



The Faith Herald

November 2019

*“Get up to a high mountain...
and lift up your voice with strength...
herald of good news!”
Isaiah 40:9*

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Greetings to you all,

I want to thank you all for the gifts, cards, notes and kind words, I've received from many of you, since I've been here and especially last month during Pastor Appreciation month. Gwen and I feel very blessed to be here, and I am feeling very blessed to be your Pastor.

As I think of the upcoming Comprehensive Ministry review I found a quote from Martin Luther that was in our Adult Study. I think it is applicable in our efforts to move forward. It reads, “This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health, but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process in not yet finished, but it is going on. This is not the end but it is the road.” Living in faith then, is a process. Our mission statement here at FLC seems to echo Luther's quote. It reads, “Faith Lutheran is a family of God built on love: worshiping, welcoming, serving and growing in Christ's name.” All of these acts are ongoing. None of these are an end result. This is exciting to me as we continue the many ministries that are happening here. (Shoe boxes are being filled on this day as well). It is also exciting to explore and venture into where God wants us to grow to from here, as we move forward.

I hope that you are all able to come to the forum, joining the Comprehensive Ministry Review teams from our Synod and our congregation. This will take place following the Worship Service on November 10th. Please come, listen and share comments, and questions as we continue to live out our mission statement.

Partners in sharing God's grace,
Pastor Paul

Please note Pastor Paul's church email: flchamilton.pastor paul@gmail.com

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Faith Lutheran Church is embarking on a journey A Comprehensive Ministry Review, November 8-10th

The review team including, Pastor Paul, LaDonna Grotbo, Troy Hanson, Celeste Pogachar, Susan Wetzsteon and Laura Reichart, will be working with the Synod the weekend of November 8-10th, on this important quest. Please keep them all in your prayers as they “soul search our church”! There will be various ways that you can assist in the process, so please pray about that as well.

Join us at the forum November 10th following worship.

Weekend Schedule:

Friday: Arrive and tour of town/ Meet with staff and Pastor Paul

Saturday: Meet with Review Team

Sunday : Congregational question and answer session after church

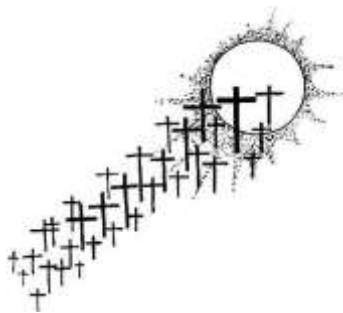
Faith’s Worship Rhythm

- 11/3 All Saints Day, Now the Feast Liturgy, Honor deceased and loved ones with candles during worship
- 11/10 ELW Setting 10
- 11/17 Brawl of the Wild Sunday, ELW Setting 10
- 11/24 Christ the King Sunday, Celebration of Grace



Remembering Our Saints Sunday, November 3rd

Celebrate our new saints, and those who have 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**



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



CHRISTMAS DECORATING Nov. 27th

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



A Gift That Only Kids Can Give

Save the date!

Faith Kids will lead worship on Sunday, December 15th
We have begun practicing Christmas Carols during Sunday School time.

Youth News!



November/December 2019



November Wednesdays:

- ✝ 11/6 6-8 P.M. @ Faith Lutheran
- ✝ 11/13 6-8 P.M. @ First Presbyterian
- ✝ 11/20 6-8 P.M. @ St. Paul's
- ✝ 11/27 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!** (FLC Youth Christmas decorating)

December Wednesdays:

- ✝ 12/4 6-8 P.M. @ Faith Lutheran Christmas Party!
- ✝ 12/11 6-8 P.M. @ First Presbyterian -**Service Project**-
We will be making Christmas wreaths for shut-ins.
- ✝ 12/18 6-8 P.M. @ Super 1 -**Service Project**- Bell ringing for The Salvation Army.
- ✝ 12/25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

Patty Stone (First Presbyterian) 618-566-4068

Feel free to call with any questions! Alana Cruse (St Paul's Episcopal) 381-3534

Michelle Mendenall (Faith Lutheran) 360-1984



FLBC Annual Meeting Report

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On Saturday, October 12th, Pastor Paul, and FLC delegates Celeste Pogachar and Deb Cathey travelled to our bible camp for the fall festival and annual meeting. Definitely the highlight of the day was the dedication and tour of the newly completed (and debt-free!) Lakeview Cabin Complex, accessible for all. The keynote speaker for the day was the young man (now a college freshman) who had the dream that FLBC could have a cabin where he and his friends could enjoy the camp just as their fully abled peers. Please consider attending one of the fall retreats (check the flyers in the lobby for details) to check out this beautiful facility for yourself!

