



The Faith Herald

May 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

“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth... From his (Jesus’) fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ (John 1:14, 16-17).”

As I ponder this text today, and think about grace, I think of Martin Luther’s words who writes, “Christ is no Moses, no exactor, no giver of laws, but a giver of grace, a Savior; he is infinite mercy and goodness, freely and bountifully given to us.” This grace is not what Dietrich Bonhoeffer refers to as “cheap grace” from his book, *The Cost of Discipleship*. Jesus came and made grace active that we may emulate this grace in the way we live with others.

Again Luther writes, “This grace of God is a very great, strong, mighty and active thing. It does not lie asleep in the soul. Grace hears, leads, drives, draws, changes, works all in man (humankind), and lets itself be distinctly felt and experienced. It is hidden, but its works are evident.”

Paul speaks of this active grace when he talks of being “...unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me,” (an active grace), “has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.” Active grace.

In a broken world, filled with judgement, fear, not knowing what is coming next, may we all lean God’s loving embrace—into the active and on-going work of God’s grace that we find in Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit.

I leave you with a prayer from Luther that depicts God’s active grace for us to be lived out in our lives. Luther writes, “Lord, grant that anger or other bitterness does not reign over us, but that your grace, genuine kindness, loyalty, and every kind of friendliness, generosity, and gentleness may reign in us. Amen.”

Partners in sharing God’s grace,

Pastor Paul



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Our High School Seniors,



Bella Sidoruk: Bella is so excited (but sad) to be a senior at Hamilton High School this year! She is not quite sure where she is going to college next year yet, but knows it'll be somewhere back east. She is nervous to be heading out on my own next year, but knows that God will guide me along the right path. In high school, she really enjoyed playing soccer, singing, competing in piano and also playing for pleasure, volunteering for the community, ski instructing and meeting all of you! Her favorite thing to do in her free time is to hang out with her family, who she feels honored to

be so close to. Although it is sad to let all of that go, she is excited to see where her journey leads her next. She is hoping to study Psychology and Cognitive Science, along with minors in Creative Writing and Music. After her bachelor degree she wants to work towards a master's and doctoral degrees. Eventually she is hoping to do clinical research, have her own therapy office, and be a university professor and write her own book one day! She is very determined and passionate about her goals, and hopes to accomplish all of her dreams with the help of God's grace. " I am so thankful to have met all of you, and each person at Faith has a special place in my heart".

Amanda Boelman: Amanda is graduating from Corvallis High School. Over the years, Amanda has participated in dance, 4-H, Jazz band, Symphonic band, Pep band, National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, and Interact. Amanda also enjoys exploring nature, gardening, and sewing. Amanda will be attending Montana State University, Bozeman to study Microbiology and complete pre-med. She hopes to study abroad during college and one day find a fitting career in the field of medicine.

Logan VanDenburg: Logan is graduating from Hamilton High School as valedictorian and Senior Class President. He has been involved in many activities such as Science Olympiad, Envirothon, Key Club, National Honors Society, Track, Swim Team, Tennis, and Team Captain for Cross Country. He has received the Naval ROTC Scholarship and will most likely be attending the University of Madison Wisconsin but is also wait listed to attend Harvard. Logan was baptized and grew up at Faith Lutheran and has participated in things such as Pastor Paul's Call committee and a Student Intern under Pastor Paul. He is ready to move on to the next chapter in his life and is thankful for the many people that have supported him over the years.

Maizie Mendenall: Maizie is graduating from Hamilton High School with High Honors. In High School Maizie has been a part of Envirothon and Choir among many other activities. She is planning on attending college and is excited for all the things in store for her future.

Tanner Hanson: Tanner is graduating from Hamilton High School with High Honors. For many years Tanner has played both golf and basketball for Hamilton. He is excited to be attending Rocky Mountain College to play golf at the collegiate level.

Also graduating this year are Austin Drake, Grayden Byer, Kaitlin Denton, Kenny Reichart, and Anna Seifert.



Community Meals for this season are finished on May 21st. Faith supplies and serves the meal the 4th Tuesday of the month from September to April. Many thanks to Linda Beyer and all the volunteers who help with the meals.



