

The Faith Herald

October 2019

*"Get up to a high mountain...
and lift up your voice with strength...*

herald of good news!"

Isaiah 40:9

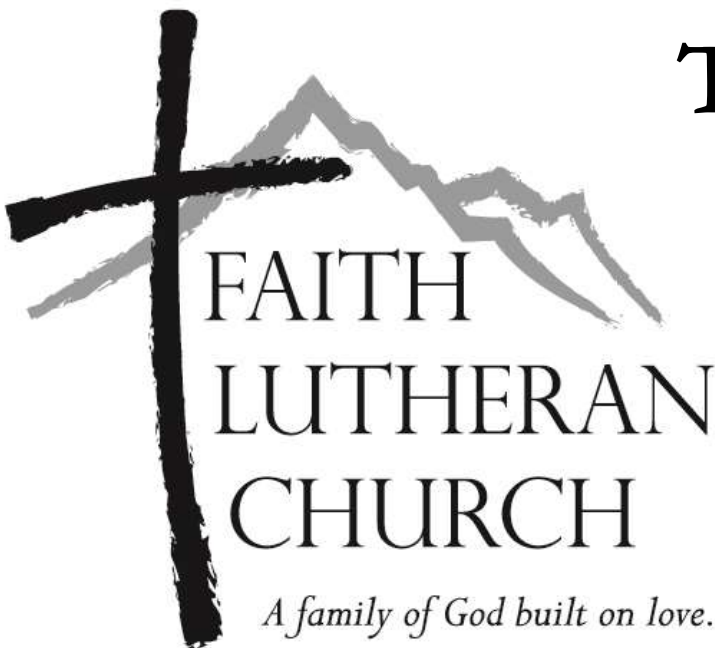
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Greetings to you All,

We are well into Fall and we are back into the Fall routine here at Faith. Christian education for all ages is happening, Wednesday Night Alive! and confirmation, the Tuesday Community meals, Youth Sunday, as well as other ministries have begun. It is so wonderful to see all that God is doing through the people here at FLC.



The council and I informed you in July that we would be doing a "Comprehensive Ministry Review" this Fall. After reading what this review was, we decided that this would be something our congregation could benefit from.

A team of people from our congregation will be working with a team from our synod. After compiling information about our congregation the team from the synod will be coming to Hamilton to visit with us. They will meet with our team on Saturday November 9th. There will be a Congregational Forum after worship on Sunday November 10th to give members the opportunity to hear about the process, ask questions, and share their thoughts. Please pray with me as this process continues to unfold. Pray that as we move forward following God's lead in sharing God's love we will be open to God's guidance.

"This is the Day the Lord has Made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

Partners in sharing God's grace
Pastor Paul



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 **Packing Party on Sunday, November 10th!** In addition, if you would like to help set up the party or in any other way please see Linda Beyer.



Community Meals Faith Providing in Our Community

The Community Meals program provides free meals to help those in need within our own community. During the past few years, the program has applied for government food subsidies which helped defray the cost of meals for many churches and organizations that prepare the meals including our church. This year the decision was made to not receive government subsidies for many valid reasons.

This means the cost of preparing meals will increase for those hosting the meals. In fact, the cost of Faith's first meal was about \$60 more than the usual budget per meal last year. Much of the cost goes to providing a quality protein source for the meal. **If you would like to help stretch Faith's Community Meals budget this year you might think about sponsoring the cost of a protein source or other ingredient for a meal,** offering to use a Thrivent Action team card to purchase items for a meal, or simply volunteering your time to help with meal preparation and/or serving. The next meal Faith Lutheran will host is October 22nd. For more information or ideas visit with Linda Beyer or Helen Volden.



Caring Hearts and Hands – Faith’s Mission Work

If you visited the end of the classroom hallway anytime in the last few months you saw a mountain of boxes in one of the last rooms at the south end. These **29 boxes were filled with 104 personal care kits, 15 school kits, and 105 quilts waiting to be shipped to Lutheran World Relief efforts.** The contents of these boxes represent the caring hearts and hands of our church community who donated the items and assembled kits and quilts for this mission effort. And it’s through the generosity of Merchants Moving & Storage and Midland Freight Lines (who ship them for free) that they are now on their way to the Lutheran World Relief distribution center in St Paul, MN. From there they will make their journey to people in need around the world. Many, many thanks to all who had a hand in making this outreach to others in need possible.



