October 2015

FAITH HERALD

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Katy's Gift

It's the most public of news that our 12-year-old Border Collie/Aussie Katy suddenly died in mid-August. Tender thanks to all of you who offered sweet consolation and understanding! I didn't know it would be so hard to lose a pet.

I mean, everyone knows critters have a special place in our hearts. But we don't really know what a pet or a person or an ability really means to us until it's gone, do we? Then, every time we turn around we count another place of gift and loss.

I find myself grateful, though, for a surprising gift of Katy's passing: tears. You see,

her death popped my bubble. I mostly held it together through Hannah's graduation and departure for camp, through Ben's appendectomy and subsequent decision to take time away from school, through heavy staff work, through news that things are changing for my folks back in Oregon. I bet you have or have had similar lists!

Finally, as I stroked her soft head for the last time, tears ran—and they're still running—for the passing of pets and parenting, hard days and heavy feelings. I'm grateful that Katy-dog won such a place in my heart that she threw open its gates as she passed through them on her way.

This October holds a couple special opportunities for us at Faith. On Sunday, October 4, we'll celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals (and ecology) by blessing our pets after worship. Bring your critter (appropriately protected) at 11am for a short, joyful service of blessing. Got recipes for homemade treats or other fun ideas? Bring them along!

Later in the month, All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) and All Saints' Day offer times to remember those who've blessed our lives and moved into eternity. We'll offer thanks and prayers in worship especially for members of our Faith family who've passed on this year and for everyone we'd like to lift up as blessings to our

lives. We'll ring bells and light candles and laugh, cry, and sing our grief and our gratitude—the gifts and burdens of being human.

St. Francis wrote many songs and poems; one of them sings: *Praise to the death that makes our life real, the knowledge of loss that helps us to feel the gift of yourself...to bring us Home.* An ironic gift of our animals is that they open, and enlarge our hearts and make us more human. Thank you, Sweetie.

And yes, Xena Warrior Puppy will be here in time to be blessed. ©

~Pastor Brenda



Bring Your Pet! Sunday, October 4th 11:00am @ FLC Blessing of the Animals

October 4th is the feast day of Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. It has become a traditional time to bless pets and animals, creatures Francis called his brothers and sisters. Please bring your (appropriately protected) critter at 11 for a short service of blessing. Got treat recipes or great ideas? Bring them, too!





Youth Page

2015

- Wed 7th No Youth Group! Enjoy the Homecoming Bonfire!!! (Middle School pizza night, BJ's @ 5:30)
- Sun 11th Youth Sunday 9am @Faith
- **™** Wed 14th − NO YOUTH GROUP
- Wed 21st Youth Sunday Planning 7pm @Faith
- Wed 28th Youth Group 7pm @St. Paul's
- Sat 31st Halloween Candy and Cocoa 4~9pm @St. Paul's



Parent Meeting TBA

We're working to schedule a gathering for parents to voice their questions, hopes and ideas and to plan / volunteer for some great events! Also we'd like to share the results of a short survey the Youth filled out in September telling us about themselves and their relationship with Youth Group.

Help out for HALLOWEEN!!!

St. Paul's will again be hosting a candy and cocoa stop for families on Halloween this year! We ask that each High School youth try to volunteer for at least one hour between 4-9pm. It's a great way for the upperclassmen to get some community service hours for school—and it's HUGE fun to see all the little kids and crazy big ones hit Hamilton's streets! We will have a shift sign-up sheet available at Youth Group. Don't forget your costume!



Samantha Fife-Faith Lutheran Youth Director 406.370.8025 <u>fifedrivel@gmail.com</u>, Alana Cruse-St. Paul's Episcopal Youth Minister 406.381.3534 ashortcruse@gmail



All Are Welcome! Oct. 16-17, 2015

Friday, October 16th

6:00 pm Silent Auction Opens

6:15 pm - 8:45 pm Harvest Dinner & Live Auction - Cockrell Center
(\$20 in advance or \$25 at the door; beer & wine available for purchase)
6:15 pm - 8:45 pm Free Food & Activities for Youth & Children
7:00 pm Live Auction (Live Auction Entrance Only \$10)
9:00 pm Worship & Beach Bonfire

Saturday, October 17th

9:30 - 10:00 am Registration for Run/Walk - Pavilion (\$15 Includes t-shirt)

10:00 am 5k Trail Run & 1 Mile Run/Walk Begins
10:00 - 2:00 pm Family Fun Games, Activities, BBQ & Live Music

- Pumpkin Activities - Apple Creations - Wagon Rides - Face Painting
And Much More!