Worship for May

Sunday, May 2: Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, John 4:7-21,
John 15:1-8

Sunday, May 9: Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6,
John 15:9-17,

Sunday May 13th: Ascension of our Lord Acts 1:1-11, Psalm
47 or 93, Eph 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

May 16th: Acts 1:15-17; 21-26 Psalm:1, 1John 5:9-13,
John 17:6-19

May 23rd: Day of Pentecost (Senior Sunday) Acts 2:1-21 or Ezk 37:1-14,
Psalm 104:24-34,35b, Rom 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21,
John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

May 30th Holy Trinity Sunday Isa 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Rom 8:12-17,
John 3:1-17

Come and Worship

Please join us for in-person worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30am!

Or if you would still prefer to worship from home (or from on the road), our Sunday morning service is livestreamed every week on You Tube and Facebook. Masks are required for in-person worship.

YouTube: Look for "Faith Lutheran Hamilton" and sign up as a subscriber.

Facebook: ask to join Friends of Faith Lutheran Hamilton.

Both services may be watched at a later time, too.

LORD POUR OUT YOUR
LOVE, LIFE, AND
Liberty

National Day of Prayer

Join our Community in Prayer --

All are Welcome! Thursday,

May 6th 12pm – 1pm

**Hamilton Assembly of God
Church (601 W. Main)**

Ravalli County Ministerial Association



2021 Youth Summer Activities

Wanderings and Ponderings in Faith

A Youth focused outdoors bible study program happening for 4 weeks this summer led by Josie VanDenburg our new youth director and assisted by Pastor Paul. Meeting at the church on Tuesday and Wednesdays for Trail Tuesdays and Water Wednesdays. Activities will include hiking, swimming, boating, and bike riding. **All ages are welcome**, kids going into 6th grade or higher do not need a chaperon to attend but anyone younger wanting to participate needs a parent or guardian to attend as well.

- ★ Wednesday June 16th, BBQ @ Lake Como
- ★ Tuesday June 22nd, Hike to Blodgett Overlook/ Wednesday June 23rd, Swim in the Bitterroot River
- ★ Tuesday June 27th, Hike to Como Falls/ Wednesday June 28th Float on the Clark Fork
- ★ Tuesday July 6th/Wednesday July 7th Overnight Camping and Biking the Hiawatha Trail

Camps

Our church loves summer ministry!! We will be putting on Vacation Bible School (VBS) for kids going into Pre-K to Fifth grade. We would love to have anyone older than that to come help and volunteer at VBS. We also love to support Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and will be going up for a custom camp the week following VBS. Any and all members of Faith Lutheran Church are invited to join us at FLBC but as with Wanderings and Ponderings in Faith anyone younger than 6th grade needs a parent or guardian to attend with them. **For the week at FLBC *you will need to sign up by June 20th and there will be a cost involved in attending but we are covering some of the costs through our campership funds.**

- ★ VBS July 12th - 16th
 - Families and All Ages are Invited to: Como and Camp Counselors
 - Thursday July 15th BBQ@ Lake Como 6pm
- ★ FLC @FLBC July 18th - 23rd

High School

Our High School age kids are busy ones and are welcome to come to any and all events listed above but we will be having some Faith and Fires (bonfires) specifically for our High Schoolers to hangout, bond, and explore their faith. If you are a high schooler, have a high schooler, or know a high schooler please reach out and send us some contact information to youthdirectorflc59840@gmail.com.

- ★ Wednesday June 23rd @ 7pm
- ★ Wednesday July 6th @ 7pm
- ★ Wednesday July 14th @ 7pm

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**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

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/>

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July 18th-23rd, 2021

Be sure to register by June 20th

[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



Giving and Spending

*Giving for the first quarter of 2021 was \$ 46,683.99
Expected giving for the month was \$ 39777.49
FLC received \$ 6906.55 more than expected.
Many thanks to all.

- *Expenses for the quarter were \$52641.54. This was \$ 5957.55 short of our income.
- *We have received the SBA Loan for \$13,700. This will be used to help with the payroll.
- *The funds for the parking lot have reached \$3000 for parking spaces and there is \$1,274.49 from contributions.

