



The Faith Herald

November 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 of Faith Lutheran Church,

It's hard to believe that we've had our first snow of the season, that we've weathered below zero temperatures already, and this is all before we've even turned our clocks back an hour, and even before Halloween.

We continue to fight the COVID virus with numbers on the rise here in Ravalli County, and election day is right around the corner with people on opposite sides. Our Bishop, Bishop Laurie, from the Montana synod, while standing on the deck of one of the buildings at Flat Head Lutheran Bible Camp, talked about living in tumultuous times while the wind was violently blowing and white caps from the lake were clearly visible as the water crashed into the beach front. The weather around the Bishop was a great analogy of how our world around us may be feeling right now.

But in the midst of this, Bishop Laurie encourages us to practice defiant joy. Defiant joy, the Bishop says, "comes from our African Brothers and Sisters, who in the midst of slavery, in the midst of segregation, and Jim Crow—they came together and they celebrated, they practiced defiant joy. They experienced God's presence in their lives even in the midst of all their suffering." These people would gather as a community worshiping and celebrating God's presence.

Our church community comes together and practices this defiant joy, of which we all hunger. Whether it be virtually, or behind masks, social distancing and using hand sanitizer liberally, we come together to practice this defiant joy, praising God for God's presence in our lives always. The joy of the Lord is our strength amidst these times. May we continue to hold one another in prayer during these times.

I leave you with 2 prayers from our Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship page 76.

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



"Eternal God, amid all the turmoil and changes of the world your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. In this time of danger and trouble, be to us a sure guardian and rock of defense. Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom, comfort those in distress, and grant us courage and hope to face the future; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen."

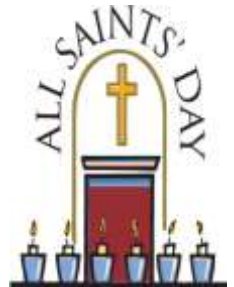
"God, our refuge and strength, you have bound us together in a common life. In all our conflicts, help us to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, to listen for your voice amid competing claims, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

Remember to be living in defiant joy! Partners in sharing God's grace,
Pastor Paul

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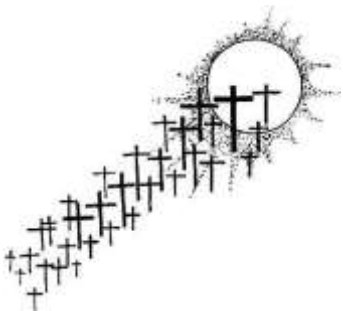
Faith's Worship Readings:

- 11/1 All Saints Day**, Rev. 7:9-17: Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3, Matt. 5:1-12
- 11/8** Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 70, 1Thess. 4:13-18, Matt 25:1-13
- 11/15 Brawl of the Wild Sunday**, Zeph.1:7,12-18, Psalm 40:1-8,12
Thess. 5:1-11, Matt. 25:14-30
- 11/22 Christ the King Sunday**, Ezek.34:11-16,20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a,
Eph.:1:15-23, Math. 25:31-46
- 11/29 First Sunday of Advent**, Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7,17-19,
1Cor. 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37



Remembering Our Saints Sunday, November 1st

Celebrate our new saints, and those who have passed on. During worship we will toll a bell and process with flowers for those who have died in the past year and light candles in honor of all those who have ever loved us well and gone home to God. **Please call Pastor or Celeste names of those who've passed this year, so that we can list them and provide a flower.**





FLBC Annual Meeting Report

FLBC Annual Meeting Report **FLBC 2020 Annual Meeting Delegate Report**

We recently attended the Flathead bible Camp annual meeting as your voting delegates. From the moment we arrived, it became evident of their passion and will to keep this wonderful camp vibrant during this challenging time. The Leadership and Board were forced to pivot in March to the chaos we have all experienced with the pandemic.

We all know this is a special place and this year was no exception, although different. To make the best out of 2020, the Board and Staff had to totally rework their entire program. In 2019, 4500 youth attended the camp. In 2020, it was only 600. Leadership transitioned to allow families and small groups to grow in faith. There were many encouraging stories of how multigenerational experiences occurred during this time with reworked camp options.

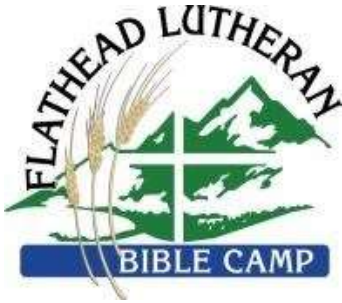
With the reduced number of campers, the revenue was significantly reduced. The shortfall in campership revenue was \$482,000 from fewer youth. Knowing efforts must be made, Margie, Board and Staff eliminated expenses where doable then utilized available grant funding. From their efforts to trim and obtain funding, the short fall to the projected budget is \$201,000. Even with this shortfall, FLBC has a strong balance sheet and exceedingly small debt. Camp is still strong financially.

