

November 2015

FAITH HERALD

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The Power of One—

One moment. One talent.

One gift. One life.

November opens remembering the lives of our Saints gone Home. This year we said goodbye to Judy Larson, in past years Vance Warwick, Bill Bickel, and Vince Powers, Bob Gerloff, Donna Braun, Katrina Olson, Patti Krasovich and Mike Peterson, among many, many others.

I remember the day Mike Peterson called. I'd attended the memorial service for his son Josh at the PAC just the week before, now here he was asking for some time and an ear as he weathered the loss of his wife and both kids. I'll never forget Mike's nothing-left-to-hide honesty and broken courage. It wasn't always pretty, but Mike got moving again and made the most he could of every day. With a nod to Mike's life, I'll try to do the same.

I loved greeting Judy Larson on Sunday morning. Even when little remained of the vital, smart, encouraging teacher, mentor, mother, and friend she had been, Judy still smiled and shared heart-felt "I love you's!" with me, and many. I miss those moments dearly.

Katrina had a talent for smiling, yes she did! And even after he retired from a grand career of reading Scripture in church, Vince Powers had a talent for noticing our Hannah and building her up. Donna Braun taught me pluck and perseverance. Patti Krasovich knew how to keep things interesting! Each of these—and every one of you—brightens the world with your talents.

Bob Gerloff shared all sorts of gifts—his contributions to health science, love of nature, and faithful marriage, to name a few—but Bob's financial generosity stood out. His legacy at Faith still continues through the endowment he left for missions and scholarships meant to encourage young folks, especially in their walk of faith.

Who has touched you with one moment, one talent, one gracious gift, one life well lived? In worship at Faith this November, we'll use some of our precious time to remember, offer thanks, and to see, celebrate, and offer our own Power of One today. I hope you'll join us!

~Pastor Brenda

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November Youth Page 2015

Wednesday Nov 4th – Grub and Games @6:30pm Bitterroot Valley Lanes

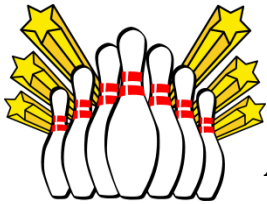
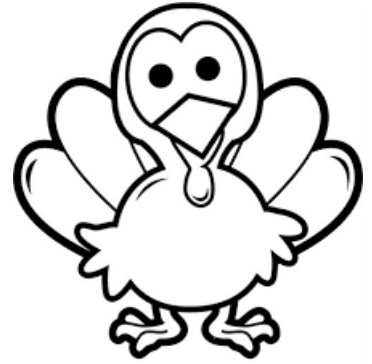
Wednesday Nov 11th – Youth Group @7pm Faith Lutheran

Sunday Nov 15th – Faith Lutheran Youth Sunday @9am for Youth

Campership Chili Cook-off @5pm (shifts for Youth)

Wednesday Nov 18th – Youth Sunday Prep @7pm Faith Lutheran

Wednesday 25th – NO Youth Group



BOWLING! The Confirmation kids and the High School youth will be celebrating the beginning of November with a trip to the bowling alley! We will all meet there at 6:30pm to get our shoes and lanes. Food and bowling will be taken care of by sponsors and youth funds. The address is 300 Skeels Ave in Hamilton. Invite a friend!

It has been a challenging time of year to fill up all the coffee hour host slots, and its really been wonderful to have the Youth take one Sunday every month. Youth and their families are encouraged to bring a snack to share, but its enough just to have the kids there serving coffee with a smile! Clean up goes a lot faster too!



This is a great event that helps to fund the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp scholarships that help our kids discover fellowship in Christ out in the beautiful Flathead valley every summer. There will be a silent auction and a judged taste test before dinner!

There will be three shifts that we would like the Confirmation kids and HS youth to help cover. **Set-up 11am-12:30pm / Beverage Service and Table Busing 4:30-7pm / Clean-up 7-9pm**

There will be sign up sheets on the bulletin board at church. Please consider helping with this great event!

