



The Faith Herald

January 2018

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

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Visit our office 9a-1p, M-F

Church office closed Dec 25th – Jan 1st

**Faith Lutheran Church Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 10th after worship**



**Faith Lutheran Church
Scandinavian Dinner
Saturday, January 26, 2019
3-7 pm**



Adults: \$17 & children under 16 years: \$5. Donations welcome.

Proceeds will benefit FLC's General Fund Reserve

Buy extra! Give a meal to a friend or neighbor.

Tickets available at:

Faith Lutheran Church, The Paper Clip, and at the door on January 26th

**Can you help get the word out by hanging a poster in the place where you do
business or where you work? There will be more to distribute soon!**

You can find the poster outside the church office.

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Scandinavian Dinner Preparations Have Begun!: Come join the fun!

Scandinavian Dinner is a lot of ~~work~~-fun!



How will you join the fun? We Lutherans are known throughout the Bitterroot Valley for our food and fellowship. And there's really nothing like getting to know those folks you share a pew with as you make meatballs, roll lefse, or peel potatoes. **Please lend a hand;** check the calendar below to see when you are available, and say, **"Yes, I can do that!"** when you receive a phone call to serve. Better yet, volunteer **BEFORE** you get a phone call!
Celeste Pogachar 239-3952

Mark Your Calendars!

- Jan. 5 (Sat) Meatballs
- Jan. 10-12 (Thurs-Sat) Lefse
- Jan. 18-19 (Fri- Sat) Cookies/Desserts
- Jan 22 (Tues) Salads
- Jan. 25 (Fri) Potatoes/ Decorating
- Jan. 26 (Sat) **Dinner!**



Committee Leaders: Please call them if you can help!

Meatballs, Sandy & Dean Drake 777-7010
Cookies, Lesli Shields & Judy Griffin 509-969-8924
Lefse, Clairice and Dale Brady 363-2749
Salads, Jackie VanDenburg 363-5393

Cookie Baking Supplies. We need you!

The Scandinavian Dinner is almost here and we are beginning to make preparations. As your co-chairs of the Cookie Committee, we are asking for any supplies you may wish to donate after your Christmas baking is completed. **We need: Butter, Flour and Sugar.** We also need to borrow Krumkake irons, Sandbakkle tins and Spritz presses. If you wish to donate or help, please contact Lesli Shields at 509-969-8924 or

lsgjs@aol.com

Thank you, Judy Griffin and Lesli Shields.



Share Your Scandinavian Treasures

Along with all the good food at dinner, another of the Highlights are the decorations and display of Scandinavian artifacts & treasures including clothing (like sweaters).

If you would like to share, please label your items and bring to the church on Friday the 25th. Please call John Trangmoe for more info at 363-2463

A perspective from Laura on our Call Committee

Being on the Call Committee was truly an enlightening experience for me. Being the newest church member of the group, I was blessed with the opportunity to get to know the members of the group on a more personal level. Not only was it a chance to connect with others, but it was an exercise in communication, respect, and truly engaging debate. I want to thank the congregation and Council for choosing us as your call committee, we were so the same and yet so different, that it worked perfectly. Often what stood out about a candidate would be different than another call committee member perceived, but that gave us the ability to view things from all angles and make the best decision for everybody. What stood out for me about Pastor Paul was his Faith, his desire to spread the Word, and his energy. Speaking with him, it felt like an old friend. It was very easy for me to imagine him here, leading us all on our journey to walk with Christ.

*Thank you,
Laura Reichart*



Pastor Paul's First Service will be Feb. 3rd



Worship Notes for January

12/30	Christmas Carols
1/6	Epiphany, Now the Feast
1/13	Baptism of Our Land, Now the Feast
1/20	Now the Feast
1/27	ELW 3

Sunday, Dec. 30th

Christmas Cookie Potluck, during coffee hour

Bring your leftover Christmas cookies to share!

The Un-decorating Party will begin after the cookies are gone.

