



# The Faith Herald

*October 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,

Happy Fall to all y'all. It's hard to believe that the summer is gone, and I find myself saying this every year. Do any of you find yourselves thinking or saying this as well? And we ask ourselves, "Where did the summer go?" This summer has been different for all of us because of the Covid pandemic. So many of us, including myself, want to go back to what we viewed as normal. Because of the pandemic, we are learning a new normal. At school there is now "Hybrid learning,"—where some of the teaching is done online and some at home. Most students now eat their lunches at their desks and not together. And the idea of wearing a mask has become so divisive. I don't wear a mask because it's comfortable, because it is not. And I don't know how many times I have been halfway across the parking lot and discovered I forgot my mask and had to go back and retrieve it. But, I do wear a mask because I care about the people around me. I also wear a mask because it reminds me that people are getting sick and dying as a result of this pandemic. This reminder also leads me to keep praying for all those affected by Covid—to keep praying for all of our medical staff and personnel—to keep praying for those who are working toward a vaccine—to keep praying for our Spiritual leaders. and it reminds me to pray that we may become united by loving and caring for each other. It saddens me to think that this simple act of wearing a mask, or not wearing a mask can be so divisive. May we continue to wear our masks for the benefit of the others around us.

We are also close to less than a month away from election day. This also can be very divisive, but I do trust God to bring unity and reconciliation to all. May we be mindful of those around us during these times, sharing the love and joy of Jesus by what we say and what we do.

I leave you with these words from Paul to the Philippians from the Message Bible. "So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God.

Partners in sharing God's grace,  
Pastor Paul

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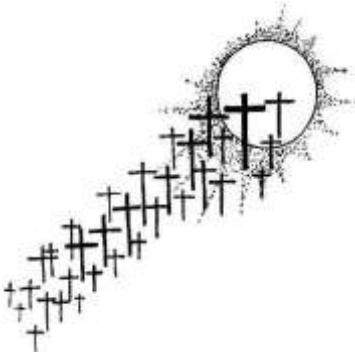
## FAITH'S WORSHIP RHYTHM

<b>October 4:</b>	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalm 80:7-15	Phil 3:4b-14	Matt. 21:33-46
<b>October 11:</b>	Isaiah 25:1-9	Psalm 23	Phil. 4:1-9	Matt. 22:1-14
<b>October 18:</b>	Isaiah 45:1-7	Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]	1 Thess. 1:1-10	Matt. 22:15-22
<b>October 25: Reformation Sunday</b>	<i>(please wear red!)</i>			
	Jer. 31:31-34	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36



## Remembering Our Saints

**9:30am, Sunday, November 1**



Celebrate our new saints (those baptized into the life of Christ) 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 and those gone home to God. **Please turn in a Response Card at worship or email the office with the name/s of those who've passed this year, so that we can list them and provide flowers.**

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month

AND  
I WILL GIVE  
**you pastors**  
ACCORDING  
TO MINE HEART,  
*which*  
SHALL FEED YOU  
WITH  
*knowledge &  
understanding.*  
JEREMIAH 3:15



## St. Francis of Assisi and the Blessing of the Animals,



Here is a blessing you can use at home to bless your pets. It is also appropriate to sprinkle your pets' heads with water as they are being blessed. Believe it or not, most pets receive this sacramental spritz with dignity (although cats have been known to flatten their ears a bit as the drops of water lightly pelt them!)

### The Blessing of Pets

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures.  
 You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air  
 and animals on the land.  
 You inspired St. Francis to call all of them  
 his brothers and sisters.  
 We ask you to bless this pet.  
 By the power of your love,  
 enable it to live according to your plan.  
 May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation.  
 Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! ~~Amen.

Check out the God and Dog video!  
 Go to YouTube and search for:  
**"God and Dog Wendy Francisco"**  
 It will make your heart smile!