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Alana Cruse-St. Paul's Episcopal Youth Minister, 406.381.3534 ashortcruse@gmail.com

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM FLBC'S ANNUAL MEETING

FLBC's annual meeting and Harvest Festival was held at the camp on October 16th and 17th. Pastor Brenda, Celeste Pogachar, Anita Bell, and John Trangmoe attended the meeting.

A brief summary of the meeting:

- **Strategic Planning Committee report.** A committee was formed a year ago and has met several times since then. They presented a draft of a long-term plan (5 years) and mission statement to the council and delegates, which, upon approval, will contain a timeline for implementation. This will aid with grant applications and provide accountability to the "shareholders"- the 55 congregations (including us!) that own the camp.
- **A resolution to establish the FLBC endowment was presented and passed.**
- **Three incumbent board members were re-elected to three-year terms.**
- **The declining number of campers onsite was discussed.** The delegates agreed that even though camp programming is stronger than it has ever been, there is more competition for kids' summertime activities. In Faith's case, that was true. We sent half as many kids to camp this year, compared to last. (This year had an expected decline in high school participation due to the Youth Gathering in Detroit.)
Campership registrations cover only 60% of the cost of a child who attends camp. The extra 40% is made up through fundraising (grants and donations). This year's Harvest Festival (*held this same weekend*) was a fundraiser for camp scholarships. Thanks to all who contributed auction items, and those folks who bid on them! **Congregations are asked to contribute \$5/ per confirmed member.**
- **Please consider becoming a member of the FLBC Partners' Club** (donation of at least \$150/ year). Faith has increased the number of members in the Partners' Club. Way to go!!! Thanks to those who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to the camp.
- **2018 marks the 75th anniversary of FLBC!** Less than \$140K is owed on the mortgage of the Cockrell Center (dining hall). Please consider a special gift to pay down the mortgage.
- **FLBC's Day Camp (aka VBS) Ministry is thriving**, with counselors traveling to 22 Montana congregations, and reaching 930 children. **Faith's VBS in July had a record number of children attending.**
- **2016 Retreat Brochures are on the counter outside the church office.** In an average year, FLBC plans and programs 129 events (5235 guests from 98 groups this year!)
- **FLBC is looking for ways to grow the camp ministry** through year-round retreats. Many of the cabins have very nice accommodations (heat and indoor plumbing!)
- **Summer Camp Brochures will be available in December** (I'll keep you posted).

If you are in need or more information, check the orange folder on the counter outside the church office for copies of all the annual meeting reports.

Fun fact: Children who attend camp two or more times in their youth have a 90% retention rate in the church after college.

Upcoming Retreats and Events at FLBC:

November 20-22: Men's S-S-S Retreat

Gentlemen, this retreat is just for you! Bring the guys to camp for our first ever Scripture, Scales, and Suds Retreat, where Bible studies, fishing, and learning the craft of homebrewing will be the name of the game. We hope you can join us!

December 4-6: Family Advent Retreat

Fun, food, fellowship, great crafts, and activities to prepare your family for Jesus' birth! All are welcome!

For more information on any of these retreats, please check out our website: flbc.net

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Faith's Worship Rhythm

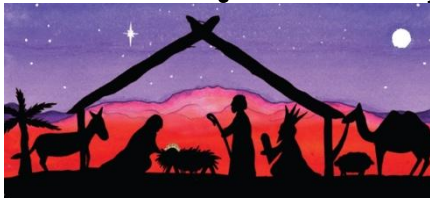


- **11/1 All Saints Day**, Honor deceased loved ones with candles during worship.
- **11/8 ELW Service of the Word.**
- **11/15 Youth Sunday**, Montana Campus Ministry Sunday. **Praise Service.**
- **11/22 Christ the King Sunday**, ELW Service of the Word.
- **11/29 1st Sunday of Advent**, Prepare your hearts for Jesus & start your home Advent Wreaths! Hymn Service.

