

FAITH HERALD

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Turning Over a New Leaf—Again ***Open Books Open Hearts Open Lives***

If you don't open your Bible weekly (much less daily), and may not know how to find what you're looking for, you're not alone! Consider: Have you ever watched a child learn to walk? Did you—*would you ever*—discourage a stumbling toddler? Well, God is as delighted to see us stumble around a Bible as you are to see a toddler's tipsy steps! And every fumbling page turn gets us better acquainted with our loving, cheering God.

So let's turn over a new leaf—again, Friends of Faith! Want to know God better? Spend 2014 with *open books, open hearts, and open lives*.

Let's try again. In obedience to God's command to know and talk about Scripture (Deuteronomy 6:6-9), we'll encourage everyone to bring your own Bibles to church and open them weekly. We'll also project the lessons instead of printing them. Thrifty Lutherans: This saves money! Environmental Lutherans: This saves trees! Kids: Spark Story Bibles are in the pews—Enjoy!

Every week, folks who wish can underline key verses in our own Bibles to commit to memory. Every week, we can help our neighbors find their page. And every week, we'll grow a little more comfortable with and fond of our Bible and the God we meet in its pages.

Top picks if you need a good Bible:

- *The New Interpreter's Study Bible*, New Revised Standard Version (PB's pick, readable, serious study notes. The RSV and New RSV translations are from mainline scholars.)
- *The Lutheran Study Bible*, NRSV (great articles & aids from a Lutheran perspective)
- *The Adventure Bible*, NIV (teens, parents love it, too)
- *Life Application Bible*, New International Version (For adults, top pick of our local bookstore owner. The NIV and Today's NIV translations from the conservative evangelical tradition.)
- *NIV Study Bible* (adults, readable, more conservative commentary, study aids)

Don't let anyone tell you the Bible is easy to read. It's not. Still, you don't have to be a rocket scientist to hear God's voice in scripture. It just takes practice! And companions!

And don't let anyone tell you Lutherans don't know their Bible. At Faith, the Bethel Series, Search Bible Studies, and year after year of women's Bible studies have had our congregation firmly in the Word. Luther believed we shouldn't ever stop learning till we could argue down the Devil himself!

So let's turn over a new leaf—again and always—Friends of Faith. Let's open our Good Book, our hearts, and our lives to the Word in 2014.

~ Your humble and stubborn Servant in Christ, Pastor Brenda ☺



New Member Orientation at Home

What makes Faith tick and how do we keep it together? We'll look at being Christian, being Lutheran, and being together on our way to God through Jesus. Contact Pastor Brenda via text or phone call @ 381-1919.

Faith with and for kids...

GRACE in YOUR Face!



WEDNESDAYS!!! 7:00-8:30

Good food, honest talk, great giggles, crazy games...

- Jan. 3: First Friday Movie Madness. Cruse's. 6:00pm. Potluck.
- Jan. 8: First Youth Group of the New Year! "Hope"
- Jan. 13: Monday. Serve Community Dinner @ Cornerstone.
4:30-6 or 5:30-7pm.
- Jan. 15: YG. "Rich"
- Jan. 19: YOUTH SUNDAY!!!
- Jan. 22: YG. "Mean"
- Jan. 26: FAMILY SNOW DAY
- Jan. 29: YG. Defend Yourself!

FAMILY SNOW DAY:

Sunday January 26

Lost Trail Powder Mountain - Chief Joseph Pass

- 8:30am Meet at FLC for carpool, prayers, & lunch plans
- 9:30am Hit the slopes or trails
- 1:00pm Lunch at the Lost Trail Lodge
- 4:00pm Lifts close

Jen and Pete Dunn are point persons for the day, along with Alana and Clay Cruse. Anybody got a good place to sled??? Anybody wanna spend the night at the Broad Axe on Saturday? Swim at the Lost Trail Lodge???



The 30-hour Famine is on its way!

*Mark your calendars for **March 8-9** (Saturday-Sunday), and plan on feeling a TINY BIT of the world's hunger as we learn about hungry and help others to eat.*

Did you eat today?

About 800 million people today won't.

About 300 million of them are kids.

Learn more.

Do more.

Eat less...for just over a day.



Superbowl Sunday...

Who wants to host the party???
February 2, 3:30pm to...???



FLBC Summer 2014 Schedule Is Posted

Although warm summer days seem far way, it is not too early to start thinking about when your family wants to attend camp this summer! Look for Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp's Summer 2014 Schedule to be posted online at www.flbc.net.

