

# The Faith Herald

*January 2020*

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

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**Church office closed Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – Opens Jan 6<sup>th</sup>**



Greetings to you all, “Happy New Year!”

My granddaughter will often say, following her day, “This was the best day ever!” or “This was the worst day ever.” When thinking back on 2019, how was it for you? Was it the “best year ever?” Or was 2019 a year you are glad to see finished?

Whether 2019 was the “best year ever” for you, or you are glad that 2019 is over, a promise remains with us all. You are not alone. Not ever.

Our God is a “with us” God. Our celebration of the birth of Jesus, our King, comes to an end on January 6<sup>th</sup>, but the message of Christmas has the power to carry us right into a fresh, new start. God is Immanuel, God with us. And though things and people around may change, we know and bank on the fact that God will never leave us or forsake us.

We have been so blessed here at Faith Lutheran Church this past year with many new faces. Some of these new faces have expressed interest in joining our church by becoming members. Some have already transferred their membership from other congregations. Others are a part of our family in their participation with us at worship and sharing in the ministries here at FLC. All these faces are gifts to our family here. We are so blessed for the gifts you bring to us and that you are part of our family.

Paul writes in Romans 12:4-8, “For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering, the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.”

I am happy to announce that I will be holding a “New Members Class” on Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup> following worship. This class is open to everyone regardless of how you want to be a part of the family of God here at FLC. We will be going through Dan Erlander’s booklet, *Baptized we Live: Lutheranism as a way of life*. On page 3 of the booklet Dan asks and writes “What is Lutheran Christianity? This booklet represents an attempt to answer this question in a

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manner which avoids defining Lutheranism as primarily a system of doctrines. In contrast, the words and pictures in the booklet focus on Lutheranism as a WAY—A way of seeing—a way of hearing—a way of teaching—a way of following.” Please join us for this conversation. I have these booklets available for anyone who wishes to have one. I am asking for a \$5.00 donation per booklet if you are able. I am looking forward to spending time with you on January 19<sup>th</sup>. I hope you find yourself quoting my granddaughter and saying, “This is the best day ever!” following our time together.

Partners in sharing God’s grace,  
Pastor Paul

### **Update on Comprehensive Ministry Review**

At our Council meeting Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, Peggy Paugh Leuzinger, the Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM), from the MT Synod, and Marilyn Hall, both from the comprehensive ministry review team were present. As a result of the review, Peggy submitted a formal report. (That is an attachment to this email or available by hard copy at the church.). Please take time to prayerfully read this report. Pastor Paul would also encourage you to submit comments, questions, or concerns about the report and submit them to him or the council. Please pray for the council, Comprehensive Review Team and Pastor Paul as we begin to discuss and work on some of the recommendations presented to us and found on page 13 of the report. This will happen at our next council meeting. All are welcome to attend this meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.



### **Worship Notes for January**

- 12/29** Christmas Carols Liturgy
- 1/5** Epiphany, ELW 3
- 1/12** Baptism of Our Lord, Praise Service
- 1/29** Now the Feast
- 1/27** Now the Feast

**Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Cookie Potluck, during coffee hour**

Bring your leftover Christmas cookies to share!



**The Un-decorating Party  
will begin after the cookies are gone.**

All hands on deck! If everybody takes a job, Christmas comes down fast and fun. Let's keep it simple: We'll grab a cup of coffee and a cookie or two, then get right to it. Home by noon,

## January Birthdays

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Bryce Reed, Bella Sidoruk      | 17 Virginia Kindzerski         |
| 3 Clairice Brady                 | 21 Jerry Mitchell              |
| 6 Lina Gyles, Marlin Lewis       | 23 John McKee, Susan Wetzsteon |
| 6 Carolyn Peterson               | 24 Jennifer Larson             |
| 7 Allie Auch, Maddison Duchscher | 28 Paul Roege                  |
| 8 Lars Larson, Logan Vandenburg  | 29 Keegan Williamson           |
| 9 Kerry Hanson                   | 31 Claire Matthews             |
| 10 Gunnar Larson                 |                                |
| 15 Nichole Mitchell              |                                |
| 16 Ron Osborn                    |                                |



# Thank You

## Youth Christmas Program Thanks

Thanks to all young folks who shared their talents with our congregation at the Christmas program on December 15<sup>th</sup>! And thanks to Amber and all of the adults behind the scenes who contributed to its success. Our

congregation was so blessed to hear the Christmas story told through the sweet voices and music of our precious children.

*Celeste Pogachar*



**Thank you to all that donated warm coats!  
And Christmas presents for the family in the  
Bitterroot that needed a little  
Help this year**



## **A Time to Serve...Food! Community Meal January 28th**



January 28th is the next date Faith prepares and serves a Community Meal. Meal preparation is at 10 am that morning in the Faith kitchen and final preparation, serving and clean-up is from 4 pm until 6:45 that same day at Cornerstone Bible Church on Fairgrounds Rd. Volunteers are greatly appreciated!  
Contact Linda Beyer - 207-3471.



