

The Faith Herald Newsletter

May 2022

May 13th is the deadline for all information to be added to the June newsletter. Feel free to email, call, or drop information at the church office.

The FLC Council is working on a new church directory. Please give your current email, phone number and physical address to the church office by the end of May so we can include you. Thank you!

Pastor Paul's Ponderings for the May

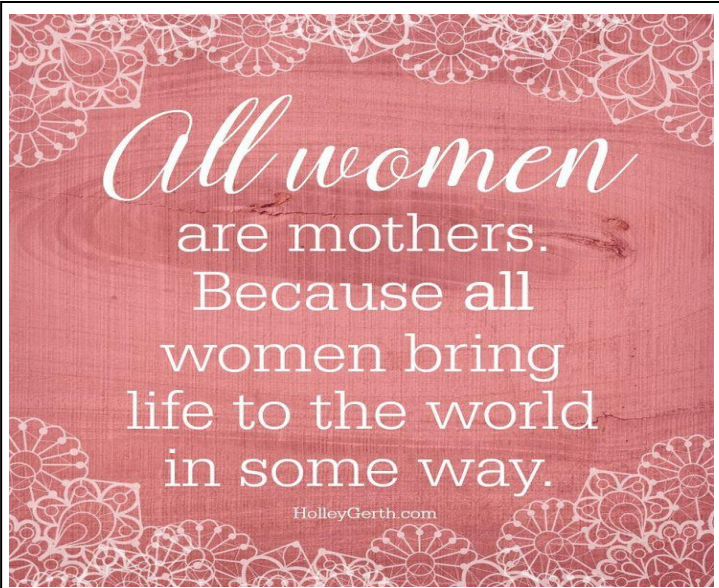
Dear Friends and Members of FLC,

“Christ is Risen—He is risen indeed, Alleluia!” I have been pondering, since my Easter sermon, more about what the empty tomb means for us. It truly means that Jesus is alive! Jesus lives among us and now, Jesus lives within us. I enjoyed Margie Fiedler’s, (Director of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp), message, going from Jesus scarred hands to sending out the disciples with the power of the Holy Spirit, to sending us out. Then she told the story of the ELCA slogan of “God’s work, our Hands,” and how that came from someone who was not believer but saw the work that God was doing through the church. Jesus is alive and the empty tomb shows us that. Jesus is alive in each of us, and Paul reminds us of that as he did to the church in Corinth. “Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” We are sent, just as the disciples were to spread the good news of God’s love with everyone we meet. “Christ is Risen—He is risen indeed, Alleluia!” Partners in sharing

God’s grace,
Pastor Paul

DEVOTIONS Read: John 10:22-30. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally the Good Shepherd Sunday. The most recognized of all the psalms, Psalm 23, reminds us that the Lord is our shepherd. In John 10:11, Jesus identified himself as the good shepherd. As the Messiah, Jesus has followers he refers to as “my sheep.” His sheep recognize his voice and follow the good shepherd as the Messiah (a translation of Christ). Today, we, too, serve as the voice of Jesus in the world that others may follow the good shepherd and recognize Jesus as the Christ. 1 Peter 5:4 alludes to this when Jesus is named as the “chief shepherd.” Not only pastors but everyone, including parents and other trusted voices, shepherd one another in faith and life. As followers of Jesus, as sheep of the good shepherd, we all carry the voice and message of Jesus into the world. Shepherding is a way of life for disciples that guides, protects, and serves others that they may hear and recognize Jesus. Discuss: How has someone helped you hear the voice and message of Jesus Christ? Pray: Comforting and gracious God, help us to hear and trust the message of Jesus, the good shepherd, that we may care for and shepherd one another in faith, hope, and love. Amen

“Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God built on love: Worshiping, welcoming, learning, and serving in Christ’s name.”



Happy Mother's Day to all the women at FLC. We pray your day is filled with love, joy, and a day of special blessings!

Dear Friends at Faith Lutheran Church,

I am so glad it is finally spring in the Bitterroot Valley. In May the council will be meeting at 4pm on Monday May 16th for our monthly council meeting. Normally we meet the second Monday of the month but needed to change the date for this month due to scheduling conflicts. If you are interested in attending please call me, Jacque VanDenburg, at 406.363.5393. You can also email me at jacquevandenburg@gmail.com. All members at Faith Lutheran Church are welcome to attend.

This year as part of our council meetings the church council is doing a brief bible study as part of our meetings called " Living Lutheran Renewing your Congregation" by Dave Daubert. It discusses a changing world for a changing church. Please keep all the council members in your prayers as we work together to serve and lead in our congregation.

Respectfully, Jacque VanDenburg,
President/Convenor

The church office will be **Closed Memorial Day**. We will be opened normal business hours Tuesday. Have a great and special Memorial Weekend.