Camp brochures will be mailed out in mid-January. Some of the popular weeks (like Family Camp) fill up fast so plan ahead. Matching camperships to attend camp are available from Faith Lutheran. We are asking those who apply for a campership to track their service to our church (for example, assisting with worship (like acolyte), VBS helper, Easter breakfast servers, Chili Cook-off helpers, church decorating or clean-up, etc.) to submit with their application. Campership application forms are located on the counter outside of the church office. Please contact me (Celeste P.) if you have questions.


**Sunday School
resumes
January 12th!**



Worship Notes for January

- 1/5 Epiphany, ELW Setting 4
- 1/12 Baptism of Our Lord, ELW Setting 4
- 1/19 Praise Service
- 1/26 ELW Setting 4




**3rd Grade Bible Class
starts on 1/12/2014!!**
Contact Brooke K. for
more info at
(406) 261-2545.
A parent must
accompany each child.



Post-Christmas Cookie Potluck Coffee Hour!!!

Sunday, December 29

Bring a plate of cookies to share at coffee hour, and empty your freezer for New Years' Resolve!!! We'll have the coffee on. ☺



The Un-Decorating Party

Sunday, January 5, 11:00am



All hands on deck! If everybody—every family—takes a job, Christmas comes down fast and fun. Let's keep it simple: we'll grab a cuppa coffee and a cookie, then get right to it. Home by noon, easy!

The Stewards of Faith 2013 Church Council

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Celeste Pogachar	Music/Worship Coordinator



Care for Military Families

The American Legion supports the families of deployed servicemen and women through care packages to spouses and kids left at home.

Please contact Sharon Klakken of the American Legion (544-8774) or let our office know if you are or if you know of such a family to access this helpful service.

Pray for our Military

Please remember our family and friends that have joined the military & are defending our country each and every day. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Especially remember those close to our family here at Faith Lutheran:

- Lt. Colonel Mark Huhtanen, son of Dale and Dianne Huhtanen, serving Afghanistan
- S/Sgt Anthony Hunter, grandson of Carl Swanson, serving in Texas
- Mike Hebert, grandson of Don and Shirley McGourty, US Army, serving in Joliet, IL
- Major Timothy Spaulding, nephew of John Trangmoe, Air Force, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
- Tech Sgt. Andy Wetzsteon, son of Susan and Lonnie Wetzsteon, serving at Eileson AFB, Fairbanks, AK
- Eric Joiner, grandson of Bob and Marge Mathison, serving at Fort Drum, New York
- Sgt. Carl J. Selby, grandson of Clara Felton, serving in Hutchinson, KS
- Tony Robertson and Gretchen Robertson, brother and sister-in-law to the Beyers, serving in Alaska
- Dea Ross, niece of Craig Hurlbert & granddaughter of Dea & Bill Hurlbert, Navy, stationed in Afghanistan
- Anna Mitteness, granddaughter of Morrie and Ann Mitteness, Cpl US Marines Corps. Now at the Marine Station in Yuma, AZ, doing communications repair.



The Faith Lutheran Church Annual Meeting has been moved to February 2nd!

Don't miss it—this is super important to attend
& help make decisions on the future of FLC.



Year-End Givers, Remember Faith!

As you're making year-end donations, please keep Faith Lutheran in mind!

Our giving is behind our expenses as we near the end of our fiscal year, so every little bit will help!

Thank You Everyone!

For the terrific Youth Sunday Christmas Program!!! Young ones told the story with heart-warming voices, instrumentalists lifted our hearts in song, narrators brought us all along.

And parents: for faithfully bringing your kids, leading them to God, and following Jesus yourselves—thank you!



Special thanks to Mark Livesay and Troy Hanson for technical and stage help, to all the Sunday School teachers who cheered our kids on, and to Celeste for pulling us all together to tell the story one more time! We'll see you back next year!

Also, our Middle School and High School kids deeply thank Skeet and Clay for waffle cooking, Alana for the BACON, and Gwen and Jane for supporting this and EVERY Youth Sunday with their phone calls and casseroles.

What an AWESOME crew!!! You bless us all! ~Pastor Brenda

Freedom in Christ Prison Ministry Quilt Contest

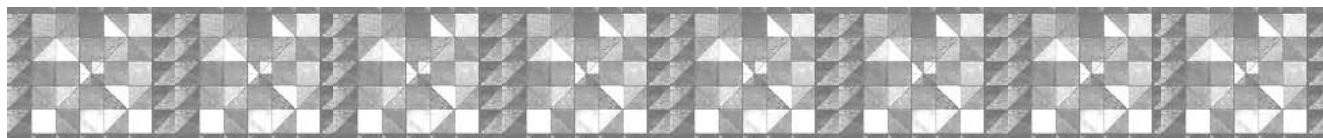
The Love Day Quilters have entered the Freedom in Christ Quilt Contest again this year. Last year our quilt took second place thanks to all of you who voted online.