## Operation Christmas Child

November will soon be here with an extended Operation Christmas Child (OCC) packing party. The packing line will be set up for a couple weeks so individuals, families, and smaller groups can come pack boxes while following safe Covid-19 guidelines. Many items have already been purchased for filling at least 100 shoeboxes but shopping has been more of a challenge this year. **A few more items are needed and if you are able to donate them that would be wonderful. Items still needed include: plush/stuffed animal toys, balls, small trinket items, and "WOW" Items...a fun and/or useful items that are a little longer lasting. Of course, help with shipping cost is always appreciated. The cost is \$9/box** however, this may send a box all the way to Timbuktu and beyond. Monetary donations can be earmarked OCC and sent to our church or directly to Samaritans Purse/OCC. For more information please watch the Thursday emails and the November Herald or feel free to call/text Linda Beyer at 406-207-3471. (For more info & videos: [www.samaritanspurse.com/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.com/occ))





## Community Meals

The Family Shelter of the Bitterroot is still working out the final schedule and guidelines for serving the Community Meals. It is very likely Faith will be preparing and serving a meal on October 27<sup>th</sup>. As soon as we know for sure, the information will be shared via the Thursday email. We do know when our Community Meal day arrives, we will need volunteers for the food preparation earlier in the day around 10 am and for serving the food late afternoon/early evening. So please watch for further information in the weeks to come or call/text Linda Beyer at 406-207-3471.



### S.A.F.E. White Ribbon Week is October 18-24

The White Ribbon Campaign is a community-wide event to raise awareness about domestic violence in Ravalli County, giving people an opportunity to make a statement against domestic violence. Wearing a white ribbon symbolizes your commitment to not condone, commit or support domestic violence. It is a very simple way for our community to send a very powerful message- that our families deserve to live in homes that are safe and free from violence. Adopted in Ravalli County in 1999 with the distribution of 750 ribbons, this year 10,000 ribbons will be distributed!

**Ribbons will be available at church on Sunday, October 18th.** By wearing a ribbon, you are making a statement in support of ending intimate partner violence. We hope adults will speak to children about violence being an unacceptable way to solve problems, and we hope adults will speak to each other about creating and modeling respectful relationships. For more information please call S.A.F.E. At 363-2793 or email [coalition@safeinthebitterroot.org](mailto:coalition@safeinthebitterroot.org)



## FLBC News & Notes

How can you support OUR FLBC?

Yes, you read that correctly. Faith Lutheran is one of about 50 ELCA congregations that own Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. FLBC especially needs our support this year when they have lost much of the revenue they usually bring in through summer camps. Please check out ways you can help them out by visiting this link: <https://flbc.net/donate-volunteer/> to seek more

information about:

1. **Partners Club:** those folks that donate at least \$150 per year to the camp
2. **FLBC wish list, Bag of Blessings list, or Amazon wish list:** download these wish lists to check out the supplies needed at camp
3. **In-Kind Donations**

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4. **FLBC Endowment**
5. **Planned Giving/ Legacy Partners**
6. **Thrivent:** use an Action Team Grant to complete an impactful camp project, or designate your Choice Dollars to benefit the camp
7. **Adopt-a-Project:** anything from sprucing up the grounds to remodeling a cabin
8. **On-line Giving,** one time or recurring donations
9. **The Courtyard Project:** donate an engraved brick paver

**Or even more fun! Consider attending one of their fantastic year-round retreats!** Please check out the choices below (or many more on their website)

Please visit with your camp representatives about the many possibilities.

Celeste Pogachar 239-2952

Mark Grotbo 460-2144

### **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/>

### **BBBB (Bread-Beverage-Bible-Boats) Retreat**

*November 8-10, 2019*

Our Scripture, Scales & Suds and Bread of Life retreats have combined to be the BEST adult retreat ever! 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, fellowship, and will leave with brewing knowledge and bread baking skills.

### **Crazy About Quilting Retreat**

*November 14-17, 2019*

Join us for a weekend of quilting and fun! Bring your quilt projects and work alongside friends old and new on the shores of Flathead Lake. Evening devotions, worship, and plenty of time for conversation with delicious meals and cozy accommodations will make for a relaxing weekend away.

