

The Faith Herald

October 2021

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

Isaiah 40:9

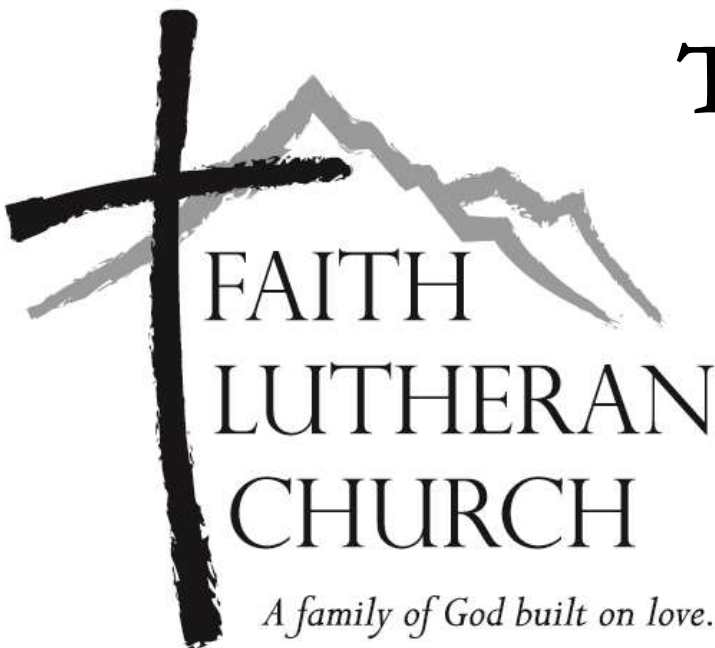
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**October, 20121 Newsletter Article
A note from the Pastor.**

**Greetings to you all,
Spring ushers in a new season of longer days,
blossoms, new births, and new growth, it's a
beautiful time of the year. Fall, likewise ushers in a
new season, of shorter days, leaves and trees turning beautiful colors of reds,
yellows, and browns. Ecclesiastes tells us there is a time and a season for
everything under heaven. I hope you all have had a wonderful spring and
summer season. What season are you in as you walk by faith trusting in God's
love and care. Are you experiencing a mountain top experience, do you find
yourself in a valley, or perhaps you are having a wilderness experience.
Wherever you are in your journey, in your walk with God, remember God is
always walking with you. God always promises us to never leave us or forsake
us. Please pray with me: "Good and gracious God, thank you for the seasons of
nature. May they remind us of the seasons of our time and our walk with you.
Please draw us close to you in this new year of faith formation. Help us to use
the gifts you have given us to share the love of God with those around us, in
new and innovative ways. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen."
Partners in sharing God's grace,
Pastor Paul**





The Operation Christmas Child Packing Party Combo

Sharing God’s love and providing a way for children to learn about Jesus and his teachings are the basis for the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoeboxes. It’s important to keep sharing this message of God’s love through shoeboxes especially as we continue to deal with Covid. At this time a “traditional” Faith Church Packing Party is in the planning stages. It will include the packing line and a light lunch on Sunday, November 7th. Those who are open to being in a larger group setting with food and fellowship are invited to pack boxes at this time. We certainly encourage everyone to consider the health and safety of others and practice safe inaction protocol if you plan to attend this gathering.

For those who are not comfortable in a larger group setting, the packing line will be set up in the church Fellowship room a few days before this date and after Nov. 7th. Individuals, families, and “pods” of friends who feel safe together can come to the church during business hours and pack boxes. Church business hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 am – 1 pm. Obviously, coming to the church during the business hours will not work for everyone, so, you can arrange time outside business hours or weekends by calling or texting Linda Beyer (406-207-3471).

Look for more details in the weekly Constant Contact or at Sunday church services. And like every year, you can pick up an empty box(es) at the church and pack it/them at home and then return them to our church or at the Drop Off Center (usually the Cornerstone Bible Church on Fairgrounds Rd). Collection week is November 15 – 22.



Community Meals Faith Providing in Our Community

Community Meals provide a free meal four nights a week for anyone who would like one.
Mondays and Tuesdays meals are at the Cornerstone Bible Church on Fairgrounds Rd.
Wednesdays they are at the Assembly of God Church on Main St. and
Fridays they are at the St.

