

The Faith Herald

February 2020

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

Isaiah 40:9

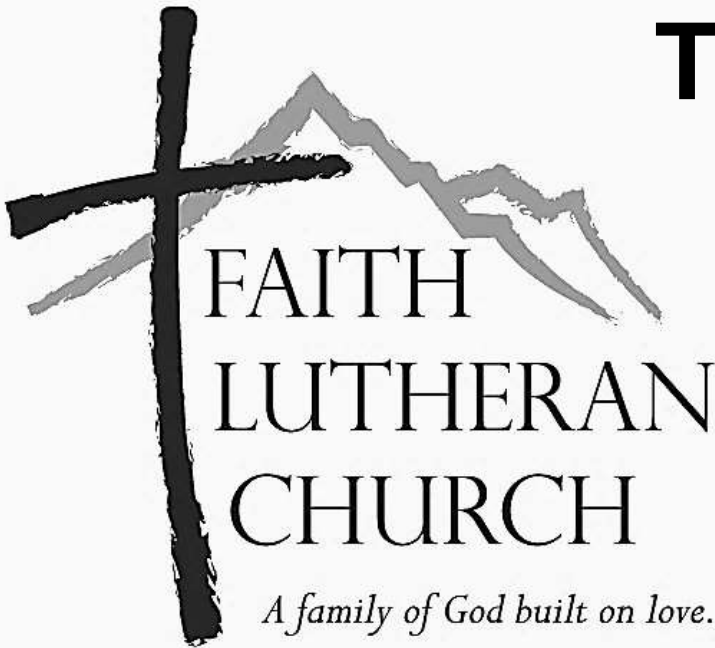
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Greetings to you all,

Beginning on Thursday March 5th, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 PM, we will be teaming up with the Presbyterian Church for lunch and a Lenten Study. Faith Lutheran Church will be hosting the first 3 Thursdays: March 5th, 12th, and 19th. I am looking for 6 people each of these 5 weeks to bring a pot of soup and 1 to bring rolls or bread. We will provide coffee and water. The last 2 Thursdays during Lent, March 26th and April 2nd, the Presbyterian Church will be hosting this event. As we get more hosts we will let you know.

We will be using a video presentation on “Entering the Passion of Jesus,” by Dr. Amy Jill Lavine. This is a book that is part of this study and the cost is \$10.00. Please let me know if you are interested in participating as soon as possible, so I can order you a book. We will be starting promptly at noon and finishing up just before 1:00, so people who are coming during their lunch hour are able to get back to work.

We are inviting all the churches from the area. Please feel free to invite your friends and your neighbors, for food, fellowship, and study. I look forward to seeing you all!

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Paul

Annual Meeting, Sunday, Feb. 9th after worship

Annual Report will be emailed Feb 6th

Paper Copies will also be available

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February Wednesdays:

- ✝ 2/5 6-8PM FAITH LUTHERAN
- ✝ 2/12 6-8PM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
- ✝ 2/19 6-8PM SUPER ONE SCAVENGER HUNT -Food items collected for Haven house.
- ✝ 2/25 5-8PM MARDI GRAS - -ST PAUL'S PANCAKE SUPPER, For all!
✝ (servers needed. Please call/text Alana if you would like to volunteer.)
- ✝ 2/26 ASH WEDNESDAY- TBA

Feel free to call with any questions! Patty Stone (First Presbyterian) 618-566-4068
Alana Cruse (St Paul's Episcopal) 381-3534 Michelle Mendenall (FLC) 360-1984

****February 9th is our Youth Sunday, Praise Service****
March 1st, Emmaus Campus Ministry will lead worship
Stick around after worship for campus information

Happy New Year Adopt-A-Family Angels!

With the Adopt-A-Family 2019 "wrapped up", I wanted to take a moment to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart!

This year you helped 33 families with 103 kiddos ~ up from 33 families and 84 kiddos last year! Many of these families would have had NOTHING with your generosity.

