



# The Faith Herald

*November 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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## From the Call Committee

The Call committee is in the process of completing phone interviews of four interested candidates. They will then visit and likely bring one or two candidates for site interviews. Remember to have patience and continue to pray for the committee as they work the lengthy, yet imperative process. *Troy Hanson*

## COMING SOON, A NEW BISHOP!

I recently represented our congregation at the 2018 Bishop's Convocation in Helena. At this fall gathering of Lutheran leaders from across the state we began the process of discerning a new bishop for the Montana Synod of the ELCA. A new bishop will be chosen at the Synod Assembly next June, and will be installed on September 21, 2019.



The process of selecting a new bishop resembles the call process more than it does an election. The synod council is responsible for guiding us through this process using an Ecclesiastical Ballot, which means there are no predetermined candidates—a blank slate so to speak. After the first round of balloting, the top seven names are voted upon, and the list is narrowed down in subsequent rounds until there is just one name remaining. There have been only 4 bishops in the past 31 years in the Montana Synod. Chances are, the new bishop will serve 12 years (2 consecutive terms), so this is not a decision to be taken lightly.

*Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God built on love: Worshiping, welcoming, and serving in Christ's name.*



What is the job description for a Lutheran bishop? The bishop's office is a teaching office, setting the tone for our common mission. Our current bishop, Jessica Crist, has served us well during her 12 year tenure. She has logged literally thousands of miles traveling to every corner of this big state to keep our faith communities connected. She has done an amazing job of shepherding us through some very trying times (including fallout from the social statement on human sexuality), as well as celebrations (like the common worship celebration with Catholics for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation), and everything "ordinary" in between.

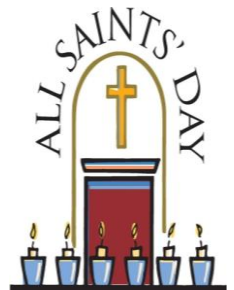
So who or what is the Montana Synod? Well, we are! It is not just those folks in Chicago; it is not just those folks in Great Falls. We are unique among religious organizations in that our bishop is not appointed; he or she does not come from thousands of miles away. The new bishop will rise from our ranks. Chances are, last Friday, I was in sitting in the same room as our future bishop.

Now we here at Faith need to pray for this process. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts and minds of those who would feel the call to serve in this very important work of our church. We also need to pray for those who are going to assist our new bishop. In upcoming months, the synod council will ask our congregation for input, and yes, they truly want to hear from us!

*Celeste Pogachar*

## Faith's Worship Rhythm

- 11/4 **All Saints Day**, Honor deceased loved ones with candles during worship
- 11/11 **Veterans Day. Brawl of the Wild Sunday**
- 11/18 **Guest preacher:** Margie Fiedler, FLBC Exec. Dir. ELW setting 3
- 11/25 **Christ the King Sunday**, Preacher: John Lund, Emmaus Campus Ministry

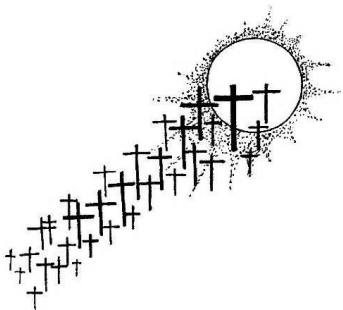


## Remembering Our Saints

**9am, Sunday, November 4**

Celebrate our new saints, and those who've passed on. During worship we will toll a bell and process with flowers for those who have died in the past year and light candles in honor of all those who have ever loved us well and gone home to God. **Please call or email the office with the name/s of those who've passed this year, so that we can list them and**

**provide a flower. Call Nancy at 363-2964, or email: [office@faithlutheranhamilton.org](mailto:office@faithlutheranhamilton.org)**





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

## A Note of Excitement from the Church Christmas Tree!

It's me again, the Church Christmas Tree and I'm so excited 'cuz in just a few weeks, November 28th to be exact, I will come out of the box and be set up! I'm going to have some new BLING! - Chrismons to wear for Advent. Oh boy, Oh boy, Oh boy!!!! Please get them all done! I can hardly wait! **Thanks!!!!**



## A Note from Mutual Ministry

If you missed the October 28<sup>th</sup> Mutual Ministry coffee hour. (I'm sorry) This was called our October Temple Talk and was an opportunity for the MMC members to hop from table to table during coffee hour where we answered or discussed any concerns or questions you might have had about what is happening at FLC. We may not have had all the answers but we sure know where to look for them. We would enjoy any conversations or feedback you would like to share with us at any time!!

Please feel free to contact any of our MMC members at any time!

