



# The Faith Herald

*February 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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## A Note from Pastor Paul

Dear Members and Friends of FLC

As Gwen and I close the chapter of 14 1/2 years of our lives at Fairfield Community Church and reflect on our ministry there, we have truly been blessed. Now we turn the page and begin a new chapter at Faith Lutheran Church in Hamilton MT., and we again, are truly blessed to be here.

The Scripture that comes to mind for me, as we all start this new chapter, this new beginning, is Isaiah 43:19, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?...". I hear the excitement of Lord's voice here and wanting the people of Israel to catch that excitement as well. I have heard the words of this text since the beginning of this call process. I hope you are able to hear them now as well. And as we begin this "new thing" that the Lord will "spring forth," may we claim the words the Lord spoke to Israel as our own, when the Lord said, just prior to this text, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." The Lord is calling all of us here at Faith Lutheran Church, in Hamilton and the surrounding communities to this "new thing." And as we "perceive it," may we do so with excitement because of whose we are. We are God's beloved children who God call's by name.

I write this from Fairfield WA, but as you are reading this, Gwen and I now reside at, 206 S. 5th St., here in Hamilton MT. Come and see us! We really want to get to know you!

Partners in sharing God's grace,  
Pastor Paul

**Annual Meeting, Sunday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> after worship**  
**Annual Report will be emailed Feb 5th**

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



## Youth Page

2019

**Wednesday Feb 6th** – Tri-Church Youth Group 6-8pm @ St. Paul's

➤ Bible Wheel of Fortune

**Wednesday Feb 13th** – Tri-Church Youth Group 6-8pm @ First Presbyterian

➤ SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Snack bag assembly

**Sunday Feb 17th** –

- Youth Sunday 8:45 @ Faith
- OLIVER! 2pm @ Hamilton Playhouse

**Wednesday Feb 20th** – Tri-Church Youth Group 6-8pm @ Faith Lutheran

**Wednesday Feb 27th** – Tri-Church Youth Group 6-8pm @ St. Paul's

**Tuesday Mar 5th** – Mardi Gras Pancake Supper 5pm @ St. Paul's

### Youth Sunday, Feb 17th Brunch, and OLIVER!

Ushers need to be at church by 8:45, readers by 9am, and communion assistants 9:15. Brunch is being served after the service in the Youth room thanks to Jane Mason and Brooke Kimzey! The Youth Group has several kids in the new production at the playhouse, and we would like to all go together to support them!

**Please contact Samantha by Feb 10th if you would like to join us!** Financial assistance available!



### SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Mar. 5th Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Youth serve a delicious breakfast-for-dinner on Mardi Gras! All proceeds go to Youth programs! Volunteers and patrons needed 5pm at St. Paul's, corner of Desmet and 3rd-downstairs.



### Interested in participating in the 30hour Famine March 15-16 at First Presbyterian?

#### Let Sam know!

*"The 30 Hour Famine is a World Vision event in 21 countries. Thousands of teenagers across the U.S., Canada, and several other countries participate to raise money and then fast for 30 hours. Games, fund raisers, and other events may also take place to help teach and educate the participants and others about world hunger all over the world. It is also a time for education and awareness of world hunger, and an understanding of how people go without food for long periods of time."*

Samantha Fife – Youth Director  
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## Worship Notes for February

- ♥ 2/3 **Four Chaplains Sunday**,  
Celebration of Grace
- ♥ 2/10 Now the Feast and Celebration
- ♥ 2/17 Now the Feast and Celebration
- ♥ 2/24 ELW 3



## The Story of the Four Chaplains

**The Four Chaplains**, also referred to as the “**Immortal Chaplains**” or the “**Dorchester Chaplains**” were four United States Army Chaplains who gave their lives to save civilian and military personnel as the troop ship USAT Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943, during World War II. The vessel was torpedoed during the early morning hours of February 3rd by a German submarine off the coast of Newfoundland in the North Atlantic. The chaplains all held the rank of first lieutenant, and included a Methodist minister, a rabbi, a Roman Catholic priest, and a Reformed Church in America minister. They gave up their lifejackets when the supply ran out, then joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. Some 230 of the 904 men aboard the ship were rescued.

Faith Lutheran remembers the Four Chaplains in worship on or near February 3rd by the request of several of our members and veterans. Their courage and sacrifice show us the Spirit of the God they all served.

## 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!





## FLBC Summer 2019 Schedule Is Posted

**2019 summer brochures** have been mailed out and Summer camp registration is now open. Be sure to sign up early for your first choice in programs and weeks.

Visit our website ([www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net)) to register.

**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](http://www.flbc.net)

Give a gift to your family this year and plan to come to Family Camp, Run for Fun, Treehouse Camp **June 30-July 5 or July 5-7 (weekend)!** Week-long Family Camp normally fills first, so be sure to register early if you plan to attend!

**Grandparents! Sign up to spend a week at camp with your grandchildren the week of June 23-28.**

**Experience FLBC and spend quality time with those you love.**

**Early Discounts:** *Save \$50 by registering with your deposit by April 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*Save \$25 by registering with your deposit by May 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**Adult Volunteers Needed:** Camp Grandparents, Adult Volunteers (maintenance, kitchen work), Doctors/Nurses, and Alumni Staff. Information may be found on the website. Call (406) 752-6602 for the best availability of weeks.

