



The Faith Herald

March 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 friends and members of Faith Lutheran Church,

Thank you all so much for the warm welcome you have given Gwen and I. We truly are blessed. Gwen is doing a great job on organizing our house. It feels like home! My office is organized as well.

Thank you all for helping with my installation service and the meal that followed. It was a very nice service.

It is hard to believe I have been here for a month already. Ash Wednesday is on March 6th with the 1st Sunday in Lent following on March 10th. Our first Soup Supper gathering will be on March 13th at 5:45 and continue each consecutive Wednesday ending on April 10th. This will not be separate from Wednesday Night Alive, but instead a part of it. All men are invited to come and help set up and clean up following the meal. Soup and bread will be provided by various groups. Toward the end of the meal we will have an intergenerational faith formation event talking about "The Lord's Supper." For families with children who have not had "First Communion" instruction, this would be a wonderful opportunity to experience this together. There will be opportunities as well for others to share their communion experiences that will help our children learn about this wonderful gift given to us. The resource I will be using is called *A Place for You*, by Daniel Erlander. Each child participant will receive a book. There is not an age restriction for this, and if you would like to make a donation toward the book, you may do so. I am recommending the book *Given for You: Reflections on the Meaning of the Lord's Supper*, by Louis Accola to the adults that will be attending. This resource is available on Amazon. We will use this in conjunction with the children's resource. Following this session, at 7:00 we will worship together using the Holden Evening Prayer Service. We will be done by 7:30. I hope you are all able to come for food, fellowship, learning and Worship.

Please join us as well for a healing service, as part of our worship, on March 31st.

Psalm 34:8, "O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him."

Partners in sharing God's grace,

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Pastor Paul

The Youth Page March 2019



Wednesdays & Sundays

Wed Mar 6 *Ash Wednesday Service 7pm

**Tri Church Youth Group 6pm @FP*

Wed Mar 13 *5:45pm Wed. Night Alive: Lent Soup Supper Series and Holden Worship

**Tri Church Youth Group 6pm @FLC*

Sun Mar 17 Youth and Family Sunday

Wed Mar 20 *5:45pm Wed. Night Alive: Lent Soup Supper Series and Holden Worship

**Tri Church Youth Group 6pm @SPE*

Wed Mar 27 *5:45pm Wed. Night Alive: Lent Soup Supper Series and Holden Worship

**Tri Church Youth Group 6pm @FP*

Lenten Soup Suppers



This month all are welcome to come and enjoy a soup dinner on Wednesday evenings at Faith Lutheran. Dinner is at 5:45, followed by an intergenerational series led by 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 up to gather together at Faith one night a week! Following the meal and the presentation we will have our short Holden Evening worship.

Youth Sunday

Joshua 24:15, "...But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."

Youth Sunday each month is an important thread in the tapestry of worship here at Faith Lutheran Church. It is always a joy to see our young people participate and to take leadership roles in worship. We had an exciting conversation with Pastor Paul, the worship team, and our Youth Director, about the youth's involvement in worship. We all agreed that to incorporate our youth and their families in leadership roles at worship during the regular rotation and not just on youth Sundays is a way to make our worship have a greater feeling of being intergenerational. Look for these changes in the April Worship Assistant schedule. If you have ideas of what this may look like, please let us know. This is a wonderful and rewarding way to serve our Lord. Partners in sharing God's grace, Pastor Paul



Samantha Fife-Youth Director

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Worship Notes for March



Sunday, March 3: Celebration of Grace

Wednesday, March 6: Ash Wednesday (7 pm)

Sunday, March 10: Lent 1, Beneath the Tree of Life

Wednesday, March 13: Holden Evening Prayer (7 pm)

Sunday, March 17: Lent 2, Beneath the Tree of Life

Wednesday, March 20: Holden Evening Prayer (7 pm)

Sunday, March 24: Lent 3, Beneath the Tree of Life

Wednesday, March 27: Holden Evening Prayer (7 pm)

Sunday, March 31: Lent 4, Beneath the Tree of Life, prayers for healing

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 choir for Palm Sunday and/or Easter Sunday. Of course, any piece of special music would be most welcome! **Please contact Celeste at 239-3952 or celestepogachar@gmail.com**

Lent Luncheon Series has been suspended for this year.

