



# The Faith Herald

*June 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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## Words from the Bishop: Proposed Social Statement on Women and Justice

It has been a long time in coming. Women are 50% of the world’s population, and more than 50% of the church. As a church, we have had social statements and social messages over the years on a whole host of topics from economic well-being to mental health. But we have not yet adopted a social statement on women and justice. Even the current statement being considered by the Churchwide Assembly in August, has taken longer than any other social statement in our history. First proposed in 2009, it was delayed by other pressing matters the church was dealing with, and by a staff reduction caused by financial shortfall. The length of time for the study, once it got under way, was also longer than previous studies.



The final title for the proposed social statement is “Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action.” It is available at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org). The writing team decided to make it available in two forms: there is a brief, 8 page synopsis of the study, and then a longer, 30+ page version, followed by a glossary of terms and implementing resolutions.

The statement begins with the fundamental teaching that God desires abundant life for all. Included in this are:

1. God’s intention is revealed in Scriptures.
2. All people are created equally in the image of God.
3. Humans exist in sin, alienated from God and one another.
4. Christ heals and redeems us from this alienation.
5. Because we are freed in Christ, we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.
6. God’s grace and mercy are for all people.
7. Reason and knowledge are gifts from God for the common good.
8. The church is called to live justly in the world

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The statement goes on to describe how sin subverts human flourishing in many ways that oppress people and restrict them. Patriarchy and sexism are among the forces that prevent women and girls from realizing abundant life fully. They also prevent men and boys from realizing life fully.

“As Christians, we see that patriarchy and sexism prevent all human beings from living into the abundant life for which God created them. Patriarchy and sexism reflect a lack of trust in God and result in harm and broken relationships. Just as this church has identified racism as sin, this church identifies patriarchy and sexism as sin. We confess that, as God’s people forgiven in Jesus Christ, we are simultaneously liberated and sinful.”

The statement goes on to say how the Christian tradition is both a challenge and a resource. While tradition has often been used to reinforce patriarchy and sexism, central Lutheran and Christian doctrines free Christ’s beloved people to challenge all forms of oppression.

The statement continues with suggested actions for us as a church, including:

1. Celebrating the gifts of women and girls.
2. Promoting scriptural translation and interpretation that rejects the misuse of scripture.
3. Promote theological language that responds to the gender-based needs of the neighbor.
4. Using inclusive language for humans and expansive language for God.
5. Promote women’s leadership, especially women of color.
6. Promote economic justice
7. Affirm the Lutheran World Federation’s “Gender Justice Policy.”

The statement also calls the ELCA to action to advocate for justice in society.

It is important to note that this statement does not denigrate men. It’s premise is that all people are made in God’s image, and that both men and women, girls and boys will be better off when we live into that reality.

There will be a workshop at the Synod Assembly on the proposed Social Statement. And the Churchwide Assembly in August will vote on it, as well as on the implementing resolutions.

Jessica Crist, Bishop

Greetings to you all,

Summer is a time for reconnecting. We reconnect with nature—doing yard work, going on hikes, picnics, etc. We reconnect with our loved ones—family reunions, family gatherings at graduations, camping trips, etc. Summer is also a wonderful time to reconnect with God. This may happen when you are out in nature, or at family gatherings. This also happens at Vacation Bible School (as a participant or a helper), Bible Camp, or Summer retreats, etc.

With all of this Summer reconnecting, our schedules can become overwhelmingly busy. To help you stay connected with God through worship, here at Faith Lutheran Church, we are providing you with a worship alternative. On Wednesday evenings there will be a meal served at 5:45 with a Worship Service at 6:30. This will begin, June 5th and continue with the Wednesdays following.

May God bless you in all your reconnections this summer—with nature, with family and friends, and with God. I look forward to hearing the stories that these connections will conjure up for you.

Partners in sharing God’s grace,  
*Pastor Paul*

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# Wanted!

## Musicians willing to offer special music at worship this summer

Pick your date; the schedule is wide open. June 30<sup>th</sup> will be patriotic, July 21<sup>st</sup> will be Christmas in July!

I am certainly willing to help you find music or connect you with an accompanist if you need one. Please consider sharing your gifts with the congregation. ~Celeste.



## Faith's Worship Rhythm: Beginning June 23<sup>rd</sup> Summer liturgy will be Bread of Life, setting 5, from the WOV, blue hymnal

June 30<sup>th</sup> Worship will feature patriotic music.

July 21<sup>st</sup> We will celebrate Christmas in July.



