



The Faith Herald

June 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 Family & Friends of FLC,

I want to thank our council, our church staff, our various committees and many volunteers who have been so helpful in the way you have been loving all of God’s people. You have been helping those in our community during this pandemic by serving meals, making hard decisions as church leaders in order to keep people safe, by home-schooling your children by staying home, and by being patient. Thank you all!

The verse that comes to mind as I think of all this love that has been shared is from Hebrews 6:10: “God is not unjust; God will not forget your work and the love you have shown as you have helped God’s people and continue to help them.”

Patricia Dunker writes, “Love is not feeling, child, nor even the passion of lovers, which always seeks only its own gratification. It is the act of caring, of giving, the act of protecting the weak, the helpless, the imprisoned and the desperate. Love is the hand raised in defense. You cannot love and keep your hands clean.” Jesus is defiantly an example of love who was not afraid of getting his hands dirty. This also makes me think of our ELCA slogan, “God’s work, our hands.” May we continue to use our hands, hearts, and minds to love God’s people by helping them in any way we can.

My prayer for us: Loving, caring, compassionate God, who is not afraid of getting your hands dirty—by your Spirit, help us to continue to step out in faith looking for ways to love each other boldly. In Jesus name we pray these things, Amen.

Partners in sharing God’s grace,

Pastor Paul

**Pastor Paul’s Birthday is June 2nd
and**

Faith will reopen June 7th!

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Twelve scholarships have been awarded this year to the following people:

Quoia Anderson plans to start her freshman year at the University of Montana, pursuing a degree in psychology.

Tristan Hanson will be starting his first year at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, planning to play golf... but also majoring in biology with an emphasis on pre-med.

Lauren Kimzey is in her second year at Washington State University.

Ani Mason is going into her second year at University of Montana, pursuing physical therapy.

Donny Carlson is in his second year at Montana State University with an interest in architecture.

Claire Matthews is starting her second year at Montana State University.

Quinn Larson will be starting her second year at University of Montana with a goal of pediatric physical therapy for special needs children.

Josie Vandenburg will be in her third year at University of Utah, and hopefully will be working at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp this summer.

Sydney Cruise is at Loyola University in New Orleans, anticipating graduating in fall of 2020. Her goal is to enter the music industry.

KaSondra Grymes completed her Associates degree in early childhood education in December 2019, and is now working toward her Bachelors degree in pre-K to third grade at the University of Montana Western, hoping to graduate in December 2021.

Amy Lawry it's going into her fourth year at Montana State University, anticipating graduating in May 2021.

Brooke Lawry is in her fourth year pursuing her degree in Nursing in Billings, Montana State University, anticipating graduating in 2022.

Congratulations to all these young people for pursuing higher education. We are proud of each of you and hope our scholarships help fund your goals in a small way.

This is a very unusual year, both for our college students and for those of us at home. Our church council and Pastor are being very creative in bringing the worship services to us over social media.

Because of this pandemic, we were unable to have our only fundraiser, our Easter breakfast, to increase the scholarship fund. The scholarship committee would like to ask you to donate something during this year, earmarked specifically for the scholarship fund. Thank you so much!

On behalf of The Family Shelter of The Bitterroot,

we want to wish each of you a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend. As you and your church teams partnered with us, Triple Creek Ranch, and Super-1 Foods, God gave us the opportunity to help feed our community during these hard times. The past 7 weeks you have served 5,362 meals and given away 743 bags of groceries! Please thank your teams for allowing yourselves to be the hands & feet of Christ here in Hamilton!

Starting June 1st, Triple Creek Ranch will be opening back up to serve their clients. The last meals they will be providing us will be this coming Wednesday. So, the teams scheduled for next M, Tu, & W will close out this Drive-Thru To-Go Meals. We will notify people who come of other services that might be available locally(Food Banks, Meals On Wheels).

Lastly, members of Family Shelter were able to give a plaque showing our gratitude to both Triple Creek Ranch and Super-1 Foods this past week. Again, we thank each one of you for all of your hard work and prayers!

Steve Traver, Gary Locke, Wendy Trelut, Terri Jarvis, Cheryl & Denny Calvert

Worship for June

Sunday, June 7: Church Reopens! Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:1-2a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13,
Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 14: Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8[9-23]

Sunday, June 21: Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:7-10,[11-15] 16-18,

Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday, June 28: Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Romans 6:12-23,

Matthew 10:40-42



Summer liturgy will begin on June 14.

We will have patriotic worship on July 5th and celebrate Christmas in July on July 26.

Vacation Bible School has been cancelled

Sapphire Lutheran Homes’ Summer Concert series has been postponed until later in the summer. We will share the updated information as soon as we receive it. Shakespeare in the Parks has been cancelled for this summer but will return next summer.



A grandfather was walking through his yard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like a prayer. He asked her what she was doing. The little girl explained: “I’m praying, but I can’t think of exactly the right words, some I’m just saying all the letters, and God will put them together for me because He knows what I’m thinking.”

Endowment Report April 2020

Fund Name: Value at end of March: Starting Principle after placing interest in a general fund:

Doris Koch.....\$86,033.47—————Principal.....\$100,000
 Faith Lutheran.....\$13,288.16—————. Principal.....\$15,000

The action the committee took in January putting earned interest in a general fund was a good move and took place before the stock market slowdown. This General Fund totals \$17,499.08 and is available for grant requests.

Speaking of requests, a request was made for an amount of \$329.00. Purpose of funds is to update the lighting in the Sacristy and the hallway running to the backdoor from the Narthex, as well as the coat rack hallway. Most of this work has already been completed. The request was made by Dale Brady, Property and Grounds.