Another one-of-a-kind opportunity presented itself to FLBC. Several decades ago, FLBC obtained the “first right of refusal” to purchase the adjoining lake front property on Hughes Bay. The first right had been forgotten over the years but was discovered by the title company during their process of a sale to a private individual. This individual buying the land, planned to build a home on this lot with 100 feet of lake frontage. FLBC was notified just prior to the annual meeting that FLBC had the option to buy this property at the price the homeowner had negotiated. However, FLBC had a 15-day window to accept or deny this offer. We were so blessed that this option was discovered with the annual meeting already planned. There was considerable discussion, but we all realized this was a once in a lifetime opportunity even if the timing was not ideal. After questions and discussion, the Board and Delegates unanimously approved \$287,500 to purchase this property. The payment will come from a loan from the endowment funds. From discussion, we suspect there will be a capital campaign to fund this purchase.

Additionally, at the Annual meeting Bishop Jungling spoke on how God’s love fills each of us and the importance of love in everything we do. At the conclusion of the meeting, Kyle Lefler, FLBC Associate Director, was celebrated for her dedication and passion at Camp. She was sent off with many prayers for her next adventure working with young women.



We at Faith should thank the Board of Directors and Staff at FLBC for the heroic effort of truly making the best out of an extremely difficult year. Their finances are still strong but if you believe, which most of us do, in their mission, now would be the time to give generously to FLBC. They do amazing work and truly make a difference in the lives in everyone they touch.



FLBC Retreats

BBBB (Bread-Beverage-Bible-Boats) Retreat

November 6-8, 2020

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! Guests may do as much or as little as they'd like, but all will have the opportunity to join in worship, **Bible study lead by Pastor Brenda Satrum**, fellowship, and will leave with brewing knowledge and bread baking skills.

For more information, go to www.FLBC.net or call 406-752-6602

Crazy About Quilting 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/>

Family & Friends Advent Retreat

December 4-6, 2020

Prepare for the Christmas season by taking intentional time to slow down. Make some crafts, cut your own Christmas tree. Take some time for worship and prayer this Advent. Retreat begins with dinner on Friday and ends with brunch on Sunday.

For more information, go to www.FLBC.net or call 406-752-6602

Ski & Snowboard Retreat

January 8-10, 2020

Come for an awesome weekend filled with good food, fellowship, snow games, worship and FUN! Spend your days skiing or snowboarding at Whitefish Mountain Resort or Blacktail Mountain Resort with your youth group.

Downhill snow sports not your forte? Some of the best cross-country ski trails in the Flathead Valley are a few miles from camp, or spend the day at camp relaxing, studying and enjoying the view of Flathead Lake. Post skiing activities include hot chocolate by the fire, group games, time to relax with new friends, and worship.

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Summer Volunteer Position at FLBC Applications

The applications for summer jobs at Flathead Bible Camp are on the counter outside the office. More info in the Bulletin Board.

Masks

The council has purchased masks with our logo. These are available in the narthex or if you call we can deliver one – 363-2964.

A donation of your choosing may be left in the can by the masks.

Wine and Wafers

Communion elements are available at church for pickup if you worship at home. Just call the office, 363-2964, and we will prepare a package for you

The Operation Christmas Child Packing Party Begins

Christmas for all of us will likely be different this year than years before but the reason we celebrate will always be the same...the birth of Jesus. Sharing this joyous event and God's love is the basis for the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoeboxes. It's important to keep sharing this message of God's love through shoeboxes even during this time of Covid.



Here's the plan for the Faith OCC shoeboxes that will be the alternative to our usual Sunday party with food and group fellowship. The OCC On-Going Party will start November 1st and end November 15th. The Party "packing line" will be set up in the church Fellowship room. Individuals, families, and "pods" of friends who feel safe together can come to the church during business hours and pack boxes. Church business hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 am – 1 pm. Please follow the precautions required for in-building services of wearing masks, sanitizing, and maintaining social distance as much as possible. Bring any items you may have to put in your box(es) and follow the directions that will be posted along the packing line. Our goal is to pack *at least* 100 boxes. Obviously, coming to the church during the business hours will not work for everyone, so, you can arrange time outside business hours or weekends by calling or texting Linda Beyer (406-207-3471) or Karen Heller (406-360-1208).

And like every year, you can pick up an empty box(es) at the church and pack it/them at home and then return them to our church or at the Drop Off Center (usually the Cornerstone Bible Church on Fairgrounds Rd). Collection week is November 16 – 23.

www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ.