The Red Cross has a blood drive at Grace Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 6pm. To donate: Schedule an appointment by calling the Red Cross 543-6695



## **FLBC Summer 2020 Schedule Now Available**

It's not too early to start thinking about when your family wants to attend camp this summer! Look for FLBC's Summer 2020 Schedule online at [www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net) and check out the new camps this year.

Camp brochures have been mailed out. If you did not receive one, check the counter outside the church office for one. Some of the popular weeks (like Family Camp) fill up fast. Matching camperships for all who wish to go to camp this summer are available from Faith Lutheran. We ask those who apply for a campership to track their service to our church—for example, assisting with worship (like acolyte), VBS helper, Easter breakfast servers, church decorating or clean-up, etc. Please contact Celeste and she will put a copy of the application form in your church mailbox.

- **Summer 2020 Adult Volunteers!** FLBC needs adult volunteers for the 2020 summer camping season (pastors, youth directors, nurses, grandparents, etc.) Application forms are available online. Call (406) 752-6602 for information.

## **Plan Ahead Some of the Retreats for 2020**

### **Youth Ski & Snowboard Retreat**

**January 10-12 Ages 7-12 graders**

Cost \$115/person (2 adults free with each group. Lift tickets are separate.)



### **Adult Spirituality Retreat, “God with Muddy Hands”**

**April 26<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>**

\$220/person, Beth Ratzlaff, Spiritual Leader and Brenda Satrum, Worship Leader will be there. Retreat begins at 6:15pm on Sunday and ends with lunch on Tuesday.

**More information about these retreats and others may be found online at [www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net)**

**Questions or Register: Call 406-752-6602 or email: [office@FLBC.net](mailto:office@FLBC.net)**

## Faith Lutheran Church Approves 2020 Budget

The congregation of Faith Lutheran Church unanimously approved the 2020 Budget at a Special Meeting held December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Council wishes to thank everyone that participated in this year’s budgetary process to include our Mutual Ministry Committee for their input on pay and benefits, our Financial Secretary, Heather Wintergerst, for her work in producing records and financial analysis, and all of the folks from our congregation that participated in the process. We began in September and concluded the workup process on December 1<sup>st</sup> with a congregational Q&A.

The totals for the 2020 Budget follow:

- Total Expenditures = \$ 238,148.38
- Total Revenues = \$ 203,855.48
- **Underfunded** = \$ **34,292.90**

Our underfunding issue and the root causes are being actively worked by Council with support from congregational teams and individuals. While it is early in the process, we are starting to see results. New members are joining Faith and we sense a renewed vitality and spirit! We are growing again and that is a key component to resolving our underfunding issue. We pray that this trend continues as we move forward.

*Dean Drake, Your Steward of Finance*

### Annual Report Submissions Due January 15th

Keep it simple, 150 words with brief highlights of 2019 and hopes for 2020. Send reports to:  
[office@faithlutheranhamilton.org](mailto:office@faithlutheranhamilton.org) by Wednesday, January 15th.

### Stewards & Staff of Faith Lutheran Church

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## Pray for our Military

Please remember our family and friends that have joined the military and are defending our country every day. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers, especially those close to our family here at Faith Lutheran:

- **Capt. Timothy Hawes**, nephew of Troy and Kerry Hanson, Air Force, serving in the Middle East.
- **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.



### *Pray for At-Home Members and Friends...*

**Battling Cancer:** Peter S.

**Prayers for:** Dale Brady, Leta and Ray, Kent Belcher, Brian Belcher, Richard Castor, Timothy Hawes, Karl, Shirley Hanson, Dale Hughey, Peggy Lewis, Irene Stengrimson, Victoria Moore, LaVonne Beers, Susan Wetzsteon, Rochelle Lenz, Patsy & Bill K., Richard Kordsmeir.

**The Beehive:** Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson

**Valley View:** Ruth Dillon

**Remington:** Betty Swift, Chuck Olson

**Discovery Care:**

**Home Nursing Care:** Virginia Rotering, Smitty

**Incarcerated:** Jacob Bachman, George Davis

*Please let us know if you are having surgery or know of someone who is, or if you or someone you love is in the hospital. We are here to help support in any way we can, especially with prayers.*

**Faith Lutheran Church Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> after worship**

## Dates To Remember

Pastor Paul is on vacation Dec 25<sup>th</sup> through Jan. 8th

- 1/1        There will be no dinner or Youth activities tonight
- 1/12       Sunday School & Adult Studies Resumes  
             Youth Sunday at Faith
- 1/13       6pm Council Meeting
- 1/14       Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace Lutheran,  
             1-6pm (appts.:543-6695)
- 1/15       Annual Reports Due**  
             6pm Wed. Night Alive! Dinners resume
- 1/16       Faith Herald Deadline
- 1/19       New Member class after worship, Everyone invited!
- 1/22       6pm Wed. Night Alive!
- 1/28       Faith serves Community Meal at Cornerstone 4-6pm
- 1/22       6pm Wed. Night Alive!
- 1/29       6pm Wed. Night Alive!
- 2/9       Faith Lutheran Church Annual Meeting, after worship**



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