



# The Faith Herald

*September 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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Dear Members and Friends,

On Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup> I talked about how God comes to us not only to bring comfort, but also to bring us freedom. Paul, in writing to the Galatians writes this, from the Message Bible about being free. "It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows (5:13)."

Toni Morrison, a teacher, writes this about being free. "I tell my students, 'When you get these jobs that you have been so brilliantly trained for, just remember that your real job is that if you are free, you need to free somebody else. If you have some power, then your job is to empower somebody else.'"

There is a movie that came out, several years ago titled "Pay It Forward." The movie is about a young boy who, for a class project, comes up with a plan to do something nice for someone and instead of being paid, encourages the person he helped to pay it forward. This catches on and it is amazing where it grows to. Using freedom to serve one another.

There's a young man I talked with, who just started college. When I asked him what he planned to do for a career, he told me something in the medical field. He then went on to say, he would like to come back to this community to give back to the community for all that the community had done for him. Using freedom to serve one another.

As we enter the season of fall—the season of school start ups—the season of fall yard work—the season of community meals, the season of Operation Christmas Child etc., may we continue to be looking for ways to use our freedom in Christ, to serve one another.

*Prayer: God, with love as our guiding principle, encourage us to use our positions of influence and power to uplift and empower others. Help us Lord, to live if the freedom you have given us, by the life, death and resurrection of your Son Jesus, to pay it forward by using our freedom in Christ to serve one another.*

Partners in sharing God's grace,  
Pastor Paul

## **Adult Christian Ed**

After service on Sundays Pastor Paul is having a Zoom Adult Ed Class  
We are studying Galatians, **11am**

If you are interested contact him for more information 406-363-2964

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## **BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING**

God of knowledge and wisdom, bless all students young and old as they begin a new school year. Help them discover and develop the gifts you have given. As they grow in knowledge, kindness and compassion, learning respect for themselves and others. We ask your blessing on teachers and staff who care for our students. Strengthen them to surround our students with encouragement, support and love. Remind us that wherever we go, you are always with us. Fill us with the joy of learning so that we may be better prepared to be your servants. Amen

## **Worship Readings for September**

**We will be worshipping inside with communion**

- Sept. 6:** Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40,  
Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20
- Sept. 13:** Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13, Romans 14:1-12,  
Matthew 18:21-35
- Sept. 20:** Jonah 3:10—4:11, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30,  
Matthew 20:1-16
- Sept. 27:** Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32



*Is there a favorite hymn that you have been missing?  
Contact the church office. We'll work to schedule it in the near future.*

## **Fall Community Meals Update**



The Family Shelter of the Bitterroot has contacted the organizations who prepare and serve the Community Meals with an initial plan for the Fall. The delivery or serving of meals will continue to be the drive by method begun in April after Covid-19 made group dining risky for many of those who regularly attend the meals. Faith will continue to be responsible for the meal on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

We usually need 3-4 people to help with the prep and packaging of the meal earlier that day beginning at 10 am at Faith. Then a team of 8-10 people is needed to set up the driving/serving lanes, serve, and then take down lanes at the Cornerstone Church parking lot. This usually begins around 4:15 and we are finished by 6:30ish. Faith's first day to serve is September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There will be a reminder the Thursday before the meal in the Church email. Helping is often a good way to meet others from Faith and to realize you are helping our community get through this unique time. If you would like more info or have questions, please call or text **Linda Beyer at 207-3471**.

## Operation Christmas Child Packing Party Changes

Operation Christmas Child is gearing up for the November shoebox collection week. And of course, like most activities in this time of the pandemic the Faith Lutheran Packing Party is going to look different. Our traditional one Sunday Packing Party with food and a large group isn't the best idea this year.

The preliminary plan is to set up the shoebox packing line a couple weeks ahead of the collection week so members/family groups can come in during church business hours and/or after a church service to pack a box or boxes in smaller groups. It will be an on-going party.

So, as you shop for school supplies please consider buying a few extras for the packing party or your own pack at home shoebox. Also, consider purchasing a "WOW" item for a shoebox...that one item that makes the box special. Shoeboxes will be available in the church Narthex around the first of October for pack at home boxes if you choose to go that route this year. There will be more information coming in the weeks ahead.

If you have questions or suggestions or want to help in some way, **feel free to call or text Linda Beyer at 207-3471.**



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

Donald Carlson (MSU), Quinn Larson (U of M), Amy Lawry (MSU)

Anilynn Mason (MSU), Claire Matthews (MSU)

Josephine VanDenburg (U of Utah), Sam Bosio (Notre Dame)

KaSondra Grymes (UM Western), Holly Mahon (UofM)

Tristan Hansen (Rocky Mtn. College) Quoia Anderson (UofM)

**Sunday Services will be inside and have communion from now on.**

**If you can help by being a worship assistant, please let us know.**

**Special thanks to all that have been helping,**

**It is very much appreciated!**



FLBC

## Upcoming Retreats & Events:

### Women's Retreat: "You Are Enough" 🌸

September 11-13, 2020

\$160/person (Saturday Only: \$100)

Join us for a weekend of fun and relaxation on the lake! Pastor Halcyon Bjornstad will lead us in Bible Study and conversation, and Savanna Sullivan will join us as our worship leader. **CEU credits available through NRIT.** <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/womens-retreat/> *Join Susan Peterson at this retreat!*