Francis Parish Hall at 411 S 5th St.

Faith Lutheran prepares and serves the meal on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Our next meal is October 26th. Preparation and packaging takes place in the afternoon at Faith and then we hand out the To-Go meals later at the Cornerstone Church. Meals are served from 5 – 6:30 pm. To

learn how to help visit with Linda Beyer – volunteers are greatly appreciated!



Thank You!

Dear Friends and Families of Faith, My time here is coming to an end. I am leaving towards the end of September to start my life with my Fiancé. I want to say Thank You so much and that I am so grateful that I had this opportunity to serve this faith community that has helped raise me. This community has been there from before I was born through my baptism, my confirmation, and now as I have had the opportunity to be a leader in faith. This has been such a fulfilling experience and I hope that all the things that I am setting up in place for when I leave will continue to benefit our Youth and our church community as a whole. And don't worry this will not be a final goodbye, I'll still be able to come to services when I'm home visiting my family. I hope that as things return to a new normal that our church is able to continue to grow and share God's love as you have.



**shared God's love with me.
Thank You!!!**

**Sincerely with Peace, Love, and Joy,
Josie VanDenburg**



St. Francis of Assisi and the Blessing of the Animals

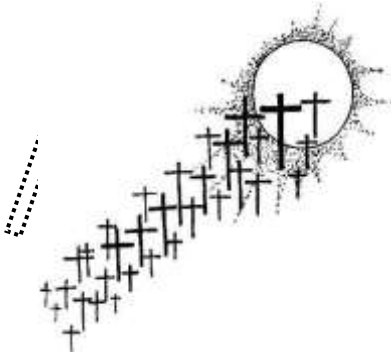
October 3rd has become a traditional time to bless pets and animals,

At the end of the service we will meet outside to Bless our Pets!
If it is not convenient to bring your pet, bring a photo.



Remembering Our Saints

9:30am, Sunday, November 7, 2021



Celebrate our new saints (those baptized into the life of Christ) and those who've passed on. During worship we will toll a bell and process with flowers for those who've died in the past year and light candles in honor of all those who've ever loved us and those gone home to God. **Please turn in a Response Card at worship or email the office with the name/s of those who've passed this year, so that we can list them and provide a flower.**

Take a Look at the "Card Nook"

Have you checked out the Card Nook lately. There are cards for different occasions; Birthdays, Weddings, Graduation, Sympathy and others blank that you can write note that best fits the occasion.

You can use one of the envelopes there for payment and leave that in the mailbox of Clairice Brady.



Please join us as Faith Lutheran Church Celebrates its 70th Anniversary November 14, 5:00 p.m.

We will be celebrating our 70 years with a special evening of looking back, looking forward and celebrating each other. We have been given much and we want to give back with some gifts to Haven House for them to do what they do best. To assist in planning, You will be asked to pre-purchase your ticket to the celebration with a can of food for Haven House. If you would like, you can bring additional cans to honor those who have laid the foundation and those who have come before us to actively build on that foundation. We will be putting names on the cans to build a 'giving wall'. There will be invitations available for each of us to pass on to folks we haven't seen for awhile. So look around, grab a few invitations, add a personal note and get them in the mail. Please sign your name to the invitation. Pastor Paul is contacting former pastors and their families with our invitation for them to participate. Expect an evening of good food, fun in remembering and celebrating with each other. The 70th committee, Jane Mason contact person



FLBC News & Notes



Oct 8–9 Annual Meeting & Harvest Festival



The next FLBC event is the annual meeting and Harvest Festival. This is for our elected representatives to meet and greet and bring home information. The discussion will be important on the current status of the camp as well as learning about future plans.

The **Harvest Festival** will be held on October 9th.
4 PM – 5:30 PM is the Silent Auction, Happy Hour and Appetizers
5:30 PM – Dinner is Served



6:15 – Live Auction & Program

Individual tickets are \$30 each

Table Package for 8 is \$200

Kids under 16 are free – activities & dinner for youth from 4-7 PM

Contact FLBC at 406-752-6602 for tickets or visit one.bidpal.net/flbcauction/ to buy tickets on line and browse online auction items. Online bidding starts 10/1/21 and ends 10/10/21.

