

# *The Faith Herald*

## *November 2022*

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

Faith Lutheran worships each Sunday at 9:30 am.

In-person worship is at Faith Lutheran Church  
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## From Pastor Paul

Dear Friends and Members of FLC

Thank you all for the cards, gifts and words of appreciation Gwen and I received from you throughout the month of October. We appreciate all of you as well. Philippians 1:3-4, "I thank my God, every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now." Thank you again.

The first Sunday in Advent begins on November 27th, which is also the beginning of a new Church Calendar Year.

"The early Christians developed the "church's year" as a way of telling, learning, and reliving the story of Jesus, which stands at the heart of our faith. As they did so, they came to understand that it wasn't simply a matter of going round and round the same sequence and never getting anywhere.

Think of a bicycle wheel; it goes round and round, but it is moving forwards, not standing still. . . . So it is with the church's year. We go round the circuit: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week and Good Friday, Easter, Pentecost. The traditional Western churches sum all this up on Trinity Sunday, as we learn more deeply who our glorious God really is.

"... [But] we are not simply going round and round the same topics and never getting anywhere. We are signing on as part of God's larger project, God's forward purposes, his plans for the whole creation to be renewed, so that (as the prophets said) the earth will be full of the knowledge and glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. . . . That is the Advent hope." *Faithlife staff*

May the Joy of the Lord fill our hearts as we begin another Advent season and a new church year.

Partners in sharing God's grace,  
Pastor Paul

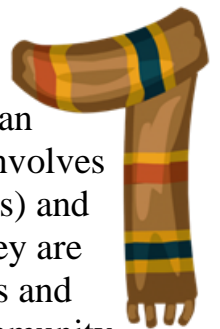


## November Birthdays

- 11/4 Tom Grymes
- 11/5 John Serfass
- 11/7 Barbara Davis
- 11/8 Peggy Trexler
- 11/9 Yvette Larson
- 11/9 Skeet Mason
- 11/9 Wes Southwick
- 11/11 Charley Larson
- 11/16 Mia Mae Mendenall
- 11/19 Cynthia Marshall
- 11/19 Colter Mason
- 11/20 Grayden Beyer
- 11/20 Jared Down
- 11/20 Abigail Wetzsteon
- 11/21 Madi Farrenburg
- 11/24 Shane Dodd
- 11/24 Caroline Denney

## Wrapped in Warmth

The next Golden Group activity will be a project Jan and John Serfass helped with in Pennsylvania. It involves cutting fabric into scarves (and some neck warmers) and then packaging with a note letting people know they are free. The scarves will be delivered to organizations and places around the community



where people in need can easily find them. The scarf making will be Tuesday, November 15th beginning at 11 am and will include a light lunch along with fellowship! This isn't just for the

ladies...there will be something for everyone to do! Come join us in creating some extra warmth for this winter.



## *Council Corner November 2022*

Dear Faith family:

First of all, thank you, thank you, thank you for following the Spirit's lead and choosing Faith Lutheran Hamilton as your church. You are, each and every one, a blessing to our faith community, our community at large, and the world around us. As a council, we have just begun to finalize the budget for next year, which we will present to you, the congregation, in December. December 4<sup>th</sup> will be a presentation of the 2023 proposed budget and a question and answer period, which will happen after worship. December 11<sup>th</sup> we will vote as a congregation on accepting the budget as presented.

Please consider attending both Sundays, as we want and need your input and questions on where we want Faith Lutheran using the gifts of support from you. As a council we are extremely aware of the economic realities of our world today, the rising inflation rates, employee costs, you name it. We thank you all for your faithfulness in giving. We thank God for the opportunity to serve as a beacon of light shining in as many windows as we can to spread the love of Christ to as many as we have opportunity. We pray for guidance on being good stewards of both people and resources.

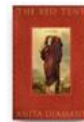
Thank you one and all, and may God Bless and Keep you, now and forever!

Respectfully submitted  
Rick Brown steward of Outreach



### Community Meals Faith Providing in Our Community

Faith will not be serving a meal in November as our day falls during Thanksgiving week. Meals are not served during this week since most folks we serve are eligible to receive one or more food baskets during this time, plus, serving facilities are often scheduled for other uses. The same is true for December. Our next time to serve a meal will be in January. If you would like to contribute to those in need during these two months, please consider giving goods directly to our local food banks or a monetary donation to the Montana Food Bank Network (5625 Expressway, Missoula, MT 59808) which supports all our local food banks.



Brooke Kimzey will be leading an 8 week fall bible study on Wednesdays starting September 28 and finishing November 16th. We will meet at the church from 6-7 ish pm. This time around, we will be looking at a work of fiction - The Red Tent by Anita Diamant. For more information call or text Brooke 406-261-2545. Come join us anytime.

# Adopt-A-Family

Dear Angels,

Faith Lutheran Church Council has once again decided to assist Bitterroot Adopt-A-Family in blessing needy, south valley families over the holidays.

The main sponsor of each family purchases a \$100 grocery certificate, in addition to the wants and needs of the family, BUT we all know \$100 doesn't buy many groceries.