### Golf Tournament Fundraiser

October 9th, 2020

\$125/player (includes green fees, golf cart use, dinner at camp after, and a tax-deductible donation)

Support FLBC's commitment to making camp financially accessible to all by golfing with us at Eagle Bend Golf Club (Bigfork, MT) on Friday, October 9th! **October 9th & 10th is also the weekend we'll have our Delegates retreat, Partner's Luncheon, and Annual Meeting.**

<https://flbc.net/golf>

### Youth Workers Retreat 🗨️

October 15-18, 2020

\$150/person

Pastors, Youth Directors, Volunteers - this is for you! Join retreat leader Mark Jackson for this informative, fun, and refreshing retreat. From eastern Washington, Mark now serves at St. Andrews in Mahtomedi, MN. Different attendance options are available (Thurs-Sun, Thurs-Sat, Fri-Sun, or Saturday only)! **CEU credits available through NRIT.** <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/youth-workers-retreat/>

### BBB (Bread-Beverages-Bible-Boats) Retreat 🚤🍞

November 6-8, 2020

\$180/person (Saturday only: \$100/person) || Ages 21+

Join in fellowship on the lake as we learn new bread baking recipes & techniques, enjoy fishing from the dock or one of our boats and try your hand at home brewing! <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/bbbb/>

### Crazy About Quilting & Crafting Retreat 🧵

November 12-15, 2020

\$210/person (Thurs-Sun) // \$195 (Fri-Sun) // \$65/day (Commuter)

Bring your quilt and craft projects and work alongside friends old and new on the shores of Flathead Lake. FLBC will also be providing opportunities to learn new skills! <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/quiltcraft-retreat/>



## Council Highlights from August 10, 2020

1. FLBC will be given \$2,500 to help offset the losses from the pandemic.
2. BBQ Fundraiser for Scholarships raised \$1,035! Received to date \$1,405.
3. Parking Lot resurfacing, there will be a vote at the annual meeting to decide when to resurface the parking lot.
4. Scandinavian Dinner is cancelled for this year. With the months of planning needed and the uncertain times, the motion passed unanimously.
5. We are purchasing masks from Allegra (Michelle Mendenall) with the FLC logo. They will be sold to recoup the costs.
6. We will have an automated call system which will call the all members for worship updates, fellowship activities, etc.
7. Online eGiving has been set up on our website. If you have questions or need help setting up your giving contact Sandy Russ 531-0424 or the office at 363-2964. Our website is: [www.faithlutheranhamilton.org](http://www.faithlutheranhamilton.org).

**Our giving Year to Date is \$81,366. Expected was \$73,474.  
Thank you for your continued giving during this difficult time!**

### *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. Kyle Frazer**, son of Larry & Nancy Hansen, serving at Fort Polk, LA.
- **Master Sergeant Will Rollefson**, nephew of Larry Hansen, Special Forces, Seattle, WA.



*Please call or email us with your prayer requests*

### ***Pray for our Members and Friends, Teachers, students and school staff.***

**Prayers for healing:** Julie Belcher, Ken Cathey, Nancy Marks, Sandy Russ, Martha Carlson, Linda Bentz, Linda Beyer, Jack & Susie, Ken Clark, Heidi, Luken, John Trangmoe Ron Osborn, Gail Lewis, Larkin, Shirley Hanson, LaVonne Beers

**Prayers for comfort:** Deb Cathey, Kathleen

**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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If you or your loved one is sick or in the hospital, please notify the church office.  
We will visit as we can, and keep you in our prayers.  
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***Church Office Closed September 7th  
in observance of Labor Day***



## Electronic Giving is set up!

The eGiving website is set up. Thanks to the hands of Heather Wintergerst, our Financial Secretary and Dean Drake. Thank you for your patience.

### Here is how to navigate to the "eGiving" link:

1. Call up your browser for the internet.
2. Go to the FLC website: <https://www.faithlutheranhamilton.org/>
3. **Scroll down to the bottom of the page**
4. On the left-hand side notice "**Links and Resources**"
5. "**eGiving**" is on the top line under "Links and Resources"
6. Click on "eGiving"
7. A new tab opens on your browser titled "Donation" and you are now on the "Faith Lutheran Church Online Donation" page.
8. From here, you can create a profile, log in and set/modify donation parameters.
9. To exit, click on "Return to our Home Page" on the upper left side of the page

You will be emailed a receipt. Double check it, make sure any recurring payments are set up correctly.

### Mobile app is coming!

I will be available most Sundays to answer questions or by phone at 531-0424.

Sandy Russ

Steward of Finance

## *September Birthdays*

Teri Beyer	September 3
Tanner Hanson	September 3
Vicki White	September 7
Ann Damrow	September 8
Robert Steinhoff	September 12
Barbara Heitmann	September 17
Emma Mitchell	September 18
John Trangmoe	September 18
Eric Larson	September 20
Beth Davidson	September 21
Kathy Owings	September 21
Jack Davis	September 22
Curtis Fessler	September 25
Carolyn Larsen	September 25
James Owings	September 25
Quinn Larson	September 26
Rylee Auch	September 27
Helen Fessler	September 27



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