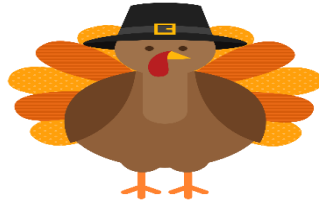
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At You Service,  
Ann Damrow – MMC



# November Youth Page 2018

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**High School Youth Program Schedule For November:**  
Join us for yummy dinners each Wednesday at 5:45 pm  
with H.S. group time to follow at 7pm

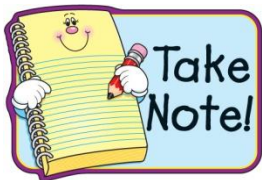
- \*Wednesday Nov 7th– Youth Group
- \*Wednesday Nov 14th – Youth Group activity: Faith Lens Podcast and discussion
- \*Sunday Nov 18th – YOUTH Sunday: Join us for CHURCH
- \*Wednesday Nov 21<sup>st</sup> – No Youth Group, Happy Thanksgiving!
- \*Wednesday Nov 28th –Youth Group activity: Come let us Decorate!

*Samantha Fife - Faith Lutheran Youth Director*  
406.370.8025 [fifedrivell@gmail.com](mailto:fifedrivell@gmail.com)

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## **CHRISTMAS DECORATING Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>**

Join our “Wednesday Night Alive!” Kids and families are asked to come and get the Church all spruced up for Advent! Youth will be in charge of the Christmas tree and their Youth room. There will be food to share, and other festivities.



## **Sunday School Note:**

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, Sunday School and Adult Education will not be held on Wednesday November 21<sup>st</sup> or Sunday, November 25th. They will return the following Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **A Gift That Only Kids Can Give**

Save the date!

**Faith Kids will lead worship on Sunday, December 9th**

Practice will start November 4<sup>th</sup>!

Questions? Call Amber Richardson 370-7159





## Wednesday Night Alive!

### Come one, Come all

The fun starts around 5:45pm with a warm,  
hearty meal cooked by  
“Chef Lans and the boys!”



If you can, stick around and find an activity that appeals to you. Some current options are:  
Adult small groups, Adult Choir, 1<sup>st</sup> grade and up activities,  
Middle School and High School groups.

### **Something for everybody.**

Want to help with dinners? Call Lans Richardson, 369-4304. Meet some of our youth? Call Claudia Williams, 370-0615. Love to sing? Call Amber Richardson, 370-7159. Adult study ideas? Call John Marten, 231-288-0242.

Have more ideas?? Call LaDonna 406-460-1994, obtorg4@gmail.com



## *FLBC News & Notes*

### **Quilts, Kilns & Crafts**

**November 8-11, 2018**

**All ages welcome!**

Crazy about quilting and kilns and crafts! All skill levels are welcome. Instructors for pottery and quilting. Evening devotions, worship and delicious meals. Cozy accommodations!

Please register 7 days in advance. [office@flbc.net](mailto:office@flbc.net) or call 406-752-6602. More information on the poster in the lobby.

### **Family & Friends AdventFest**

**November 30th through Dec 2nd**

**All ages!**

Bring your family and all your friends to celebrate the coming of Jesus this Advent Season. Make Crafts, Cookies, Advent Wreaths, sledding and you can cut down your own Christmas tree!

Cost \$130, ages 13+, \$105, ages 7-12, \$70 ages 2-6, Free under 2 years, \$375 maximum per family.





# Upcoming

mark your calendars

## Operation Christmas Child Packing Party



It's the time of year everyone can reach out to a child somewhere in the world and possibly introduce Jesus/Christianity into his or her life. Pack a shoebox...at home or come to the Faith Shoebox Packing Party. Here's our Christmas Child schedule for the next few weeks.

Now until Shoebox Sunday, Purchase a "WOW" item for a shoebox - toy, clothing, game, etc.

**November 4th**

Wrap the soap Sunday

**November 11th**

Shoebox Sunday - Packing Party and Lunch

**November 12th – 19th**

Collection Week - boxes are collected at Cornerstone Church

For more info see the table in the Narthex or visit with Linda Beyer or check the website at

[www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ).

## The 2019 Final Budget Workup Meeting

Wed. November 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm

The 2019 Final Budget Workup Meeting is on the agenda for the next FLC Council Meeting. Please feel free to attend this meeting and participate in this important process. Council encourages our input!

