



# The Faith Herald

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Dear Members and Friends of Faith Lutheran Church,

First, let me just say, I miss you all so very much. The words that come to mind during this time of “social distancing” are from Paul’s letter to the Philippians. May you hear these words as words from me on this day. “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me...”



I hope I never take a handshake, a hug, or the gathering of the assembly for granted again. Thank you all so much for your prayers, for those suffering and dying from the Covid-19, for their families, for those working in our hospitals, for our teachers and students, for our community and our world, and for me.

I am receiving letters from our Bishop on a regular basis these days. In fact, the one I received last Friday is already not entirely accurate—changes to schedules etc. are changing so rapidly. As of now there will be no activities being held here at the church until further notice. I will continue to be livestreaming our Sunday worship services.

I am planning to put a Maundy Thursday Service and a Good Friday Service on our “Friends of Faith Hamilton” Facebook page. With the weather permitting, I am hoping to livestream an Easter Sunrise Service. I would then encourage you to tune into the Easter service that our Synod is working on that will be livestreamed. As soon as I have times and how to connect to that, I will let you know. I am hoping that on the first Sunday, when we return to our sanctuary for worship, we will have a full-blown Easter Sunday Celebration!

I will be sending copies of our adult study that we have been doing on Sundays out to all of you. If you are interest in being a part of this study, I would love for you to take part in this. This will begin following Easter, and I will have more details out to you soon.

There are many of you who have volunteered to help in any way you can, thank you for that. I will keep you posted as opportunities for your service present themselves.

Thank you for holding me in your heart through your thoughts, prayers, text messages, and phone calls. Please feel free to call, text or email me at any time.

Know that I hold you all in my heart as well, as I think about you, pray for you, and communicate with you through a call, text or email.

May God’s peace be with you now and evermore,  
*Pastor Paul*

*Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God built on love: Worshiping, welcoming, and serving in Christ’s name.*

**As we navigate these difficult times  
remember to make your gifts and tithes as you are able.**

We are most grateful for your financial support as we navigate new ways to connect to each other in these challenging times. *Thank you.*

***Easter Scholarship Brunch has been re-scheduled for May 17th***



***Senior Sunday Brunch!***

This very important fundraiser supports our college bound youth! Because it is important, we rescheduled the Sunday Brunch for Senior Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Sat May 16<sup>th</sup>: Set-up 10am-12pm**

**Sun: Shift A is 9-9:30am   Sun: Shift B is 9:30am-10am**

**Worship Readings for April**

**Sunday, April 5th: Palm Sunday**, Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 27:11-54

**Thursday April 9th: Maundy Thursday**, Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-7, 31b-35.

**Friday April 10th: Good Friday**, Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42

**Sunday, April 12th: Easter Sunday**, Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10

**Sunday, April 19th:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

**Sunday, April 26th:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35





## FLBC Partners information

**Partners of FLBC** was established to encourage and honor those who contribute \$150 or more annually to the camp. FLBC's operating budget is comprised of 70% from user fees and 30% from gifts: our gifts keep camp open for kids, for all. Join the Partner households at Faith this year and support quality ministry that communicates the love and leadership of God through Jesus and changes lives for good!

**FLBC Legacy Partners** make a gift to FLBC in their estate plan.

Information about Partners Club and Legacy Partners can be found on their website:

[www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net)

**Thrivent Members** can designate Thrivent Choice dollars to FLBC. **(By March 31<sup>st</sup>!)**

**Donations:** Please feel free to make any donations so that FLBC can purchase the items necessary.

**Every little bit helps!**

Celeste Pogachar and Mark Grotbo, Faith's FLBC delegates

### *In-Kind Donations (Wish List)*

#### **This is a list of items that Flathead Lutheran Camp can use!**

**Arts & Crafts:** construction paper, acrylic paint, staplers, scissors, crayons, markers, pottery wheel,

**Cleaning, Maintenance, & Garden:** Large, quality tarps, ratchet straps, bag-less vacuum cleaners, rakes, hammers, pitchforks, trowels, shovels, commercial-grade washer and dryer, duct tape, work gloves, any and all garden tools, hand tools, garden hoe, lawn mowers, snow blower, tile or laminate flooring

**Vehicles (in good working order):** Minivans, "new" cars for year-round staff and day camp teams, 4 wheel drive truck, small 2wd trucks

**First Aid Supplies:** Band-aids, gauze, wraps, alcohol swabs, feminine care products

**Camping/Program:** Fishing lures, pedal boats, digital camera, Go-Pro camera, kayaks/canoes, snow sleds, thick oven mitts, guitars, winter clothes, boots, gloves, coats, snow pants, and warm hats for ages 9 to 13.

