

# *The Faith Herald*

## *February 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.

in-person worship is at  
Faith Lutheran Church  
171 Lewis Lane | Hamilton

The worship service is streamed online  
- via YouTube and Facebook.



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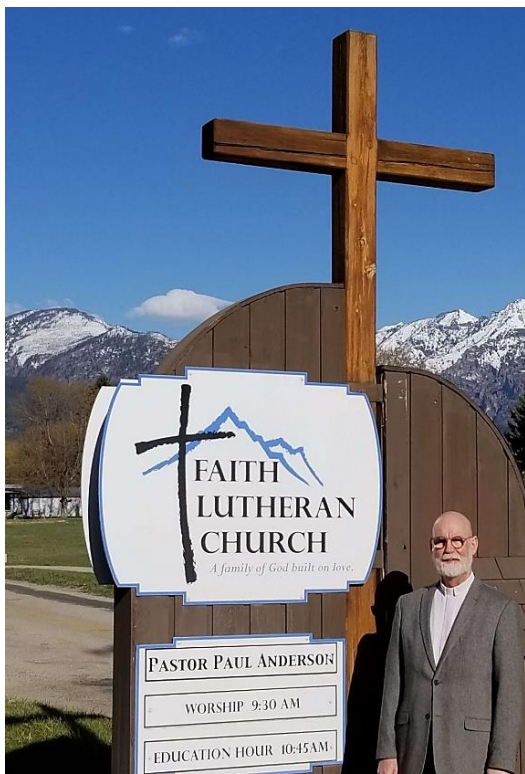
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## Pastor's Ponderings -

Dear Friends and Members of FLC,

As I ponder February my heart and mind goes to Ash Wednesday which is on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This day is the beginning of our Lenten journey. We will hear the familiar words, "From dust you've come, to dust you shall return," as ashes are put on our forehead. This is a time to remember who we are and a time to remember whose we are as we journey the forty days to the cross with Christ.

A verse I focus on during this time comes from Luke 9:23, "Then he (Jesus) said to them all: 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.'" As we begin our Lenten Journey beginning on Ash Wednesday let us ponder the words from the hymnist Baylus Benjamin McKinny, who wrote "Wherever He Leads, I'll Go." "Take up Thy cross and follow Me,' I heard my Master say; 'I gave my life to ransom Thee, Surrender your all today.' Wherever He leads, I'll go. Wherever He leads, I'll go. I'll follow my Christ who loves me so; wherever He leads, I'll go."

I pray you will have a reflective Lenten journey.

Partners in sharing God's grace,

- Pastor Paul



### February Birthdays

Feb 1 - Lucas Eckstein  
 Feb 2 - Millie Unruh  
 Feb 4 - Virginia Rotering  
 Feb 4 - Wayne Wilson  
 Feb 5 - Don Dale  
 Feb 5 - Brooke Kimzey  
 Feb 11 - Cory Keith  
 Feb 14 - Ellen Davis  
 Feb 17 - Jessica Eckstein  
 Feb 17 - Cecile Richardson  
 Feb 19 - Zachery Fessler  
 Feb 24 - Michelle Mendenall  
 Feb 25 - A Harden  
 Feb 25 - Cole Kimzey  
 Feb 25 - Jeb Vandenburg  
 Feb 28 - Donald Carlson  
 Feb 28 - Jacob Heitmann

### Community Meals *Faith Providing Meals in Our Community*



Faith Lutheran will be serving the Community Meal on February 28th, the 4th Tuesday and last day of the month.

Volunteers are always welcome to assist with the food preparation or serving the meal. We prepare the food in the Faith Kitchen usually beginning at 1 pm and then serve the meal at 5 pm at Cornerstone Church. To help with preparing and/or serving the meal on Feb. 28th contact Linda Beyer at 406-207-3471 (text or call) for more information.



## *Council Corner January 2023*

February is a busy month on our Church calendar. The first event will be our annual meeting on Sunday, Feb. 12th following the morning worship service. At the annual meeting we will review the Annual Report for 2022.

Council members will be present to answer questions and address concerns regarding the report. This is an opportunity for members to address the Council and gain a better understanding of the role the Council plays at Faith.