*Can you contribute special music during Advent or Christmas?
Please contact Celeste and we'll work together to schedule
and locate music (if needed).*



Christmas Day Worship???



Would you be interested in attending worship on
Christmas Day?

If so, please tell Celeste or Pastor Brenda.

If there is enough interest, Christmas Day worship
(Friday, probably around 10 am) can be scheduled if
we start planning for it now.

And maybe a light brunch to follow???

Calling All Bakers!

New attendee Suzie Deibert
(961-6873) has volunteered
to organize communion
bread bakers, but we could
use a few more folks to join
the crew! Give Suzie a call
if you can lend a hand.

**Recipe will be provided
through email by request.**

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Notes and News *(via Pastor Brenda)*

Many thanks to the Montana Synod, which offered FLC a \$300 Wellness Grant to support six months of coaching meetings for Pastor Brenda with Pastor Jean Larson!



Interested in what's going on among Lutherans? Sign up for Montana's weekly newsletter at <http://www.montanasynd.org> and find news from the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, our larger denomination) at <http://www.elca.org/news>.



Founded in 1909 by the Methodist's Brother Van, **Intermountain Children's Home** of Helena still helps kids and families in difficult circumstances find health and strength. In June, our Montana Synod became a formal supporter of Intermountain's work, "helping ensure that the message of hope is shared with each and every child" Intermountain serves. Learn more at www.intermountain.org.



ELCA Mission Builders use their God-given skills to help ELCA congregations, schools, camps and social ministry organizations construct or improve their facilities. In Montana, Mission Builders constructed the sanctuary for Our Redeemer's in Helena, The Pavilion at FLBC, and several other projects. If you're interested in traveling and building, Google "Mission Builders ELCA" to see how you can contribute your skills to this cause.

Locally, **Hamilton Christian Academy**, newly relocated to the old Grantsdale School, hopes to raise \$60,000 to support tuition and continue to grow their new campus. HCA serves kids from many churches and a wide variety of economic abilities.

For more information visit
www.hamiltonchristianacademy.org



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Pray for our Military

Please remember our family & friends that have joined the military & 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:

- Lars E. Larson, son of Daniel Larson & grandson of Patricia Larson, near Russia.
- S/Sgt Anthony Hunter, grandson of Carl Swanson, serving in Texas
- Mike Hebert, grandson of Don & 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 & Lonnie Wetzsteon, serving at Eileson AFB, Fairbanks, AK
- Sgt. Carl J. Selby, grandson of Clara Felton, serving in Hutchinson, KS
- Tony Robertson & Gretchen Robertson, brother & sister-in-law to the Beyers, serving in Alaska
- Anna Mitteness, granddaughter of Morrie & Ann Mitteness, Cpl US Marines Corps. Now at the Marine Station in Yuma, AZ, doing communications repair.



Council Highlights October 2015



Thank you to all who direct Thrivent Choice Dollar to Faith Lutheran, these contributions will be earmarked to fund our Youth Director position.

Concerns were raised regarding the income from Faith House; Scott Southwick is conducting an investigation with the tenants and the property management company. (Good News: our renters are caught up as of printing time. - SS)

The council shared their ideas to enhance member participation in all aspects of Faith Lutheran.

Budget planning for 2016, is underway further details will be discussed in the November council meeting.

Hold the date; the Annual Meeting has been set for Sunday, February 7, 2016.

As a follow-up to the Special Council meeting held on July 30, 2015, the FLC Business Process team provided opportunities for improvement in the practices of the council, staff, personnel committee and Mutual Ministry committee. A more detailed communication will be coming in the next edition of the Faith Herald. Deepest appreciation to Rick Brown, Ann Damrow, Sandy Russ and Ann Wright, for their thorough consideration of our processes and opportunities for improvement.

