on our mailing list and to register!

Questions? Call Nancy Solum 406-240-0023 or email: WomensSpringRetreatMT@gmail.com

Hope to see you there!

REGISTER BY APRIL 8TH TO GET BEST RATE!

Memorial Day Work Retreat

May 24-26, 2019 Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

The Best way to kick off your summer! Join in for a weekend of meaningful service work to prepare FLBC for the summer season, fellowship over great food and all the fun of camp! This is a great weekend to introduce someone you love to FLBC – they'll get a taste of camp activities, food and worship...and it's free!

Women's Retreat: Psalms and the Seasons of Life

June 7-9, 2019 Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

Join us for a weekend of engaging Bible Study, led by Pastor Susan Briehl as well as time for relaxation, yoga, massages, boating, great food and more! For ages 18-108, \$160.00 per person.

Register by calling the camp office at 406-752-6602 or email: office@flbc.net



Council Highlights, March 2019

Summary of Significant Actions:

- ✓ Kerry moved, LaDonna seconded, and motion passed, that twelve round tables with a storage cart be purchased for the fellowship hall (\$1,899.99 at Costco). under the property and grounds budget. The Scandinavian Dinner account will transfer the amount to property and grounds.
- ✓ Susan moved, LaDonna seconded, motion passed, that \$1,000.00 offering be made to the Synod House from the Scandinavian Dinner. Per the By-Laws, a 10% tithe will be given to the FLC general reserve fund.
- ✓ Marlin moved, Susan seconded, and motion passed to approve all of the steward reports as presented.
- ✓ Motion: Marlin moved, Kerry seconded, motion passed to appoint Jeff Montgomery as Fellowship Steward.
- ✓ Motion: Dean Moved, LaDonna seconded, motion passed to authorize the Stewards to expense up to \$300 to their respective budget line items that support Gerloff Youth & Music expenditures without reporting to or asking for the approval of The Endowment Committee or Church Council.

Thank you to Jeff Montgomery for stepping up to be our Hospitality and Fellowship Steward!

The Scandinavian Dinner numbers have been crunched!

- We served approximately 340 dinners on site plus had about 20 meals to go and delivered to our homebound.
- We took in \$7665 in ticket and leftover sales, plus another \$750 in Thrivent Grants (thanks Thrivent!) Our expenses totaled \$3813.
- Proceeds will be used to purchase 12 new round tables for the fellowship room (\$1900), and we will send \$1000 to the Montana Synod House.
- We will also tithe 10% to the Faith Lutheran General Fund Reserve Fund. That leaves us plenty of seed money for the next dinner.

Thanks to all of you who helped with this successful fellowship fundraiser and community outreach. Well done! Celeste Pogachar

If you are interested in purchasing one of the older round tables talk to Marlin Lewis.



COLLEGE/SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



The Faith Lutheran Scholarship Committee will begin accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. High School seniors, or anyone enrolled in a secondary educational institution for the fall 2019 term may apply. Pick up an application form on the counter outside the Church office, or have an electronic copy emailed to you by contacting Nancy at office@faithlutheranhamilton.org.

They are due back to the church office by Monday, April 15th.

Donations to Faith's Scholarship Fund are always welcome! They can be left in the church office, included with your regular offering envelope, or received at the Easter Breakfast. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the scholarship committee:

Mark Livesay (381-5172)*Jacque VanDenburg (363-5393)
Karen Heller (360-1208)*Jane Hollibaugh (531-1077)

Pray for our Military

Please remember our family and friends that have joined the military and 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
- **Colonel Timothy Spaulding**, nephew of John Trangmoe, USAF, Group Commander, Edwards Air Base, CA.
- **Master Sgt. Andy Wetzsteon**, son of Susan & Lonnie Wetzsteon, at Nelli's AFB, Las Vegas, NV
- **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 at Ft. Campbell Hospital.
- **Capt. Kyle Frazer**, son of Larry & Nancy Hansen, serving at Fort Polk, LA.
- **Master Sergeant Will Rollefson**, nephew of Larry Hansen, Special Forces, Seattle, WA.