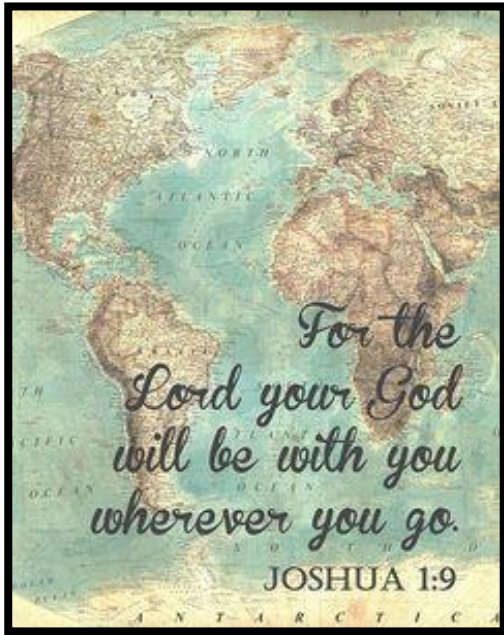
New Members Celebration

FLC would like to welcome each new member and those newly baptized, we pray for each one of you!

2022- Ben Essary, Clyde Riggle, Hannah Hildebrand & Chris Bergman, Dewayne Smith, Virginia Optiz.

2020- Lans Richardson, Clair Griffin, Todd & Kimber.

2019 – Phil & Vicki Silvan, Chris Wise, John & Jan Serfass, John & Leanne Marten, Curtis Smidesang, Susan St. Clair, Chuck & Yvonne Olsen



FLC would like to congratulate all our graduating seniors of 2022. We are so proud of each of you. Emma Mitchell, Krieger Larson, Will Heitman, Rylee Auch, Ella Dowd, Max Buhler.

Our prayer for each of you.

Dear Lord, Keep your loving hands on each of these young adults, as they each begin a new journey. Guide them with all their decisions, show each of them your ways, and never let them get too busy for You. Keep these graduates strong in your word, remind them daily they are loved, worthy, and important. Continue to keep them on the path you have them on now Lord, and don't let him stray. Give them courage to love others and love themselves. Present each one of them with unbelievable opportunities and let them grow in your teachings. In your Son's name, we pray for this year's FLC Graduating Class of 2022. Amen

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the cards and calls. Most of all, thank you for the many prayers sent my way. knowing someone is thinking of you when you're not feeling so good helps a lot!

Thanks Again

Judy Wilson

Thank you to Sapphire Lutheran Home, FLC and the Easter Bunny, the Mayor and Mark Livesay, to everyone else who made the 2022 Easter Egg Hunt a safe and fun event for the children. You are appreciated. Thank you sincerely,

- All Gods blessed children of FLC.

The first quarter of 2022 brought losses to both The Doris Koch Fund and The Faith Lutheran Fund. The balance in the Doris Koch Fund was \$95,929.74 and the balance in Faith Lutheran Fund was \$14,760.90 as of 3/31/2022.

Since we cannot draw money from the funds unless they are above \$100,000.00 for the Doris Koch Fund and \$15,000.00 for the Faith Lutheran Fund respectively, we were unable to transfer money to the Endowment Disbursement Fund. The Endowment Disbursement Fund will have the balance it had at the end of last year, which was \$8,774.18.

Carl Russ, Finance Secretary for the Endowment Committee



Please remember graduation Sunday is May 22nd. We will be celebrating our high school seniors. Scholarships for the students will be awarded at that time. Quilts will be handed out at the same service. Thank you to all our quilters for all your hard work and great ministry.

Please join us on **Saturday May 28th** for an open house to celebrate Emma Mitchell's graduation! Location is at Faith Lutheran Church in the fellowship hall from 1-4. Hope to see you there. -Jennifer Larson.

Note from the FLC Office:

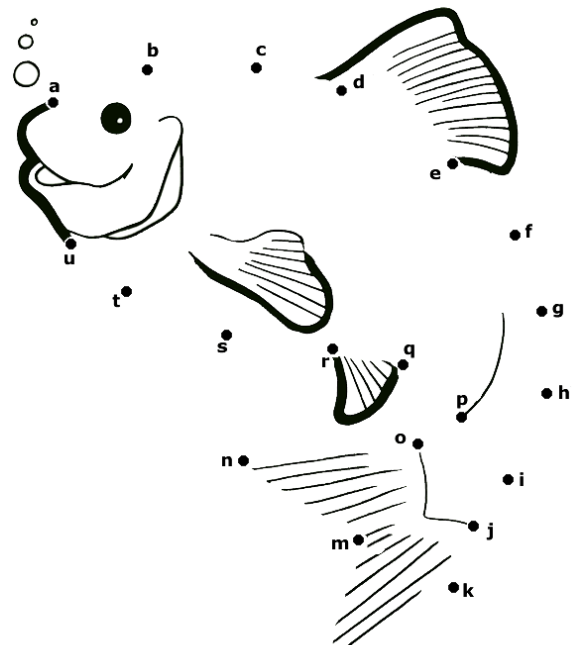
For a copy of the monthly church calendar to be emailed out to you we ask that you please contact the church office at (406)363-7946 or faithlutheran59840@gmail.com. We strongly encourage FLC members to contact the church office with any information that you

Breakfast on the Beach

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. John 21:12-13 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 21:1-14.