You can help in this effort by purchasing gift cards in any denomination to local businesses. Ideas are of course grocery cards, as well as fuel cards, Chamber Bucks, or certificates to Easi Cleaners. Any gift would be simply amazing!

A small Christmas Tree has been placed in the Narthex. Please clothes pin your blessing to it by December 4th. They will then be given to those in need.

Thank you for blessing those less fortunate and sharing His love!

Kerry Hanson, Director

*Kerry contributed to the third grade Adopt-A-Family program for many years while working at Daly Elementary School, then took over the program when she retired from teaching in 2014. The program requires that recipients be anonymous for reasons of confidentiality. Kerry is the only one who knows who the families are and who is sponsoring them. Call Kerry if you have questions 406.240.4672*



## Grief Group

Grief group: Are you suffering the loss of a loved one? We will be using the book *Understanding Your Grief: Ten essential touchstones for finding hope and healing your Heart*. Right now, the group is small enough that we will be meeting for 6 sessions beginning Wednesday November 2nd and going through each consecutive Wednesday following. We will be meeting at 1:00 PM. If you or someone you know is interested in attending the group, please let the office or Pastor Paul know.

Our Christmas Program will be on December 18th during our Sunday worship service. We will be singing Christmas carols as the Christmas story is played and acted out. Everyone will have a chance to be a part of the program. If you are able to read and would like to have a reading part, please let the Pastor or the office know. Also, if you are interested in providing some special music for this service, let Pastor Paul know. This will be a celebration of Christ's birth, with birthday cake following the service.



Advent will soon be here. During the Advent season we will be holding the Holden Evening prayer services on the Wednesdays in Advent. The first one will be held on November 30th beginning at 7:00 PM and will continue each consecutive Wednesday with the last one being on December 21st. I hope you are able to Worship with us during this time of Advent.



## It's Time to Pack

Operation Christmas Child kicks into “pack those boxes!” mode early this month as shoebox collection week is November 14 – 21.

Our Faith Lutheran “at church” packing will begin Tuesday, Nov. 8th when the packing line will be available for individual or less hectic box packing. You’re invited to pack anytime during church business hours (M – TH between 9 am – 1 pm.) The

Packing Party will follow the church service Sunday, Nov 13th and will include food and fellowship. This is always an enjoyable time with sharing and laughter.

Items to fill the boxes have been donated and purchased throughout the year but you are certainly welcome to bring items to include in your box(es) or even fill boxes at home and bring during the above times. We do ask for help with the shipping costs if you pack a box(es) at the church. This is now \$10/box but this amount makes sure the boxes reach some of the most remote areas of the world and include the story of Jesus in the local language. Please come and help us share the good news of Jesus and God’s grace.



Many hands make light work. Come lend a hand and let's get the church decorated for Christmas. After church on November 20<sup>th</sup>, we will grab decorations from the attic and in less than an hour we will have the Church ready for Advent. Come Join the fun!

*(If you are around on January 8<sup>th</sup> we will reverse the magic and store the creations back in the attic)*

## Remembering Ruth Dillon

Ruth Dillon was ready to take her Savior's hand when heaven recently welcomed her there. Her last years had been in nursing care as her life slowly slipped away.

Ruth was faithful in worship until a stroke centered in her eyes and dimmed her eyesight. That caused her eventual move from Sapphire to nursing care. She developed a keen sense of recognizing voices and even the last time we took her communion before visitation stopped, she could not see us but knew our voices

Ruth's apartment at Sapphire Homes was a hub of life there. She knew everyone and was the one who encouraged and made events happen. Ruth loved her birthday and though her family was scattered, they made sure it was recognized every year in a big way. There were big parties at Sapphire around a birthday cake every summer. Often those were held outside.

Hardly anyone visited Sapphire without seeing Ruth. I think she heard the footsteps in the hall and her door flew open. She was the heart of hospitality. When Vera DeTienne and I did some wallpapering there years ago, Ruth was always near with cookies and reassuring comments. There were always papering hiccups and Ruth's encouragement often saved the day.

She loved her family with all her heart - daughters and a son and all those they married. One daughter talked about that at Ruth's Service – the word “in-law” didn't seem to be in her vocabulary.

Ruth knew where she was going and she's there now and we are all better for having known her.

Clairice Brady

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 9:30 am Worship	31	1 9 am Church Council	2 Quilters 9 am – 12 pm 1 pm Grief Group 6 pm The Red Tent women's study	3	4	5
6 9:30 am Worship	7	8	9 1 pm Grief Group 6 pm The Red Tent women's study	10 9 am Men's Bereavement Breakfast	11 Veterans Day	12
13 9:30 am Worship After church Operation Christmas Child Packing Party	14	15	16 1 pm Grief Group 6 pm The Red Tent women's study	17	18	19
20 9:30 am Worship After church decorate the church	21	22	23 Quilters 9 am – 12 pm 1 pm Grief Group	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27 9:30 am Worship	28	29	30 1 pm Grief Group Holden Evening prayer services 7:00 pm	1	2	3

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