**Beginning on June 2nd**, we will go projection-free for the summer. Also, the lessons and prayers will be found on "Celebrate" a pre-printed bulletin insert. **You are encouraged to take the entire bulletin home with you!**

## Join Sapphire Lutheran Homes For Free Concerts, All Music at 7PM Come for a \$5 burger at 6pm

501 N. 10th Street, Hamilton



### Bring your lawn chair or blanket, Family Friendly

- ♪ Friday, June 21: Raise the Roof (Christian band)
- ♪ Friday, June 28: The Ringling 5
- ♪ Friday, July 6: The Tomcats, with fireworks at dark!
- ♪ Friday, July 12: Beatles for Sale, **Faith servers needed for the BBQ**
- 🎭 Thursday, August 22 @ 6pm: Shakespeare in the Parks **Henry IV** (no BBQ offered)

**Check out the poster in the lobby or Call 406-363-2800  
or go to [sapphirelutheran.org](http://sapphirelutheran.org) for more information**



# SAVE THE DATE!

July 14-19

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

at Faith Lutheran

Led by **Awesome** FLBC counselors

This Year's Theme: "God's Agent of C.H.A.N.G.E."

Youngsters from age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome

8:00am to 12:30pm Monday through Friday

Snacks and Lunch provided

*Fun Songs, Games, Crafts, Team Building, Community Service*

This wonderful experience is open as a Christian outreach to any young children in your life; grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors etc. There is no charge to attend, however donations are gladly accepted to help with expenses.

**Pre-registration is greatly appreciated, as it helps us provide for food and crafts.**

- ✓ Register in the lobby 7:30am Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Registration forms and information are available at the church office, 363-2964 or on the counter outside the office.

### Vacation Bible School Food Requests:



Watch for the grocery sales and pick up extra snack items like, cookies, goldfish crackers, juice boxes, cold cereal (like Cinnamon Toast Crunch), small boxes of raisins, or anything that young tummies would enjoy. Please label "VBS" and leave them in the kitchen on the back counter by the coffee maker. Thank you!

### VBS NEEDS YOUR HELP

How can you help? We need: Kitchen helpers, Preschool helpers, Counselors' helpers, Folks to host Counselor or a meal, kitchen supplies and food, craft supplies (see Linda Beyer, and of course, \$\$\$ donations are helpful too!)

**If you can help please call Celeste!**

## 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!

## *Farewell and Godspeed to Samantha Fife our Youth Director*

### **BEST Wishes to Samantha!**

On behalf of Church Council, I would like to say Thank You to Samantha Fife for her over 5 years of leadership of our high school youth program. Your bubbly smile and enthusiasm for sharing the faith has been appreciated and will be missed. We wish you success in all your new adventures in Missoula and please know you are always welcome to visit us here in the Valley.

Sincerely,

LaDonna Grotbo

Stewart of Discipleship

## Meet the Future Boldly

The Annual Assembly of the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held May 31-June 2, 2019, at the heritage Inn in Great Falls, Montana. Faith's delegates will be Celeste Pogachar and Darrin Heitmann. Pastor Paul Anderson will also attend.

This year is a business session. The Assembly will elect a Bishop for a six-year term, a Vice President for a four-year term, and a Treasurer for a four-year term. In addition, the Assembly will elect Synod Council and other committee members, adopt a budget for 2020, and deal with any other resolutions and business as there is time.

The ELCA representative will be the Rev. Chris Boerger, ELCA Secretary.





# FLBC News & Notes

## FLBC Summer Camping Season Begins June 16<sup>th</sup>

Camp brochures are located on the counter outside the church office, or download a PDF from FLBC's website: [www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net)

*Bring a friend who has never been to camp before and save \$200!*

**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.

**FLC Camperships.** Kids and adults your church pays \$200 towards your camp registration! Pick up the form on the counter outside the church office, or contact Celeste Pogachar for more information.



### 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. *Please register not later than 7 days prior*

### Partner's Luncheon & Lakeview Cabin Complex Dedication

**June 8th, 2019** Join us for lunch honoring all our generous Annual Fund and Capital Fund donors! Meet the 2019 summer staff and enjoy an afternoon at camp. We will also be dedicating the Lakeview Cabin Complex this afternoon.



### Grand Camp, June 23-28

Daily themes that transform community, Generosity, Compassion, Inclusion, Justice and Forgiveness. **Join Pastor Paul and Gwen for a memorable week.**

### Summer Spotlight: Family Camp Weekend, July 5-7

Bring your family for a weekend of fun on Flathead Lake! Adventure in the water, through the woods, or just to the Art Barn while enjoying time with your whole family. Adult Bible study sessions will be facilitated by Pr. Scott Thompson of Bethlehem Lutheran in Kalispell while children will enjoy time learning about their own faith with trained FLBC staff.

### Join FLBC on a trip to Holden Village Sept. 22-26, Register by July 1<sup>st</sup>!

(See poster in the lobby) [office@flbc.net](mailto:office@flbc.net) 406-752-6602

Please notify the church office with the dates your child or children will be attending camp so that we may pray for them.

