

The Faith Herald

October 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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The Chef behind Fellowship Wednesday! Lans Richardson, Bio

I grew up in a house where most every meal was served at the dining room table. It was a special treat to eat in front of the TV while watching Saturday morning cartoons or a special evening show like "It's the Great

Pumpkin Charlie Brown". My mom and dad were great cooks. My mom always had a hot meal on the table and cooked from memory. Seldom would we see a recipe card on the counter when either mom or dad would cook. My dad's mother was full blood Sicilian so needless to say Sicilian food was a main staple at our house.

My wife is Amber (Lewis) and together we have a daughter Cecile. We eat our meals at our table and sometimes, as a special treat, we eat in front of the TV if something special is on. Our house is filled with the smells of fresh herbs and healthy ingredients. If cooked pasta goes past al dente, it's ruined. If steak goes past 142 degrees it is classified as shoe leather. Broccoli is never boiled and green beans should never come from a can.

We delight in cooking together. My wife is an exceptional baker and my six year old daughter prides herself on "good knife skills". Amber and I believe in good food. Not expensive food but good food.

I have been blessed with the gifts of mechanical, business, and cooking abilities. I have more tools than any one man should have and can fix most anything that uses gas, diesel, antifreeze and oil. Faith Lutheran does not own a lawn mower so that gift is not needed at the church. I started, built, and sold a successful business. Faith Lutheran has enough business minded people serving in various capacities throughout the church who make good decisions so that gift is not needed. So, I have volunteered my gift of cooking to Faith Lutheran Church.

Every week I plan, shop, and organize a nice meal. You will see me alongside some of the other men from Faith Lutheran every Wednesday from 2:00 in the afternoon until 8:00pm cooking, serving, and cleaning up. This meal lays a foundation for our church families as well as our community to come together and enjoy a few moments of fellowship. The meal is served

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from 5:45pm to 7:00pm. Following the meal small groups are starting to take shape and everyone has the opportunity to get involved in church. Adult and youth choirs are forming, youth groups are forming, ladies "chit chat" groups are forming, and the men are having a good time chopping, slicing, dicing and dish washing.

I look forward to serving. We all have our gifts and we should use those gifts to serve others. I encourage everyone to come have supper with us every Wednesday evening. Eat, then get involved in one of the small groups if you like. Eat, then be off to the next practice with your kids. Eat, stay and "chit chat", then go home. This meal is about fellowship and I'm so happy to serve all of you. See you at the table. *Lans Richardson*

Fellowship Wednesdays are happening at the church with a blessing at 5:45pm. All are welcome to eat a wonderful home cooked meal together and then if you choose, stay to join in on discussing, singing and sharing with something for everyone! *Did I mention you don't have to cook? LaDonna Grotbo*.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Would you like to help supply items to put in this year's shoeboxes? Rather than just buying items, here are several ideas for "making" things to fill the boxes. You may even have more ideas for items you can create and maybe share these ideas with others so each shoebox is extra special for the child who receives it!

Sewing kits - assemble needles, thread, scissors, fabric, thimble

Fishing kits - Assemble fish hooks, line, sinkers, bobbers (put in a plastic case)

Tool kits - small hammer, screwdrivers, pliers, a wrench or two

T-shirt dresses - pillowcase dresses, book bags

Bracelets - necklaces, hair clips or bands, hats

Wooden toys - airplanes, cars

Crochet - an animal or cuddle toy

What else can you do??

Pack a shoebox at home to add to our goal of 100 at the packing party. Help with purchasing bars of soap, toothbrushes, washcloths, school supplies, toys, or clothing items. Just think of what young children you know might like and it would be great for a shoebox. Another thought is to put a little money away each week to help with shipping costs. (For more info & videos: www.samaritanspurse.com/occ)

Finally, be sure to attend the OCC <u>Packing Party on Sunday, November 11th!</u> In addition, if you would like to help set up the party or in any other way please see Linda Beyer.