Faith’s Caring Visitors



The Caring Visitors met on Sept. 19th for lunch and discussed the process of visiting members of the church that are homebound or residents of assisted living or long-term care facilities. Pastor Paul led us in devotions and then went on to give a short class on possible devotions to use during the visits as well as Communion procedures. A list of homebound members was discussed and will be updated by Celeste Pogachar. Next of kin with a current phone number will also be noted on the new list.

Mark Granados, Director of At Home services for Sapphire Lutheran Homes also attended the meeting and discussed the At Home program. Group members will distribute pamphlets during their visits. Mark encouraged members with questions about this beneficial program to give him a call (363-2800) and talk with him personally. Please call Judy Griffin, Steward of Outreach (961-4390) if you have further questions or would like to make an addition to our list.



St. Francis of Assisi and the Blessing of the Animals

October 6th has become a traditional time to bless pets and animals,

At the end of the service we will meet outside to Bless our Pets!
If it is not convenient to bring your pet, bring a photo.



Faith's Worship Rhythm

10/6: Celebration of Grace

10/13: Praise Service

10/20: ELW #10

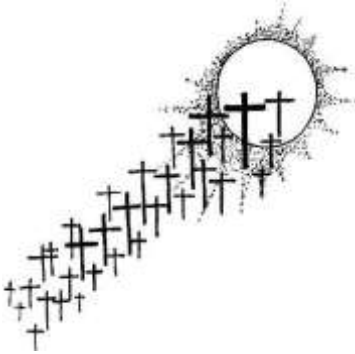
10/27: Now the Feast and Celebration

Reformation Sunday, please wear red



Remembering Our Saints

9:30am, Sunday, November 3



Celebrate our new saints (those baptized into the life of Christ) and those who've passed on. During worship we will 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 and those 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.**



Youth News
October 2019

October Wednesdays:

- † 10/2 6-8 P.M. @ First Presbyterian
- † 10/9 6-8 P.M. @ Faith Lutheran (Thank you Men of Faith for providing dinner)
- † 10/16 No youth group – Holiday weekend
- † 10/23 6-8 P.M. @ First Presbyterian—Pumpkin carving --Service Project--
- † 10/30 No youth group – Halloween service project on the 31st

Special Events:

10/31 Thursday 4-8 P.M. Halloween --Service Project-- You can sign up for a time to serve Hot Cocoa and Cider to the community. (Thank you to St. Paul's for providing dinner.)

Feel free to call with any questions! Patty Stone (First Presbyterian) 618-566-4068

Alana Cruse (St Paul's Episcopal) 381-3534, Michelle Mendenall (Faith Lutheran) 360-1984



Save the date: Chili Cook-Off is Sunday, November 17th 2019

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. We will also make a donation to the Montana Synod House.

How can you help?

1. 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.
2. Prepare a scrumptious dessert to be auctioned for each table to share.
Love to make appetizers? We'll need some of those too!
3. Enter a pot of your famous (or infamous) homemade chili to the competition.
Challenge reigning champion Darrin Heitmann for bragging rights!
4. Donate an item or service for the silent and live auctions.
Need suggestions or inspiration? Ask Celeste (239-3952)



Take a Look at the "Card Nook"

Thank you to all of you who are served by the "Card Nook" in the narthex. You will notice the rows of new hand-made cards there. They are the gift of Deanna Shook and her mother Mary Schmidt. They are \$1.00 each as well as the others. You can use one of the envelopes there for payment and leave that in the mailbox of Clairice Brady.

Senior Fellowship

Senior fellowship will meet Saturday, October 19th, 1pm at Faith to play Pinochle and Bunco. Bring a treat to share. If you would like to learn how to play Pinochle, please call Brady's at 363-2749. Bunco is a simple dice game that only needs a few words of explanation.





FLBC News & Notes

Fall Harvest Festival and Auction

October 11-12, 2019, Friday and Saturday

Don't miss FLBC's third biennial Harvest Festival, October 11-12, 2019! Join us Friday night for a fall dinner, a silent auction, and a live auction.

Come Saturday for more fun and fundraising including wagon rides, games and activities for all ages, a fun run, and much more! All proceeds go to the FLBC Campership fund and assures that no one is ever turned away for inability to pay. Housing is limited, so register early! Visit flbc.net/harvest-festival for more information and for tickets to Friday's dinner.

BBB (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, fellowship, and will leave with brewing knowledge and bread baking skills.

Crazy About Quilting Retreat

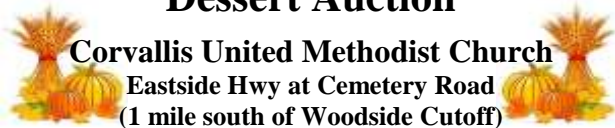
November 14-17, 2019

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.