Wednesday Night Alive! Presents: Lenten Soup Suppers

**Wednesdays at Faith Lutheran Church
March 13 – April 10**

Soup Supper, 5:45

Presentation, 6:15

Evening Prayer/Youth Group 7:00

New this year: Whether you are learning about communion for the first time, walking alongside one who is or sharing your communion experience with someone, come. For all are welcome to this family, friendly intergenerational event. *Pastor Paul.*



**Ash Wednesday Service at Sapphire Lutheran Homes,
Led by Pastor Paul, Noon on Wed March 6th**

**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!



VBS request

Are you a traveler who saves the unopened soaps 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!



**COLLEGE/SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

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)



FLBC Summer 2019 Schedule Is Posted and online

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

Summer 2019 Volunteers Are Needed:

It's time to volunteer for summer 2019! Space is limited, so send in your application and request your week today! We need you! Volunteer opportunities include: **pastors, youth directors, grandparents, nurses, kitchen workers, maintenance helpers, and more.** If you are interested in volunteering this summer, the volunteer application is available online. Contact the office at (406) 752-6602 or office@flbc.net for more information, and join us for a fabulous summer!

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.

If you are a Thrivent Financial member, consider organizing an Action Team event at FLBC for the week you're here. The campers will help! Need ideas of what to do? Contact us at (406) 752-6602. We have many ideas!

\$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.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!

Adult Spirituality Retreat

April 28th through 30th, 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.

2019 Annual Meeting Highlights



Darrin Heitmann was elected to second one-year term as council president. Kerry Hanson was elected as steward of communications and Susan Peterson to fill the steward of worship position. Two positions remain unfilled: steward of hospitality and steward of outreach. Please contact Darrin if you are interested in serving in either position. *Submitted by Paul Walczak and Kerry Hanson.*

- John Trangmoe's term on the Endowment Committee is up, but he has agreed to continue for another 3-year term.
- Elected FLBC representatives: Deb Cathey and Celeste Pogachar
- Elected Montana Synod Delegates: Darrin Heitmann and Celeste Pogachar
- Nominating Committee for 2020: LaDonna Grotbo, Scott Southwick, Ann Damrow,
- Judy Griffin, Carl Russ. A representative from the council will be appointed to the sixth spot.

Thanks for your service! to those who are leaving the council: Paul Walczak, Deb Cathey, Ross Damrow, Jennifer Murillo. *Submitted by Celeste Pogachar*

Get to know your new stewards:

Kerry Hanson, Steward of Communications

I am blessed to have been married to my amazing husband, Troy, for over 20 years and we have two incredible teenage sons, Tristan and Tanner! My family moved to Hamilton from Southern California in 1976. I graduated from Hamilton High School and then received a degree in Elementary Education from The University of Montana ~ GO GRIZ! I was an educator for 26 years, retiring from teaching in 2014. While in college, I also obtained my real estate license. I am now a full time Real Estate Broker, and still thoroughly enjoy it after 33 years! Any "free" time is spent following TnT in their athletic endeavors! This is my second time serving as a Faith Steward. Please share your ideas and encouragement anytime!

Susan Peterson, Steward of Worship

Raised on a wheat farm in northern Montana, I attended U of M in Missoula. Met and married my husband, Bruce and then as we said, "toured the country by Kmart", living in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona and finally Texas. We were blessed with four children before making the move back to Montana where we helped on the family farm for 15 years. All during this time, Bruce felt the call to ministry and finally made that step to be ordained in 2002. We served (ministry is a joint-effort) in Crosby and then New England, North Dakota. Bruce passed away unexpectedly in June of 2017 and I found myself making the Bitterroot Valley my home and close to one son near Stevensville. Two others live in Laurel, MT with the fourth in Minnesota. I am also blessed with 11 grandchildren.