Hi, I'm the Christmas Tree up in the attic waiting to be set up in the Faith sanctuary for the Advent Season. I've heard there may be new Chrismons (white and gold crafted ornaments) to wear this year. I am truly excited about this! I hope all the Chrismons being crafted do get finished and are ready for me to wear proudly so I will shine brightly in honor of the birth of the Christ child!

Faith's Worship Rhythm

10/7: Celebration of Grace

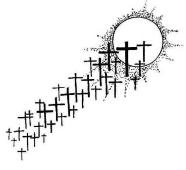
10/14: Now the Feast and Celebration

10/21: Now the Feast and Celebration (praise)

10/28: Now the Feast and Celebration

10/28: Reformation Sunday, please wear red

Celebrating the Reformation!



Remembering Our Saints 9:30am, Sunday, November 4

Celebrate our new saints (those baptized into the life of Christ) and those who've passed on in worship. We'll toll a bell and process with flowers for those who've died in the past year and light candles in honor of all those who've ever loved us well and gone home to God. Please turn in a Response Card at worship or email the office with the

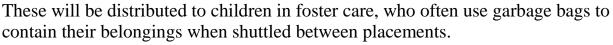
name/s of those who've passed this year, so that we can list them and provide a flower.

Sunday School for 3year olds to 3rd grade is immediately after church with music in the sanctuary and lessons to conclude approximately 11:15. Please join us and bring your friends! For more information contact LaDonna 460-1994

CASA Suitcase Drive

Can you help?

CASA of the Bitterroot is collecting gently used suitcases and large duffle bags throughout the month of October.



Suitcases may be brought to the church lobby. Contact Celeste for more information.









Save the Date Sunday, October 28th "Share the Harvest" Dinner

Enjoy an evening of fun and laughter, a delicious

Autumn Dinner, inspiring entertainment and wonder Faith Lutheran fellowship as we support Haven House and our Community Meal Project. Watch for details! Your Fellowship Committee: Deb Cathey (218-8394), Jeff Montgomery (363-2580) Linda Beyer (375-0735), Dale Brady (363-2794), Helen Volden (361-0222)

St. Francis of Assisi and the Blessing of the Animals

October 7th has become a traditional time to bless pets and animals, creatures St. Francis called his brothers and sisters.

Here is a blessing you can use at home to bless your pets. It is also appropriate to sprinkle your pets' heads with water as they are being blessed. Believe it or not, most pets receive this sacramental spritz with dignity (although cats have been known to flatten their ears a bit as the drops of water lightly pelt them!)

The Blessing of Pets

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! ~~Amen.

Check out the God and Dog video! Go to YouTube and search for: "God and Dog Wendy Francisco" It will make your heart smile!





Love to Sing.... Come Join Us Wednesday Nights Right after we finish with Fellowship Dinner Questions? Call Scott Southwick, 360-8694 or Amber Richardson, 370-7159

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Community Meals

The Community Meals program is an extension of the Family Shelter of the Bitterroot. Its purpose is to assure a free meal to those in need three days a week while other organizations provide meals another two days. The meals do help members of our community who are homeless, underemployed/underpaid, those in need of social interaction and fellowship, plus those who may suffer with medical issues.

Faith prepares one meal a month as a part of this program. We serve 80-100 meals each fourth Tuesday of the month between September and May. We usually spend \$100-\$150 per meal. Most of this is for the protein portion of the meal (the meat/cheese!). This money is budgeted out of Outreach funds. Unfortunately there are never enough funds to support the meals for the entire season. We supplement this budget with Thrivent Action Team money and donations. If you are a Thrivent member we ask that you consider sponsoring meals as an Action Team activity. Or if you are willing, simply sponsor a monthly meal with a monetary or other donation. It serves many and is greatly appreciated. Contacts include: Linda Beyer, Dale Brady, Helen Volden, or Jennifer Murrillo

Thrivent Members - Action Teams - Live Generously

You've probably seen the *Live Generously* shirts! These are made available through Thrivent members (this means people who have Thrivent insurance and/or investments). As a Thrivent member you may be eligible to sponsor an Action Team to do something good in our church and/or community. To start an Action Team you come up with an idea, outline some goals/purposes, think of people to help you, decide on a date and time (allow 3 weeks for approval), fill out the application on line (there are folks here at church who can help you!) and once it's approved you receive seed money and begin the good works. Then when the activity is complete you do a quick follow-up report.

