



The Faith Herald

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Greetings to you all!

It's hard to believe that summer is breathing it's last for another season. Speaking of breathing, as I mentioned in the July/August edition of the Faith Herald, I hope you had some time this summer to breathe in the goodness of God—through nature, family and friends, through quiet times, and the many other ways.

By the time you receive this article, many “First Day of School” photos will have been taken, and the season of education begins. Remember to pray for our students as well as the faculty and staff in all of schools.

The season of Christian education, here at Faith Lutheran Church, begins as well. There are many opportunities for all of us to learn more about God's love for us, our neighbor, and our world. Our “Sunday Youth Group” (ages 3—fifth grade) Christian education program will kick off on Sunday September 8th. Please remember to bring your backpack, regardless of the grade you are in, as there will be a blessing of the backpacks during worship as part of the kick off Sunday. We have also purchased Bibles for the third through fifth graders who have not received one from Faith Lutheran yet. Following worship on September 15th, I will be starting an adult faith formation class. We will be going through “A Discipleship Guide for Lutherans: Experiencing God.” There are five lessons in this first segment. I will have curriculum available for you on September 8th for our September 15th start date. I hope to see many of you there.

I have had some people interested in talking about membership to Faith Lutheran Church. If you are interested in this, please let me know and we will talk about dates and times that work for us all.

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I am excited about being here, diving into God's Word, sharing in open conversation, and learning together, as we begin a season of faith formation—growing closer in our relationship with God, each other, and our world.

Partners in sharing God's grace

Pastor Paul

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Words from the Bishop: “Sanctuary”, or “You can’t believe everything you hear on TV”

By now many ELCA members have heard that the ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted last week to become “a sanctuary body.” For some people this announcement came as good, life giving news. For others it was much more troubling. It is important for us to understand what this declaration means and what it does not mean.

It DOES mean that the ELCA takes very seriously the situation of migrants and of undocumented people. The ELCA has a long history of ministry to the stranger, based on biblical precedent.

It DOES NOT mean that everyone has to respond in the same way. Some will choose to provide material aid to refugees relocating in this country. I know that when there was talk of Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls being a backup location for unaccompanied minors in the case of a hurricane, I spoke with the Mayor about ways that the faith community could offer hospitality. Offering hospitality is what we do. Some will choose to limit their response to prayer—which should never be discounted. And some will work with LIRS or AMMPARO. Still others will take further steps.

It DOES mean that the ELCA is renewing our commitment to advocate or reform in our nation’s broken immigration system, and for humane treatment of immigrants and refugees.

It DOES NOT mean that the ELCA is condoning or advocating illegal conduct on behalf of its congregations or members.

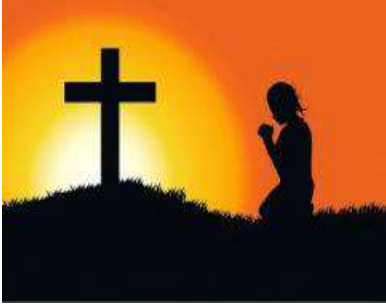
It DOES mean that the ELCA is encouraging its members to exercise compassion, generosity, hospitality to all, and to speak up for “the least of these.”

It DOES NOT mean that the ELCA is mandating that its congregations engage in any practice. (The ELCA Churchwide Assembly cannot mandate the actions of ELCA congregations.) Directly below this you can find a document listing what it means to be a sanctuary denomination. It is important to know what we as the ELCA think we did, not what commentators who were not there claim we did.

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly did many things in our 5 ½ days together. I encourage you to go to www.elca.org to learn more. And I will be writing about other topics in next week’s e-news.

Jessica Crist, Bishop





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)

<p>NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY</p> <p>September 8, 2019, 9:30am</p>
<p>Invite a friend to Church...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 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 15th

Lectors, Ushers, Assisting Ministers, Communion Assistants, we will gather at 10:45am on Sunday, September 15th 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.





September Worship Notes

- September 1: Fall Liturgy
- September 8: Celebration of Grace, Back to Church Sunday
- September 15: Praise Service, Youth Sunday
- September 22: ELW Setting 10
- September 29: ELW Setting 10, Prayers for Healing

New at worship this fall:

- **Announcements and sharing of the peace will move to the end of the worship service.** If you have an announcement to share with the congregation, please check in with the assisting minister before the service. He or she will be glad to make the announcement for you, if you wish.
- **Acolytes!** Will be training after worship on Sunday, Sept 22nd.
- **ELW Setting 10.** We have not used this for several years, but you will find the music very familiar and easy to sing!

Caring Visitors of Faith are looking for volunteers

A brunch is scheduled on Thurs., Sept. 19th at 11am for Caring Visitors both current and interested FLC members. Pastor Paul will provide an orientation on home visiting and Communion procedures. Please consider becoming a part of this important and loving Ministry. Enjoy brunch and fellowship as well! Please contact Judy Griffin, Steward of Outreach, at 961-4390 or 370-8040. Thank you!



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8th!

Mark your calendars~ Sunday school for 3 year olds through 5th graders will start Sept. 8th immediately following church service at 10:30am. Your little ones will enjoy fun music time and then on to classroom lessons and crafts.

