



The Faith Herald

February 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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Dear Friends and Members of Faith Lutheran Church,

Psalm 106:1, "Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." This is a favorite verse of mine. God is good, and God's steadfast love does endure forever, and I will Praise the Lord and give God thanks.

One of the ways I am able to experience God's love is by fellowshiping with God's people. It has been so hard to do this with one another because of COVID. So I am excited for our newly formed, ***virtual coffee hour***. We have been doing this for the past two Sundays. Jane Mason and myself will not be here on January 31st to host the coffee hour. Well, I have great news! Rick Brown will be hosting it via zoom beginning at 10:30—11:15 on January 31st. Please follow zoom invite to join the group. God's love does endure and comes to us through each other.

I will be hosting a ***live chat*** as well during lent ***beginning the first Wednesday after Ash Wednesday***. We will be using the devotional, "A Story to Tell." From these short daily devotions, through lent, I will be encouraging you to listen to what God may be saying to you through the picture, the scripture, the ponderings or the prayer. We will meet at noon, perhaps during your lunch hour, on these Wednesdays, to fellowship and share stories of what you are hearing through one of these devotionals. We will also meet at 6:30 on these Wednesdays for those who are unable to join us at noon.

And remember, "Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever."

Partners in sharing God's grace,
Pastor Paul

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Save the dates:

Faith Lutheran's VBS will be July 12-16, 2021

Those awesome FLBC counselors will be in Hamilton giving our youngest folks the camp experience through Vacation Bible School activities!

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 will not be mailed out. Some of the popular weeks (like Family Camp) fill up fast. Matching camperships for all who wish to go to camp (even adults) this summer are available from Faith Lutheran. Please contact Celeste and she will send you a copy of the application form.

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

Upcoming FLBC Retreats & Events

Visit <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/> to learn more about our year-round programming.



Spring Environmental Education Day

April 10, 2021 (Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm)

\$25 / student, \$12 / chaperone - includes lunch!

Enjoy a fun day at camp while learning about God's awesome creation that surrounds you!

Visit <https://flbc.net/field-trip/> to learn more and to register.

Adult Spirituality Retreat

April 18-20, 2021 (Sun - Tues) \$165/person

Join us for a few days focusing on the theme "Shepherd Me, O God" with Pastor Brenda Satrum!



Faith Lutheran Church Upcoming Worship Events

In-Person worship resumes on February 7th. Worships assistants are needed! (Lectors, ushers, assisting ministers, and call to worship singers.) Please contact Celeste at 406-239-3952 or the office at 406-363-3964. **We've missed you!** Of course, if you'd prefer to stay at home, worship will still be streamed on Facebook and YouTube as usual.

Ash Wednesday will be a Virtual worship service on February 17th. Worship will be posted online at noon and available any time thereafter.

Lenten Devotion Series will be available through Zoom. Pastor Paul will lead a devotional series every Wednesday for 5 weeks in lent, beginning February 24th. Plan to attend either the noon or 6:30 p.m. session. Books are available through Pastor Paul. Contact him through the church office 406-363-2964 if you are interested.



Annual Meeting

Please plan on joining us for our annual meeting, immediately following worship next Sunday, February 7th, in person or via Zoom. Please check your email box for the link to join.

Annual reports will be emailed next Thursday, February 4th. For those who would like a hard copy, you may pick one up at the church office on Thursday.

February Worship Readings

<u>1st reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2nd reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
2/7 Isa. 40:21-31	Ps. 147:1-11	1Cor. 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
2/14 Transfiguration of Our Lord 2 Kings 2:1-12	Ps. 50:1-6	2 Cor 4:3-6	Mark 9:1-6,16-21
2/17 Ash Wednesday Joel 2:1-2,12-17	Ps. 51:1-17	2 Cor 5:20b-6:10	Matt. 6:1-6,16-21
2/21 Gen. 9:8-17	Ps. 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
2/28 Gen. 17:1-7,15-16	Ps. 22:23-31	Rom. 4:4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38

Remembering Betty Swift

Betty Swift left her earthly body this week to be with Jesus. She had lived at the Remington the last few years after leaving her home in the hands of her son and his family. They had recently moved to the Bitterroot and it had become increasingly difficult for her to maintain the big house she loved so much. Winters were especially hard.

Betty came to Faith with a friend not long after her husband Bernie's death. For a lot of years Bernie served our state legislature, first as a Representative and then as a Senator. Betty supported him all the way and continued to be very active in Ravalli County politics. Not so long ago she was still walking in the Fair Parade in her red, white and blue. She was always willing to share what she believed.

Faith folks were very important to Betty. She was like a sponge soaking up Christ's love in those worshipping around her. She rarely missed a Sunday before her move to assisted living.

At the Remington, Betty quickly merged into the community. A time or two when we took communion to her we would discover she was in the midst of other folks watching a movie or doing a craft and we would have to make another trip. And then she would apologize. . . community life was important to her – no matter which community.

Betty's family was very important to her. She would look forward to their visits and cherish every moment. She was proud to be a mother to Robert and Anita and their families which gave her 9 grandchildren and over 20 great grandchildren.