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From your Steward of Discipleship

Kid's Time:

Rehearsals for the Christmas program will begin the first Sunday in November (November 1st) after the worship service, Celeste Pogachar will be directing. There appears to be active parent support, so we will continue "Kids Time" during the worship service while the kids are practicing for the Christmas program. However, there will be no Kid's Time or Christmas program rehearsal the Sunday after Thanksgiving (November 29th).

Mark Livesay
Steward of Discipleship

From your Steward of Outreach

The Crop Walk made \$260 through FLC donations, and over \$1,000 total, thanks to all who either walked or donated toward the walk. I had another Caring Visitors meeting. We discussed the people in our congregation that needed visiting and divided the list among the group. We started serving a Community Dinner again in Sept. and about 60 people participated. The next dinner is Oct. 27th and would like to encourage anyone interested in preparing the dinner or serving to contact me at 961-4390.

Thanks!

Judy Griffin, Steward of Outreach

From your Steward of Worship

First of all, thanks to all who help out and cheerfully smile when they see how bad I've messed up things. I've been struggling to decide what my legacy as worship steward will be, and I think I can take credit for the new practice of worship assistants trading days online instead of the phone. Hooray world wide web!!

I give thanks our worship community includes so many folks each service, how awesome it is to participate!! Try and see ☺

God's Peace

Rick Brown

Don't forget to look for Faith online

at www.faithlutheranhamilton.org or on Facebook at "Friends of Faith"! We're everywhere!

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Are You Ready for Some Football!!!



OK, football fans, February 7th will be upon us before we know it. All around the world football fans have circled the date of the “Big Game,” and surely many of you are among those already planning your “Super Sunday” celebrations.

While planning for the “Pigskin Showdown” is important, it is not the only reason members of Faith Lutheran should have February 7th 2016 circled on their calendar. February 7th is also the date of the annual congregational meeting, and all members of the Faith Lutheran Church are invited and encouraged to attend this event.

FLC Members! Enjoy a “Super,” game and plan on attending the FLC Annual Meeting on February 7th 2016. We will see you there!!!

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Benchmarks of the Montana Synod



Montana Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

The Montana Synod will measure its own faithfulness to our mission and vision and to the task of providing leadership to the Montana Synod by the following benchmarks:

Face the future boldly.

Serve the world, especially the poor and those in need.

Deepen faith and witness.

Promote unity.

Strengthen congregations.

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Griz vs. Cats Campus Ministry Challenge

Montana Campus Ministry Challenge Special Offering

On the Sunday before the annual Cat-Griz football game (Sun., November 15th), team cups will be used for a special offering for Lutheran Campus Ministry at the U of M and MSU.



Lutheran Campus
Ministry at Montana
State University

EMMAUS
CAMPUS MINISTRY
at the University of Montana

The Brawl of the Wild Campus Ministry Challenge is part of the **Montana Campus Ministry Sunday** where we consider all the ways our Church currently supports campus ministry in Montana and additional ways we may wish to engage with campus ministry programs in the future.

Holy Jalapenos!! FLC Campership Chili Cook-Off

Dinner with Dessert, plus Live & Silent Auctions

Sunday, November 15, 2015,

5:30-7:30pm

(5:00 appetizers & preview)



Many varieties of chili to sample—both spicy and mild
Celebrity Judges
featured speaker Pastor Nathan Clements, FLBC Assoc. Director.
Bid on delicious desserts
Silent auction begins in the lobby on Sunday morning, Nov. 15th.

Last year, proceeds from the chili cook-off helped send 6 of our youth to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.
This year let's send even more!

If you are unable to attend, please consider donating to the campership fund.

The average **matching** cost of sending one camper to FLBC is \$175.

Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church ("FLBC Camperships" in the subject line).

Brought to you by FLC Families & Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.



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From the Emergency Assistance Committee:

In the October Herald I reported that there had been 2 rent and 2 power assists. Since then there have been 2 more power assists and 1 more rent assist. This brings the year's total to 32 assists with 2 1/2 months left in the year. Thank you, people of Faith, for your continued caring and sharing.