1:00 - 2:00 pm FLBC Annual Meeting

2:00 pm Harvest Festival Dessert for all - Cockrell Center 2:30pm Silent Auction Closes

Proceeds Support the Outdoor Youth Ministries of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp For dinner tickets in advance, for overnight reservations, and/or to donate an item for the auction please contact the FLBC office.

Event Held at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp located 17 miles south of Kalispell, 3 miles S of Lakeside 550 Lutheran Camp Road, Lakeside MT 59922 Office: 406.752.6602 web: flbc.net



Upcoming Retreats and Events at FLBC:

October 16-17: Harvest Festival Campership Fundraiser & Annual Meeting. Please see page 3 for more details!!!

October 23-25: Family Work Weekend

Wood chopping, sewing, cabin cleaning, and FUN for the whole family! Awesome, food, campfires, fellowship, and worship will complete your weekend. This retreat is free to attend as a big THANK YOU for helping camp prepare for winter!

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 <u>S</u>cripture, <u>S</u>cales, and <u>S</u>uds 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

FLBC Wish List

Pontoon Boat, Motor Boats, Reliable Vehicles (cars, vans, and trucks), Bird, Insect, and Plant, Identification Books, Montana Nature Items & Posters, Chainsaws, Riding Lawn Mower, Volunteers to paint, clean, and do dishes for Fall & Winter Retreats

THANK YOU to everyone who has donated items to camp! Your donation is tax deductible.

Contact the Camp Office with any questions: 406.752.6602
Office@flbc.net

Camp representatives will be traveling to camp on October 16th, and will be glad to transport any items you wish to donate!

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Friday, October 23rd @ 6:30pm Missoula Fairgrounds Home Arts Building

- Brats, Beans, Burgers, Beer, & more!
- Live & Silent Auctions
- We're looking for sponsors & auction items
 Call (406) 396-4974 to donate items,
 more info, & tickets

Well Done!

Bibles to be presented to 3rd-4th Graders: Three of our youth have completed Bible instruction with their families and will receive their Bibles at Sunday worship this fall



Congratulations to:
Brooklyn Dowd
Gunnar Larson
Julia Seifert





Judy Larson left us to nestle in the arms of Jesus and we miss her.

We will never forget her. She left us who knew and loved her with memories that we will take out often and always cherish. Judy was a loyal friend and one who looked beyond our frailties to see our hearts.

She knew Jesus and we could see Him through her. Her students loved her and even those who didn't happen to be in her classrooms were inspired by her love for learning. Though she chose not to teach Sunday School, her life was a testimony to all the little minds she encountered. They knew she cared for each of them.

Judy loved social events and planned all kinds of ways to gather friends together. One weekend was hardly finished and she was planning something for the next.

At Faith Judy was the stimulus for the chrismons that decorated our Christmas trees for so many years. She made a second set for her tree at home and just a few years ago gave those to Faith when ours were in dire need of repair.

Charley's Norwegian background was the motivation for her role in Faith's Scandinavian dinners. She co-chaired all those at the Grange, and she is the one who thoughtfully and skillfully drew up the configuration when it was moved to our Church building. She began all the thorough record keeping and made the first Scrapbook. Her 'system' still works today.

In thinking back over our 40+ years as a neighbor, friend and Christian sister, some days I am overwhelmed by memories: Church conventions and ear piercing, our chicken co-op, trips to Flathead to retrieve kids, sports events, church camping, our dinner group, board games, Koinonia, Diakonia, serving together, just knowing she was across the road, and so, so much more.

