



The Faith Herald

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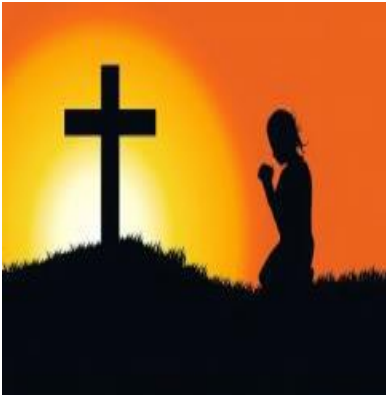


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Visit our office 9a-1p, M-Th.

New Church Directory!

- Get your pictures taken September Monday, 17th or Tuesday the 18th
- Appointments can be made online or in the lobby on Sundays
- You will receive a bible size directory
- The photos make great Christmas gifts or Cards!
- You will have the opportunity to purchase additional photos



- In conversations around the congregation; it seems there is interest again in reviving Faith's Prayer Chain. We can all pray on our own but we don't always get the news when someone is in a special need. A chain of prayer is informative and serves as a reminder to lift our hearts to the Lord in special circumstances.

- The way the chain works is for a contact person to receive a call from an individual, the Pastor, or the church office. That person would then call the next person on the

chain, and on down the list. In today's world, I anticipate interest in both e-mail and text messaging. Those interests will certainly be considered in the planning. Please let Clairice Brady know if this could become a part of your prayer life. (363-2749 or 360-9110)

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



NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

September 9, 2018, 9:30am

Invite a friend to Church...

- ✓ Who do you know who could use a lift?
- ✓ Worship @ 9:30
- ✓ COMFY pews!
- ✓ Kid-friendly worship
- ✓ Friendly faces, and warm greetings
- ✓ Uplifting music
- ✓ Best cookies and coffee in town!

Worship Assistant Training and Refresher Course Sunday, September 16th

Lectors, Ushers, Assisting Ministers, Communion Assistants, we will gather at 10:30am on Sunday, September 16th for a brief training of our duties. If you are not able to join us that morning but would like copies of the handouts, please contact Celeste.

Not yet a worship assistant? Please consider volunteering for this very important part of our worship; time commitment is minimal. Again, Celeste would love to visit with you about the possibilities.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Caring Visitors of Faith are looking for volunteers



Caring visitors make time to go say hello, to bring church information to people, to sit and listen to those unable to come to church. When we help others, we improve our lives as well as theirs. To find out more information on how you may help contact Jennifer Murrillo 406-529-9138

Tell us your favorite hymn

Do you miss singing your favorite hymn in worship? The hymn selection committee is seeking fresh ideas for your favorite hymns. Just fill out a response card and tell us your favorite hymn(s) from the red hymnal. Put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. We will try to incorporate your request into worship in the upcoming months. **Thanks!**



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9TH !!

Mark your calendars~ Sunday school for 3 year olds thru 2nd graders will start Sept. 9th immediately following church service. Your little ones will enjoy fun music time and then on to classroom lessons and crafts ending by 11:15.

We have some enthusiastic new leaders and know it will be a great experience for your little ones! And, if you don't have little ones, but feel you could use some music and craft time in your life, contact either Amber Richardson, 370-7159 or Helen Fessler, 360-8376 to join in!!

We look forward to seeing all of you and please invite your neighbors and friends to join us!



ALL NEW FOR YOUTH WEDNESDAYS 3RD GRADE AND UP (Yes, adults are welcome!)

Dinners and Education will start Wednesday Sept. 12th at 5:45 with music for all and classroom time to follow (breaking out by age groups). This is a brave new adventure and we are super excited to see where it goes! Please know all are welcome to stay for as long as your schedule allows!

Did I mention there is a new chef in town? YES, Lans Richardson has volunteered to own the church kitchen! He is super excited to be there for the kids and maybe some men fellowship as well (possible study during cleanup time?). He is still looking for a few good men to join him in this brave adventure! So please, call Lans if you have time on Wednesdays!

As you know, *it takes a village* to raise kids and we need all ages to step up and mentor our precious youth so please let LaDonna know 460-1994 if you can help.