Things around Faith that could benefit from an action team:

- ✓ Social gatherings with a purpose...fellowship, educational, service project
- ✓ Food and supplies for the Community Meals program
- ✓ Quilt supplies for the Quilting group to make quilts for world relief
- ✓ Youth and other group gatherings educational or other purpose
- ✓ Thanksgiving baskets for those who may not be able to afford items
- ✓ Christmas treats for senior citizens, those who need some cheer
- ✓ Fundraisers that help someone in need, an organization or a cause

People willing to help you complete the Action Team requests include Linda Beyer and Celeste Pogachar, as well as other Thrivent members you may know.



FLBC News & Notes

Annual Meeting and 75th Birthday Celebration Saturday, October 6th

The annual meeting and birthday celebration is the second of two special birthday events scheduled this year! All are welcome to attend the Annual Meeting followed by lunch and the birthday celebration.

We will burn the mortgage of the Cockrell Center and join together for worship led by Bishop Jessica Crist with musical group *South to Cedars* featuring Ben Haugestuen.

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 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.







Summary of Significant Actions September 19, 2018 Council meeting

- Sandy Russ provided employee performance review paperwork and explained the process.
- Motion to schedule a 9 Dec 2018 congregational meeting for the purpose of approving the 2019 budget was approved.
- Motion to approve final draft of Chapters 1-10 of revised constitution as edited by council members was approved. Council will review chapters 11-19 of a version emailed Sept. 17, 2018 and submit suggested edits to Paul by 12 Oct.
- Tabled: discussion concerning honoring extraordinary FLC volunteers.

Endowments Financial Report

*FAITH LUTHERAN - \$10,480.94

Principal (\$5,000) Interest (\$5,480.94)

****DORIS KOCH MEMORIAL -** \$101,505.50

Principal (\$100,000) Interest (41,505.50)

*This endowment began in 1991 with a principal of \$5,000 and no addional donations added since that time. No requests for use of accumulated interest have been received over this period of time. There are no strings attached to the user of this money.

**This memorial endowment is new in 2018 from the estate funds of Doris Koch given to Faith Lutheran Church. There are no specified uses for requests to this fund.

The funds of these endowments are invested with Thrivent Financial. The Faith Lutheran Church Endowment Committee makes the decisions for the operation of the funds. Committee members are John Trangmoe, chairperson, Carl Russ, Carol Mitchell, Amber Richardson and Lyn McKee.

NOTE: The Gerloff Endowment funds that provide \$15,000 to the church each year for music and youth programs are administrated by the church council. The endowment committee does make a suggested recommendation on each request; however, final decision rests with the council.







Faith serves our neighbors in need

Tricia Collins, director of Missoula Child Bridge will be visiting our congregation on **Sunday, October 14th.** (**Date change**) Please stay for coffee hour after worship to find out more about how we can partner with Child Bridge to make a difference in the lives of the 60 plus children currently in foster care in the Bitterroot Valley. www.childbridgemontana.org

For more information, please talk to Celeste.

A message from Tricia:

Child Bridge is a faith based organization that exists to find families for children in need in our community. We also equip those families to care for the children. These are children who have been abused and neglected and are currently in the foster care system. Some need temporary help while in foster care, others need permanent family, through adoption. There are over 4,000 children in foster care in the state of Montana, and 300 of them in our local community, Missoula & Ravalli Counties. A foster and adoption support group has begun meeting the second Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Assembly of God Church 601 W. Main St., Hamilton). The next meeting is October 9th. If interested please contact Jordann Liss at: jliss@childbridgemontana.org or at (406) 529-4035



The Montana A Capella Society

Pancake Supper, Free will donation October 20th 5pm, Assembly of God, Hamilton 4 Types of Gourmet Pancakes, plain too! Fancy Syrups, Sausage, coffee and tea

A fund raising event for our trip to Italy! Contact Scott Southwick for more information, 360-8694

Annual Harvest Dinner & Dessert Auction

Corvallis United Methodist Church
Eastside Hwy at Cemetery Road
(1 mile south of Woodside Cutoff)

Monday, October 8th, 5pm

Free-will offering for dinner

Join us for Oktoberfest! Sunday, October 28th at 5pm

Sunday, October 28th at 5pm Missoula Fairgrounds Home Arts Building Brats, Beans, Beer and more!

