

The Faith Herald

January 2021

*“Get up to a high mountain...
and lift up your voice with strength...
herald of good news!”*

Isaiah 40:9

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Church office closed Dec 25th – Opens Jan 4th



Greetings Members and Friends of FLC

As I write this letter, Gwen and I are frantically painting in our new house and still moving in. By the time you receive this letter, we should be completely out of our old house. It will take us a while to get settled in, but we are overly excited. We will be having a zoom house blessing sometime this month. I will send out an email zoom invitation to everyone when I set a date for the blessing.

I love the Epiphany season. During this season we remember the magi coming to worship Jesus. Epiphany season is also a time of light. When I think of Epiphany, I am drawn to the gospel of John 8:12 that reads, Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk-in darkness but will have the light of life.” We often hear the saying, “all of a sudden the light came on for me.” A definition of Epiphany is “an illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure.” Indeed, Jesus has broken into our darkness with his glorious light. In the year of 2021, may the light of Christ radiate through others to all we meet and greet.

Partners in sharing God’s grace

Pastor Paul

Resources for Current and Previous Material

1. The Bulletin for the upcoming Sunday as well as all Sunday Bulletins for the current year can be found by going to: <https://www.faithlutheranhamilton.org>

From the homepage...move your mouse pointer over "**Resources**" (at the top of the page) then click on "**Full Service Bulletins Sunday Bulletins.**"

From here you can scroll down and select the Bulletin date you desire.

2. All Newsletters from January, 2014 to the current month can be found by going to: <https://www.faithlutheranhamilton.org>

From the homepage...move your mouse pointer over "**Resources**" (at the top of the page) then click on "**Newsletters.**"

From here you can scroll down and select the Newsletter for the month that you desire.

3. You can access our YouTube worship service by going to:

<https://www.faithlutheranhamilton.org>

From the homepage...look under "**News, Events & Celebrations**" and click on the line "**Click Here to go to Faith Lutheran on YouTube.**" This gets you to our YouTube channel where you can "**Subscribe**" and then have access to the "**Notification**" icon to get to our services when they start.

Thanks to Dean Drake for organizing this.



FLBC Summer 2021 Schedule Now Available

It's not too early to start thinking about when your family wants to attend camp this summer! Look for FLBC's Summer 2021 Schedule online at www.flbc.net and check out the new camps this year.

Camp brochures have been mailed out. If you did not receive one, check the counter outside the church office for one. Some of the popular weeks (like Family Camp) fill up fast. Matching

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

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

- **Summer 2021 Adult Volunteers!** FLBC needs adult volunteers for the 2021 summer camping season (pastors, youth directors, nurses, grandparents, etc.) Application forms are available online. Call (406) 752-6602 for information.

Retreats

Youth Ski & Snowboard Retreat *January 8-10, 2021*

This year we are adding opportunities for families, as well as Jr and Sr High School youth. 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 family or the youth.

Families will probably have a cabin to themselves. Pastor Paul will be the chaplain for the weekend.

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.

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

Questions or Register: Call 406-752-6602 or email: office@FLBC.net

A Note of Gratitude

Thanks to all who collaborated to create our lovely virtual **Christmas Eve worship**: videographer- Josie VanDenburg; musicians- Lina Gyles, Susan Peterson, Tom Anderson, Quinn Larson, Amber & Cecile Richardson, Mendenall family, Brandi & Rohn Williamson, Southwick family, Jessie & Lila DuFresne, Sidoruk family, and Lila Farrenburg; readers- Kimzey family, Ani Mason, Finn DuFresne, and the Hanson family. Also, thanks to Pastor Paul, Rick Brown and Tom Anderson for a creating a meaningful **Blue Christmas service**, which was streamed on December 20th.

The Community Meals Program

First I'd like to share a message from the Family Shelter of the Bitterroot Community Coordinators...

We wanted to thank each team leader and your volunteers for your support during this challenging year (2020). During the months of April - May, we served 5,362 To-Go meals. When we restarted the meals in October, we have served another 2,166 To-Go meals. The need continues to be great as we head into 2021. The Family Shelter will do all it can to provide the food/groceries for teams to use for meal preparation going forward as we serve our community. We appreciate your support and donations are always welcome.

As the Faith Lutheran Community Meals coordinator, I would like to thank everyone who has stepped up in so many ways to help with meals we have served during the past year. This includes donating food items, money, time and helping hands for preparing and serving the meals. We serve on the 4th Tuesday of the month and usually serve 65-90 meals during a regular year. This year we helped serve 150-175 meals a night during the early months of the pandemic and an average of 70 meals this fall.