### Can you help?

Please contact  
Celeste Pogachar  
239-3952

## The Scandinavian Dinner

January 26, 2019 3-7pm

Mark your calendars and join us for the following prep days:

- ❖ **Meatballs** Saturday, January 5th
- ❖ **Lefse** Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, January 12th
- ❖ **Cookies** Saturday, January 19th
- ❖ **Decorating** Friday, January 26th



**Attention shoppers!** Can't resist those holiday baking sales?

Please consider buying a little extra and donating it to the cause. We can use flour, sugar, butter, potatoes, cool whip, and cranberries.

***Come to the “Friend-raiser” Dessert Social  
to learn more about & support Intermountain Children’s Home:***

**Friday, November 2nd, 7 pm**

**Corvallis United Methodist Church (Eastside Highway)**

There is no cost to attend. Folks from our congregation are hosting a table. Please contact Brook Kimzey at 363-2587 for more information.

**If you have a heart for children, this is a great opportunity for you.** Let’s aim for a strong Lutheran presence at the social!



**Cats vs. Griz  
Campus Ministry Challenge**

Montana Campus Ministry Challenge Special Offering



On Nov. 11th, the Sunday before the annual Cat-Griz football game (Sat., November 17th), 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.



**St. Francis Bazaar**

**Saturday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30am - 2pm**

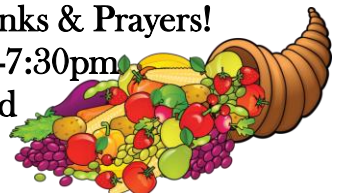
**Corner of South 5<sup>th</sup>  
and Ravalli St.**

**Community Thanksgiving**

**Grateful Hearts Offer Thanks & Prayers!**

**Sunday, November 18th 6-7:30pm**

**Hamilton Assembly of God  
601 West Main**





## FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS FOR ALL!

Mon., Tues., Thurs., at Cornerstone Bible Church 5:30 to 6pm

Wed. Hamilton Assembly of God Church 6pm

Fridays St. Francis Catholic Church 5:30 to 6:30pm

**Everyone welcome!**

Faith Lutheran volunteers will be preparing and serving the Community Meal on Tuesday, November 27th. Preparation happens in the Faith Kitchen around 10 that morning and help is needed at the Cornerstone church on Fairground Rd between 4 and 6:45 pm.



## FLC Community Enrichment Via "In Reach"

Many FLC members own business, are involved with charitable organizations and special projects, or engage in causes or community events that may be of interest to other FLC members. If this pertains to you, and you would like to share this information with the FLC community, we would be interested in including it in our publications as part of a new regular feature that will appear in upcoming Faith Herald and Weekly Bulletin publications.

If you would like to provide information about a business, organization, project or event to the FLC community, please send email to [office@faithlutheranhamilton.org](mailto:office@faithlutheranhamilton.org) with the following:

- **Business:** FLC Member Name, Name of Business address and operating hours (if you have a walk-in storefront), and contact info.
- **Charitable organization/project:** FLC Member Name, Name of Organization or Project, and your contact info if you wish to serve as a conduit for FLC members.
- **Event:** FLC Member Name, Name of Event, date of event, and your contact info for FLC members interested in finding out more.

For all above, please include a not more than 2-sentence description of the respective activity (Business, organization, project, event), along with a link to a related web site if one has been established. We will include the information as we have room in our publications. For the weekly emailed publication the office will need the information by Wednesday. For the Herald publication the deadline is one week prior to the end of the month.

Please contact Nancy Parish at the FLC office if you have additional questions about "In-Reach" 406-363-2964.





## Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> after worship

This meeting is being held for the purpose of approving the 2019 budget. All voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.



## Summary of Significant Actions October 17, 2018 Council meeting

- Pastor Mick has requested leave for Sundays of 11/18 & 11/25. Pulpit supply will be provided by Margie Fiedler on 11/18, and John Lund on 11/25.
- Call Committee recently interviewed four candidates.
- Harvest Dinner Oct 28, 2018
- The date for the Scandinavian Dinner, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- Christmas program will be during Dec. 9th worship this year.
- Motion to approve \$5,000.00 as the annual operating budget for Wednesday Night Alive! fellowship activity for 2019 was approved.
- Motion to approve a 2% across-the-board pay raise for FLC staff approved by vote.
- Motion to approve transfer of \$7.5K from Gerloff Youth & Music Thrivent account to the Gerloff Youth & Music Salary Offset Account approved by vote (extends, by an additional year, the “get well” plan approved previously).
- Support for Synod House Mortgage: By consensus ensuing a related discussion, council decided to eliminate this item from the budget, to not support this request.