Live music & a Live and silent auction items and prizes!

Tickets are \$15 individual, \$25 couple, \$40 family. Call 549-7821 for more information or for tickets.



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S.A.F.E. White Ribbon Week is October 21-26

The White Ribbon Campaign is a community-wide event to raise awareness about domestic violence in Ravalli County, giving people an opportunity to make a statement against domestic violence. Wearing a white ribbon symbolizes your commitment to not condone, commit or support domestic violence. It is a very simple way for our community to send a very powerful message- that our families deserve to live in homes that are safe and free from violence. Adopted in Ravalli County in 1999

with the distribution of 750 ribbons, this year 10,000 ribbons will be distributed!

Nearly a quarter of the women in our community and nation will experience relationship violence at some point in their lives. Each year, in Ravalli County, S.A.F.E. serves about 400 victims of domestic violence, more than 100 of them children. Studies show that children, particularly boys, who witness domestic violence, are much more likely to become abusive in their own adult relationships.

Our entire community benefits from decreasing both the incidence and impact of violence against women. While this campaign is aimed at adults, particularly men, we are sending a strong message to our children when we do not condone violence against women. When children receive this message, they are hearing the community say that we, as community members, believe in their safety, we believe that relationships can be non-violent and that every person in our community has value. Delivering this message while children are young is vital to their ability to grow into healthy, loving adults.

Ribbons will be available at church on Sunday, October 21st. By wearing a ribbon, you are making a statement in support of ending intimate partner violence. We hope adults will speak to children about violence being an unacceptable way to solve problems, and we hope adults will speak to each other about creating and modeling respectful relationships. For more information please call S.A.F.E. At 363-2793.

FLC's contact person is Sonya Bitterman, 546-3668



Bitter Root Empty Bowls

Saturday, October 13th St. Francis Pastoral Life Center 2 seatings: 11am and 12:30pm Tickets \$25 and can be purchased at the door or at Clay Works! Art City or Chapter One.

This year funds raised at this even will be distributed to:
Council of Aging "Meals on Wheels", Salvation Army, Community Meals,
Bitterroot Backpack program

For more information, contact Robin Ireland, 531-1556

Intermountain "Friend-raiser" Dessert Social

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 Brooke 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!

At the 2015 ELCA Synod Assembly, 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.



Bitterroot Valley Chorus

Monday evenings, 7-9pm, October-November

Rehearsals began on Monday, Sept. 24th, at 6:30 pm in the HHS choir room. Director is HHS choir director Mrs. Peggy Bucheit.

There is a \$25 fee to participate.

Performances for the community will be Saturday and Sunday,

Dec. 8th7:30pm and Dec. 9th at 2pm.

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

Contact Celeste for a registration form. Several members of Faith

Lutheran Church have sung in this choir for years.

Please consider joining them this year!



Habitat for Humanity a Night of Building Hope

Taste of America Cook-Off

At the Bitterroot River Inn, Thursday, October 4th 6:30pm

Chefs from: Mission Bistro, Caffe Firenze, Bouilla, Mineshaft and Bread by Red Rooster

Live Auction

\$40 ticket or \$60 per couple

Buy tickets at Habitat for Humanity or call 406-375-1926

Contact Ernie Berland for more information 642-6649



With Gratitude

THANKS!

To the many folks who've made Faith beautiful throughout the summer! Clean-Cut for lawn care and sprinklers, Linda Beyer and Helen Volden for planting and watering the planters along the front entry. To all mystery weed pullers and sprayers. It takes all of us to keep the house and grounds tidy! If you see a job, feel free to do it!