We continue to miss Judy and we share grief with Charley, Jill and John and their families. Our lives are better for having known her and we thank God for giving her to us to love.

Clairice Brady

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 Jolliet, 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
- · Dea Ross, niece of Craig Hurlbert & granddaughter of Dea & Bill Hurlbert, Navy, stationed in Afghanistan
- Anna Mitteness, granddaughter of Morrie & Ann Mitteness, Cpl US Marines Corps. Now at the Marine Station in Yuma, AZ, doing communications repair.



Faith at Worship



Faith's Worship Rhythm

- 10/4 Celebration of Grace
- 10/11 ELW Service of the Word
- 10/18 Praise Service (Chosen People)
- 10/25 ELW Service of the Word (Reformation Sunday)

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.



Reformation Sunday October 25th Please wear red for the birthday of the Lutheran church!



Luther 500 Updates

As we prepare for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, Montana pastors organizing our celebration offer their thoughts. Pastor Grant Applehans of Plains reflects:

"I may be a weak goose, but more powerful birds, eagles, and falcons will come after me." These prophetic words were spoken by Jan Hus (whose name means "goose" in Czech), a reformer burned at the stake on July 6, 1415—just over 100 years before Luther put forth many of the same ideas in a way that couldn't be stopped.

Though Hus died, his followers continued the struggle for reformation through many perils and hardships, eventually working in concert with Luther's reformation and becoming the Moravian Church of today. Along the way, these Moravian Christians encountered and influenced many, most notably John Wesley [when he visited] America and saw in their faith a genuine piety that would influence deeply his sense of the living God and the power of pious faith. In deep conversation with Moravian piety, Luther's writings, and his own Anglican tradition, Wesley founded what would become the United Methodist Church of today.

Reformation has always been a team sport in which God speaks to us not only through our own tradition, but also through ongoing conversation with our brothers and sisters throughout the church. As we approach the 500th anniversary of the nailing of the 95 theses, the Luther 500 team invites you to learn more about our brothers and sisters in the Moravian Church, and to consider how God might be calling our church to reformation through the voices of our Christian brothers and sisters.



Faith in Mission

Faith Returns to Nicaragua Summer 2016 Interest Meeting at FLC Sunday, October 4, 7:00pm

There's room for you at Corner of Love! COL holds mobile medical and dental clinics; sponsors water project; provides shoes, backpacks, and other support to school kids; and offers God's love in tangible ways to the people of North Nicaragua.

Faith Lutheran Church hopes to go to COL **June 2016 (dates TBD).** Total cost per person will be about \$1800.To learn more, contact Pastor Brenda, show up at the interest meeting (7pm, Wed., Sept. 11, at the church) or log in at www.corneroflove.org.

Can't go this time? Start collecting! Corner of Love always needs gently used or new clothing (especially children's), shoes, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and toiletries of all sorts. Their website has a complete list. **OR** help out when Faith hosts a fundraiser—maybe a Nica Dinner (similar to Hannah's 2014 benefit) this winter or spring.

From the Emergency Assistance Committee:

As of the last Faith Herald Printing there have been 4 more assists. This brings the total assists for the year up to 29. There were 2 rent assists and 3 power assists.



Thank you, people of Faith, for your caring and sharing. ~ Nancy Osborn

Words From the Bishop: "Malaria, Be gone!"

Four years ago the ELCA voted to undertake a campaign to raise \$15 million to help eradicate malaria. It was a bold move. The country was just coming out of a recession, and the church was just emerging from a stormy couple of years following the decisions on sexuality. There had been talk about doing a joint campaign with Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. But that fell through. And we voted to go ahead with our own campaign—raise \$15 million in under 4 years.

We did it. The word is in, we've achieved the \$15 million 3 months ahead of the deadline. Way to go!

Malaria is a disease of poverty. And it is completely preventable, completely curable. You just have to have some education and some very inexpensive bed nets. The ELCA's Malaria Campaign did not completely eradicate malaria from the face of the earth. But it made a huge difference in the lives of those it touched in the thirteen nations where we focused our work. When we started the campaign a child died every 30 seconds from malaria. Now a child dies every 60 seconds. That is still unacceptable. But there is hope. There is a ripple effect from this program that will continue long after we close the books on the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

Thank you for your involvement in this important effort to serve the world, especially the poor and those in need.

