



The Faith Herald

March 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 Members and Friends of FLC

I have often said Jesus was messy. Jesus got his hands dirty. From *A Story to Tell*, our Lenten Devotional for 2021, the author uses Mark 2:6-8 for the text. Jesus has just forgiven the sins of the paralytic in verse 5 and the scribes are accusing Jesus of blasphemy! Jesus was always loving the unlovable, even if it meant opposition, which so often where Jesus found himself.



I'm pondering today the point in the devotional that speaks about Christians being "nice people". As nice Christian people the devotional reads that "We are caring, loving, and generous; and caring, loving, generous people don't go around upsetting other people with their actions." Pondering this, I feel this way most times when I am afraid.

The reading from the devotional reads, "We do not follow images of what it is to be Christian, however. We follow Christ, who had no difficulty showing compassion even when others found it offensive, loving all people despite the way that agitated others, being bold and humble all at once. Likewise we are called upon to love in ways that offend—by reaching out to someone who believes differently than we do, protesting injustice, setting a boundary, challenging an assumption, forgiving an enemy. It won't always feel good, but feeling good is not the aim. The aim is faithfulness, which can be messy."

As Jesus lives and moves within us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, may we not be stifled by fear, but instead, may we care deeply, love generously, and show compassion, as we act in ways that may upset someone.

God bless you in your Lenten journey.

In God's loving grace,
Pastor Paul

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Readings for March



Sunday, March 7: Lent 3, Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Cor 1:18-35, John 2:13-22

Wednesday, March 10: Holden Evening Prayer (7pm)

Sunday, March 14: Lent 4, Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107: 1-3, 12-22

Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3: 14-21

Wednesday, March 17: Holden Evening Prayer (7 pm)

Sunday, March 21: Lent 5, Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

Wednesday, March 24: Holden Evening Prayer (7 pm)

Sunday, March 28: Passion/Palm Sunday, Isaiah 50-4-9a, Psalm 31:9

Philippians 25:5-11, Mark 14::1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

Lenten Devotion Series will available through Zoom. Pastor Paul will lead a mid-week devotional series in lent. Plan to attend either the Thursday noon or 6:30 p.m. session.

Books are available through Pastor Paul. Contact him through the church office

At 406-363-2964 if you are interested.

Reading through the Bible in a year: March, 2021

March 1: Jonah 3-4; 1. How does reading that God is “sheer grace and mercy, not easily angered, rich in love, and ready at the drop of a hat to turn...plans of punishment into a program of forgiveness” fit into your plans for this day? 2. How old are you? What kind of evil have you seen in your lifetime?

March 2: Philemon; 1. Imagine receiving a letter like this in the mail today. Who might be the “Paul” who sent it and who might be the “Onesimus” you are to “welcome back”? 2. Would you say you’ve gotten to know and trust God? How and Why?

March 3: 2 Kings 1-4; 1. Describe the God you find in these stories. What impresses you about him? What surprises you? 2. What work of God have you seen lately? Who in your life should’ve noticed it but didn’t?

March 4: 2 Kings 5-7; 1. What would you rather God require of you—”hard and heroic” or “simple”? Why? 2. What mental pictures do you see as you read this Psalm?

March 5: 2 Kings 8-11; 1. Who in your life could be described as a holy man or woman? In what ways has this person influenced you? 2. Recall in your life a “circle of quiet within the clamor of evil.” When and what was going on?

March 6: 2 Kings 12-14; 1. “We each pay personally for our sins.” What do you think about when you read that statement? 2. Imagine yourself as a preacher using this chapter verbatim on your message text. What are some possible responses from your listeners? Why?

March 7: Reflection:

March 8: 2 Kings 15-18; 1. The “local sex-and religion shrines” seem very popular with the people of God throughout these pages. In what ways is religious culture today similar or different? 2. What individuals, groups, or institutions do you know who live by the “have a good time and get by the best you can” philosophy?

March 9: 2 Kings 19-21; 1. “Hezekiah turned ... praying ... and then the tears flowed. Hezekiah wept.” What place do tears have in your prayer life? What about in your life in general? 2. Which of the Quaker’s “a right time to” most closely resembles your current time or season of life?

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March 10: 2 Kings 22-25; 1. You've read the history of the kings. What must you "do in response to what is written in this book"? 2. Do you have a friend with whom "you can face the worst"? Are you that kind of friend for someone else?