Thank you Notes

Thank you so much for helping me get to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp this summer. I had so much fun! I took part in the Seattle Servant project FLBC puts on. This was my second year going to Seattle and it was so awesome. Being able to go to camp to help others is such a rewarding experience. ***Thank you so much, Quioia Anderson***

Thank you for making my birthday special. Also for many kindnesses through out the years. God is always at Faith. ***Love, Bertie Senn***

Thank you Charley Larson for always sharing your garden goodies. They are delicious and very much appreciated.



Faith Hosts Vacation Bible School Week of July 9-13!

Four awesome VBS counselors and 59 campers and teenage helpers rocked the church during VBS the week of July 9-13. Thanks to increased advertising and word of mouth our attendance was up this year! We had so much fun playing games (and playing in the water!), learning bible verses, making crafts, worshipping, praying, singing..... Many thanks to our adult volunteer staff- there were 13 of you! Special thanks to Deb

Cathey, and the amazing kitchen crew for preparing fabulous snacks and lunches. Our craft queen, Linda Beyer, and her crew helped the kids create some really cool crafts. Vicky Mahon and Liz Johnson led a delightful preschool team in creative activities for our preschoolers. Also thanks to the Grotbos and VanDenburgs and Jennifer Murillo (housing and feeding counselors), Nancy (daily newsletters and registration), KaSondra Grymes (registration/ floater), and many others who dropped in to help. The list goes on and on..... There are so many others who donated money, food, time, talents. Through our offering and help from the congregation we also assembled over 100 Personal Care Kits for LWR!. Thank you Thrivent and the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church, for collectively contributing to this amazing outreach in our community!

Faith Lutheran is a Kind-Hearted Congregation!

I checked out a big stack of boxes in one of the Sunday school rooms, and was told they contain:

221 Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief)

16 more School Kits (again for LWR)

112 Love Day Quilts

They will soon be shipped to folks in need all over the world.

Thank you, generous hearts and loving hands of Faith!

Next up: Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes!

Celeste

See you at the Pole!

Wednesday September 26th 7am



All around the globe, in every time zone students will be gathering around their flag poles, praying for their schools, family, friends, communities and whatever is important to them. See You At The Pole is a day committed to global unity in Christ and prayer for your generation. **Meeting places, 7am:**

Hamilton Middle School, Hamilton High School, or Corvallis High School

Advent Reminder

A quick reminder that our goal is to have the new Chrismons for the Christmas Tree ready by the first week of Advent. That is December 1st. If you are working on some be sure to include them in your early Fall crafting.



Time to Fill the Boxes!...Operation Christmas Child

It is time to think about filling Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! As summer is ending and great box filling items go on sale it's a fine time to find things to make a child smile.



Items that are always needed to fill boxes are:

Hygiene Items:

- bars of soap, wash clothes, hairbrushes, combs, toothbrushes (NO toothpaste)

School Supplies:

- pencils, pens, pencil sharpeners, erasers, crayons, colored pencils, markers, smaller size pads of paper that fit in the boxes, activity books, coloring books

Other Box fillers:

- toys suitable for boys and girls from ages 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14
balls – soccer balls are popular, music makers, games, jewelry, soft, fuzzy, plush animals/toys and/or dolls, trucks, cars
clothing like T-shirts, simple dresses, shorts, flip flops, sun glasses, hats

For older kids: sewing kits, tools, flashlights, small board games, cards

Our goal each year is to pack at least 100 shoe boxes. You can pack boxes at home and/or the church Packing Party in November just before boxes are collected. Remember it costs \$9 to ship each box. **You might think about putting a dollar a week away between now and the Packing Party for each box you think you will pack to help with the shipping costs.** Also, donations of items for the Packing Party are very welcome and can be dropped off at church. If you are not a shopper financial donations are always welcome. Look for the OCC labeled tubs and in the Narthex! And thank you in advance for your generous support of Operation Christmas Child.