The quilt we submitted for this years' contest is spectacular. It was designed and made by Lea Nordstrom. It can be seen and voted on along with the other entries, on the Freedom in Christ Prison Ministry website through Jan. 1st. Winners will be announced on the website on January 2nd.

Help the quilters win again by getting on the website www.ficprisonministry.com and casting your vote. Thank you!

The quilts will be auctioned off in March 2014.

(At the time of printing, our quilt was in a very tight race with another for 2nd place.)



January Birthdays

Shirley McGourty	January 1
Clairice Brady	January 3
Chris Maul-Smith	January 3
Kyle Melton	January 5
Annie Strain	January 5
Lina Gyles	January 6
Carol Peterson	January 6
Carl Swanson	January 6
Allie Auch	January 7
Lars Larson	January 8
Logan VanDenburg	January 8
Kerry Hanson	January 9
Gunnar Larson	January 10
Brenda Satrum	January 12
Nichole Mitchell	January 15
Jeff Montgomery	January 15
Ron Osborn	January 16
Virginia Kindzerski	January 17
Jerry Mitchell	January 21
Bob Maker	January 22
Ethel Warwick	January 22
John McKee	January 23
Susan Wetzsteon	January 23
Jennifer Larson	January 24
Ann Mitteness	January 28
Keegan Williamson	January 29
Claire Matthews	January 31



Happy Birthday!!

Many years ago my mother, who was great at writing letters, sent me this saying.

The Light of God surrounds me.
The Love of God enfolds me.
The Power of God protects me.
The Presence of God watches over me.
Wherever I am - God is!

All these years later the saying still has a great effect on me. It reminds me that I am never alone and that I am deeply loved by my Creator.

When I share this with others, they ask that I write it down for them.

In this new year, may this saying be a reminder that you are never alone. God is with you always and He loves you.

~Nancy Osborn

They're almost here!!!

Lifetouch has confirmed our photo directories should be ready to ship by December 31st!

Woohoo!

Thanks to everyone that helped out on this endeavor.

They look fantastic!

And what a way to start the New Year!



Used Dell laptop computer (Vista) available from the church.

Submit sealed bids by
Dec. 29 to Darrin at:
powertrip@cybernet1.com



Naomi Circle and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Team Up for Special Folks

The ladies of Naomi Circle chose to do a special Christmas project this year. They planned to provide fruit and candy baskets for the dear folks in our congregation who find getting to church on Sundays challenging.

They heard—Thrivent Financial is offering a new project this year available to all members. Anyone who is a member of Thrivent can submit a request and receive funding if the project is approved. Naomi Circle's project was approved quickly and the \$250 and a box of T Shirts arrived well before the packaging date.

Eleven members of Naomi Circle gathered on December 18th in the fellowship room and shared a wonderful fellowship of packing baskets for our special folks. There was every kind of fruit available at the market, along with candies, nuts, homemade cookies and figurine gifts. Each lady took some baskets to deliver. We all agreed that we had been truly blessed in having the funds to be extravagant in our gift.

If you are a Thrivent member, the Thrivent money is available for your project as well. And you can apply twice each year. I'd be happy to answer any questions about this generous gift from Thrivent.

~Clairice Brady (363-2749)



Another Year Is Dawning

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be,
In working, or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.

Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.

Another year of service,
Of witness of Thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven
Another year for Thee

~Francis Ridley Havergal (1874)



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Dates To Remember



- 12/29 Post-Christmas Cookie Potluck
- 1/1 *Happy New Year!!!* (FLC Office Closed)
- 1/2 FIC Prison Ministry Quilt Contest Ends (Vote Please!!)
- 1/3 HS Youth First Friday Movie Madness
- 1/5 Epiphany Sunday, Un-Decorating Party,
Women's Acapella Resumes
- 1/8 **Council Reports Due**
- 1/12 Sunday School Resumes, 3rd Grade Bible Class Starts
- 1/13 HS Youth serve Community Meal, FLC Council Mtg.
- 1/15 **Annual Reports are due!**
- 1/16 Faith Herald Deadline
- 1/24 Great Big Folding Party
- 1/26 Family Snow Day
- 1/29 Confirmation Grub & Games