Another highlight was the newly-available 2020 Year-Round Retreats and Summer Camp brochure. You can start planning now for when your family can go to camp next summer! These brochures are available on the counter outside the church office. The information is also available on-line at flbc.net.

Dates to remember:

	<i>Online registration opens for:</i>
Wed. Nov. 20, 2019	Volunteers, grandparents, pastors
Sun. Dec. 1, 2019	Summer camp 2020
Mon. Jan. 20, 2020	Weeklong Family Camp (July 5-10, 2020)

A numbers recap for the 2019 camp season:

- 875 onsite summer campers
- 285 offsite (Glacier Wilderness) campers
- 803 campers given financial assistance (camperships) by FLBC (\$74,000!)
- 90 week long summer adult volunteers (like camp grandmas and grandpas!)
- 900 day campers (VBS) in 21 congregations (including ours!)
- 217 family campers during family week and weekends
- 1690 summer retreat guests
- 2846 fall/winter/spring guests (a reminder that FLBC is open year round, and most of these folks are grown-ups!)
- 22+ kids and adults from Faith Lutheran Church who attended summer camps or retreats**
- 11 camperships given to those kids and adults by Faith Lutheran Church (more than \$2000!)**



FLBC Retreats

BBBB (Bread-Beverage-Bible-Boats) Retreat

November 8-10, 2019

Our Scripture, Scales & Suds and Bread of Life retreats have combined to be the BEST adult retreat ever! Join in fellowship on the lake as we learn new bread baking recipes & techniques, enjoy fishing from the dock or one of our boats, and try your hand at home brewing! Guests may do as much or as little as they'd like, but all will have the opportunity to join in worship, **Bible study lead by Pastor Brenda Satrum**, fellowship, and will leave with brewing knowledge and bread baking skills.

Crazy About Quilting Retreat

November 14-17, 2019

Join us for a weekend of quilting and fun! Bring your quilt projects and work alongside friends old and new on the shores of Flathead Lake. Evening devotions, worship, and plenty of time for conversation with delicious meals and cozy accommodations will make for a relaxing weekend away.

Family & Friends Advent Retreat

December 6-8, 2019

Prepare for the Christmas season by taking intentional time to slow down. Make some crafts, cut your own Christmas tree. Take some time for worship and prayer this Advent. Retreat begins with dinner on Friday and ends with brunch on Sunday.

Plus, mark your calendars for our Youth Ski & Snowboard Retreat held January 10-12! A flyer will be coming to you soon.

For more information, go to www.FLBC.net or call 406-752-6602

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 3rd

Wrap the soap Sunday

November 10th

Shoebox Sunday - Packing Party and Lunch

November 18th – 25th

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.



Chili Cook-Off is Coming! Sunday, November 17th at 5 pm



Every other year, Faith Lutheran hosts a chili cook-off to raise matching funds to send our youth to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Each person receives a \$200 campership. With your help, we hope to raise \$5000 to distribute over the next two years.

How can you help?

Come enjoy a great bowl of chili and the fellowship of your friends from Faith. Invite your friends! Plan to bid generously on desserts and silent & live auction items. **Don't need any more stuff at your house?** Instead of bidding, consider making a tax-deductible donation to Faith Lutheran Church (indicate "for FLBC camperships" on the subject line).

Got culinary skills?

- **Prepare a scrumptious dessert** to be auctioned for each table to share. (Contact LaDonna Grotbo: 460-1994)
- **Love to make appetizers?** We'll need some of those too! (Contact Sandy Drake: 544-8755)
- **Enter a pot of your famous (or infamous) homemade chili** to the competition. Challenge reigning champion Darrin Heitmann for bragging rights! (Contact Deb Cathey: 218-8394)

Donate an item or service for the silent and live auctions.

Here are some ideas in case you need some inspiration:

- Themed baskets: chocolate, baby, wine and cheese, pizza and beer, teacher, movie night, date night (movie tickets & dinner), reading, grandparents' babysitting items, scrap-booking, gardening, car care, pet lover, you name it!
- Baskets/ items for kids to bid on
- Baskets/ items that older folks might appreciate
- Bobcat or Griz items
- Gift certificates: hair salon, massage, nails, dining, local businesses, eye exam, photography
- Assist with will or tax prep, computer expertise
- Anything handmade: wood projects, sewing/quilting, crochet, jewelry, pottery, fly tying, artwork, photos
- Anything yummy: baked items, lefse, food canning of-the-month (you fill it in): pie, cookies, bread, eggs, growler....
- Home help: yard clean-up, rototilling, mulching, handyman help, putting up/taking down Christmas lights. This would be a great service project for a family to donate!
- Home-based business products
- A cord of wood, Round of golf, Ski tickets, Game tickets, Concert or Play tickets
- Host a dinner: steak night, international cuisine, turkey dinner with all the trimmings

Celeste would like to have most of these items collected by Sunday, November 10th.