All hands on deck! If everybody takes a job, Christmas comes down fast and fun. Let

We'll grab a cup of coffee and a cookie or two, then get right to it. Home by noon, easy!



A Note from John Lund, Emmaus Campus Ministry:

Hey all, We are in need of a few items as we have people moving out and in over the semester break. Please help us get the word out and let me know if you can help:

- ♥ Coffee table
- ♥ Dresser
- ♥ Twin mattress (2, in good shape)
- ♥ Smaller recliner chair

Thanks, John – 406-396-4974

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THE YOUTH PAGE – JAN 2019

WEDNESDAYS & SUNDAYS

Wed Jan 2 Youth Group 6-8pm
 @ *First Presbyterian*

Wed Jan 9 Youth Bowling 6-8pm
 @ *Bitterroot Valley Lanes*
 -\$2 per Youth
 -bring a friend!
 -pizza provided

Wed Jan 16 Youth Group 6-8pm
 @ *Faith Lutheran*

Sun Jan 20 Youth Sunday
 @ *Faith Lutheran*

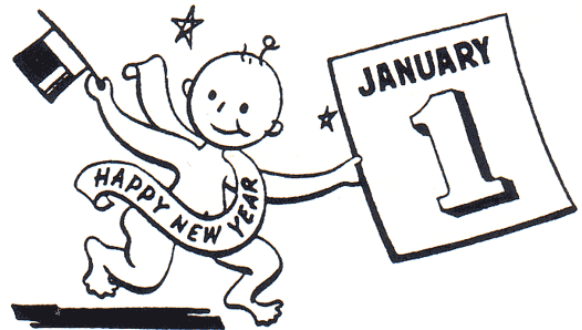
Wed Jan 23 No Youth Group

Fri Jan 25 Set-up for Scandinavian Dinner 10am
 @Faith Lutheran

Sat Jan 26 Scandinavian Dinner (see details below)
 @ *Faith Lutheran*

Wed Jan 30 Youth Group Movie Night 6-8:30pm
 @ *Faith Lutheran*

Wed Feb 6 Youth Group 6-8pm
 @ *First Presbyterian*



SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Scandinavian Dinner, Saturday January 26th 3-7pm



For this long standing Faith fundraiser it is tradition that the MS Youth are bussers and the HS Youth are servers. There are two shifts available. Please call Samantha to find out how you can help out!

Samantha Fife – Youth Director
406-370-8025 fifedrive1@gmail.com

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Thank You

Thank You, from Amber Richardson

Just a simple thanks to Jennifer, Brandi and Helen. To Sam, Michele and Alan. For LaDonna and all her support to Celeste and the musicians

And all the kids who made the program a gift to our congregation!!

Oh, the magic of childhood and their sweet voices is such a wonderful gift! 🎁🎵🎄🎵
We would like to thank a group of special people that made our 2018 children's Christmas program such a blessing.

Amber Richardson came forward with the idea and with the help of Helen Fessler, Brandi Williamson and Jennifer Murrillo it was a hit. Thank you for all the hard work that went into such an undertaking! Also thanks to Mark Livesay for supplying our Happy Birthday treats afterwards! LaDonna

Thank You Notes:

From Bitterroot CASA:

Thank you for the donations of the suitcases for our local foster youth, Julie Crane, Program Director.

From Heidi Kestrel:

Thank you so much for the love, kindness and support you've shown my family and me during the past months. You have made a huge difference in our lives.

From Emmaus Campus Ministry:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$545 for Brawl of the Wild! Our ministry depends on donors like you. Without you we couldn't offer such rich and rewarding experiences for young people to grow in faith and service. The entire Emmaus Community will benefit from your generosity. Pastor John Lund.

From Pam Melchert:

I received a lovely note from Margie Fiedler of the FLBC that you, as a congregation, had made a very generous gift in Don's honor. I thank you! We have told you many times that the months spent with you as an interim, on Don's part, were some of our very best in retirement. You accepted us and welcomed us and made us feel such a part of your faith community.