Adopt-A-Family

With the holidays coming, Kerry Hanson is already at work on Bitterroot Adopt-A-Family. This has been a difficult year on all of us, including our valley's neediest families!

Church council has committed to sponsoring two anonymous families. Kerry will get us each family's information by Thanksgiving, for those Black Friday shoppers among us. With Adopt-A-Family, sponsors are asked to provide at least two needs & two wants for each kiddo, as well as grocery certificates for the family.

Please pray about how you might be able to help! Whether donating money, an item or two, please be assured these families will be SO appreciative!

If you have questions, please give Kerry a call at 240.4672



Cats vs. Griz

Campus Ministry Challenge

Montana Campus Ministry Challenge Special Offering



On Nov. 15th, Traditionally, on the Sunday before the annual Cat-Griz football game (Sat., November 21st), we pass the blue and maroon cups during worship to collect funds for our Lutheran Campus Ministries at MSU and the U of M. Even though the BIG game won't be played and the cup will not be passed, please consider making a donation. Simply write a check to Faith Lutheran and designate "Brawl of the Wild" in the subject line. Please make your donation by Sunday, November 29th, 2020.



Lutheran Campus
Ministry at Montana
State University



The Brawl of the Wild Campus Ministry Challenge is part of the **Montana Campus Ministry Sunday** where we consider all the ways our Church currently supports campus ministry in Montana and additional ways we may wish to engage with campus ministry programs in the future.



**Yes, it's that time of the year when the leaves fall from the tress
and when the clocks fall back in time.**



Important Budget Meetings

Mark Your Calendar:

Mon. November 16th Final Budget Workup Meeting 6pm

Sun. December 6th Budget Questions and Answers after
worship.

Sun. December 13th Congregational Meeting to approve
budget.

2021 Final Budget Workup Meeting

Monday November 16th @ 6 PM

The 2021 Final Budget Workup Meeting is on the agenda for the next
FLC Council Meeting. Please feel free to attend this meeting and
participate in this important process. Council encourages your input!

Final 2021 Budget Q&A

Sunday December 6th after worship

Council invites you to join us in the Hospitality Room after services
for a Question and Answer session on the Final 2021 Budget.

See you there!

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 13th after worship

g is being held for the purpose of approving the 2021 budget.
ng members of the congregation are encouraged to attend



Parking Lot Project

It has been brought to the Council's attention, by many, that our church parking lot is in need of being replaced. The council discussed this at great length at our October meeting. The council was in agreement to recommend a complete replacement of the parking lot is in order. This would entail removing many layers of asphalt and the removal of the trees in the center of the parking lot to prevent the roots from pushing the new asphalt up.

The council understands that this would be a major campaign project and expense and needs to be discussed and decided by the congregation. The council would appreciate your opinion and input as we prayerfully consider how to move forward with this project.

The council, again, is letting you know so you can begin thinking and praying about this as we will be discussing this at our annual meeting in February. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, the council is available to talk with you.

Remembering Bertie Henderson

Bertie (Alberta) Henderson has left us for her place in heaven. Bertie was a gentle soul, and so reserved that not many got to know her very well in the limited time she was with us at Faith. Bertie's work was with the telephone company and her home, for many years, was in Darby. After moving to Hamilton, she joined Faith and talked often about how welcome she felt. She had no expectations from people and cherished being a part of our community of faith.

Nancy Osborn probably knew her best. Bertie's mother, at age 98, was in Hospice and Nancy was the Hospice volunteer who spent many hours with the family. That was in the early 90s soon after Discovery opened and Nancy remembers enjoying the stories Bertie's Mom told about her years as a school teacher. So when Bertie visited Faith and felt that 'welcome', Nancy was right there to greet her and carry on a special friendship.

She had no children but is survived by some nieces and a very special nephew who often visited and helped Bertie with so many things.

Bertie was a faithful worshiper at Faith as long as that was possible. She touched so many of us with her appreciation of little things and her unassuming spirit. Last year she gave up her home on North Daly and moved to the Bea Hive where she and Morry Mitteness became friends. At Christmas time the newly organized senior group at Faith brought gifts and music to residents at the Bea Hive and that day was so special to Bertie. Her smile lit up the room and that was a gift to all of us there.

We will miss Bertie. Her short time with us taught us much about gentleness and appreciation. And we will always remember the humor that slipped out when you wouldn't expect it.

Clairice Brady



Remembering Bob Gaulke

Bob Gaulke felt the arms of Jesus lifting him from ‘lockdown’ and into the eternal life promised us. Holy Week and Easter in heaven can only be imagined by the rest of us.

Bob and Ellen came to our Valley and Faith Lutheran from Nebraska and they returned there a couple of years ago to be near their son Bobby, Dianne and their family. More recently Bob entered a nursing facility near their home. The doors were ‘closed’ there, as they were all around the country, to protect the residents. Ellen was only able to visit him once and glass separated them.