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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- 2-15-1-20 _____
- 3-1-21-7-8-20 _____
- 19-8-15-18-5 _____
- 6-9-19-8 _____
- 12-15-18-4 _____
- 2-18-5-1-11-6-1-19-20 _____

BREAD	COALS	BOAT	CAUGHT
SHORE	FISH	LORD	BREAKFAST

FLC KIDS

FLBC is hiring for 2022 Summer Staff!

We are looking for a few more people to be a part of our awesome team of staff to make Summer 2022 amazing! We are looking for faith-filled, hard-working, and kind-hearted individuals to join our team. Visit <https://flbc.net/employment/> to learn more and to apply! People ages 16+ are invited to apply for a variety of positions such as camp counselors, support staff, and more! Can you encourage one person you know - in your congregation, community, a neighbor, a friend of a friend - to apply to work at FLBC?

Faith Lutheran Church Monthly Financial Report

2022 Financials	Giving	Specified Giving	Total Income	Total Expenses	Investments Net Income	Net Income	CHKBK General Fund	Gerloff Scholarship Funds	Memorial Fund	Thrivent Investments
December 31/22										\$257,495.67
January	\$10,280.00	\$ 16,966.82	\$27,246.82	\$18,340.10	\$ (6,697.01)	\$ 2,209.71	\$19,122.04	\$998,088.00	\$ 5,992.12	\$250,798.66
February	\$13,891.01	\$ 1,311.80	\$15,202.81	\$11,334.41	\$ (4,204.22)	\$ (335.82)	\$23,235.82	\$998,088.00	\$ 5,992.12	\$246,594.44
March	\$14,502.00	\$ 6,283.87	\$20,785.87	\$19,867.14	\$ (4,666.23)	\$ (3,747.50)	\$24,522.79	\$998,088.00	\$ 5,992.12	\$241,928.21
April-Dec	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Annual Totals	\$38,673.01	\$ 24,562.49	\$63,235.50	\$49,541.65	\$ (15,567.46)	\$ (1,873.61)				

This represents the income and expenses from Jan - March 2022.

The amount of the Giving in January is because of the \$15,000 we receive from the Gerloff Estate.

This information from Giving to Net Income show actual changes from month to month.

The next 4 represent the dollars we have in various accounts.

Sandy Russ Steward of Finance

MAY CALENDER OF EVENTS AND GATHERINGS. SUNDAY WORSHIP @9:30AM

May 1 st , 8 th , 22 nd & 29 th Service 9:30 am. Fellowship to follow @FLC
May 4 th & 18 th @ 9:00 Quilters Group @FLC
May 5 th National Day of Prayer. Holden Evening Prayer Service @6:30
May 5 th Golden Group Salmon Feast @ 1pm
May 7 th Golden Group meeting for Father Stu movie @ 2:15 FLC parking Lot.
May 16 th Council Meeting 4:00 @FLC.
May 12 th 26 th Men's Bereavement Breakfast 9:00 am @FLC
May 13 th Deadline for Newsletter
May 22 th Graduation Sunday
May 24 th Community meals prep, and volunteers needed. Please contact church office or Linda Beyer
May 30 th Memorial day office is Closed



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



FLC Scholarship Breakfast Update:

Thank you all who made FLC scholarship brunch happen both in the Kitchen and with the cleanup, thank you to all who donated towards the scholarship fund. We were able to raise over a thousand dollars for these students.

**Region 1 WELCA Gathering
Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp
Lakeside, Montana
June 17 - 19, 2022**

**Workshop leader – Prairie Rose
Seminole**

Prairie Rose Seminole (Sahnish/Arikara, Northern Cheyenne) will be leading three workshops on Saturday. Prairie Rose is currently engaged as the Indigenous Fellowship recipient with the National Parks Conservation Association. Along with this fellowship through 2024, she is involved with building Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion curriculum with Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Seminole resides in, and has been involved in the ND political landscape over 20 years and has served in appointed public office - dedicated to building inclusive movement, shifting the balance of power to create real positive change for Indigenous people and communities. Seminole most recently served as the American Indian Alaska Native Program Director for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America serving American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Seminole continues to serve within the Church and around the United States as an educator and advocate, deconstructing colonial systems of oppression, and establishing restorative practices building community.

FLC Stewards and Staff

Pastor: Paul Anderson

President/Convenor: Jacque VanDenburg.

Steward of Finance: Sandy Russ

Steward of Hospitality & Fellowship: Jane Mason

Steward of Worship: Susan Peterson

Steward of Property & Grounds: John Marten

Steward of Discipleship: Deb Cathey

Steward of Outreach: Rick Brown

Custodian: Jennifer Larson

Secretary: Jasmine Meuchel

To reach any of the Stewards or Staff please call the church office at 406.363.2964