A Time to Serve...Food!

January 22nd is the next date Faith prepares and serves a Community Meal. Meal preparation is at 10 am that morning in the Faith kitchen and final preparation, serving and clean-up is from 4 pm until 6:45 that same day at Cornerstone Bible Church on Fairgrounds Rd. Volunteers are greatly appreciated! Contact Linda Beyer - 207-3471.

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FLBC Summer 2019 Schedule Now Available

It's not too early to start thinking about when your family wants to attend camp this summer! Look for FLBC's Summer 2019 Schedule online at www.flbc.net and check out the new camps this year.

Camp brochures have been mailed out. If you did not receive one, check the counter outside the church office for one. Some of the popular weeks (like Family Camp) fill up fast. Matching camperships for all who wish to go to camp this summer are available from Faith Lutheran. We ask 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, Scandinavian Dinner helpers, church decorating or clean-up, etc. Please contact Celeste and she will put a copy of the application form in your church mailbox.

- **Summer 2019 Adult Volunteers!** FLBC needs adult volunteers for the 2019 summer camping season (pastors, youth directors, nurses, grandparents, etc.) Application forms are available online. Call (406) 752-6602 for information.

Plan Ahead!

Church Leadership Retreat

February 1-2, 2019

Rev. David Rommerein and Margie Fiedler will facilitate this great weekend and learning together. Bring your Church Council and meet others from around MT. \$30 per person.

Women's Spring Retreat (WELCA)

April 26th through 28th, 2019

Our guest presenter will be Pastor Miriam Schmidt. "Time For God, We have all the time we need" Ages 14 and up. Early bird registration by April 8th, \$135 includes speaker, lodging and meals. Register 9th – 16th, \$150 Lodging and meals. Saturday only \$55, includes 2 meals. A limited number of \$100 scholarships are available on a first come/first served bases. Contact Celeste for retreat details.

Adult Spirituality Retreat

April 28th through 30th, 2019

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.

Questions or Register: Call 406-752-6602 or email: office@FLBC.net



Summary of Significant Actions December 9, 2018 Congregation Meeting

Meeting commenced December 9th after the Sunday worship service, convened by council president. At least 30 members of the congregation were present and a quorum was achieved.

Steward of Finance, Dean Drake, reviewed the 2019 budget details.

Motion by Susan Wetzsteon, seconded by Ron Pogachar, to approve the 2019 budget as presented was approved by unanimous vote of the congregation.

Chair of the Call Committee, Troy Hanson, discussed the rationale that resulted in the committee's recommendation of Paul Anderson as new pastor.

Scott Southwick motioned, seconded by Helen Volden, to approve the call of Paul Anderson as the incoming pastor of FLC. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the congregation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53am.

December 2018 Council Highlights

Summary of Significant Items and Actions

- ✓ Motion to approve pastor pay package as amended to address Paul Anderson's requirements made by Deb, seconded by Marlin, passed by majority vote.
- ✓ Motion to approve a \$1,500.00 bonus for Pastor Mick made by Deb, seconded by Marlin, passed by majority vote.
- ✓ Motion to approve a \$1,500.00 donation to FLC Chico, CA made by Marlin, seconded by Ross, passed by majority vote.
- ✓ Motion to approve accepting check in settlement for hail damage to church roof and coordinate repair of church and Faith House garage roofs made by Deb, seconded by Ross, approved by majority vote.
- ✓ Motion to approve expending resources needed to repair FLC web site made by Deb, seconded by Ross, approved by majority vote.

Faith Lutheran Church Approves 2019 Budget

The congregation of Faith Lutheran Church unanimously approved the 2019 Budget at a Special Meeting held December 9th.

Council wishes to thank everyone that participated in this year's budgetary process to include our Mutual Ministry Committee for their input on pay and benefits, our Financial Secretary, Heather Wintergerst, for her work in producing records and financial analysis, and all of the folks from our congregation that participated in the process. We began in September and concluded the workup process on December 2nd with a congregational Q&A.