Bob loved to golf and he spent many retirement hours doing just that. He worked hard to create the beautiful grounds around their home just off the East Side highway here. When Eleanor Bickel moved to Havre, they bought her home in Hamilton and lived there until moving to McCook.

Bob loved to sing too and whenever we had a choir, he was a voice in it. He served the Church Council for several years as well.

Bob loved his family and looked forward to all of their visits. He was especially thrilled when Ellen pulled off a surprise birthday celebration and they all came. In McCook his little great grands gave him so many moments of joy and radiant smiles.

We have missed the Gaulkes. We missed Bob’s trademark ‘whistle’ and we will always remember them and their ‘walk’ with us. Ellen is planning a memorial service for Bob in Omaha sometime in September.

Clairice Brady

Remembering Ellen Gaulke

Ellen Gaulke has slipped into the arms of Jesus and her beloved Bob. Her shocking and unexpected death left a hole in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Ellen and Bob moved to the Bitterroot and Faith from Nebraska. Their first Sunday was Pastor Karlsgodt’s last Sunday here before taking a call to Immanuel in Missoula. In his second call to serve us, Ellen and Carrol became friends and have remained so.

At Faith Ellen served in many ways. She was a member of celebration and church anniversary committees adding her special dimension to those events. She was an avid seamstress and through the years she made several of our beautiful banners. Whenever the Gaulkes made a move, the first thing that had to be done was Ellen’s ‘sewing room’ and then the rest could be finished. Many of us have been the recipients of some of her beautiful handwork and quilting projects.

Ellen was a Bible scholar and for many years a member of Peggy Oury’s class at the Presbyterian Church as well as Faith’s Bible study Circles. She knew Jesus and so enjoyed a conversation with Him at the center.

As Bob’s health issues escalated, he and Ellen made a move to McCook NE to be near their son Bobby and his wife Dianne and their family. As hard as it was to see them go, we knew it was where they needed to be. They both loved their family so much and time with them was their greatest joy.

Bob’s death in April was especially difficult for Ellen because she had only seen him once in the Care Center and that was through glass. She had hoped to have a memorial service for him



in September now their lives will be celebrated together in Omaha at a time not yet determined.

Ellen was a trusted and faithful friend and has been sadly missed by many these last few years. She loved telephone calls and sometimes those were ‘long’ because she wanted to know about everything and everybody. The day after she died, her daughter-in-law expressed the family’s gratefulness for the last two years of having them close. And that makes us grateful for that too. Clairice Brady

Pray for our Military

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



Prayers for safety and healing: Skeet Mason and 2 students with him, Darrin and Will Heitmann, Richard Castor, Hanson Family, Pam Kaye, Julie, Pat, Amber Lynch, Cliff Marks, Mary Ann, Ashley, Suzanne, Ann & Dallas, Reyel, AJ, Tommy, Dennis Kimzey, Maggie Erickson, Eunice Romo, Ken Cathey, Linda Bentz, Jack & Susie, Ken Clark, Gloria Mason, Ron Osborn, Gail Lewis

Prayers for comfort: the Heitmann family on the loss of Darrin’s father, family and friends of Fran Dunbar, family and friends of Nicki Johnson, family and friends of Terry Croghan, family and friends of Ellen Gaulke.

Discovery: Clara Felton

The Beehive: Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Betty Swift, Chuck Olson

Home Nursing Care: Virginia Rotering, Smitty

Incarcerated: Jacob Bachman, George Davis

This prayer list will be refreshed monthly.

**November Birthdays**

11/1	Clara Felton
11/4	Tom Grymes
11/5	John Serfass
11/7	Barbara Davis
11/8	Peggy Trexler
11/9	Yvette Larson, Skeet Mason,
11/10	Sawyer Dowd
11/11	Charley Larson
11/14	Ericka Dowd
11/16	Mia Mae Mendenall
11/18	Mark Clark
11/19	Cynthia Marshall, Colter Mason
11/20	Elaine Bethmann, Grayden Beyer
11/20	Jared Down, Abigail Wetzsteon
11/21	Madi Farrenburg
11/23	Thomas Denney
11/24	Shane Dodd, Caroline Denney
11/29	Chloe Henderson

**Dates to Remember**

- 11/1 All Saints' Sunday, **DST Ends**
 11/1 Operation Christmas Child
 11/11 Veterans Day
11/15 Brawl of the Wild,
11/16 6pm Council Meeting, Faith Herald
Deadline
 11/22 Christ the King Sunday
 11/26 Happy Thanksgiving!!!(FLC office
 closed until Nov 30th)

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