In all the moves we found the family of God in our church. Hobbies of mine are quilting, gardening, golfing and music! I can't imagine a worship service without music, so am pleased to contribute what I can to worship here at Faith Lutheran, my new family.



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.*



Thrivent Member Choice Dollars

Thrivent members are often eligible for Thrivent Choice Dollars that are based on insurance premiums and contract values. Choice Dollars can be directed to enrolled charities. There are thousands of

these organizations including many in our area. **It is relatively easy to direct your Choice Dollars and good to do it soon as any left from 2018 will "expire" at the end of March.**

You can check your Thrivent Choice Dollars by logging onto your personal online Thrivent account or call the main Thrivent offices at 800-847-4836. It helps to know your Member ID number or at least one contract number when calling or if you are setting up an online account.

Some of the local organizations that accept Choice Dollars are: Emma's House, Sapphire Lutheran Homes, Bitterroot Family Shelter, and Ravalli Habitat for Humanity to name a few. Also, a short list of regional favorites are Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, Emmaus Campus Ministry, CASA, and Montana Food Bank.

Call the Thrivent 800 number for further information or visit with Linda Beyer at coffee following the church service.

**Thrivent Financial
Register for Complimentary Workshop!
5 Keys to Fearless Retirement, Includes 2018 Tax Reform
Thursday, Feb. 28th, 10am or 1pm or 6pm
Bitterroot River Inn
Call 509-4797-3069 or email Kerry.darrington@thrivent.com**

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 Aubrey, All families going through a difficult time, Pastor Paul & Gwen, Claire G., Susan, Joern family, Sally C., Lavonne Beers, family of Butch Wadin.

Valley View: Ruth Dillon
Remington: Betty Swift

Home Nursing Care: Virginia Rotering, Smitty Smith
Incarcerated: Jacob Bachman, George Davis

Remembering our friends

Bob Mathison took Jesus' outstretched hand last week and joined his beloved Marge in the eternity Christ promises us.

Bob and Marge were long time members of Faith Lutheran. Bob was a Norwegian and he was extremely proud of that heritage. He heaped his plate with lutefisk at Scandinavian dinners and knew well how to make lefse. His daughter arranged to have lefse served at his Memorial Service. Bob was a member of the local Sons of Norway since its inception.

Bob served Faith in many ways, with finance being a huge focus. He diligently balanced our books for many years with flawless figures. . . and before they were on computer!

Bob Mathison loved his family they were first in his life and we all knew that. Some of his grandchildren were blessed with close and personal relationships as they lived together with their Mom and grandparents under one roof. Each grandchild had his own personal relationship with their Grandpa and they knew how much he loved them.

As years went by and there were big changes in Marge's life, Bob cared for her in the gentlest of ways. We served them Communion together for several years and we were so blessed by Marge's sweet nature and Bob's gentle and loving care for her. And then, as his own life slowed and he finally became a resident of Discovery Care Centre, Bob talked often about how very grateful he was to God for his . . . in his own words . . . "blessed life." As the

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tears slipped from his eyes he would give God all the glory for his health, good fortune and his precious family. He would say, "I have no complaints." Faith Lutheran was very dear to Bob and all of us who knew him are better for having been touched by his life.

And to you Sue and Lynn, your brothers and families, Melissa, Erik and Patrick and your families, we praise God for your Dad and we keep you in prayer. Clairice Brady

Last August **Viola Samuelson** celebrated her 100th birthday and today she has joined her beloved Sam in the life Jesus promised.

Vi was a long time member of Faith Lutheran Church. Several years ago she opted to continue her faithful worship but chose to do so at Grace Lutheran.

Vi was a quiet, unassuming, dear lady who chose to be in the background, and working hard in that background. At Faith Sam and Vi were faithful members with service in their hearts. Vi was a member of Mary Martha Circle who in earlier years often paid the Pastor with proceeds from their projects. When Faith ladies gathered annually to clean the church, Vi and her sister in law Katrina Olsen, were among those special ladies who scrubbed the kitchen all morning and then treated us all to a homemade lunch. And what a lunch it was !

