

The Faith Herald

January 2023

*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.

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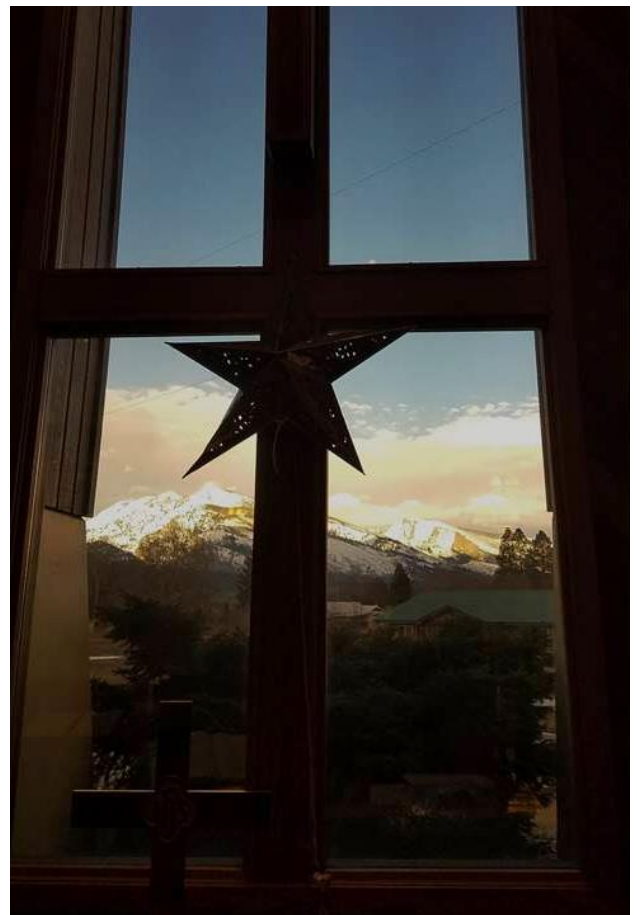
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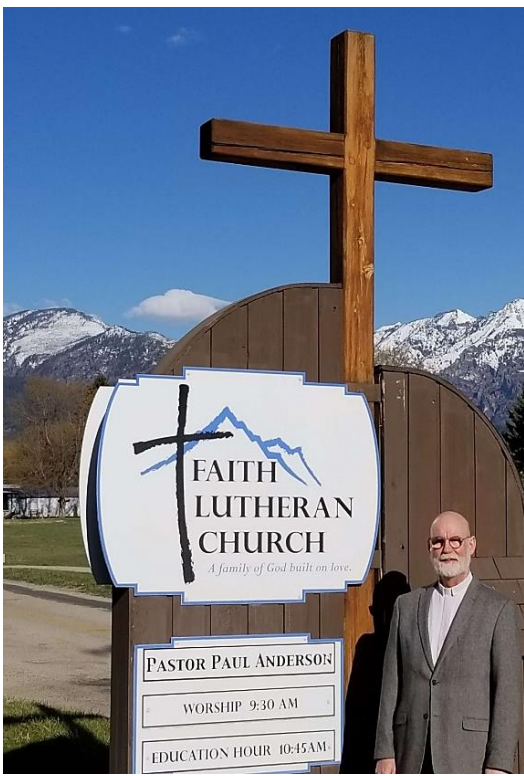
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about Pastor Paul

Dear Friends and Members of FLC,

Pastor Paul is on vacation as this newsletter is being prepared. We do miss his help getting the January newsletter out. However, this just makes us realize how much he does for us, not just on Sundays but every day. Everyone needs a vacation to stay healthy, and just think about how busy this place was in December!! We are thankful that we have him here, so loving and willing to serve.



Linda Beyer, the GG communication coordinator, has not received any concrete plans or ideas for a Golden Group activity for January at this time so no new email or sharing of the Golden Group Scoop has happened. However here is a reminder of the Golden Group's general guidelines discussed when the "seniors" re-convened after the months of Covid limitations...

1. We'll loosely call ourselves the Golden Group - cuz it's easier to have a name than a long description...
2. We'll shoot for an event/activity every month or so and different people will volunteer to take the lead for an event/activity so no one person gets burned out...
3. At the end of one event/activity we can decide who will "host" the next event...
4. The small bulletin board on the short wall just inside the Fellowship room and at the start of the serving window will be an information area for the Golden Group...Check for activities and news posted there...
5. Linda B is willing to act as the contact person for sending and receiving ideas and information for now...or unless someone else volunteers.
6. Always open to new ideas!!!



January Birthdays

- Jan 3 - Clairice Brady
- Jan 6 - Lina Gyles, Marlin Lewis, Carol Peterson
- Jan 7 - Allie Auch
- Jan 8 - Lars Larson, Logan Vandenburg
- Jan 9 - Kerry Hanson
- Jan 10 - Gunnar Larson
- Jan 15 - Nichole Mitchell-Rossmiller
- Jan 16 - Ron Osborn
- Jan 17 - Virginia Kinderzerski
- Jan 21 - Jerry Mitchell
- Jan 23 - John McKee, Susan Wetzsteon
- Jan 24 - Jennifer Larson
- Jan 28 - Paul Roege
- Jan 29 - Keegan Williamson
- Jan 31 - Claire Matthews



Council Corner *January 2023*

Our church year consists of these seasons; Advent, Christmas, Time after Epiphany, Lent, The Three Days (*Maundy Thursday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday*), Easter, and Time after Pentecost.