March 11: Luke 1-3; 1. "But how?" "Nothing, you see, is impossible with God." What comes to mind as you read these two phrases? 2. Would you describe what you do as "hard and honest work"? do you aspire to that? Why or why not?

March 12: Luke 4-6; 1. "Your task is to be true, not popular." Reflect on the last two weeks. How has this statement been present in your life?

March 13: Luke 7-9; 1. Imagine yourself as a dinner guest in the home of Simon the Pharisee. What might the conversation sound like after Jesus tells the woman, "Go in peace"? 2. What have you learned from the funerals you've attended?

March 14: Reflection

March 15: Luke 10-12; 1. "Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need." Take this Scripture at its word. Absorb it into your prayer life ... starting now. 2. Finish this sentence: This chapter makes me feel _____ and _____.

March 16: Luke 13-15; 1. Which of the stories do you most associate with in these passages? Why? 2. What are your "loves," "hates," and "dreams"?

March 17: Luke 16-18; 1. Let these words begin your prayer today: "God, give mercy. Forgive me a sinner..." 2. Could a family member or friend describe you as a person with direction? How would they describe the way you walk?

March 18: Luke 19-21; 1. "There's no telling who will hate you because of me." Who hates you and why? 2. "Follow the impulses of your heart." What immediate thoughts or feelings arise in you when you read or hear that statement?

March 19: Luke 22-24; 1. What words would you use to describe Jesus in these last chapters? Are your word choices consistent with what you've read of Jesus so far? Why or why not? 2. What is your opinion of the Quester's last and final words: "Fear God. Do what he tells you"?

March 20: Amos 1-3; 1. What do you see as the three great sins of America—make that four? 2. What do you like most about this chapter? What do you like least? 2. What do you like most about this chapter? What do you like least?

March 21: Reflection

March 22: Amos 4-6; 1. "I want justice... I want fairness." How does this desire measure up against what you've been taught that God wants? Similar? Different? Why? 2. Whose faces do you see for the man and woman in this song? Why?

March 23: Amos 7-9; 1. Think about the worst thing that could happen to you, your family, and friends. "That's a hint of judgment Day—that and much more." 2. Restless. Desperately. Longed. How often are these words part of your vocabulary? Why do you think that is so?

March 24: 1 Chronicles 1-4; 1. Where and how do you see God at work in these chapters? 2. If you're a man, imagine speaking these words to a woman. If you're a woman, imagine hearing these words from a man. Describe what you're feeling.

March 25: 1 Chronicles 5-8; 1. What captured your attention in this passage? Why do you think it did? 2. Where is the word heartsick applicable to your life's story?

March 26: 1 Chronicles 9-11; 1. Who have you "linked arms" with lately, helping them become what God designed them to be? 2. "There's no one like her on earth." Put your name in place of the word "her" in that sentence. Do you believe the revised statement? Why or why not?

March 27: 1 Chronicles 12-14; 1. What does reading that "God will be two steps ahead of you" make you feel? 2. What is your overall reaction to these words? What about their being in the Bible?

March 28: Reflection

March 29: 1 Chronicles 15-17; 1. Let this be your job description for the day: "Give thanks to God, for his love never quits!" Have a good day at work. 2. "Love is invincible facing danger and death. Passion laughs at the terrors of hell." Just let these words sink in a while.

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March 30: 1 Chronicles 18-20; 1. “Courage!” What words or images are roused in you by that word? 2. Keep your mind on God for at least five minutes.

March 31: 1 Chronicles 21-23; 1. David substituted “statistics for trust.” Are people any different today? Why? What about you? 2. Take a walk outside today, remembering this phrase: “Bravo, God, Bravo!”

April 1: 1 Chronicles 24-26; 1. How do these descriptions of worship compare with your won experience of worship? 2. If God gave you the authority to “set everything right? Why?

April 2: 1 Chronicles 27-29; 1. If a spiritual doctor examined your heart today, would he see cluttered and unfocused or “uncluttered and focused”? If the former, what’s going on? 2. God’s love is described here as “indefatigable.” How does that description line up with what you’ve experienced of love so far?

April 3 Hosea 1-4; 1. Under what circumstances have you seen “No Mercy” turned into “All Mercy”? How about “Nobody” change to God’s Somebody”? 2. What descriptions of God are you drawn to in this Psalm? Why?

