



The Faith Herald

April 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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Pastor Paul

"Christ is risen," "he is risen indeed," "alleluia!" I never tire from hearing these words, but how easy it is to forget them. Jesus told his disciples three times that he would be turned over to the authorities, be beaten and suffer a horrible death by crucifixion. They must have forgotten. They would not even believe when "Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women..." told the disciples what the two men in dazzling white clothes had told them. They said, "...why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again. Then they remembered his words..." (Luke 24: 5-6, 10).

The disciples would not believe until Jesus broke bread with them, "When he (Jesus) was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him;..." (Luke 24: 30-31). In the midst of the disciples' despair, Jesus showed up.

We have had a lot of things that have led us to despair in the last year, but may we never forget that we are never alone. Jesus is always there for us, and in the midst of it all we are able to remember, and then, to shout out "Christ is risen," "he is risen indeed." "Alleluia."

Partners in sharing God's grace,
Pastor Paul



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COLLEGE/SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Faith Lutheran Scholarship Committee are accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. High School seniors, or anyone enrolled in a secondary educational institution for the fall 2021 term may apply. Pick up an application form on the counter outside the Church office or are available on the Website: faithlutheranhamilton.org.

THEY ARE DUE BACK TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY APRIL 15TH.

Donations to Faith’s Scholarship Fund are always welcome!

They can be left in the church office, included with your regular offering envelope, or with your e-giving process.

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)

Scholarship Fund Quiche Sale

The Easter Breakfast Scholarship fundraiser was cancelled last year because of Covid. And will not be held again this year due to Covid restrictions. The Quiche Sale is an alternative fundraiser to bolster the Scholarship Fund. We have 9 graduating seniors this year and several young members who are currently in college or training programs who will also be eligible to apply for scholarships. It would be a blessing if we could add some more dollars to the Scholarship Fund to aid them with their educational endeavors. An order form is below. There will be a few quiches available for purchase on Easter Sunday between services along with some cinnamon rolls and sweet breads. P.S. Donations to the Scholarship Fund are always appreciated. Just make a check out to Faith Lutheran and earmark it for the Scholarship Fund. Thanks for your support!

Worship Readings for April

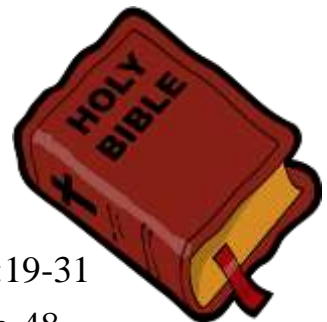
Friday April 2nd: Good Friday, Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9, John 18:1-19:42

Sunday, April 4th: Easter Sunday, Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16: 1-8

Sunday, April 11th: Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-22, John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 18th: Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48

Sunday, April 25th: Acts 4: 5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18



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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!

April 11th: Special Congregational Meeting to Approve the Parking Lot Reconstruction Project

Council has been discussing the condition of the parking lot for some time. At the last Council meeting, approval was given to Dale Brady, the Steward of Property and Grounds, and his committee to proceed with getting bids. Congregational approval is also required due to the cost of the reconstruction. According to the bids received Council needs to raise about \$100,000.

The finance package for this project will include \$70,000 of church funds with the additional \$30,000 being raised by fundraising activities and projects throughout the year.

The Special Congregational Meeting will be held April 11th immediately following worship. The bylaws allow us to only discuss this one item at the meeting. So it should be a short meeting. We will also provide a Zoom meeting for those who cannot attend in person.

One fundraising idea includes buying a parking spot for \$100. Bear in mind it will not be assigned to you, nor will your name be painted on the spot. Another idea is recycling aluminum cans - think soft drinks, beer cans and other drinks, pie pans, used aluminum foil, some pet food cans and that is all I can think of. There are plastic tubs by the kitchen back door in which to place the aluminum items. Other fundraising ideas are being considered by Dale's team. If you have ideas, please feel free to share them with Dale or any member of the council.

Please plan on attending the Special Meeting if possible.
Dean Drake, Council Convener

Montana Synod Devotion for the Easter Season is Ready to be Distributed in Your Congregation



As we continue to recover from the pandemic we are encouraged to consider the whole Synod is growing together as we are “equipped for ministry.”

Leaders and pastors in the Montana Synod have written reflections for Easter Season Devotions that are now available for members to print and we will print some in the office as well. They will also be on the website soon.

The document is available here .

<https://files.constantcontact.com/f49ad262201/f242c2bd-8613-4f13-8788-c0fff3018bb7.pdf>.

It is also available to download on the Montana Synod website.
It prints out well as a bifold booklet, if your printer has that capability.
Otherwise, it will print with each page being 8 1/2 x 11 in size.

Local Easter Events

April 3rd, Saturday- *Easter Egg Hunt*, at UMAB Hamilton (211 N. 6th) from 12pm-1:30pm for grades 0-5.