You can leave things in my office (with a note please!) if you wish. 239-3952-Thank you!



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



**Friday, November 1st, 7 pm
Corvallis United Methodist Church (Eastside Highway)**

There is no cost to attend. 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!



Cats vs. Griz

Campus Ministry Challenge



Montana Campus Ministry Challenge Special Offering

On Nov. 17th, the Sunday before the annual Cat-Griz football game (Sat., November 23rd), 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



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. 23rd
8:30am - 2pm
Corner of South 5th
and Ravalli St.

Community Thanksgiving

Grateful Hearts Offer Thanks & Prayers!

Sunday, November 24th 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

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. **Everyone welcome!**

Bitter Root Empty Bowls, Saturday, November 16th

St. Francis Pastoral Life Center

411 S. 5th St. Tickets \$25.00

Two seatings: 11am and 12:30

Tickets can be bought at Clay Works! Art City, Chapter One Bookstore.

Funds raised at this event will support; Community Meals, Hamilton Haven House, Darby Breadbox and Stevensville Pantry Partners.

A \$25 donation buys you a delicious soup and bread meal and you keep the beautiful handmade bowl!



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Giving Status for October 2019-

In October FLC received \$11,636.00 in General Fund giving.

To meet requirements of the 2019 budget FLC needed to receive \$14,421.86 for the month.

For 2019 FLC was \$13,472.02 below requirements for the 2019 budget.



Important Budget Meetings Mark Your Calendar:

- Mon. November 18th** Final Budget Workup Meeting 6pm
- Sun. December 1st** Budget Questions and Answers after worship
- Sun. December 8th** Congregational Meeting to approve budget

2020 Final Budget Workup Meeting Monday November 18th @ 6 PM

The 2020 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 your input!

Final 2020 Budget Q&A Sunday December 1st after worship

Council invites you to join us in the Hospitality Room after services for a Question and Answer session on the Final 2020 Budget.
See you there!

Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 8th after worship

This meeting is being held for the purpose of approving the 2020 budget. All voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend



Endowment Funds

From the Endowment Committee: John Trangmoe Chair. Members: Lyn McKee, Carl Russ, Amber Richardson and Carol Mitchell.

Doris Koch Endowment: \$100,562.71 Principal \$100,000

Available for grant requests: \$562.71+\$6,400=\$6,962.71

Faith Lutheran Endowment: \$11,250 Principal \$5,000

Available for grant requests: \$6,250

There are no strings attached to either of these endowments for the use of requested monies. Future application forms are submitted to the Endowment Committee. Forms available in the office.

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.
- **Major 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.



Pray for At-Home Members and Friends...

Battling Cancer: Peter S.

Prayers for: Dale Hughey, Peggy Lewis, Irene Stengrimson, Victoria Moore, Barbara Witt, Dee Cummings, Angie and her mother Mrs. Bizzaro, Kurdish people, Nicholas O., Friends and Family of Valerie Winn, The Yockey family, LaVonne Beers, Susan Wetzsteon, Rochelle Lenz, Patsy & Bill K., Richard Kordsmeir, Wayne & Helen Hedman.

The Beehive: Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Betty Swift, Chuck Olson

Discovery Care:

Home Nursing Care: Virginia Rotering, Smitty Smith,

Incarcerated: Jacob Bachman, George Davis



November Birthdays

11/1	Clara Felton
11/4	Tom Grymes
11/5	John Serfass, Hannah Peterson
11/7	Barbara Davis
11/8	Peggy Trexler
11/9	Yvette Larson, Skeet Mason,
11/9	Wesley Southwick
11/11	Charley Larson
11/14	Mia Mendenall
11/18	Amanda Brady, Mark Clark
11/19	Cynthia Marshall, Colter Mason
11/20	Elaine Bethmann, Grayden Beyer
11/20	Abigail Wetzsteon
11/21	Madi Farrenburg
11/23	Allen Luebbert
11/24	Caroline Denney
11/29	Brice Grotbo



BREAKING NEWS!

The dates for 2020 VBS have been booked!
Please mark your calendars for a week of fun
July 13-17, 2020



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Dates To Remember

- 11/3 All Saints' Sunday, **DST Ends**
- 11/8-10 Comprehensive Ministry Review, FLBC BBBB Retreat
- 11/10 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
Forum on Ministry Review
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/16 Empty Bowls, St. Francis Pastoral Life Center
- 11/17 Brawl of the Wild, 5pm Chili Cook-Off**
- 11/18 6pm Council Meeting, Faith Herald Deadline**
- 11/24 Christ the King Sunday
- 11/28 Happy Thanksgiving!!!(FLC office closed until Dec 2nd)
- 11/27 Christmas Decorating at the church and family fun!