From basic need items to enjoyable gifts, loads of food to household items, even gasoline cards and family nights out at the movies, as well as cash donations to give additional food certificates ~ you are nothing short of AMAZING! I received hugs through tears from recipients that were absolutely overwhelmed, YOU made an extraordinary difference! PLEASE pass on my true appreciation to your teams!

One of my most touching stories of the year came from a single mother with 5 children. When I interviewed her, she was very hesitant. She shared that she had never received help before and it was hard to accept, but she was thankful because she had no way to provide this Christmas. When she met me in the driveway of her humble home to receive her blessings, she had already begun to cry... but when I opened the back of my car that was packed to the brim, tears really flowed. She let me know that her 10-year-old son had told her that there was no Santa Claus and he knew they would have nothing this Christmas. As she cried, she said, "There truly is a Santa Claus. He/She might not look as you imagine, but this is proof there is definitely a Santa Claus!"

This special gift of love and hope that these families receive, is all because of YOU! Thanks for making such an impact in our community!

Until next year, may God's blessings be yours! *Kerry Hanson*

The Story of the Four Chaplains

The Four Chaplains, also referred to as the “Immortal Chaplains” or the “Dorchester Chaplains” were four United States Army Chaplains who gave their lives to save civilian and military personnel as the troop ship USAT Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943, during World War II. The vessel was torpedoed during the early morning hours of February 3rd by a German submarine off the coast of Newfoundland in the North Atlantic. The chaplains all held the rank of first lieutenant, and included a Methodist minister, a rabbi, a Roman Catholic priest, and a Reformed Church in America minister. They gave up their lifejackets when the supply ran out, then joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. Some 230 of the 904 men aboard the ship were rescued.



Faith Lutheran remembers the Four Chaplains in worship on or near February 3rd by the request of several of our members and veterans. Their courage and sacrifice show us the Spirit of the God they all served.

✠ Four Chaplain Sunday, February 2nd

Bitterroot Taizé Service

at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hamilton, Tuesday, February 4th 6:30pm

All are invited to the ecumenical service of community prayer, song
silence and reflection.

Lenten Soup Lunches-THURSDAYS! Noon-1pm

FLC March hosts: 5th, 12th & 19th

1st Presbyterian March 26th and April 2nd

If you'd like to purchase the book that goes with this study, the cost is \$10.00

“Entering the Passion of Jesus” by Dr. Amy Jill Lavine

February 29th In Missoula

Taste and See: Cultivating Generous Congregations

Pastor Larry Strenge, National Coordinator for Generous Congregations will lead
clergy and lay leaders in a **live-streamed** learning event on

Energizing Congregational Generosity-Call Pastor Paul if you'd like to go

Cost is \$10.00 for lunch

SENIOR LEAPING FISH FELLOWSHIP



Save Saturday afternoon February 29 at 1:00 for our senior fellowship get-together. We will do a Personal Care Kit project for Lutheran World Relief and then have an Alaskan fish meal (there will be a meat alternative for those who don't eat fish). Stay tuned for more information. If you have a question, contact Nancy Osborn at 363-2139 or Linda Beyer at 207-3471.



FLBC Summer 2020 Schedule Now Available

Look for FLBC's Summer 2020 Schedule online at 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.

Some of the Retreats for 2020

Adult Spirituality Retreat, “God with Muddy Hands”

April 26th through 28th

\$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.

Memorial Day Weekend Thrivent Work Retreat

May 22nd through 25th

Free but reservations required! All invited to help prepare FLBC for the summer season. All ages are welcome. Includes Fun, Fires, Food, Fellowship all for making a fabulous work weekend. Retreat begins at 6:15pm on Friday.