April 4: Reflection



2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

Faith Lutheran Church, February 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order by convener Darrin Heitmann at 10:35 a.m. Opening Prayer was led by Pastor Paul Anderson.

Approval of the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes: Susan Wetzsteon moved Troy Hanson seconded, motion passed.

Review of reports and comments: Darrin Heitmann sincerely thanked everyone for all of their efforts at keeping Faith Lutheran Church together during these unprecedented times.

Old Business: There was nothing to discuss.

New Business. Budget adjustment: Rod Pogachar moved and Troy Hanson seconded to approve the updated bottom line to the budget. **It was noted that a possible upcoming expenditure not budgeted for at this time is the complete replacement of the parking lot. Stay tuned for more information and possible fundraising opportunities. A special account has been noted for donations.

Linda Beyer presented the slate of candidates below for the Council and a vote was held to elect each steward. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for their months of effort. Those individuals were Linda Beyer, Clairice Brady, Dean Drake, Sally Porter, Helen Volden and council member Judy Griffin.

There were 43 members in attendance including in person and via zoom. 29 were need for a quorum.

The following elections were held. Church Council 2021

Thank you to our New/Returning Stewards:

- **President/Convener ~ Dean Drake** (one-year term)
- **Steward of Discipleship/Education ~ John Marten** (two-year term)
- **Steward of Finance/Treasurer Sandy Russ** (two-year term).
- **Steward of Hospitality and Fellowship ~ Jane Mason** (two-year term) ~
- **Steward of Property and Grounds ~ Dale Brady** (two-year term) ~
- **Steward of Communications ~ Jacque VanDenburg** (two-year term).

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- **Steward of Outreach ~ Rick Brown** (two-year term)
- **Steward of Worship ~ Susan Peterson** (two-year term).

Church Committees 2021

- **Endowment Committee:** Carl Russ and Clairice Brady were elected for (3 year terms), moved, seconded, motion approved. They will be joining John Trangmoe (1 year remaining) and Amber Richardson and Carol Mitchell (2 years remaining).
- **Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Representatives** for 2021 (October meeting held in Lakeside). Nominations from the floor for Josie VanDenburg, Celeste Pogachar and Deb Cathey, to join Pastor Paul. It was noted only 2 attend with Pastor. Jane Mason moved to approve, Tanner Hanson seconded, motion passed. **It was also noted that this is a Chili Cookoff Year, so be planning for the November fundraiser.
- **MT Synod Delegates for 2021,** Attendance will be by Zoom. Nominations from the floor for Celeste Pogachar and Rick Brown to join Pastor Paul. Sandy Russ moved to approve, Tanner Hanson seconded, motion passed. Celeste is unable to attend, so Josie VanDenburg who is interested in going will go in Celeste's place.
- **Nominating Committee for the 2022 elections:** Nominations from the floor for Darrin Heitmann and Deb Cathey to join the appointed council member. Other committee members will be added in the fall. Kerry Hanson moved to approve, Jacque VanDenburg seconded, motion passed.
- Closing Prayer was led by Pastor Paul.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am. Rod Pogachar moved, Troy Hanson seconded, Motion passed.



Registration for Summer camp 2021 is OPEN!

Sign up now! Space is filling up fast!!

Don't delay, as weeks are filling up fast, due to smaller group sizes. We are excited to be offering overnight camps for youth, family camps, and custom adventures for families and small groups (such as a congregational retreat for all ages!)

Camp brochures will not be mailed out.

Some of the popular weeks (like Family Camp) fill up fast. **Camperships for all who wish to go to camp (even adults) are available from Faith Lutheran.** Please contact Celeste and she will send you a copy of the application form.

Upcoming FLBC Retreats & Events

Adult Spirituality Retreat - "Shepherd Me, O God"

April 18 - 20, 2021 (Sun - Tues)

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\$165/person (\$125 for Monday only)

Join Pastor Brenda Satrum at FLBC for time with your Shepherd, as we dwell with God in Word, prayer, silence, and song. (CEU Credits available) Register online or by contacting the FLBC office.

Memorial Day Family Retreat & Work Weekend

May 28-31, 2021

FREE! Registration still required :-)

Come have a fun weekend and help FLBC get ready for summer!