We are now in the 'Time after Epiphany' Jan. 6, 2023 - Feb. 21, 2023 (*from Epiphany Day until the day before Ash Wednesday*). Epiphany has been celebrated since the end of the second century, before the Christmas holiday was established. It is commonly known as Twelfth Night, Twelfth Day, or the Feast of Epiphany. It means "Manifestation" or "Showing forth". It commemorates the first two occasions on which Jesus' divinity, according to Christian belief, was manifested: when the three kings visited infant Jesus in Bethlehem, and when John the Baptist baptized him in the River Jordan.

The season of Epiphany is full of references to light. It begins with the Wise Men following the star to Bethlehem and ends with the story of the Transfiguration, when the disciples see Jesus, Moses and Elijah bathed in light on a mountain.

Our winter solstice was the 21st of December, the day with the least amount of daylight of the year. The winter solstice marks a symbolic end to the year, signaling that while dark days are here, warmer ones are awaiting in the distance.

Christmas lights have just made the long nights brighter. Christmas lights in a crowd of people can make us share joy, can gather us together with friends and family, allows us to see each other and the way forward, and when we are alone this light can make us warmer. And now we can celebrate Epiphany with light.

Today as the new year dawns, and we look forward to the new year, it is clear that our church community's light is strong. We shared a Blue Christmas service acknowledging loss and sorrow at holiday time. Nearly 100 of us celebrated the light of Bethlehem with a wonderful Sunday worship Christmas Program. You became Angels and Wise Men and a nativity scene. Many of you found yourselves in animal costumes as Mia sang "Friendly Beasts". You also helped our Church Council create a budget for the new year. You have just formed two important committees; one to update the heating system and another to begin the work to update the sanctuary. There are more stories of light in our church than I can list here.

I am thankful for this church family. We make each other strong, and the new year does look bright!

- Colleen Southwick, Council Steward of Communication



JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 12

Be a gamechanger in fighting hunger in our local neighborhoods! Faith Lutheran is part of



a nationwide program to help tackle hunger by collecting cans of soups and stews to help feed those in need of a hot meal. Beginning on Sunday,

January 8th through February 12 please consider bringing in a can of soup (or two) and maybe some crackers as well for this worthy cause. We will be displaying all the accumulated food so on Super Bowl Sunday Pastor Paul can say a blessing over our donations. Several local food pantries will benefit from our generous giving.

Let's all be game changers and become a champion for our community, so everyone has soup in their bowl today. Don't sit on the sidelines. Join us in making a difference in our community. Take the Tackle Hunger Challenge and help make sure no one goes without soup in their bowl this winter.



Hello Adopt-A-Family Angels!

I just wanted to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation to all of those that so generously gave from the heart this Christmas!

Your donations of grocery cards, fuel cards, laundry certificates, etc. were distributed amongst the 30 families, blessing a total of 83 kiddos! These families are navigating through any of the following ~ medical crisis, housing crisis, and job loss. The majority are working multiple jobs, but just struggling to make ends meet. Through your gift, it gives them HOPE!

May God Bless you and yours this New Year!

Kerry

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



SCANDINAVIAN FISH DINNER

Coming soon, End of February or first part of March.

Carol Peterson is the chairman and is willing to listen to suggestions. Phone 406 381 8564 or email cheesefactorygarage@gmail.com

Let's make this the best Dinner since Covid.

Grief Group

For the month of January, the Grief Group will meet a 1:00 pm at the church on Jan 11th, 18th and 25th.



Community Meals - Faith Providing in Our Community

The Community Meals are arranged through the Family Shelter of the Bitterroot are available to anyone in our community most Mondays through Fridays. They are provided by organizations (mostly churches) in the area and served at the Cornerstone Bible Church, Assembly of God Church, or the St Francis Parish Hall. Faith Lutheran will be serving the meal on January 24th, the 4th Tuesday of the month. We prepare the meal in the Faith Kitchen beginning at 1 pm and then serve the meal at 5 pm at Cornerstone Church. To help with preparing and serving the meal on Jan. 24th contact Linda Beyer 406-207-3471 (text or call) for more information.

The Faith Herald is mailed the first week of each month. The 20th of each month is always the deadline for the next month's publication. Please send info for the Faith Herald to:

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 New Year's Day Worship 9:30 am	2 New Year's Day Holiday	3	4 Quilters 9 am–12 pm	5	6	7
8 Worship 9:30 am	9	10 Church Council 9 am	11 Grief Group 1 pm	12	13	14
15 Worship 9:30 am	16 M L King Day Ron Osborn 90 th birthday!!!	17	18 Quilters 9 am–12 pm ***** Grief Group 1 pm	19 Men's Breakfast 9 am	20	21
22 Worship 9:30 am	23	24 Community Meals: prep @Faith 1 pm, Serving at Cornerstone 4:45-6:15 pm	25 Grief Group 1 pm	26	27	28
29 Worship 9:30 am	30	31	1	2	3	4