~ Nancy Osborn

A GIFT THAT ONLY KIDS CAN GIVE

On November 1st, our children begin the journey towards our annual Christmas program. Assembling a worship service to tell the Christmas story through the voices of children is no easy task, but one I feel so very passionate about. And here is why: I love the story and I love the kids. As children sing the words of those age-old carols and hear the familiar words from Luke's gospel, the Christmas story is impressed upon their hearts (*and mine. I can still recite Linus' part in the Christmas pageant of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" word-for-word!*) When this message is shared with our congregation through the talents of our children, it comes to life year after year. **And it is truly a gift that only kids can give.**

~~~Celeste Pogachar

**Kids' Christmas Worship service will be Sunday, December 13th  
Practice begins after worship on Sunday, November 1st**



## Operation Christmas Child

Time to fill the boxes. Operation Christmas Child shoebox season is here. Now is the time to put a smile on a child's face by putting together your own shoe box at home, or by attending the Packing Party November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11am where items will be provided to pack those special boxes which will brighten a child's Christmas.

Items are still needed for the packing party, so stop by the office and pick up the list of 100 items for ideas.



## FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS FOR ALL!

at Cornerstone Bible Church  
280 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton, MT  
Mon, Tues, & Thurs evenings, serving 5:30- 6:30 pm  
**Everyone welcome!**

**Help Out!** Contact Judy Griffin, Steward of Outreach, to volunteer:  
406.961.4390 or [jdclairus@yahoo.com](mailto:jdclairus@yahoo.com). Faith serves on fourth Tuesdays every month.

Provided by area Churches & Community Groups in cooperation with Family Shelter of the Bitterroot, Inc.



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## With Gratitude:

### **THANKS!!!**

To the generous and talented contributors to the “Best of the Bitterroot” benefit basket for FLBC! Carolyn, Karen, Susan (donor and arranger!), Ericka, Linda, Celeste, and others pulled together a royal treat to help kids get to camp.



For my wonderful Church Community! I am blessed to be a part of this family away from home, & I wish I could have been there in person to receive the scholarship. It is much appreciated, & now I have more time to think about my studies & growing with God.

Maddison 

Thanks a “BRUNCH,” from baked dishes to washing dishes, setting up tables to vacuuming, your potluck was a big success.

Let’s do this again!

Judy Wilson  
Stewart of Hospitality & Fellowship



### November Birthdays

|       |                                                                                            |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11/1  | Clara Felton                                                                               |
| 11/4  | Tom Grymes                                                                                 |
| 11/5  | Hannah Peterson                                                                            |
| 11/6  | Justin Griffin, Markie Montgomery                                                          |
| 11/9  | Yvette Larson, Skeet Mason,<br>Wesley Southwick                                            |
| 11/10 | Sawyer Dowd                                                                                |
| 11/11 | Steve Kenley, Charley Larson                                                               |
| 11/15 | Mary Lewis                                                                                 |
| 11/16 | Ann Wright, Adysun Wilke,<br>Mia Mendenall                                                 |
| 11/19 | Cynthia Marshall, Colter Mason                                                             |
| 11/20 | Elaine Bethmann, Grayden Beyer<br>Chris Bosio, Hank Cook,<br>Jared Dowd, Abigail Wetzsteon |
| 11/23 | Allen Luebbert                                                                             |
| 11/24 | Eva Wright                                                                                 |
| 11/29 | Brice Grotho, Margita Clark                                                                |



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## **Dates To Remember**

- 11/1 Daylight Savings Time Ends,  
All Saints' Sunday, Kids' Christmas Program Practice Starts
- 11/8 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
- 11/15 Youth Sunday, Brawl of the Wild, FLC Campership Chili Cook-off
- 11/17 Faith Herald Deadline
- 11/24 Faith Herald Folding Party
- 11/26 Happy Thanksgiving!!!(FLC office closed until Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>)
- 11/29 Advent Begins



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