New Council and Committee members will be selected at this meeting also. Have you ever thought you might like to serve on the Council or on a committee? The Annual Meeting is the place to make this thought a reality. Join us and lend your voice to the conversation, I look forward to seeing you on the 12th.

Our Tackle Hunger campaign concludes on February 12th as well. To participate in the campaign, drop off your canned food donations in the Church Narthex.

Lent begins in February with Ash Wednesday on the 22nd. Lenten activities are in the works. More details to come. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office or contact a Council member.

I am excited to report that the Scandinavian Fish Dinner is back. Carol Peterson agreed to Chair the dinner and is looking for volunteers to help. Invite your neighbors and friends and make plans to attend dinner at Faith on March 12th.

I would like to thank all our members who support our Congregation through fellowship. Your hospitality provides a welcome to all who attend.

- Jane Mason, *Steward of Fellowship & Hospitality*

## **Coffee Fellowship**

The Coffee Fellowship after the Sunday service is one of the highlights of the week for many members of our congregation. It is a chance to catch up with one another and get to know each other better.

Donations of money are always welcome to help support this valuable activity and are always appreciated! However, when members step up and actually provide the sweet or other treats for coffee time it's appreciated too.

Treats do not have to be fancy, complicated, or excessive. In fact, purchased items work just fine...check out Mrs. Costco or local grocery providers.



Please consider signing up to help with this valuable fellowship activity. The sign-up sheet is usually on the kitchen serving counter.

## *Grief Group*

If you would like information about joining a Grief Group here at Faith, just send Pastor Paul an email at [flchamilton.pastorpaul@gmail.com](mailto:flchamilton.pastorpaul@gmail.com) and he will get in touch with you.



**JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 12**

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat".

Wow! Have you seen the amount of soup donations for our Souper Bowl of Caring so far? You've all been so caring and giving and the table is overflowing with cans. Hip Hip Hooray!

The final day to contribute your donations for distribution to our local communities is Sunday, February 12.

**TACKLE HUNGER**



### ***NEWS FROM FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP***

Please pick up the flyers on the narthex table about upcoming events

A note from our Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Director:

Blessed New Year!

THANKS for helping share the news of FLBC!!

We so appreciate you reaching out to people who would benefit from these retreats, and we hope to see YOU at upcoming events.

Thanks for recruiting summer staff! And praying for the best staff ever!

We are also looking to hire:

1. A part time winter cook, (evenings and weekends)
2. A retreat host.
3. An office assistant
4. Harvest Festival Coordinator

We are having some website issues, but will get these posted soon, [www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net)

Depending on the person, the job could include housing. No family housing is available. If you know of anyone, have them contact [Margie@flbc.net](mailto:Margie@flbc.net) 406-890-0662

THANKS and God Bless,

Margie P. Fiedler

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# Faith Lutheran Church

# Scandinavian Fish Dinner

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Tickets \$25.00 per person  
children under 10 free



Faith Lutheran Church  
171 Lewis Lane  
Hamilton, MT

For more information call the church office at 406.363.2964  
or Carol Peterson 406.381.8564, [cheesefactorygarage@gmail.com](mailto:cheesefactorygarage@gmail.com)

Also come join us on February 25th, at the church,  
for Scandinavian Cookie making.

March 3rd & 4th. Come join us making lefse.

Experts or beginners are welcome.

Bring your grills, rolling boards & pins and join the fun,  
beginning at 9 am. All are welcome.

Please call Susan Peterson 701-590-4064 to sign up.

A portion of the funds raised will go to  
the Hamilton Fire Department new fire hall.

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*February*

2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Quilters 9 am–12 pm	2	3	4
5 Worship 9:30 am	6 Church Council 12:30 pm ***** Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship 9:30 am ***** Annual Meeting 10:30 am ***** Souper Bowl Caring donation	13 Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	14	15 Quilters 9 am–12 pm	16 Men's Breakfast 9 am	17	18
19 Worship 9:30 am	20 Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	21	22 Ash Wednesday service 7 pm	23	24	25 Scandinavian Cookie making 9 am – 4 pm
26 Worship 9:30 am	27 Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	28 Community Meals: prep @Faith 1 pm, Serving at Cornerstone 4:45-6:15 pm	1 Lenten Luncheon noon–1 pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed is @ Presbyterian Church	2	3	4