Endowment Fund Quarterly Report

March 30,2021

We have 2 Endowment Funds: The Doris Koch Memorial Endowment fund with a Principle of \$100,000. and the Faith Lutheran Endowment with a Principal of \$15,000. The Stock Market is doing well and our Funds are increasing. We periodically remove interest above the Principle and place it in the Endowment Distribution Account which can be used where needed to maintain our ministry. Earlier this year money from this account was used to upgrade our sound system. If you have any questions please let me know.

Carl Russ, Financial Secretary, FLC Endowment Funds
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Our faithful custodian, Richard, has submitted his resignation. The doctor has told him he cannot return to work. Many of you have responded to help with keeping our church clean and ready for Sundays. I so appreciate your willingness to serve. Thank you for that. If you are unable to serve your 'shift' or if you have questions or need supplies, please give me a call. (240-9321 or 363-2749) You are appreciated!!

We will begin the process to find a replacement for Richard very soon.
We want someone who will be "permanent" – remain for a long time.
If you know of someone let Pastor, Dale, or the office know.

Richard, you will be missed!!

Dale Brady, Property & Grounds

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Summer Concerts at Sapphire Lutheran Homes

Friday, June 25th 7:00 pm featuring “Who Dat!”

Friday, July 2nd 7:00 pm featuring “406

Friday, July 7th 7:00 pm featuring “Band In Motion”



Shakespeare in the Parks

Tuesday, July 27th 6:00 pm "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Wednesday, July 28th 6:00 pm "Cymbeline"

FREE Events! Bring a lawn chair or blanket and your own food/drink...and a friend!

Located at: 501 North 10th Street

Hamilton, MT 59840

Remembering Elaine Wasem

Elaine Wasem recently finished her work on earth and met the Savior she knew so well and loved so much. Elaine had made a recent move to Minnesota after many years in the Bitterroot and at Faith. John’s granddaughter Janet who lives in CA tells me Elaine will be buried near John at Corvallis later this Fall.

She and John moved here from California shortly after their marriage and their honeymoon on motorcycles. Elaine had operated a nursery there and brought her knowledge of native trees and shrubbery with her to Montana. She was always willing to share that experience in her humble way.

Elaine and John were faithful members at Faith serving in many ways. Whatever Elaine did, she gave it her utmost. She and John built all the risers for the rectangular tables that have saved so many backaches. She headed up the quilters for a long time and spent hours both at home and at the church getting things ready for the others, and sewing countless quilt tops at home.

She loved studying the Word, but she was a natural ‘Martha’ as well. She noticed so many things that could be better and just did them. She and John precisely measured and installed all the vinyl in the bottom cupboards.

Elaine loved deeply. She treasured her friends and so many folks were recipients of her kind gestures . . . cookies and other goodies when someone was expecting company or busy with a project of some kind. She just always seemed to know.

We are all better for having known and loved Elaine Wasem and her life and her work will be remembered.

Clairice Brady

Parking Lot Fundraising With Aluminum

Our fundraising project for raising dollars with aluminum is moving forward. The tan bin is for cans only. The grey box is for pie tins, foil, and other aluminum items. The tan bin is hard to open so if hubby is handy have him do it.



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

Scholarship Quiche Sale



The quiche sale was quite successful. 80 quiches were made and baked by the kitchen volunteers. All of them sold for close to \$1600. Additional funds were donated = \$360. So the grand total was \$1960. Way to go everyone!!

Did you get behind in your Bible readings? Well here we go with the rest of the April Readings. Another mailing will go out to those who do not do computers when available.

April 19th, Hosea 5-8: Psalm 100, 1. Imagine that you're a minister and God shows up in your church Sunday morning and says, "I'm after love that lasts, not more religion. I want you to know God, not go to more prayer meetings." What would your next step be?



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2. When do you bring God “a gifts of laughter”? Why do you think that’s the case?

April 20th, Hosea 9-11: Psalm 101, 1. Talk to God, acknowledging that he is pulling your wagon. 2. When you hear the phrase “salt-of-the-earth people,” who comes to mind?

April 21st, Hosea 12-14: Psalm 102, 1. Think of some examples you see of “religion customized to taste.” Don’t forget to consider your own religion. 2. What could you write “so people not yet born will praise God”?

April 22nd, 1 Corinthians 1-2: Psalm 103, 1. Write down the name of your favorite religious personality, author, pastor, etc. Was that person crucified for you? Was anyone you know baptized in that person’s name? 2. Which description(s) of God have you experienced most recently?