Community Meals

Community Meals sponsored by the Family Shelter of the Bitterroot will start the 2018-19 meal schedule in early September at Cornerstone Bible Church. Several churches and organizations take turns hosting the meals. Faith Lutheran has hosted the 4th Tuesday of each month for the last couple years. Our first turn is September 25th. We usually prep the food early in the day between 9 - 11am in the Faith kitchen. Then we finish the preparation, serve the meal, and clean-up at the Cornerstone church between 4 and 6:30 pm. If you would like to help please contact Linda Beyer, Helen Volden, Dale Brady or Jennifer Murillo.



We are busy planning and brainstorming ideas for the coming weeks and months. We are discussing:

- ✓ Quiche Potluck after worship in September
- ✓ Share the Harvest Dinner in October
- ✓ Congregation Thanksgiving Dinner in November
- ✓ And a special Christmas celebration in December

If you would like to help or have some ideas, please contact Deb Cathey 218-8394 or Jeff Montgomery 363-2580.

Support Lutheran Campus Ministry

And Enjoy an Afternoon of Fine Music and Fellowship

MUSIC OF HOPE

Sunday September 30, 2018 3pm

Hope Lutheran Church

2151 West Graf Street

Bozeman, MT 59715

Featuring: Jeni Fleming, Jazz, Eric Funk, Composer and Pianist, Matthew O'Sullivan, Organist
Darryl Kinion, Tenor, Nancy Wilson, Pianist and Soprano Fredrick Frey, Baritone



Tricia Collins, director of Missoula Child Bridge will be visiting our congregation on Sunday, September 30th. 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. At the request of the state child and family services office, we are starting a foster and adoption support group in Hamilton. We will have a kick off gathering on September 18th from 5:30-7:30 pm at Assembly of God in Hamilton. and then we will host regular monthly meetings, beginning in October, on the second Tuesday of each month. We are in need of help with these gatherings from the local Christian community. We will need help with the monthly meals-provision, preparation, and serving—as well as help with childcare during the meetings. We are especially seeking someone to lead our children's program for the monthly meeting on that 2nd Tuesday of each month. If interested please contact Jordann Liss at: jliss@childbridgemontana.org or at (406) 529-4035



FLBC News & Notes

Labor Day Family Retreat

August 31 through September 3

This weekend is for all ages. Adult bible studies will be led by Pr. Tanner Howard, of Havre, MT. FLBC staff will lead activities for kids. Cost: \$190 age 13+, \$150 age 7-12, \$130 age 2-6, under 2 is Free. The family maximum is \$650.

Save the Date

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 Hagestuen.

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 30 Through Dec 2

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

August 22, 2018 Council meeting

Presentation by Ravalli County domestic violence organization SAFE, encouraging FLC involvement.

- Motion by Dean, seconded by Paul for use of Gerloff Income funds in support of the August 15th picnic passed by consensus electronic vote.

- Motion to approve ministry site profile document assembled by Call Committee – with spelling and grammar corrections as noted, was approved.

- Motion to coordinate third draft of revised constitution by circulating Chapters 1-10 of second draft for review and suggested edits by council members and submit for aggregation by Paul by September 16th was approved.
- Motion to approve electronic processing for disbursement review and approval (to exclude FLC credit card transactions) passed.
- Motion to provide a \$1200.00 bonus to Mick Gray, paid at the end of September 2018 passed.
- Communications steward will be the release authority for distribution of email addressed to all FLC members that will originate from the Office- FLC email account.

An Update on Our Pastor Call Process

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 opinion 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 and express interest for interview, we will provide our next update.

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



I'm still rounding up binders from the Scandinavian Dinner!

Do YOU have one?

Please return it to me!

Thanks, Celeste



In Memory of Don Melchert

God welcomed Don home peacefully at 12:03am while in my arms on August 22nd here at our home. He waited 3 minutes into my 70th birthday! It was his gift to me. His service will be on Saturday, September 1st at 3pm at St. Paul's Lutheran. Bishop Jessica will give the message. We will celebrate a life well lived! *Just a day at a time, Pam Melchert*

Don was our friend, not just our pastor

Pr. Don Melchert has finished his work on earth to be welcomed to that eternal life into which he worked so hard to prepare all of us. We grieve with his wonderful family for their loss and for our loss as well.