More information about these retreats and others may be found online at www.flbc.net

Questions or to Register: Call 406-752-6602 or email: office@FLBC.net



The Red Cross has a blood drive at Grace Lutheran Church Tuesday, February 11th from 1pm to 6pm. To donate: Schedule an appointment by calling the Red Cross 543-6695

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, 412th Operations Group, 412th Test Wing, Edwards Air Force Base, CA
- **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: Leta and Ray, Kent Belcher, Brian Belcher, Richard Castor, Timothy Hawes, Karl, Shirley Hanson, Dale Hughey, Peggy Lewis, Irene Stengrimson, Victoria Moore, LaVonne Beers, Rochelle Lenz, Patsy & Bill K., Richard Kordsmeir.

The Beehive: Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson, Bertie Henderson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Betty Swift, Chuck Olson

Home Nursing Care: Virginia Rotering

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.

Congregational Vitality Survey

Friends of Faith,

Remember the great work the Congregational Ministry Review Team and Peggy and her team from the Montana Synod collaborated on at the end of 2019? Your pastor and Council have taken the next step and enrolled us in the ELCA Congregational Vitality Survey, designed to “explore your congregation’s vitality through the lens of life-giving relationships with God, each other and the world. The survey gives your congregation a snapshot of their current vitality and helps provide guidance re: the right next step.”

We will soon be set up to take and submit the survey online. Each and every person worshipping at Faith Lutheran is encouraged to participate. It is totally anonymous for participants. Faith Lutheran is leading the way for the Synod as one of the first Montana churches to access this great resource to determine just where the congregation views itself at the present and where we want to be in the future. Please join us in following God’s plan for Faith Lutheran’s future. Prayerfully yours,

Rick Brown

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LONG TIME ENDOWMENT HAS A PRINCIPAL INCREASE!

In 1991, Faith Lutheran’s first endowment was created with a starting amount of **\$5,000.00**. No official record has been found as to the individual or group providing the funds. So, for the last 29 years with the investing of the money, interest has accumulated to \$6,131. So interestingly over this many years no money was added to the principal and no group in the church ever requested the use of any of the interest. However, early 2020 with an anonymous donation, the principal is now \$15,000! As you may already know in an endowment the principal is invested providing the interest for which money is available for grants. Obviously the larger the principal, the more likely the more interest. For anyone interested to see this

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endowment to grow, any amount can be added. The State of Montana has favorable rules for tax income deduction for gifts to endowments.

The church's second endowment is from the estate of Doris Koch becoming available in 2018. With the principal of \$100,000.00, it has generated nearly \$10,000 to be used for requests. The date on one has been issued for \$750.00.

For both the Faith Lutheran Endowment and the Doris Koch Endowment use of monies are not restricted to a particular use. Final decisions of approval are by the Endowment Committee member of Carol Mitchell, Lyn McKee, Amber Richardson, John Trangmoe, and Carl Russ. You may direct endowment questions to any of these folks.

John Trangmoe, Endowment Committee Chairperson



Save the dates:

Faith Lutheran's VBS will be July 13-17, 2020

Those awesome FLBC counselors will be in Hamilton giving our youngest folks the camp experience through Vacation Bible School activities!

Dates to remember:

- 2/5 6pm Wed. Night Alive!
6-8pm Youth at FLC
- 2/9 **FLC Annual Meeting, Youth Praise Service**
- 2/12 6pm Wed. Night Alive!
6-8pm Youth at 1st Presbyterian
- 2/16 Youth Sunday
- 2/17 **Council Meeting 6pm**
- 2/19 Faith Herald deadline
6pm Wed Night Alive!
6-8pm Youth at Super 1
- 2/20 6-8pm Youth TBA
- 2/25 Faith serves Community Meal
5-8pm Pancakes at St. Paul's
- 2/26 6pm Wed. Night Alive!
6-8pm Youth TBD
7pm Ash Wednesday Service



February Birthdays

2	Millie Unruh
4	Virginia Rotering
5	Don Dale, Brooke Kimzey
8	Alice Muir
12	Carron Grymes
13	Justin Bourne
14	Ellen Davis
17	Jessica Eckstein, Cecile Richardson
22	Ernie Berland
24	Michelle Mendenall
25	Cole Kimzey, Jeb VanDenburg
28	Donald Carlson, Jacob Heitmann

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