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: Echo Allison, Blaine, Lea, Doreen Johnson

Health, Comfort & Healing: Virginia V., Steve L,

Dan Mitchell, Family and friends of Paul Meyer, Brian Belcher,

Todd & Tyger Peterson

Prayers for: Ray, Abby & Eli, Ryan, Baby Sadie, Ellen & Bob Gaulke on their move, Al

Mitchell, David G., Tripp Morris, Billy Proud,

Dale Hughey and Dan Hager, 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



Moving, we say good bye to:

Bob & Ellen Gaulke #2 Coppermill Court McCook, NE 69001

Bob and Ellen Gaulke are moving to McCook Nebraska this week. There they will be near their son Bob and daughter-in-law Diane. This is a good opportunity for them but many Faith hearts are heavy as we selfishly think of their not being among us.

Bob and Ellen came to us after Bob's retirement in 1989 and have been active and integral members ever since. Their home was always a welcoming place and they entertained often. They were faithful worshipers at Faith for all of their years here.

Bob loved to golf and in his retirement he was extra passionate about it. He took time away though to serve on the church council and took his position there very seriously. Those years, he missed some golf games.

Ellen is an avid quilter. Her 'quilt room' was to "die for" just because it was such a comfortable haven. She was quick to make special and appropriate gifts for friends from that 'room'. There is no doubt a quilt room will become alive again in McCook. Ellen was a member of Ruth Circle, and involved in making banners for the sanctuary. She most recently served on the committee planning our last anniversary celebration. Bible study has always been important to Ellen and she faithfully attended Peggie Oury's class at the Presbyterian Church. There will be an 'empty' place in our Sanctuary that belonged to the Gaulkes and they will be sorely missed. We thank for them for their gifts of service and for sharing who they are to so many of us.

Bob and Ellen, we wish you well in McCook. We pray for your journey and your settling in. And we'll ask forgiveness for our envy of the church there who will be blessed to receive you. *Clairice Brady*

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An Update on Our Pastor Call Process, (from September Herald)

The first step in the call process is to complete a Ministry Site Profile. This is an eleven (11) page document that must be completed on-line. Your Call Committee has spent the first two months of the summer completing that profile. We have met a number of times, sought opinions of the congregation and obtained information from the Church Council. The profile has been completed, and was presented to the council August 22nd. The Call Committee will then upload the profile to the synod website, where it will be available for review by potential candidates.

As candidates begin to consider Faith Lutheran Church and express interest for an interview, we will provide our next update.

Thank you for your patience. Continue to be prayerful about our future leadership. *Troy Hanson*



October Birthdays

Helen Volden	10/3
Donald Huddleson	10/6
Maizie Mendenall	10/6
Krieger Larson	10/7
Emily Neville	10/7
Amber Richardson	10/7
Jeni Seifert	10/7
Doris Englund	10/12
Kiley McDonald (Davis)	10/12
Julia Seifert	10/12
Kaitlin Denton	10/16
Ruth Dillon	10/17
Kathy Clark	10/18
Jon Anders	10/20
Nancy Schueler	10/20
Alberta Henderson	10/20
Allyson Borgen	10/21
Lauren Kimzey	10/24
Charlie Swanson	10/25
Jan Hathaway	10/26
Keith Bell	10/27
Katherine Russ	10/28

Dates to Remember:

October is **White Ribbon Month** to end domestic violence

Every Wednesday is Fellowship Wednesday at 5:45, 7pm HS Youth Group

10/5-6 FLBC Annual Meeting & Harvest Festival

10/13 Empty Bowls, 11 & 12:30 St. Francis

10/16 Faith Herald Deadline

10/17 6pm FLC Council Meeting

10/20 Acapella Society pancake supper,

5pm Assembly of God

10/28 Share the Harvest Dinner

10/28 Reformation Sunday, Wear Red

10/30 FH Folding Party

10/31 Halloween







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