Pr. Melchert came to Faith soon after his retirement to serve an interim for us. It was a difficult and painful time for Faith Lutheran. We were still trying to feel grounded after the ELCA Social Statement that shattered our congregation and we were recovering as well from another strained interim. Pr. Don had a special way of bringing balm to our wounds and help us to see Christ. His sermons were a wonderful gift - helping us to see right past him to the heart of Jesus.

We always knew Pr. Don was our friend, not just our pastor. He worshipped with us and he fellowshiped with us. When his interim was finished and we welcomed a full time pastor, Pr. Don filled the pulpit on numerous Sunday mornings. He came to spend special occasions with us as well, like church anniversaries and some fundraising events. He and Pam were always welcomed with open arms because we always knew he cared for us.

Members we know of other congregations where he served hold him in their hearts as well. We have mutual friends with the Melcherts in Great Falls who have accompanied them on several cruises and they too value the years he served as their pastor there.

Pam, we will always hold Pr. Don and you, as well as your family in our hearts. We pray for you these days as you do the things you must with heavy hearts. Know that Faith Lutheran folks love you very much. *Clairice Brady*

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.



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***Pray for At-Home Members and Friends...*****Battling Cancer:** Blaine, Lea Doreen Johnson**Health, Comfort & Healing:** Friends and family of Don Melchert, Our Bishop Jessica Crist, Steve L, Dan Mitchell, Family and friends of Paul Meyer, Brian Belcher, Todd & Tyger Peterson,**Prayers for:** Teachers, students going back to school, those affected by fires and smoke, Billy Proud, Dale Hughey and Dan Hager, Lavonne Beers, David G, Nicaragua Corner of Love Ministry, Jon A, Claire F, Family and friends of Casey W, Todd Schiffman, Linda B, Millie Unruh, 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

If you or your loved one is sick or in the hospital, please notify the church office.

We will visit you and keep you in our prayers.

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God be with our college students as they head back to school:

Kyle Borgen (U of M), Allison Borgen (Bitterroot College)
Bethany (Bitterman) Davidson (U of M), Emily Heitman (MSU)
Amy Lawry (MSU), Brooke Lawry (MSU)
Colter Mason (MSU), Abbey Dunn (MSU)
Josephine VanDenburg (U of Utah), Kyla Grymes (MSU Northern)
Sam Bosio (Notre Dame) Royal Beyer (SW Oregon) Ben Peterson (U of M)



September Birthdays

- 3 Teri Beyer, Tanner Hanson
- 7 Vicki White
- 8 Ann Damrow, Finn Dufresne,
- 12 Robert Steinhoff
- 17 Barbara Heitmann
- 18 Emma Mitchell, John Trangmoe
- 20 Eric Larson,
- 21 Beth Davidson, Kathy Owings
- 22 Jack Davis, Amanda Butt
- 25 David Bull, Curtis Fessler, Carolyn Larsen, Jim Owings
- 26 Quinn Larson
- 27 Rylee Auch, Helen Fessler, Paul Walczak
- 28 Naomi Crane. Leona Eschenbacker
- 29 Wanda Huddleson
- 30 Jonah Brady

Faith Lutheran Awards over \$2,200 in FLBC Camperships:

This summer 16 of our youth and 2 adults attended Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. By all accounts, these kids, and adults had awesome spiritual adventures on the shores of Flathead Lake. Any of them would be delighted to tell you about it; just ask one!

Thanks for your generosity, Faith Lutheran Church!



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Dates To Remember In September

- 9/3 Labor Day! (FLC Office Closed)
- 9/9 Sunday School Starts
- 9/12 **5:45pm Family dinners & education begins**
- 9/16 **Worship Assistant Training after worship**
- 9/17 **Photo Sessions 1-8pm, Herald deadline for Oct.**
- 9/18 **Photo Sessions 1-8pm**
- 9/19 **4pm Council Meeting, 5:45pm Family Dinner & Ed**
- 9/23 **6:15 Sapphire Worship**
- 9/30 **Child Bridge Speaker after service**