In Christ, Jessica Crist, Bishop

P.S. THANKS VBS KIDS (and FLC)! We recently mailed a check to the ELCA Malaria Fund for \$650.78, money mostly raised through offering at our Vacation Bible School this summer.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS FOR ALL!

Starting in September 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 <u>idclairus@yahoo.com</u>. Faith serves on fourth Tuesdays every month.

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

Operation Christmas Child



Time to fill the boxes....yup, Operation Christmas Child shoebox season will be here in no time at all. So what would you put in a shoebox to brighten a child's Christmas? Now is a great time to begin collecting items if you are packing a box at home. Or, plan on attending the Packing Party November 8th where many items will be provided but you could bring one or two special items to put in a box. Either way, plan now and bring joy

to a child this Christmas season who otherwise would not receive any gift at all.

Items still needed for the packing party are: Small Plush Toys, Dolls, Toothpaste, Combs, Brushes, low fragrance soap, crayons, and items for children ages 10-14. See the list of 100 items for ideas. **Please stop by the office for a recommendation list of items to donate.**

Holy Jalapenos!! FLC Campership Chili Cook-Off

Dinner with Dessert, plus Live & Silent Auctions

Sunday, November 15th, 2015, 5:30-7pm

Free-will donation

Sample the best chili around and send our Faith kids to camp!

Last year, proceeds from the chili cook-off helped send 6 of our youth to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, one of the best Christian camping experiences anywhere. Way to go!

Just come, enjoy great food and fun friends and share your free-will donation or lend a hand, too!

We're looking for:



- Chili!!! Reigning champs, Pastor Brenda & hubby Doug, are poised to take on all challengers. Are you willing to try to take away their bragging rights?
- **Dessert Auction Entries:** We're talking way-over-the-top, to-die-for desserts. 10,000 calories—who cares? Bring it on!
- Kids' Dessert Auction.
- Silent/Live Auction Entries: I know there are talented and creative folks among us. Can YOU donate and item or service?
- "Qualified" Judges with discriminating taste buds, because yes, prizes will be awarded!

FLC Learning for Young and Old: Kids' Time, Theology of the Cross & More

Our fall schedule is in full swing! "Kids Time" is a 20 minute period during the sermon for age appropriate lessons for kids, who will then return to the worship service for communion. If you wish to take advantage of our online "Kids Time" curriculum in your home or on the road, you can sign up to download the lessons from Sparkhouse at: https://sundayschool.sparkhouseonline.org. If you have any questions, contact Mark Livesay 961-5362. Also, a heads up, **rehearsals for the Christmas program** will begin the first Sunday in October after the worship service, Celeste Pogachar will be directing. We are still looking for volunteers to teach Sunday school. Please contact Mark. Unless there is active parent support, we will suspend "Kids Time" during the worship service while the kids are practicing for the Christmas program.

Luther's Theology of the Cross with Thurlowe Scudder meets after starting Sunday, September 27. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Even if you miss a class, come and join us when you can.

"Friend-raiser" for Intermountain Children's Home October 30th: You're Invited!

At the 2015 Synod Assembly in Billings last June, delegates overwhelming voted to establish a full partnership with Intermountain Children's Home. Intermountain, based in Helena and Kalispell, serves children coping with psychological, behavioral and emotional issues. They have over 100 years experience working with children and families, providing services that will help children and young adults grow healthy and strong.

Come to the "Friend-raiser" Dessert Social to learn more about their services:

Friday, October 30th, 7 pm

Corvallis United Methodist Church (Eastside Highway)

There is no cost to attend. Folks from our congregation are hosting a table. Please contact Pastor Brenda or Celeste Pogachar 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!



Bitterroot Valley Chorus Rehearsals Begin

Monday evenings, 7-9pm, October-November



The Bitterroot Valley Chorus began rehearsing for their 43rd annual December concerts on Monday, September 28th, at 6:30 pm in the HHS choir room.