Mr. Brady proposed the project idea at our annual meeting and general favorable reaction was expressed. The Committee approved the request, with the money coming from the \$17,499.08 aforementioned general fund.

Carl Russ, Endowment Committee Finance Secretary

Birthdays

<i>Pastor Paul, Colleen Southwick</i>	<i>June 2</i>	<i>Brandi Williamson</i>	<i>June 20</i>
<i>Dennis Rotering</i>	<i>June 4</i>	<i>Linda Wolf</i>	<i>June 20</i>
<i>Samantha Fife, Maddie Sidoruk</i>	<i>June 6</i>	<i>Cory Wetzsteon</i>	<i>June 26</i>
<i>Vicky Mahon, Jacque Vandenburg</i>	<i>June 7</i>	<i>Aubrey Larson</i>	<i>June 29</i>
<i>Gwen Lawry, Lauren Sidoruk</i>	<i>June 10</i>	<i>Lyn McKee</i>	<i>June 30</i>
<i>Scott Southwick</i>	<i>June 10</i>		
<i>Aksel Mitchell</i>	<i>June 11</i>		
<i>Kelly Auch</i>	<i>June 12</i>		
<i>Celeste Pogachar</i>	<i>June 15</i>		
<i>Phil Silvan</i>	<i>June 19</i>		



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FLBC Update!

**Update: FLBC & COVID-19
May 27th, 2020**

Dear friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our creator, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Oh, what a time we are in! A time we need to be reminded of Christ's grace, love and peace more than ever! On May 26, 2020, the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Board of Directors met and made the difficult decision to change the focus of our programming for the Summer 2020 session. Instead of the children and youth programming "as normal", we will be hosting family and small group focused retreat-style programming. This decision comes after careful discussion, research, advice from health agencies, and with copious hours of prayer.

Our goal of providing campers and guests with transformative, Christ-centered, fun, adventurous, camping experiences, has not changed, and we are determined to make this an awesome summer of ministry. Under the guidelines established by the CDC and the local health department, we will do our best to maintain a safe and clean camp environment, as well as enforcing all the directives for social distancing, group size etc. We will be in constant communication with the health department and will make changes as necessary.

We will be transitioning into hosting family camp style retreats, where a family or other small groups experience camp together. While here, a camp staff member will guide guests through the various activities that camp offers (swimming, Bible study, worship, canoeing, archery, etc.!) If this is something that your family or your church's congregation, women's group, or youth group would be interested in learning more about, please reach out to our office.

We know this is difficult news for many. We are praying for you. And thank you for remembering FLBC in your prayers and with your gifts, during this difficult time. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at office@flbc.net or 406-752-6602. God be with you. God's love endures forever!

Margie Fiedler



Council Highlights from May 18, 2020

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Making offering payments online, update. There have been a couple of hitches, but Sandy continues to work on it. Also working on how to get our website encrypted, which is a necessary step for the online payments.

2. Live streaming the Sunday Service update. Equipment purchased and equipment still needed etc. There have been issues with connectivity. Pastor spoke with Spectrum. The Lector mike isn't picking up well. It's a work in progress. Looking into purchasing a camcorder to link the a laptop (Pastor's) to improve the quality.

Kerry made a motion, Dale seconded, motion passed unanimously to move forward with Spectrum installing the cable and switching our phone and internet systems to them.

Judy made the motion, Jane seconded, motion passed unanimously to move forward with purchasing the camera and needed accessories to be wall mounted for approximately \$3,000. (This is on the recommendation from Colter at the Synod).

3. Report on the government payroll loan. We may have leftover monies from the 8 weeks expenses to return. Additionally, Sandy is signed up for a webinar on Wednesday from the Chamber of Commerce/JCCS on the PPP repayment or turning it into a grant versus loan.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Report from council members who attended worship yesterday. Proposed date and procedures for opening sanctuary for worship, weight watchers, AA, quilters, women's circles etc.

Much discussion about when to open worship. It is felt that Faith is our home, and we need to open our doors. Thinking extra ushers, and an usher writing down name and contact number (example Hanson party of 4, with cell number to track). We are going to start with a service this Sunday with social distancing. Judy and Jane will help usher and looking for a couple others.

We felt that it was too early to allow Women's Circles, Weight Watchers and AA - thinking Phase 2 or 3. We gave tentative approval for the quilters to gather in the large Sunday school room beginning in early June. They can put up tables and leave them out if needed.

2. Discussion about our VBS plans for July.

After much discussion and with heavy hearts, Dale moved, John seconded, motion passed unanimously to cancel VBS for this year.

3. Utilize Gerloff Music funds to be a \$1,000 sponsor of Sapphire Lutheran Music Series.

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Pray for our Military



- **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**, see update below.
- **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

Thank you everyone for including Alex Stevens in your prayers these last years, especially during his army deployment to Iraq and Syria. Alex and Marysa (our granddaughter) and their little daughter Josie have completed their tour with the army at Fort Campbell in Kentucky and moved to Washington state. Now in private live, Alex will be serving as an MD for Providence Hospital and Marysa will continue her work with Providence as well.

Dale and Clairice Brady

Please call or email us with your prayer requests

Pray for our Members and Friends...

- **Prayers for:** Richard Castor, Jennifer Murrillo, Richard Smith, Ron Osborn, Terry Strom, Shirley Hanson, Dale Hughey, Peggy Lewis, Irene Stengrimson, Victoria Moore, LaVonne Beers.
- **The Beehive:** Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson, Bertie Henderson
- **Valley View:** Ruth Dillon
- **Remington:** Betty Swift, Chuck Olson
- **Home Nursing Care:** Virginia Rotering, Smitty
- **Incarcerated:** Jacob Bachman, George Davis

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