One of our goals this coming year is to increase the size of our active membership by 20% (the equivalent of 18 active and participating members). Budget requests from our Council stewards and passed by our congregation support this goal. We are investing funds saved as a result of our vacant pastor position (1 May to 31 December) toward this end.

This is a critical year at Faith. We will soon have a new pastor, a renewed spirit of optimism, and a budget to achieve success!

May God continue to bless and guide this Church. *Dean Drake, Your Steward of Finance*



1/3	Clarice Brady	1/16	Ron Osborn
1/6	Lina Gyles, Carol Peterson	1/17	Virginia Kindzerski
	Carl Swanson, Marlin Lewis	1/21	Jerry Mitchell
1/7	Allie Auch, Maddison Duchscher	1/23	John McKee, Susan Wetzsteon
1/8	Lars Larson, Logan Vandenburg	1/24	Jennifer Larson, Paul Roege
1/9	Kerry Hanson	1/29	Keegan Williamson
1/10	Gunnar Larson	1/31	Claire Matthews
1/15	Nichole Mitchell, Jeff Montgomery		

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Stewards & Staff of Faith Lutheran Church

Interim Pastor	Mick Gray		
President/Convener	Darrin Heitmann	370-4521	powertrip@cybernet1.com
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Bookkeeper	Heather Wintergerst	363-2964	office@faithlutheranhamilton.org
Custodian	Richard Castor	363-2964	



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, serving 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: Dale A., Mary H., John D., Echo Allison, Blaine, Lea, Doreen Johnson

Health, Comfort & Healing: Shirley H., Leah, Morry Mitteness, Aubrey, Steve L

Prayers for: Andy F., Friends and family of David Gazarra, Bode, Gail L, Miriam B., Val Hoff, Sarah, Ray, Lavonne Beers, Aurora Tabayoyon and her family

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.

End of Life Financial Assistance

It has come our attention that members of our congregation have struggled with finances available for inpatient hospice care and also for funeral costs.

A new committee has been formed under the Steward of Outreach, called the "End of Life Financial Assistance Project". A limited amount of funds are now available to aid members of our congregation with these costs. Application forms are available from the church office.

Funds may be made available after deliberation by the committee. The only qualifications are that the deceased or the patient must be a member of Faith Lutheran Church and in financial need.

The committee has rotating 3 year commitments. Initial members are: for three years, Dale Brady; for two years Claudia Williams; and for one year, Karen Heller. If you have any questions, please see any member of the committee.

Dates To Remember

- 1/2 There will be no dinner tonight
6pm-8pm Youth Group, First Presbyterian
- 1/5 Scandinavian Dinner Prep Begins (Meatballs)
- 1/6 Sunday School Resumes
- 1/9 Annual Reports Due**
5:45pm Wed. Night Alive! Dinners resume
6pm - 8pm Youth Bowling Bitterroot Lanes
Pizza provided
1/10-12 Scandinavian Dinner Prep: Lefse
- 1/16 Council Meeting
- 1/16 Faith Herald Deadline
5:45pm Wed. Night Alive!
6pm-8pm Youth Group
- 1/18-19 Scandinavian Dinner prep: Cookies
- 1/20 Youth Sunday at Faith
- 1/22 Faith serves Community Meal at Cornerston
- 1/23 5:45pm Wed. Night Alive!
No Youth Group
- 1/25 10am Set up for Scandinavian Dinner
Scandinavian Dinner prep: Potatoes & Salad
- 1/26 Scandinavian Dinner, 3-7pm**
- 1/30 5:45pm Wed. Night Alive!
Faith Herald Sent Out
6pm Youth Movie Night
- 2/3 **Pastor Paul joins us for his first service at Faith**
- 2/6 6-8:30pm Youth Group
- 2/10 Faith Lutheran Church Annual Meeting, after worship**



***Please mark your calendars for the Faith Lutheran Church
Annual meeting February 10th following worship***