**Office Supplies:** Locking filing cabinets, SD memory cards, micro-SD memory cards, tablet PCs or iPads, scotch tape, postage stamps

**Other:** small refrigerators (dorm size), toilet paper!



## FLBC Summer Camping Season Begins June 21st

**Specialty camps offered this summer include:** Paints, MAD Camp (Visual arts, Pottery, Theater), Navigator Camp, Glaciers & Galaxies Camp, Basketball Camp, Ranch Camp, Adventure Camp, Night Camp, Seattle Servant Trip, Rock & Raft, Grandparent/ Grand Camp, Pack N' Raft, Sailing, Climb & Kayak, North Fork Raft, and Wild Water Week.

If you need brochures, please be sure to contact the church office or download a PDF from FLBC's website: [www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net)

**Extended deadlines: Register by May 1<sup>st</sup> and save \$50, Register by June 1<sup>st</sup> and save \$25. Register Now! If you need to cancel because of the Coronaviurs you may do so with a full refund.**

**\$200 Matching camperships to attend camp are available from Faith Lutheran.** These funds are available for all who wish to go to camp this summer. We ask those who apply for a campership to track their service to our church—for example, assisting with worship (like acolyte or youth service), VBS helper, Easter breakfast servers, Scandinavian Dinner, church decorating or clean-up, etc. Please contact Celeste and she will put a copy of the application form in your church mailbox.

### Memorial Day Work Retreat

#### May 24-26, 2019 Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

The Best way to kick off your summer! Join in for a weekend of meaningful service work to prepare FLBC for the summer season, fellowship over great food and all the fun of camp! This is a great weekend to introduce someone you love to FLBC – they'll get a taste of camp activities, food and worship...and it's free!

### Women's Retreat: Psalms and the Seasons of Life

#### June 7-9, 2019 Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

Join us for a weekend of engaging Bible Study, led by Pastor Susan Briehl as well as time for relaxation, yoga, massages, boating, great food and more! For ages 18-108, \$160.00 per person.

**Register by calling the camp office at 406-752-6602 or email: [office@flbc.net](mailto:office@flbc.net)**

**Save the dates:  
Faith Lutheran's VBS  
will be July 12-17, 2020**

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





*Early VBS Requests*



Although we are currently facing uncertain times with cancellations, postponements, and limited services, we still need to plan for when life returns to normal. So, with a hope for a return to normal by July, here are a couple requests for supplies for the VBS crafts. We will be making star jars the day we learn about God's promises to Abraham and Sarah. Clean 8 to 12 - 14-ounce jars with tightly sealing lids are needed for this project. Jars that are taller rather than wide are best...examples are



condiment jars, relish, olives, some pickles, etc. We could also use some old maps that we will cut up for the Day 5 craft when we learn about Paul, Timothy and Lydia who spread God's message and love to others. Older Montana highway maps would be great as kids would recognize more communities, but any maps would work. Your help with these items is always appreciated! Stay safe and remember to be positive as God's Enduring Love (our VBS theme) we will get us through this!

**Getting to Know Our Newest Members.....**

(part 1- look for part 2 in the May newsletter!)

*A portion of our new members were received and welcomed at worship on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Those who were unable to be at worship on that day will be received when we can all gather together again. A Reception will follow*

**John and Jan Serfass** are natives of Pennsylvania. They moved to the Bitterroot Valley in July 2019 and began to attend Faith at that time. John's career with the Forest Service took them to five states. Jan has a variety of employment experiences: manager of a flower shop, township clerk, and most recently, working at a resort. They have three grown children: their son lives in Arkansas, and their two daughters (and two grandsons) live nearby in Montana. John and Jan enjoy hiking, camping, gardening, and reading. They also volunteer at Haven House and Habitat for Humanity. John is currently working on a build site in Victor. Jan keeps busy with community meals and they have attended gatherings of our senior group.

**Phil and Vicki Silvan** moved from Big Sandy to the Bitterroot Valley after they retired in 2018. They built a home on the west side between Stevensville and Victor. Tending their 20 acres keeps them plenty busy. Vicki also enjoys sewing. They have two grown children: a daughter in California, and a son who lives near to them with his family. At Faith, they enjoy the Sunday morning adult ed group and the seniors group.

**Todd and Kimber Archuletta** moved to Victor in October 2019 and started to attend worship at Faith. They resided in Lolo for three years before that. They are natives of Casper, Wyoming. Todd is a realtor in Hamilton. Kimber is a talented artist and likes to paint (murals, too). They have four grown children, and currently two dogs (Kimber is hoping for another one!) They enjoy many outdoor activities (fishing, camping, hiking, bird watching). At Faith, they have joined in serving at the coffee hour, and are interested in adult class and becoming involved as worship assistants.