Women's Retreat

June 11-13, 2021

\$165 full weekend (\$125 for Saturday Only)

Join us at FLBC for a weekend of rest and fun! Pastor Miriam Schmidt will lead us in Bible Study around the topic "Saying No, Saying Yes – A Spiritual Practice"

<https://flbc.net/annual-programming/womens-retreat/>

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



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!

COLLEGE/SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



Applications for 2021 Scholarships are due before April 15, 2021. You may access a scholarship application by going to **faithlutheranhamilton.org** website or by going to the church office, or by calling the church office and asking to have one sent to you. You may return it by mail, or in person to the church office. We are looking forward to helping you in your continuing education.

Donations to Faith's Scholarship Fund are always welcome! They can be left in the church office or included with your regular offering envelope. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the scholarship committee:

Mark Livesay (381-5172)*Jacque VanDenburg (363-5393)

Karen Heller (360-1208)*Jane Hollibaugh (531-1077)

Take A First Step in Growing Generosity!

Is your congregation experiencing growth, stability, or decline in generosity? Are you wondering who will lead generosity in the next generation? Have you considered or implemented new strategies over the last year? Do you need inspiration for inspiring generosity in the years ahead?

You are invited to a **free**, three-part, online education series provided by Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and Christikon in partnership with the Montana Synod. All are welcome! A great opportunity for stewardship committees, Pastors, SAMS, and all interested adults!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87658985117?pwd=eWo0Y3ZaNkdZRDVaRkZjRDRKZ1NYZz09>

Meeting ID: 876 5898 5117

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“INSPIRING GENEROSITY TODAY”

- Monday March 8th, 4:30-5:30 PM
Why Do People Give? Trends and Driving Forces in U.S. Generosity
- Monday March 15th, 4:30-5:30 PM Zoom
Annual Stewardship: Planning for and creating annual stewardship efforts that grow generosity
- Monday March 22nd, 4:30-5:30 PM Zoom
Stewardship For All Seasons: Exploring the other seasons of stewardship in the life of congregations their impact on giving

These sessions are designed for congregational leaders, rostered and lay. They will build upon each other, but recordings will be available if you are not able to attend all sessions.

Pray for the 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 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.

Also pray for

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

- **Discovery Care:** Clara Felton
- **Valley View:** Ruth Dillon
- **The Beehive:** Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson
- **Remington:** Chuck Olson, Kathleen Gazzara
- **Home Nursing Care:** Virginia Roterling, Smitty
- **Incarcerated:** George Davis

- **Prayers for:** ... Celeste Pogachar, Eunice Romo, Madilyn Farrenburg, Morry Mitteness, Millie and Erv Unruh, Bonnie Montgomery, Linda Bentz, Amber Wood, Amber Lynch

- **Prayers for comfort:** Family and friends of Anne Meskimen, mother of Jill Meskimen.



**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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We have a new member in the Fessler family. Zachary Hansen Fessler was born February 19, 2021. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 14 ounces and 20.25 inches long.

Our best wishes to Zachary and his family on this joyous occasion.





March Birthdays

1	Chris Wise	19	Claudia Williams
5	Paul Gyles, Elizabeth Jameson, Rod Pogachar	20	Brooke Lawry, Amy Lawry, Dean Rinta
6	Marie Larson	23	Megan Lewis, Anna Seifert
7	Claire Seifert	25	Brian Mendenall, Judy Wilson
9	Dirk Beyer, Mark Grotbo	26	Todd Archuleta, Jana Exner
10	Bridger Syme, Jill Turley	27	Annalise Lewis
12	Tristan Hanson	28	Kevin Silkwood, Denise Linnell
13	Kathleen Gazzara	30	Richard Castor
14	Meredith Buhler	31	Ella Dowd, Donna Mitchell
16	Suzie Deibert, Patricia Larson Anilynn Mason		

Dates To Remember



Wednesday, March 10: Holden Evening Prayer (7pm)

Wednesday, March 17: Holden Evening Prayer (7 pm)

Wednesday, March 24: Holden Evening Prayer (7 pm)

Tuesday, March 23: Faith Serves Community Meal at Cornerstone

Sunday, March 28: Passion/Palm Sunday

Friday, April 2: Maundy Thursday /Good Friday Service (Noon) *Live at Church as well as Zoom and Live Streaming.*

Sunday, April 4: Easter Service at 8:00 am and 11:00 am



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