Vi spent a lot of time in the kitchen . Not only her own, but community ones as well. She was known for her soup making. She and Sam both belonged to the Rocky Mountain Grange . The Grange was famous for their annual community Oyster Supper and Vi made her celebrated vegetable soup for all those of us who would never choose oysters. At the Ravalli County Fair Vi would be in a Grange booth preparing food while Sam handled the front counter. Vi often served at the Commodity Center where she helped repair donated items for resale. The Commodity Center began as a project of the UMAB Church in town.

We all learned much from Vi Samuelson . . . how to cut the vegies just right for the soup and how to honor work and do it without reward. Thank you Vi Samuelson for giving us so much of you. *Clairice Brady*

Aubrey Larson

By Christian Larson

Aubrey Doyle Larson, 87, of Stevensville, Montana, passed away on February 11, 2019 from complications of multiple myeloma. He had endured this painful cancer for several months.

He was born on June 29, 1931 in Circle, Montana. He was raised there and learned the newspaper trade under the tutelage of his father, Ben M. Larson, who owned and published the Circle Banner for more than 50 years. He attended the University of Montana and did a stint in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He married his wife, Marie Hunt Larson, on July 27, 1958 and together they shared 60 happy years of marriage. They have three daughters, Jana Larson, of Coon Rapids, Minnesota; Pam Larson, of Raleigh, North Carolina; and Julianne O'Brien, of Ponte Vedra, Florida. Over the course of his career, he was the owner and publisher of several small town newspapers including the Circle Banner, the Hysham Echo, the Broadus Powder River Examiner, the Jordan

Tribune, the Fairview News, the Eaton Herald, and the Deer Lodge Silver State Post. He enjoyed publishing and being an integral part of the local community.

Aubrey enjoyed music and was at many a concert over the years. He especially liked choral music and was a regular attendee of the Missoula International Choral Festival. He was an avid gardener. He would grumble a bit each year that the frost came too early, or it was too dry, but his garden faithfully produced an abundant harvest each year. Traveling was another love of his and he logged a lot of miles in his car traveling to visit family or to explore some corner of the country. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, picnics, and time spent on his deck watching the sun set.

Family was important to Aubrey and he will be missed. He is survived by his wife Marie, his three daughters, and five grandchildren: Brittany Larson, Christian Larson, Nathan O'Brien, Megan O'Brien, and James O'Brien. His family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions go to Samaritan's Purse or to Faith Lutheran Church in Hamilton, Montana.

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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.



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 February 2019

For the month of February FLC received \$9,310 in General Fund Giving.

FLC expected to receive \$12,722.

Giving for February was \$3,412 below requirement for the 2019 budget.

Year to date FLC is \$9,052 below requirements for the 2019 budget.

Dates To Remember



3/6 Ash Wednesday

3/10 Lent Begins, Daylight Savings Time starts

3/13 5:45pm Lenten Soup Suppers begin
7pm Holden Evening Prayer

3/17 Youth Sunday

3/17 St. Patrick's Day Brunch SLH 10am to 1pm. Tickets at the door.

3/20 6:30pm Council Meeting

April 14th: Palm Sunday

April 21st: Easter Sunday

March Birthdays

5	Bob Gaulke, Paul Gyles
5	Elizabeth Jameson, Rod Pogachar
6	Marie Larsen
7	Claire Seifert
9	Dirk Beyer, Mark Grotbo
10	Bridger Syme, Jill Turley
12	Tristan Hanson
14	Meredith Buhler
16	Suzie Deibert
16	Patricia Larson, Anilynn Mason
19	Claudia Williams
20	Brooke Lawry, Amy Lawry, Dean Rinta
23	Megan Lewis, Anna Seifert
25	Brian Mendenall, Judy Wilson
26	Jana Exner
27	Annalise Lewis
28	Kevin Silkwood, Denise Linnell
31	Ella Dowd, Donna Mitchell