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

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

Annual Harvest Dinner & Dessert Auction



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

Tuesday, October 8th, 5pm

Free-will offering for dinner

Join us for Oktoberfest!

Sunday, October 27th at 5pm

Missoula Fairgrounds

Home Arts Building

Brats, Beans, Beer and more!

Live music and a Live and silent auction

Tickets are \$15 individual, \$25 couple, \$40 family.

Call 549-7821 for more information or for tickets.





S.A.F.E. White Ribbon Week is October 20-26

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!

Ribbons will be available at church on Sunday, October 20th. 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 or email coalition@safeinthebitterroot.org

Thank You!

A huge Thank You to the special individuals that make it possible to offer all the fun options we have going on at Faith this fall for Discipleship! 🍁

If you see Any of these people, please “Thank them” in person— it surely takes a Village!! 😊

Sunday School: Helen Fessler- Director

Teachers-Gwen Anderson and Lauren Sidoruk🙏

Middle school/Weds Night Alive:

Michelle Mendenall, Pastor Paul and the cooks: Lans, John, Brian and Scott☐

High school/Youth Sundays:

Jane Mason, Gwen Lowery and Mark Livery

Adult Sunday study: Pastor Paul

Seniors Wed. Brunch: Linda Beyer

WOW-something for everyone!! We are so blessed to have so many people serving us all!!

With Sincere gratitude,

LaDonna Grotbo, Steward of Discipleship



Thank you to the Memorial Fund for buying us a new worship computer!

Last week we got our new computer from Hamilton Computers. We have loaded our worship software on it and the first slide show on Sunday the 22nd went well. There were no shut downs! Thank you so much!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! *From Susan Wetzsteon*

Pastor Appreciation Month

Ask about his grandkids

Send a note, take him out for coffee

Takes the time to attend our youths' events

Open your home, invite he and Gwen for dinner

Remember he loves camping and hiking!

Practices what he preaches

Always ready to listen

Usually can be found with his guitar

Let him know how much you appreciate him!



Bitterroot Valley Chorus

Monday evenings, 7-9pm, October-November

Rehearsals began on Monday, Sept. 30th, 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. 14th 7:30pm and Dec. 15th 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!



Remembering Mary Ellen Reese

Mary Ellen Reese finished her work on earth and was swept into the arms of Jesus on September 18, 2019. She and husband Gordon, along with their son Scott were active members of Faith for several years.

Those who knew and loved them will always Miss Mary Ellen's sweet smile and loving friendship. She and Gordon were both integral to our years of the Search Bible study ministry. During those years Mary Ellen served on our Internship Committee as well and was the one who helped Intern Terry Cuppett get settled into our congregation as an intern. Terry lost her sight a few days after birth and depended on Mary Ellen to learn where everything was at Faith and in her home on Cooper Lane.

The "Women of Faith Lutheran" was active in those years and Mary Ellen served as our President for a couple of years. It was during her tenure that we realized a long time dream of hosting a Women's Kogodus retreat at Faith. It was an amazing event and deepened the faith of all who attended.

Mary Ellen and Gordon were avid skiers and there's a cabin named for them on one of the trails they helped establish.

Gordon and Scott, we keep you in prayer and please know that many of us will always remember Mary Ellen. 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
- **Colonel Timothy J. Spaulding**, nephew of John Trangmoe, Commander, 412th Operations Group, 412th Test Wing, Edwards Air Force Base, California
- **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...



Pray for At-Home Members and Friends...

Battling Cancer: Peter S.

Prayers for: Family and Friends of Valerie Winn, Rochelle Lenz, Patsy & Bill K., Richard 'Rix' Kordsmeir, Wayne & Helen Hedman, Cliff, Debra.

The Beehive: Morry Mitteness

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Betty Swift

Discovery Care:

Home Nursing Care: Virginia Rotering, Smitty Smith, LaVonne Beers

Incarcerated: Jacob Bachman, George Davis

October Birthdays

Helen Volden	10/3
Donald Huddleson	10/6
Maizie Mendenall	10/6
Krieger Larson	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:

*Every Wednesday is
Wednesday Night Alive!*

10/11-12 FLBC Harvest Festival/
Annual meeting

10/13 Youth Sunday

10/19 Senior Fellowship 1pm at Faith

10/21 **Faith Herald Deadline**

10/23 Youth Service Project, Presby.

10/27 Reformation Sunday, **Wear Red**

10/31 Halloween, Youth Service Project
Hot Cocoa and Cider, St. Paul's





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