See flyer on bulletin board.

Crazy About Quilting Retreat

Nov 4–7 Quilting & Crafting Retreat



Join us for a weekend of quilting and fun! Bring your quilt projects and work alongside friends old and new on the shores of Flathead Lake. Evening devotions, worship, and plenty of time for conversation with delicious meals and cozy accommodations will make for a relaxing weekend away.

Family Advent Retreat

Dec 3-5

Prepare for the Christmas season by taking intentional time to slow down and enjoy the season. Make awesome crafts, cut your own Christmas tree, and soak in time for worship and prayer this Advent.

Cost: ages 12+ - \$178; 4-11 = \$89; 3& under = free, Non-refundable \$75 deposit due by Nov 16, 2021.



See the flyer on the bulletin board.

Youth Ski & Snowboard Retreat

January 8-10, 2021

\$115 / person (2 free adults per youth group) // Lift tickets not included

\$50 deposit / person & registration due by December 29th

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 youth group.

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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.



Retreat begins with dinner at 6:15pm on Friday (check-in is from 5-6pm) and ends with breakfast on Sunday. Sack lunches will be provided for both Saturday and Sunday.

Call the FLBC office at 406-752-6602 if you have any questions or to register!



S.A.F.E. White Ribbon Week is October 17-23

The White Ribbon Campaign is a community-wide event to raise awareness about domestic violence in Ravalli County, giving people an opportunity to make a statement against domestic violence. Wearing a white ribbon symbolizes your commitment to not condone, commit or support domestic violence. It is a very simple way for our community to send a very powerful message- that our families deserve to live in homes that are safe and free from violence. Adopted in Ravalli County in 1999 with the distribution of 750 ribbons.

Ribbons will be available at church on Sunday, October 15th. By wearing a ribbon, you are making a statement in support of ending intimate partner violence. We hope adults will speak to children about violence being an unacceptable way to solve problems, and we hope adults will speak to each other about creating and modeling respectful relationships. For more information please call S.A.F.E. At 363-2793 or email coalition@safeinthebitterroot.org

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

From Susan Wetzsteon

Pastor Appreciation Month

Ask about his grandkids

Send a note, take him out for coffee

Takes the time to attend our youths' events

Open your home, invite he and Gwen for dinner

Remember he loves camping and hiking!

Practices what he preaches

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Always ready to listen
Usually can be found with his guitar
Let him know how much you appreciate him!

Pray for our Military

Keep them in your thoughts and prayers, especially those close to our family here at Faith Lutheran:

Remember in Prayer...



- **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.
- **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...

Pray for Healing: Cheryl, Charlene Riggle, Mary Schmidt, Mary Ann, Myrtle Irene Cosner, Steve Forseth, Tom Dolan, Tom Martin, Karla West, Wes and Andy, Bertie Senn, Geri Grymes

Prayers for Comfort: Family and Friends of Rod Snook, and Family and Friends of Matt Hurley.

The Beehive: Yvonne Olson,

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Charles Olson, Kathleen Gazzara

Discovery Care:

Sapphire: Bertie Senn

Home Nursing Care: Virginia Rotering, Smitty

Incarcerated: George Davis

Dates to Remember:



Every Wednesday is Wednesday Night Alive

- 10/8-9** FLBC Harvest Festival/ Annual meeting
- 10/10** Youth Sunday
- 10/21** **Faith Herald Deadline**
- 10/24** Reformation Sunday, **Wear Red**
- 10/31** Halloween

October Birthdays

- Helen Volden October 3
- Donald Huddleson October 6
- Mazie Mendenhall October 6
- Krieger Larson October 7
- Amber Richardson October 7
- Jenny Seifert October 7
- Kiley McDonald (Davis) October 12
- Julia Seifert October 12
- Kaitlin Denton October 16
- Ruth Dillon October 17
- Kathy Clark October 18
- Jon Anders October 20
- Sam Laine October 20
- Nancy Schueler October 20
- Lauren Kimsey October 24
- Katharine Russ October 28



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