Those who knew and loved Betty Swift will miss her. We'll never know for sure how lonely these last months of isolation were for her. She wasn't one to complain and we'll trust her 'locked-in' community was supportive to each other. Good-bye for now Betty Swift. We'll see you again. Clairice Brady

Remembering Ken Cathey

Ken Cathy left his earthly home and took the hand of the Jesus he loved so much in early January. In his loving wife, Deb's words, "he was free of all sickness and sorrow. And [she was sure] Heaven had a big banquet all ready for him." He had lost his most recent earthly skirmish and he had won Heaven.

Ken's eyes always lit up when he talked about Jesus and the relationship he treasured. Ken talked often of knowing he was a forgiven sinner and a loving and willing servant of Christ.

Ken married Deb in a beautiful servant centered ceremony several years ago and thus shared his church home with Faith Lutheran. At Faith, Bible Study was Ken's passion where he freely shared his own life experiences and became an inspiration for all who studied with him. That love of God and passion to learn all he could about his Savior had been nearly lifelong for Ken. Many years back when he lived in Great Falls, Ken and my brother in law Keith led a study together at Central Assembly. A seven month resident himself, I don't doubt Keith was there to welcome his old friend Ken into the heavenly fold and walk with him to that heavenly banquet.

Deb, we will all miss your Ken. We have to save so many hugs for now but please feel them from our hearts to yours. Know that Jesus weeps with you as he alone can bring comfort to your aching heart. And know that you are deeply love. Clairice Brady

Remembering Gary Rouse

Gary Rouse, long time member of Faith Lutheran for most his life, recently gained heaven. Gary's testament to Christ and the courage he exhibited as his body failed has been an inspiration to all who knew and loved him. A lifetime Bitterrooter, Gary was often the face of "electricity" in the Hamilton Area. He and Judy operated an electrical business - Rouse Electric - on Main Street for many years. He was often the first-call when there was a problem somewhere. I remember when we bought our house in 1973 he was who we called to take care of some major problems we encountered. He fixed it all.

At Faith Gary was a worker bee. Often, he didn't need a call to attack a project – he just saw that it needed doing and he did it.

After 'making' their Via de Cristo in Billings, Gary and Judy were a vital part of the Ultreya community at Faith and he shared his faith openly and with great pride. Those relationships have continued.

After retirement, the Rouses became well acquainted with the highway to Spokane, where they made the trip often weekly, to care for their grandchildren while the parents worked. They became accustomed to pain with the loss of their son Brett and with the physical challenges they faced.

After leaving Faith for Canyon View, Gary and Judy remained friends with several folks in the congregation. Judy, we grieve with you and Gary will always be remembered at Faith. Clairice Brady

The Story of the Four Chaplains

The Four Chaplains, also referred to as the "Immortal Chaplains" or the "Dorchester Chaplains" were four United States Army Chaplains who gave their lives to save civilian and military personnel as the troop ship USAT Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943, during World War II. The vessel was torpedoed during the early morning hours of February 3rd by a German submarine off the coast of Newfoundland in the North Atlantic. The chaplains all held the rank of first lieutenant, and included a Methodist minister, a rabbi, a Roman Catholic priest, and a Reformed Church in America minister. They gave up their lifejackets when the supply ran out, then joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. Some 230 of the 904 men aboard the ship were rescued.

Faith Lutheran remembers the Four Chaplains in worship on or near February 3rd by the request of several of our members and veterans. Their courage and sacrifice show us the Spirit of the God they all served.



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Dates To Remember



- 2/7** FLC Annual Meeting (In person or through Zoom)
immediately following worship service
- 2/14** Valentine's Day
- 2/17** Faith Herald Deadline
- 2/17** Lent begins. Ash Wednesday virtual worship posted
online, beginning at noon
- 2/23** Faith serves Community Meal at Cornerstone 4-6pm.
- 2/24** Lenten devotional Zoom meetings begin at 12 noon and
6:30p.m.

February Birthdays

Feb 1	Lucas Eckstein
Feb 2	Millie Unruh
Feb 4	Virginia Rotering
Feb 5	Don Dale, Brooke Kimzey
Feb 9	Mark Livesay
Feb 14	Ellen Davis
Feb 17	Jessica Eckstein, Cecile Richardson
Feb 19	Ben Peterson
Feb 22	Ernie Berland
Feb 24	Michelle Mendenall
Feb 25	Cole Kimzey, Jeb Vandenburg
Feb 28	Donald Carlson, Jacob Heitmann

Valentines for Seniors

Please send our seniors a Valentine's Day card! Make as many as you would like and please spread the word! You can drop them off or mail them.

Sapphire Lutheran Homes

501 N. 10th Street

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Address the cards: Dear Valentine.

Leave a return address if you would like.

Thank you!

*If you have any questions,
please call 406-363-2800.*



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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:

- **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 Nellis 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.



Pray for At-Home Members and Friends...

This list is updated monthly. Please feel free to resubmit.

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Prayers for safety and healing: Pastor Paul's daughter, Racheal Lasy and family, Millie and Erv Unruh, Bonnie Montgomery, Celeste Pogachar, Linda Bentz, Pastor Dale Meador, Ken Price, Amber Wood, Amber Lynch.

Prayers for comfort: for family and friends Betty Swift; for family and friends of Ken Cathey.

At Home: Bertie Senn

The Beehive: Morry Mittenness, Yvonne Olson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Chuck Olson

Home Nursing Care: Virginia Rotering, Smitty

Incarcerated: 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.

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