**Chris Wise** is retired and has lived in the Bitterroot Valley for about 20 years. She was previously a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Hamilton. She regularly attends Faith's adult study group on Sunday mornings. Chris is an accomplished artist and makes beautiful pottery. She also enjoys singing.

**Clair Griffin** has lived in the Bitterroot Valley for most of his life. He was a standout athlete at Corvallis High school and led the Blue Devils basketball team to a state championship in the mid 1960's. He went on to play basketball for the Bobcats and met Judy at MSU in 1965. They have been married 51 plus years. They have four grown children (ages 38-50) who were all baptized and confirmed here at Faith. The kids are scattered across the country, with Justin still living nearby. They also enjoy their 9 grandchildren. The Griffins had a herd of dairy cows for 42 years. Clair transitioned to tending beef cattle in his retirement, so still keeps busy with irrigating and haying. They now enjoy RV-ing in the summer (mostly around Montana), and like to hike. At Faith, he attends the Sunday morning adult study group.

**Charles and Yvonne Olson** Chuck and Yvonne moved to Hamilton from Billings about 1½ years ago to be close to daughter Robin Ireland, and a son who lives nearby. They also are parents to another son, grandparents to six, and great grandparents to eight. Most of their extended family lives here in the Bitterroot Valley. Chuck resides at The Remington and Yvonne lives at The Beehive. They have been married for 63 years. While living in Billings, they faithfully attended Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd and Peace Lutheran. Chuck's passion was his church work, and he loves to sing. In past years, the family enjoyed camping and fishing.

### **COLLEGE/SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

The Faith Lutheran Scholarship Committee will begin accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. High School seniors, or anyone enrolled in a secondary educational institution for the fall 2019 term may apply. Pick up an application form on the counter outside the Church office, or have an electronic copy emailed to you by contacting Nancy at [office@faithlutheranhamilton.org](mailto:office@faithlutheranhamilton.org).

**They are due back to the church office by Wednesday, April 15th.**

**Donations to Faith's Scholarship Fund are always welcome!** They can be left in the church office, included with your regular offering envelope, or received at the Easter Breakfast. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the scholarship committee:

Mark Livesay (381-5172)\*Jacque VanDenburg (363-5393)  
Karen Heller (360-1208)\*Jane Hollibaugh (531-1077)

### **Pray for our Military**

Please remember our family and friends that have joined the military and are defending our country each and every day. 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 Spaulding**, nephew of John Trangmoe, USAF, Group Commander, Edwards Air Base, CA.
- **Master Sgt. Andy Wetzsteon**, son of Susan & Lonnie Wetzsteon, 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...***

- **Prayers for:** Friends and family of Peter S., (Ron and Nancy Osborn's son in law) Gail Lewis, Larkin, Judy & Peter, Christie, Ed, Linda, Sulley, Dan Bailey, Nate Anderson, John, Leta and Ray, Timothy Hawes, Karl, Shirley Hanson, Dale Hughey, Peggy Lewis, Irene Stengrimson, Victoria Moore, LaVonne Beers.

- **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

### Special Prayer for these difficult times

Please join us in prayer for those who are infected, those who are vulnerable, those who are recovering, and those who have died, all around the globe.

Let us pray, God, our peace and our strength, we pray for our nation and the world as we face new uncertainties due to the spread of the coronavirus. Protect the most vulnerable among us, especially all who are currently sick or in isolation. Grant wisdom, patience, and clarity to health care workers, especially as their work caring for others puts them at great risk. Guide us as we consider how best to prepare and respond in our families, congregations, workplaces, and communities. Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Dates To Remember in April

**4/5 Palm Sunday**

**4/9 Maundy Thursday**

**4/10 Good Friday Noon**

**4/12 Easter Sunrise Service livestreamed, Synod Easter Service to be announced.**

**4/15 Deadline for College Scholarship applications**

**5/1 FLBC Early Summer Camp Registration Deadline, Save \$50! June 1<sup>st</sup> save \$25!**

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*April Birthdays*

- 3 Steve Lind
- 8 Shirley Sorenson
- 10 Charles Patterson
- 11 Sally Porter
- 12 Royal Beyer
- 13 Brooklyn Dowd, LaDonna Grotbo
- 16 Barbara Anderson
- 18 Jerry Deibert, Bonnie Savory
- 20 Brady McDonald Davis
- 21 Deb Cathey, Susan Rose
- 22 Luke Mendenall
- 23 Ellen Gaulke, Nicole Lawry
- 24 Emily Heitmann, Bert Mahon
- 24 Jenny West
- 26 Ryan Fessler, Carol Mitchell
- 28 Leslie Shields
- 29 Seth Mason