April 3rd, Saturday- *Easter Adventure Drive-Thru* at the Fairgrounds, from 1pm-3pm (sponsored by HAOG)

April 3rd, Saturday *Walk for Christ*, Veterans & others carry a wooden Cross from Anglers Roost to Victor – Contact Brian for more info 369-5813



**FLBC Summer Camping Season
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!)

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

Upcoming FLBC Retreats & Events

Adult Spirituality Retreat - "Shepherd Me, O God"

April 18 - 20, 2021 (Sun - Tues)

\$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/>

[More Info to follow on these 3 Retreats](#)

Holy Land Trip

June 15–24 with Elias Nawawieh

Family Weekend

July 2–4 with Pastor Scott Hedegaard
& Pastor Barb Gwynn

Family Weekend

July 16–18 with Pastor Ben Morris,
University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse

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April 11 is Bible Camp Sunday!

Pastor Paul and Josie will lead a worship filled with our favorite camp songs, and a representative from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and summer programming, from YOUR Bible Camp.

Partners of FLBC was established to encourage and honor those who contribute \$150 or more annually to the camp. FLBC's operating budget is comprised of 70% from user fees and 30% from gifts: our gifts keep camp open for kids, for all. Join the

Partner households at Faith this year and support quality ministry that communicates the love and leadership of God through Jesus and changes lives for good!

FLBC Legacy Partners make a gift to FLBC in their estate plan.

Information about Partners Club and Legacy Partners can be found on the counter outside the church office or at www.flbc.net

Thrivent Members can designate Thrivent Choice dollars to FLBC. **(By March 31st!) Or consider writing an Action Team Grant.** FLBC Executive Director Margie Fiedler has lots of great ideas for projects!

Other donation opportunities: Check out this link to find ways that you can help out the camp: <https://flbc.net/donate-volunteer/#> Ideas include: Bag of Blessings, Amazon wish list, Adopt-a-Project, FLBC Endowment, Courtyard Brick Pavers, Needs List (check before your spring cleaning! List is also posted on the bulletin board in the narthex)

Every little bit helps!

Celeste Pogachar, Josie VanDenburg and Deb Cathey, Faith's FLBC delegates



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Our Interim Youth and Family Director

I am feeling so blessed and excited to start this position as Interim Youth and Family Director. Though I have spent my last four years going to college at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, many of you may already know me for I grew up in this church and was baptized and confirmed here. Faith Lutheran truly holds a special place in my heart. I know with COVID that recent times have been rough on a lot of people including our young ones. I already have some fun ideas for faith formation with our congregation and our children. With COVID policies changing every day, I am working with Pastor Paul to head up an outdoor summer program *Wanderings and Ponderings in Faith* this summer that will end with a group trip to FLBC. I want to get all ages feeling welcomed home in the Faith community after what feels like a very long time apart.



I am looking forward to our adventures in faith together!!!!

Joy and Peace,

Josie VanDenburg :)

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Stephen Lind	April 3	Susan Rose	April 21
Shirley Sorenson	April 8	Luke Mendenall	April 22
Charles Patterson	April 10	Nicole Lowry	April 23
Sally Porter	April 11	Emily Heitmann	April 24
Royal Beyer	April 12	Robert Mahon	April 24
Brooklyn Dowd	April 13	Jenny West	April 24
LaDonna Grotbo	April 13	Ryan Fessler	April 26
Barbara Anderson	April 16	Carol Mitchell	April 26
Jerry Deibert	April 18	Seth Mason	April 29
Bonnie Savory	April 18		
Brady McDonald	April 20		
Deb Cathey	April 21		

Thank You!!

Many thanks to Judy Wilson. Judy has helped with sending the newsletters and the mass mailing we did last week. The help was greatly appreciated. Flowers to you.



Sandy Russ



To Pastor Paul and dear friends at Faith –
Thank you so much for the thoughts and prayers,
phone calls and cards.
Really appreciate your kind gestures.

Lina Gyles

I'm so grateful.....
Thank you so much for all the love you have blessed me with
as I'm recovering from a recent surgery: the prayers, yummy food,
beautiful flowers, and sweet get-well cards!
I appreciate your thoughtfulness.



Celeste Pogachar

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 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.

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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 Rotering, Smitty
 - **Incarcerated:** George Davis
 - **At Home:** Bertie Senn
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- **Prayers for:** Wanda Huddleson, Shirley McGourty, Celeste Pogachar, Eunice Romo, Morry Mitteness, Millie and Erv Unruh, Bonnie Montgomery, Linda Bentz, Amber Wood, Amber Lynch

 - **Prayers for comfort:** Family and Friends of Miriam Bromlett, for the Crossman Family and friends

Dates To Remember

- 3/29** Deadline for Quiche Orders
- 4/2** Maundy Thursday/good Friday at 12 noon
- 4/4** Easter Sunday 8:00am and 11:00am – please call to sign up
- 4/11** Bible Camp Sunday followed by the Special Congregational Meeting regarding the parking lot reconstruction.
- 4/12** Council Meeting 3:45 pm
- 4/15** Scholarship applications are due

More Upcoming Events

Easter season devotionals available online

Daily devotions written by Montana Synod ELCA pastors and leaders.

More information is available in Thursday's Constant Contact email.

If you are not able to print, please call the church office for a hard copy (363-2964)

FLBC Adult Spirituality Retreat "Shepherd Me, O God" April 18-20

More information is available in Thursday's

Constant Contact email, and on bulletin board in narthex

Please contact Celeste Pogachar if you are interested in attending

(Reminder: matching campership funds are available for you to attend!)

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