**Tabled:** Final draft of Constitution revision, chapters 11-19

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***Faith Lutheran Church in the news!***

If you missed it, click on the links below:

Wed. Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> “Big Sky, Big Flavor” Tom and Barb Anderson were featured in the Ravalli Republic for their Broad Axe Lodge and Restaurant.

[https://ravallirepublic.com/lifestyles/food-and-cooking/article\\_b83a470f-5b04-52bb-aa91-80aeca1b66c5.html](https://ravallirepublic.com/lifestyles/food-and-cooking/article_b83a470f-5b04-52bb-aa91-80aeca1b66c5.html)



Wed. Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Susan Wetzsteon featured on front page of the Ravalli Republic in an article titled "Colors of Cancer focus on Lavender Ribbon".

[https://ravallirepublic.com/news/local/article\\_421af88f-f376-5e85-99c6-7969a2913ad0.html](https://ravallirepublic.com/news/local/article_421af88f-f376-5e85-99c6-7969a2913ad0.html)

Friday Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Event co-organizer Robin Ireland said, “Art feeds the body and the soul and we hope to do just that on Saturday.”

[https://ravallirepublic.com/news/local/article\\_ce434be2-5fa8-555c-b051-74aa38468144.html](https://ravallirepublic.com/news/local/article_ce434be2-5fa8-555c-b051-74aa38468144.html)

Sunday Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> Brandi Williamson of Corvallis. “Race on: Bitterroot Mushers plan for first ever Western Montana Dirt Derby!”

[https://ravallirepublic.com/news/local/article\\_7dc00560-9526-52a9-9606-c450b97b4618.html](https://ravallirepublic.com/news/local/article_7dc00560-9526-52a9-9606-c450b97b4618.html)

If you see a member of Faith in the news or anyone of us that needs to be recognized for their efforts please let the office know so we can include them in our publications. [Office@faithlutheranhamilton.org](mailto:Office@faithlutheranhamilton.org) Thank you!



## 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 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:** Mary H., John D., Echo Allison, Blaine, Lea, Doreen Johnson  
**Health, Comfort & Healing:** Fran Bennett, Morry Mitteness, Aubrey, Virginia V., Steve L,

**Prayers for:** Bode, Family & friends of Gini Vinal, Gail L., Family of Butch Wadin, Friends and family of Edith M., Miriam B., Vall Hoff, Sarah, Ray, Abby & Eli, Ryan, Baby Sadie, Al Mitchell, David G., Tripp Morris, Dale Hughey, Lavonne Beers, Aurora Tabayoyon and her family

**The Beehive:** Morry Mitteness, Fran Bennett

**Valley View:** Ruth Dillon

**Remington:** Betty Swift

**Discovery Care:** Bob Mathison

**Home Nursing Care:** Virginia Rotering, Smitty Smith

**Incarcerated:** Jacob Bachman, George Davis



### November Birthdays

11/1	Clara Felton
11/4	Tom Grymes
11/5	Hannah Peterson
11/6	Justin Griffin
11/7	Barbara Davis
11/8	Peggy Trexler
11/9	Yvette Larson, Skeet Mason, Wesley Southwick
11/10	Sawyer Dowd
11/11	Charley Larson
11/14	Ericka Dowd
11/16	Mia Mendenall
11/18	Amanda Brady, Mary Clarke
11/19	Cynthia Marshall, Colter Mason
11/20	Elaine Bethmann, Grayden Beyer Chris Bosio, Jared Dowd, Abigail Wetzsteon
11/21	Madi Farrenburg
11/23	Allen Luebbert
11/29	Brice Grotbo



### **Faith Lutheran Folks,**

Thanks so much for generously donating luggage to CASA's Suitcase Collection Drive to benefit those children in foster care in Ravalli County!

The church lobby was filled with a big pile of your goodness! Over 50 have been received!!

***Celeste Pogachar***

### **Harvest Dinner Thanks!**

Thanks to all of those involved in planning and preparing for the Harvest Dinner! The Hospitality Ministry and many hands and hearts combined efforts to make for an enjoyable evening:

A wonderful meal (thanks Thrivent and the Montgomerys!), yummy desserts (thanks church council & others!), festive decorations (thanks Bradys!), plenty of silliness (thanks Ross!) and over \$1000 raised for Community Meals and Haven House (thanks generous bidders!)





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## *Dates To Remember*

- 11/4 All Saints' Sunday, DST Ends  
Kid's Christmas Worship Rehearsal Begins
- 11/11 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party  
Brawl of the Wild
- 11/20 Faith Herald Deadline
- 11/22 Happy Thanksgiving!!! (FLC office closed until Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>)
- 11/25 Christ the King Sunday
- 11/28 Christmas Decorating at the church and family fun!