April 23rd, 1 Corinthians 3-5: Psalm 104:1-23, 1. “You realize, don’t you, that you are the temple of God, and God himself is present in you?” 2. What is your favorite aspect of creation? Why?

April 24th, 1 Corinthians 6-8: Psalm 104:24-35, 1. “Where you are right now is God’s place for you.” What does this statement mean to you with regard to where you are right now (place, marital status, job etc.)? 2. What other words would you use to describe God’s “wildly wonderful world”?

April 25th, Reflection

For April 22

April 26th, 1 Corinthians 9-11: Psalm 105:1-22, 1. What in this passage most attracted your attention? Why? 2. “Keep your eyes open for God” today. “Be alert for signs of his presence.”

April 27th, 1 Corinthians 12- 14: Psalm 105:23-45, 1. Imagine this passage as a huge potluck dinner. What did you put on your mental plate? Why? 2. Where have you heard the word “covenant” lately and in what context was it used?

April 28th, 1 Corinthians 15-16, Psalm 106:1-23, 1. Bring to mind a family member or close friend who has died. Now imagine answering your front door and seeing that person standing there fully alive. What’s your reaction? 2. What have you demanded and received, only to be left with an empty heart?

April 29th, 2 Chronicles 1-4, Psalm 106:24-48, 1. Solomon believed The Temple had to be “the best, for our God is the Best.” How does that perspective work itself out in your life? How do the people around you honor or ignore that perspective in their lives? 2. What feels “exiled” in your life right now? How long has it been?

April 30th, 2 Chronicles 5-7, Psalm 107:1-22, 1. Forgiveness. What does the word mean to you? Where do your thoughts go at just the mention of it? 2. Recall a time when God “got you out in the nick of time.” What were the circumstances?

May 1st, 2 Chronicles 8-11, Psalm 107:23-43, 1. What has taken your breath away recently? Why? 2. Recall a time when you felt God didn’t get you out in the nick of time. What were the circumstances?

May 2nd, Reflection



Birthdays

Cliff Marks	May 1	Morry Mitteness, Logan Sidoruk	May 15
Katie Exner, Nancy Osborn	May 3	Tracy Walczak	May 16
Maxwell Buhler, Will Heitmann	May 4	Tom Anderson, Judy Griffin	May 18
Anita Bell	May 5	Donna Jakobson	May 18
Deidra Markette	May 6	Sage Beyer	May 22
Lavonne Beers	May 8	Darrin Heitmann	May 23
Greg Mitchell, Nancy Marks	May 8	Lucas Brady	May 24
Nathan Brady	May 13	Dick Hoeben	May 28
Danielle Harden	May 14	Pete Seifert	May 29
		Walker Buhler	May 31

Pray for our Military

Please remember our family and friends that have joined the military and are defending our country each and 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 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. Alex Stephens, MD**, grandson-in-law of Dale and Clairice Brady, serving at Ft. Campbell Hospital.

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- **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 our Members and Friends...

Please call or email us with your prayer requests

Prayers for safety and healing: Axel Johnson, Richard Castor, Terilee, Darcie Darlington, Garrett Park, Kerry Lee, Carl Wooleck, Crystal, Lonnah H, Jacob, Neveah, Racquel, Pat, Carl, Wanda Huddleson, Shirley McGourty, Morry Mitteness, Millie and Erv Unruh.



Prayers for Comfort: for the family and friends of Elaine Wasem

Prayers for the Homebound:

Discovery: Clara Felton

- **The Beehive:** Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson
- **Remington:** Chuck Olson
- **Home Nursing Care:** Virginia Rotering, Smitty
- **At Home:** Bertie Senn
- **Incarcerated:** George Davis

Dates To Remember in May

- May 6th:** National Day of Prayer,
Assembly of God, 12 noon – 1:00 pm
- May 9th:** Mother's Day
- May 13th:** Ascension Day
- May 20th:** Sapphire Lutheran Home Corporate Meeting
- May 23rd:** Pentecost, Senior Quilt Sunday
Wear Red
- May 30th:** Holy Trinity Sunday
- May 31st:** Memorial Day, Church office closed



- **Pastor Paul will be attending a continuing education program from May 17 thru May 23.**

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