We have some enthusiastic new leaders and you 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 Helen Fessler, 546-9995 to join in!! Teachers are still needed for PreK/K and 1st - 2nd grade.

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



Wednesday Night Alive!

Meals will start Wednesday Sept. 11th at 5:45pm with confirmation classes following...

From Pastor Paul

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Faith’s Vacation Bible School was held the week of July 15-19!

Three awesome VBS counselors and 65 campers and teenage helpers rocked the church during VBS the week of July 15-19. Thanks to increased advertising and word of mouth our attendance was up again this year! We had so much fun playing games (and playing in the water!), learning bible verses, making crafts, worshipping, praying, singing..... Special thanks to

Sandy, 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. Liz Jameson led a delightful preschool team in creative activities for our preschoolers. Also thanks to the Masons, Pastor Paul, Susan Wetzsteon, Heitmanns, Grotbos, and Sapphire Lutheran Homes (housing and feeding counselors), Nancy (daily newsletters and registration), Richard (extra custodial duties), and many others who dropped in to help. John Carlson refurbished our picnic tables, Montgomerys donated a picnic table, Bug Off took care of our yellow jacket problem, The Mailman donated a week of free advertising, Allegra helped with crafts and advertising, 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 (thanks Susan Peterson for submitting a Thrivent grant) we collected 457 pound of food for Haven House! Thank you, Thrivent and the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church, for collectively contributing to this amazing outreach in our community!

See you at the Pole!

Wednesday September 25th 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 & High School, or Corvallis High School





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 in the Narthex! And thank you in advance for your generous support of Operation Christmas Child. Visit with Linda Beyer if you have questions, comments or would like to help with the Packing Party.



Community Meals

Community Meals sponsored by the Family Shelter of the Bitterroot will start the 2019-20 meal schedule on Monday September 9th 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 24th. 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 4pm and 6:30pm. If you would like to help please contact Linda Beyer, Helen Volden, Dale Brady or Judy Griffin.

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Upcoming FLBC Events

- August 31- Sept 2 **Labor Day Family Camp** Children and youth will enjoy Bible study, games, hikes and more. Adults will be le through Bible study by Pr. Molly and Allen Sasser-Goehner. All join together for worship and more!
- October 11-12 **Annual Meeting & Harvest Festival**
Don't miss FLBC's second biannual Harvest Festival! This weekend includes live and silent auctions, wagon rides, and much more as we raise funds for camperships!
For more information, go to www.FLBC.net or call 406-752-6602



Summary of Significant Actions for August

- ✓ We are going forward with the Comprehensive ministry review with Pastor Peggy of the Synod
- ✓ The roof project will be completed soon.
- ✓ Our investments in our Thrivent accounts are gaining profits!
- ✓ The Middle and High School youth will be having gatherings one Sunday afternoon a month. In addition, Michelle Mendenall will be coordinating efforts with the Tri-Church for Wednesday meal
- ✓ Confirmation will be beginning September 11th

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Our new round tables are in so we are very motivated to get rid of our older ones. Make us an offer. We have 9 of them. Only used on Sundays... Great for a project table or extra table at Thanksgiving or Christmas.

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 Stevens, MD, grandson-in-law of Dale and Clairice Brady, serving as a hospitalist at Fort Campbell.
- 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: Teachers, students going back to school, Kent-Celeste's brother, Patsy & Bill K., Richard 'Rix' Kordsmeir, Josh-Celeste's nephew, Wayne & Helen Hedman, Cliff, Debra, Carol A., Greg B.

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

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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Faith Lutheran Awards \$2,000 in FLBC Camperships:

This summer 18 of our youth and 4 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!



Chili Cook-Off Coming November 17th

Save the date! Every other year, we raise money for FLBC camperships through a fun evening of fellowship, including dessert auction, silent and live auctions, and of course tasting some fierce chili! So now's the time to perfect your favorite chili recipe. **It's time to de-throne the reigning champion, Darrin Heitmann!** If you have items or services to donate to the auctions, please contact your FLBC representatives, Deb Cathey or Celeste Pogachar

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

Donald Carlson (MSU), Lauren Kimzey (Washington State)
Quinn Larson (U of M), Amy Lawry (MSU), Brooke Lawry (MSU)
Annilynn Mason (MSU), Colter Mason (MSU), Claire Matthews (MSU)
Josephine VanDenburg (U of Utah), Sam Bosio (Notre Dame)
Royal Beyer (SW Oregon) Ben Peterson (U of M)

Remember to look for the Faith Herald online:

www.Faithlutheranhamilton.org Resources at the top of the page, then to Newsletters.

Thank you Dean Drake for getting started on updating our web page!



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Dates To Remember In September

- 9/2 Labor Day! (FLC Office Closed)
- 9/8 “God’s Work, Our Hands”, **Sunday School Starts**
Blessing of backpacks
- 9/11 **5:45pm Wed. Night Alive! Confirmation begins**
- 9/15 Youth Sunday, Worship Assistant Training after
worship, Adult Bible Class starts
- 9/19 6pm Council Meeting, Thursday
- 9/21 Installation of Bishop-Elect Jungling, Helena
- 9/22 6:15 Sapphire Worship
- 9/24 Faith Serves Community Meal