## Annual Scholarships Awarded

The scholarship committee of Faith Lutheran Church is pleased to announce the recipients of its annual college scholarship awards. On Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>, scholarships totaling \$5,500 were presented to:



Shelby Cruse, University of Utah  
Sydney Cruse, Loyola University  
Donald Carlson, Montana State University  
Lauren Kimzey, Washington State University  
Quinn Larson, University of Montana  
Claire Matthews, Montana State University  
KaSondra Grymes, Montana Western  
Anilynn Mason, Montana State University  
Colter Mason, Montana State University  
Josephine VanDenburg, University of Utah  
Brooke Lawry, Montana State University  
Amy Lawry, Montana State University

Thank you, Friends of Faith and Thrivent, for your generous donations to the scholarship fund. Proceeds from the Easter Breakfast go towards funding these scholarships.



### *Thank you to those that helped with Sunday School and Youth Ministry*

With our 2018-19 school end coming to an end, I would like to send a “special thank you” to all the wonderful ladies that stepped up to help out with our youth this year. With Pastor Brenda leaving, my term started with many unknowns but I called a meeting, and low and behold, we soon had a team

willing to work together and see what we could offer.

My “Team Faith” consisted for Helen Fessler, Amber Richardson, Brandi Williamson and Jennifer Murrillo teaching Sunday school. Michelle Mendenall and Claudia Williams assisting on Wednesday nights.

Also, a shout out to Jane Mason and Brooke Kimzey for aiding the High Schoolers on youth Sundays. And I will be forever grateful to Lans Richardson for offering to cook a meal each Wednesday. Little did he know what fellowship would develop over dishes!!

As we go forward the council is committed to leading and nurturing all our members so please give thanks to these individuals and maybe even consider what you could add to Team Faith next year!

Sincerely,

LaDonna Grotbo

Steward of Discipleship



## FLC Council Minutes, May 21, 2019

### New Business

- Thinking of sending a postcard for VBS out to the membership asking that they share with a friend.
- We will take a look at our monthly outreach dinner at Cornerstone.

Even though it has been hosted by Faith, the community folks associate it with the ministry of Cornerstone. Judy will follow up with Lans and Linda about maybe having outreach every Wednesday night at Faith for the community, versus somewhere else.

- LaDonna Grotbo is forming a committee to look at education for the church, with an emphasis on our youth. If folks want to participate, see her.

*Kerry Hanson*

*Steward of Communications*

Hello all,

Our church council meeting this week included much discussion and thought of our future educational visions. We all agreed that strong educational programs are a high priority at Faith. We are forming a special committee to help with the best options going forward.

Would you be willing to be part of this discussion group? If so, please pray about this and let LaDonna Grotbo know where your heart is.

We hope to set a date to meet with Pastor Paul soon.

LaDonna Grotbo

Steward of Discipleship

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## ***Memorials***

### ***Celebration of Life for Susan Matthews***

***Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm***

***Hamilton Performing Arts Center***

***327 Fairgrounds Road***

***For more information check the website: [DalyLeachChapel.com](http://DalyLeachChapel.com)***



### ***Memorial Service for Frank Laurence*** ***At the home of his daughter Val Widmer***

***Friday, August 16 at 11am***

***512 South 4<sup>th</sup> St., Hamilton***

## **Pray for our Military**

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 in the Middle East
- 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.



***Pray for Friends of Faith...*** M.Z., J.Z., Brittany, Jason, Brooke, Mike K., Helen & Curtis and their new baby Ryan, Lonnie W., Stacy M., Priscilla and Dick, Timothy H., Hank, Gail, Marvin, Peter S., Larry, Suzanne Morris, Morry Mitteness, Lavonne Beers, Ruth, Betty, Virginia Rotering, Smitty Smith, Jacob Bachman, George Davis.

## **Giving Status for May 2019**

In May FLC received \$11,077 in General Fund giving.

FLC needed to receive \$12,021 for the month.

For the month of May giving was \$944 below expected

YTD giving is \$58,262. That is \$6,173 below requirements for the 2019 budget.

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- Dates to Remember**
- May 31-June 2:** Synod Assembly, Great Falls
  - June 7-9** FLBC Women’s Retreat
  - June 8:** FLBC Partner’s Lunch
  - June 9:** Pentecost
  - June 16:** Father’s Day!
  - June 18:** Council Meeting 6pm
  - June 19:** Herald deadline for July & Aug.
  - June 21:** SLH “Raise the Roof” concert
  - June 23:** Summer Liturgy Begins
  - June 28:** SLH “Ringling 5” concert

*Birthdays*

- Pastor Paul, Colleen Southwick* June 2
- Dennis Rotering* June 4
- Samantha Fife, Maddie Sidoruk* June 6
- Vicky Mahon, Jacque Vandenburg* June 7
- Gwen Lawry, Lauren Sidoruk* June 10
- Scott Southwick* June 10
- Aksel Mitchell* June 11
- Kelly Auch* June 12
- Celeste Pogachar* June 15
- Brandi Williamson* June 20
- Linda Wolf* June 20
- Cory Wetzsteon* June 26
- Aubrey Larson* June 29
- Lyn McKee* June 30