The next meal that Faith prepares and services will be Tuesday, January 26th. Preparation begins at 10 am in the Faith Lutheran kitchen (all safety precautions are followed). Four volunteers are appreciated at this time. Then the meals are served between 5 and 6:30 pm at the Cornerstone Bible Church on Fairgrounds Rd. It is helpful to have 6-8 volunteers at this time.

Thank you for helping make a real difference in our community!

Linda Beyer (406-207-3471)

A Time to Serve...Food!



January 26th is the next date Faith prepares and serves a Community Meal. Meal preparation is at 10 am that morning in the Faith kitchen and final preparation, serving and clean-up is from 4 pm until 6:45 that same day at Cornerstone Bible Church on Fairgrounds Rd. Volunteers are greatly appreciated!

Contact Linda Beyer - 207-3471.

Faith Lutheran Church Approves 2021 Budget

The congregation of Faith Lutheran Church unanimously approved the 2021 Budget at a Special Meeting held December 13th.

Council wishes to thank everyone that participated in this year’s budgetary process to include our Mutual Ministry Committee for their input on pay and benefits, our Financial Secretary, Heather Wintergerst, for her work in producing records and financial analysis, and all of the folks from our congregation that participated in the process. We began in September and concluded the workup process on December 6th with a congregational Q&A.

The totals for the 2021 Budget follow:

- Total Expenditures	= \$ 243,592.57
- Total Revenues	= \$ 203,000.00
- Underfunded	= \$ 40,592.57

Planning for 2021 was tricky as 2020 was so unusual. We spent more money on equipment to support our livestreaming of services than expected, but spent little on things like fellowship, community meals, Wednesday dinners and youth activities.

Defining the revenue was equally tricky. The Council so appreciates all the donations given by the congregation. Our desire is that this continues in 2021. To add to the general revenue are the other donations from folks that use the building like WW and AA, the Gerloff funds and other contributions for a variety of our projects.

Sandy Russ

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Annual Report Submissions Due January 11th

Keep it simple, 150 words with brief highlights of 2020 and hopes for 2021. Send reports to:
office@faithlutheranhamilton.org by Monday, January 11, 2021.

January Birthdays

Jan 1	Bryce Reed, Bella Sidoruk, Shirley McGourty
Jan 3	Clairice Brady, Chris Maul-Smith
Jan 6	Lina Gyles, Marlin Lewis, Carol Peterson
Jan 7	Allie Auch, Maddison Duchscher
Jan 8	Lars Larson, Logan Vandenburg
Jan 9	Kerry Hanson
Jan 10	Gunnar Larson
Jan 15	Nichole Mitchell
Jan 16	Ron Osborn
Jan 17	Virginia Kindzerski
Jan 21	Jerry Mitchell
Jan 23	John McKee, Susan Wetzsteon
Jan 24	Jennifer Larson
Jan 28	Paul Roege
Jan 29	Keegan Williamson
Jan 31	Claire Matthews

Dates To Remember



- 1/11 Annual Reports Due**
- 1/14 6pm Council Meeting
- 1/18 Faith Herald Deadline
- 1/26 Faith serves Community Meal at Cornerstone 4-6pm.
- 2/7 Annual Congregation Meeting**

The church office will be closed from Dec 25 thru Jan 3. We will reopen January 4th, 2021 at 9 am.

Pray for our Military

Please remember our family and friends that have joined the military and are defending our country every day. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers, especially those close to our family here at Faith Lutheran:



Pray for At-Home Members and Friends...

Prayers for safety and healing: Millie and Erv Unruth, Bonnie Montgomery, Celeste Pogachar, Linda Bentz, Ross Damrow, Robin Ireland, Pastor Dale Meador, Pastor Aprille Jordan, Eunice Romo, Quovia Anderson, Bill Jameson, Ken Price, Pastor Shannon Mayfield, Scott Southwick, Amber Wood, Richard Castor, Julie, Pat, Amber Lynch, Ken Cathey.

Prayers for Covid-19 Recovery: Connie and Steve Kjersten

Praise for Covid-19 Recovery: Patrick Gyles, Lori Gutierrez.

Prayers for comfort: for Amanda and Nathan Brady and the Stephens/ Martin families on the loss of Jodi Stephen, family and friends of Gary Rouse.

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

Discovery Care: Clara Felton

Please let us know if you are having surgery or know of someone who is, or if you or someone you love is in the hospital. We are here to help support in any way we can, especially with prayers.

Faith Lutheran Church Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 7th after worship using Zoom.

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