**\$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

**SAVE THE DATE!** 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.Impluchurch.org/womensretreat](http://www.Impluchurch.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](mailto:WomensSpringRetreatMT@gmail.com)

Hope to see you there!

**REGISTER BY APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> TO GET BEST RATE!**

## Adult Spirituality Retreat

### April 28<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

The goal of this retreat is to let God be good to each of us, and surprise us in new ways. Fr. Ganz, SJ will be here to teach and guide us in opening ourselves up to God. Bring your Bible, something to write on and yourself. Entire event \$260, Sunday \$30, Monday \$195, Tuesday \$30 – Retreat begins with dinner on Sunday and ends with lunch on Tuesday.



## 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
- **Lt. Col. Timothy Spaulding**, nephew of John Trangmoe, Air Force, Wright Patterson AFB, OH
- **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:** Gwen, Shirley H., Leah, Aubrey

**Prayers for:** Pastor Paul & Gwen, Pastor Mick, Richard, Claire G., Amber R., Susan, Craig W., Sarah M., Stacey M., Susan G., Charlotte, Betty, Joern family, Sally C., Lavonne Beers, family of Butch Wadin.

**Valley View:** Ruth Dillon

**Discovery Care:** Bob Mathison

**Remington:** Betty Swift

**Home Nursing Care:** Virginia Rotering, Smitty Smith

**Incarcerated:** Jacob Bachman, George Davis

*Please remember to let us know if you are having surgery or know of someone who is, or if you or someone you love is in the hospital. We are here to help support in any way we can, especially with prayers.*

## Stewards & Staff of Faith Lutheran Church

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**Annual Assembly of the Montana Synod  
of the ELCA  
May 31 – June 2  
Best Western Heritage Inn  
Great Falls Montana**



**This year, a new bishop will be elected at the assembly.  
He or she will be installed on September 21, 2019**

**Introduction to Synod Survey**

As most of you are aware Bishop Crist will be retiring next summer, and at our 2019 Synod Assembly we will elect a new bishop. The Synod Council felt that this would be a good time to reach out to the congregations, and members individually, of the synod to find out where they think their congregation and collectively all congregations (the synod) are in terms of, well - the kingdom of God. What are our struggles of today and what do we feel good about; what are our dreams for future ministries? How will we strengthen our relationship with God and God's kingdom through our congregations and the synod?

**In order to start understanding these big questions in our synod, we in partnership with the Planning, Research & Evaluation staff at ELCA church-wide will be conducting a survey which will be sent out to all congregations. This survey will be filled out electronically, but we will make every effort to reach to those members who face challenges in the digital world.**

It is our hope that each congregational member will have an opportunity to complete the survey. The more surveys completed, the better picture we will all have of the health of the synod through its congregations. The information will be available to the new bishop and synod council as they transition into new leadership of the synod. The survey will also provide valuable information for congregations as they evaluate their individual paths into the future.

We appreciate your support of this endeavor. Please feel free to provide comment or questions to our team through the synod office.

Synod Council Survey Team As every attendee of every congregation is invited to complete this survey, we encourage you to forward the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/1FSBEmail>



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***Thank you from Haven House***

In 2018, a total of **161 tons** of food came in to Haven House and over **157 tons** went out our doors. We prepared **4965** monthly boxes and provided extra donated food for our weekly walk-in client visits.

Haven House provides food for an average of 1800 to 2000 people per month. **Our records show that Faith Lutheran Church donated 506 lbs. of food to Haven House!** Thank you from our staff, Judy Williams

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## 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:

March 10 - sturdy combs (no picks or fine toothed)

March 17 - Nail clippers

March 24 - bath towels

March 31 - tooth brushes

April 7 - 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)



## Giving Status for January 2019

In January FLC received \$8,782.00 in General Fund giving.

To meet requirements of the 2018 budget

FLC needed to receive \$16,146.46 for the month.

For the month of January giving was \$7,364.46 below requirements

For 2019 FLC is \$7,364.46 below requirements for the 2019 budget.



## **Dates To Remember**

- 2/3 Pastor Paul's & Gwen's first Sunday with us
- 2/6 6-8pm Youth at St. Paul's
- 2/10 FLC Annual Meeting**
- 2/13 6-8pm Youth at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian
- 2/15 7pm SLH Tuscan Dinner
- 2/17 Youth Sunday  
2pm Youth to Oliver
- 2/20 Faith Herald deadline  
6-8pm Youth at Faith
- 2/20 6-8pm Youth at St. Paul's
- 2/26 Faith serves Community Meal  
6-8pm Youth at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian
- 2/27 6-8pm Youth at St. Paul's

## **February Birthdays**

2	Millie Unruh
4	Virginia Rotering
5	Don Dale, Brooke Kimzey
8	Alice Muir
12	Carron Grymes, Lisa Milch
13	Justin Bourne
14	Ellen Davis
17	Jessica Eckstein, Cecile Richardson
21	Bonnie Montgomery
22	Ernie Berland
24	Michelle Mendenall
25	Cole Kimzey, Jeb VanDenburg
28	Donald Carlson, Jacob Heitmann

**The 2018 Annual Report will be emailed Feb. 5th**