Remember in Prayer...

Battling Cancer: Peter S., Dale A., Mary H., John D., Echo Allison, Blaine, Lea, Doreen Johnson

Health, Comfort & Healing: Shirley H., Leah

Prayers for: Family and friends of Susan M., Hank, Marvin, Jeb, Christopher, Amber, Gail, All families going through a difficult time, Claire M., Joern family, Sally C., Lavonne Beers,

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Betty Swift

Home Nursing Care: Virginia Rotering, Smitty Smith

Incarcerated: Jacob Bachman, George Davis

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Spring Cleaning!

Faith's empty spaces have accumulated a bit of clutter! Spring Cleaning will begin soon. Please label things you do not want discarded. If you can help clean up please call the office. 363-2964.

Thank You

In the lobby you will find a painting by local artist Steve Wilson that depicts Calvary Hill and the city of Jerusalem. Look closely to find the broken rocks, Jesus' blood, the skull and crown of thorns.

Thanks Karen Heller, for your generous donation!



Giving Status through March 24th 2019

FLC received \$29,433 in General Fund Giving through March 24th.
This is \$8,099 below our 2019 requirements.

For the month of March, through the 24th we received \$11,341.
This is \$952 more than expected.



LENTEN PROJECT

Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

For the 5th year in a row we will be collecting items for personal care kits for LWR. Each kit consists of a sturdy comb, a metal nail clipper, a tooth brush in its original packaging, bath soap which totals 8-9 ozs. and a light weight dark colored bath towel no larger than 27" by 52". **On the Sunday after Easter, we will assemble and pack the kits and then have a fun luncheon.**

Our collection schedule is:

Combs, nail clippers and towels previously collected

March 31 - tooth brushes

April 7 - bar soap

April 14 - collection of items still needed to complete kits

April 28 - assemble kits and luncheon

If you have questions, please see or call Nancy Osborn (363-2139)





Laundry Love in Hamilton!

Love Never Ends, Neither Does Laundry.

Stefani Jackson from Corvallis Methodist picked up on the concept started in 2003 and has started Laundry Love in Hamilton! This ministry will help the homeless and low income families with the opportunity of washing their clothes for free once a month.

- ♥ 2nd Thursday evening each month from 5-8pm
- ♥ At Fast and Fluffy, 115 Pine St. Hamilton
- ♥ See the poster in the lobby

If you would like to give Stefani a hand her number is 406-369-3416 and her email is: laundrylovehamilton@gmail.com

Dates To Remember in April

4/1 FLBC Early Summer Camp Registration Deadline, save \$50!

4/3&10 5:45pm Lenten Soup Supper, followed by a presentation and Holden Prayer

4/14 Palm Sunday

11:15 Easter Egg Hunt @ SLH, 6pm Community Worship Service @ Cornerstone

4/15 Deadline for College Scholarship applications

4/17 Faith Herald deadline

6:30pm Council Meeting

4/18 Maundy Thursday, worship 7pm

4/19 Good Friday, Noon worship

4/20 10am set up for Easter Breakfast

4/21 Easter, 8 & 10am Worship

Scholarship breakfast served between services

4/28 Bible Camp & Youth Sunday

Assembly of LWR Personal Care Kits and luncheon

5/1 FLBC Early Summer Camp Registration Deadline, Save \$25!



April Birthdays

6	Julie Swanson
8	Shirley Sorenson
10	Charles Patterson
12	Royal Beyer
13	Brooklyn Dowd, LaDonna Grotbo
16	Barbara Anderson
18	Jerry Deibert, Bonnie Savory
20	Brady McDonald Davis
21	Deb Cathey, Susan Rose
22	Luke Mendenall
23	Ellen Gaulke, Nicole Lawry
24	Emily Heitmann, Bert Mahon
24	Jenny West
26	Carol Mitchell
29	Seth Mason

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