Plus, mark your calendars for our **Youth Ski & Snowboard Retreat** held January 10-12! A flyer will be coming you soon.

**For more information, go to [www.FLBC.net](http://www.FLBC.net) or call 406-752-6602**

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## Remembering LaVonne Beers

LaVonne Beers loved her church and now she walks with her Savior. Any visit with LaVonne let you know she was ready for that.

LaVonne's last years were difficult but she faced the challenges head on and complaining was not something she knew much about. She loved her family so much and she missed Les every day.

At Faith LaVonne was eager to serve where she could and she did it with her whole heart. She served on some committees and she made phone calls when that was needed.

Before retirement LaVonne worked for McClaren Insurance. In High School, our daughter Lori worked there as well. LaVonne took her under her wing and never forgot her. There weren't many times we were together that LaVonne didn't ask about Lori. Some years later her grandson Chris spent many hours at our house planning Nintendo with Nathan. LaVonne kept us up on Chris's life. She loved to talk about her family and her pride showed plainly.

Faith folks loved you too LaVonne. We think of you now with Les, enjoying all you looked forward to, and waiting for the rest of us. We will always remember you.

Clairice Brady

### Council Highlights from September 16, 2020

1. Mask Update: Faith Masks have been ordered. See article this page.
2. Budget Schedule
  - Workshop at next council meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Members welcome.
  - Final Proposed Budget by November 16<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Members welcome.
  - Question and answer session for Congregation – after December 6<sup>th</sup> Service.
  - Congregational Meeting for final approval – after December 13<sup>th</sup> Service.
3. Linda Beyer requested that the Nominating Committee begins meeting. There are 4 positions open:
  - Convener
  - Communication
  - Outreach
  - Worship

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM



## FACE MASKS

Council has ordered black face masks with our name and logo on it. These masks will be available for a donation. The donations will go to support our Local Emergency Assistance Fund. This fund is available for our church family to assist in paying rent or power. Since we are in shutdown the masks will be available when we reopen the church for services.

## 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.



## Remember in Prayer...



### *Pray for At-Home Members and Friends...*

**Prayers for healing:** Ann & Dallas, Reyel, Virginia R. with Covid - Karen, Susannah Murphy, Annabelle, Clair and Judy- AJ, Tommy, Dennis Kimzey, Maggie Erickson, Eunice Romo, Fran Dunbar, Julie Belcher, Ken Cathey, Linda Bentz, Jack & Susie, Ken Clark, Heidi, Luken, Gloria

Mason, Ron Osborn, Gail Lewis, Larkin, Shirley Hanson

**Prayers for comfort:** Kathleen Gazarra, Ginsburg Family  
Lina Gyles for Ashley, Suzanne and Hunter

**The Beehive:** Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson, Bertie Henderson

**Valley View:** Ruth Dillon

**Remington:** Betty Swift, Chuck Olson

**Home Nursing Care:** Virginia Rotering, Smitty

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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## Faith

### *October Birthdays*

Helen Volden	10/3
Donald Huddleson	10/6
Maizie Mendenall	10/6
Krieger Larson	10/7
Amber Richardson	10/7
Jeni Seifert	10/7
Kiley McDonald (Davis)	10/12
Julia Seifert	10/12
Kaitlin Denton	10/16
Ruth Dillon	10/17
Kathy Clark	10/18
Jon Anders	10/20
Alberta Henderson	10/20
Lauren Kimzey	10/24
Charlie Swanson	10/25
Katherine Russ	10/28

### **Dates To Remember**

- 10/4 Blessing of our Pets, during worship
- 10/10 FLBC Annual Meeting, Delegates Retreat, & Partners Club luncheon @ FLBC
- 10/18-24 SAFE White Ribbon Week
- 10/19 FLC council meeting, 6 pm
- 10/22 Faith Herald deadline
- 10/25 **Reformation Sunday** (*wear red*)
- 10/27 FLC serves community meal

### **Stewards & Staff of Faith Lutheran Church**

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