Director is HHS choir director Mrs. Peggy Bucheit.

There is a \$25 fee to participate.

Rehearsals are Monday evenings from 7-9pm during October & November, culminating in performances for the community on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12th at 7:30pm and Dec. 13th at 2pm.

**The Chorus instrumentalists will be joined by a local brass ensemble this year.

The audience will also have the opportunity to participate in carol singing throughout the performances.

For more info, call Tricie Callaghan-Stover, 360-7362.

Several members of Faith Lutheran Church have sung in this choir for years. Please consider joining them this year!

Council Highlights from September 21, 2015

Stewards discussed the definition of membership at FLC and ways to gain insight into the needs of the congregation. Discussion will continue in October.

The FLC Business Process Continuous Improvement Team has met and developed an understanding of current business processes within and between staff, council, personnel committee, mutual ministry committee. The team will bring a proposal and action plan to the council in October.

Thanks to our stewards for getting their individual input to the newsletter this month!

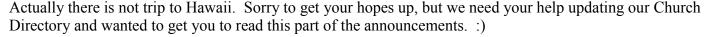
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WIN A TRIP TO TAWARD



Did we get your attention???



Please grab a response card on Sunday morning and fill it out completely even if you think we have all of your information correct. If you aren't in church during the month of October feel free to email the following information to the church at treasurer@faithluthernhamilton.org

Names of everyone in the household, address, phone number, cell number and email addresses.

Aloha!

Don't forget to look for Faith online

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

With Gratitude:

Dearest Faith Lutheran Family,

Who is always trying to take care of everyone at our church? Yes, it's Pastor Brenda and October is our official Pastor Appreciation Month. It's always nice to smile at people and say thanks for the good job! I know everyone appreciates that but if you could think of anything "Special" you could do for Pastor Brenda this upcoming month go for it! We really do appreciate her and let's show it! Thank you for being a caring and sharing congregation!

Peace be with you all,

Mutual Ministry Chair, Ann Damrow

Thank you Faith Lutheran for my campership! I had a wonderful time! I met some new friends and endured many fun challenges. It was a great experience and I'm very excited for next year!
Thanks Again!
Quoia Anderson

Dear Faith Church,
Thank you for helping me go to Church
camp. I can't wait to go next year.
Sam Dunn

Faith Members,
Thank you for sending me to church camp.
It was so fun! Owen Dunn



October Birthdays

Nichole Frisbie	10/1
Helen Volden	10/3
Donald Huddleson	10/6
Maizie Mendenall	10/6
Autumn La Duke	10/7
Chase Laine	10/7
Krieger Larson	10/7
Emily Neville	10/7
Amber Richardson	10/7
Jenny Seifert	10/7
Angie Whitlow	10/10
Nichole Carrington	10/11
Emilee Martin	10/11
Doris Englund	10/12
Kiley Mcdonald(Davis)	10/12
Lindsay Buhler	10/13
Kristin Sims	10/13
Adrienne Bull	10/14
Rosaria Eldridge	10/14
Ruth Dillon	10/17
Jonas Johnson	10/17
Lisa Robiinson	10/17
Kathy Clark	10/18
Jon Anders	10/20
Sam Laine	10/20
Nancy Schueler	10/20
Alberta Henderson	10/20
Crystal Dale	10/23
Lauren Kimzey	10/24
Charlie Swanson	10/25
Jan Hathaway	10/26
Keith Bell	10/27
Kathrine Russ	10/28
Daniel Wiseman	10/28
Sylvia Stewart	10/30
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Dates To Remember

10/4	Blessing of the Pets 11am @ FLC
10/4	Nicaragua Interest Mtg. 7pm @ FLC
10/7	Hymn Selection 9:30am @ FLC
10/14	No Youth Activities
10/15	FH Deadline
10/16-10/17	FLBC Fall Festival
10/19	FLC Council Mtg.
10/26	FH Folding Party
10/27	Comm. Meal Prep. 10am @ FLC

