

The Faith Herald

April 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 MT

The worship service is streamed online via YouTube and Facebook.

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Pastor's Ponderings -

Dear friends and members of FLC -

The hymnist writes, "Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and peace."

One of my greatest experiences of hearing the good news of the living Jesus Christ was at Bible Camp. We are blessed by having Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp only a couple of hours from us.

"Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp (FLBC) offers a Christ-centered camping experience for people of all ages. The staff is trained to help campers understand God's message of grace and to provide positive Christian role models while having an amazing experience in God's great outdoors!"

Bible Study themes are lived out each day through worship, drama, singing, small group Bible study, prayer, arts & crafts, campfire, and play as campers learn about and experience God's grace. Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp is dedicated to the spiritual, physical, and emotional growth of each person."

One of the challenges FLBC is facing this year is lack of staff. They are in desperate need of camp counselors for this summer's program. The last I have heard they have about 200 registered for summer programs so far. If you know of anyone who is 18 or older and might be interested in serving in this way, please get in touch with FLBC for an application. Applications are also available through FLBC for adult volunteers.

Fredrick Buechner writes, "Wherever people love each other and are true to each other and take risks for each other, God is with them and they are doing God's will." One of the places this happens is at Bible Camp.

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Partners in sharing God's grace - Pastor Paul



April Birthdays

- 3 Stephen Lind
- 11 Sally Porter
- 12 Royal Beyer
- 14 Brooklyn Dowd
- 14 Ladonna Grotbo
- 14 Zachary Johnson
- 16 Barbara Anderson
- 18 Jerry Deibert
- 18 Bonnie Savory
- 21 Deb Cathey
- 21 Susan Rose
- 22 Luke Mendenall
- 24 Emily Heitmann
- 24 Robert Mahon
- 24 Jenny West
- 26 Ryan Fessler
- 26 Carol Mitchell
- 29 Seth Mason

Grief Group

If you would like information about joining a Grief Group at Faith, send Pastor Paul an email flchamilton.pastorpaul@gmail.com and he will get in touch with you.



Council Corner *March 2023*

Beloved Faith Family:

As I write this, we have two Sundays until Easter. We have just elected a new council, but everyone's schedule is so crazy we can't find a time and day we can all get together, not even after church! Busyness, it's both a blessing and a curse, don't you agree? Even we retired folk have to plan out our lives weeks in advance because we all have something going on nearly every day. Even our Lenten journey with Christ, an opportunity for reflection, self-examination and quiet contemplation requires hours of planning; the lunches, the suppers, the studies and the worship services, oh my! And what about Easter Sunday? What about Holy Week and the Easter egg hunt? None of it happens by itself, and our Pastor, Administrative Assistant and respective Stewards put in hours and hours to make it all happen. Faith Lutheran Hamilton was once a church with over two hundred members, with two worship services every Sunday and dozens of folks eager to be involved and help shoulder the workload. We are less than half that number these days, and the able bodies so plentiful in the past are hard to find. Easter Sunday is a day of joy and new beginnings, and your Council joins with you in the celebration of our Lord's triumph over death and the hope of everlasting Life. We invite you to consider talking with a Council member and asking them how you can help in the life of serving our Lord, our community, and our congregation here at Faith.

Blessings to all,

Respectfully submitted - Rick Brown Steward of Outreach

Golden Group

No new ideas or arrangements for an activity have been shared recently.

If you are interested in hosting a Golden Group event, please let Linda Beyer know and she will send the word out via email and print copies for those who don't do computers. Just let her know the details.

In the meantime, Happy Easter!
(contact Linda: 406-207-3471 or
beyerstars@gmail.com)



Community Meals

Faith Providing Meals in Our Community

Faith Lutheran will be serving the Community Meal on **April 25th**, the 4th Tuesday of the month. We depend on volunteers to provide the hands that prepare the food and serve 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 any part of the meal on April 25th contact Linda Beyer at

406-207-3471 (text or call)
for more information.



Spread the word to your High School Seniors and College Students.

The deadline for Faith Lutheran Scholarship applications is April 15th.

Get applications on the Narthex Table at church or at our website

www.faithlutheranhamilton.org Contact Mark Livesay 406 961- 5362 if you have question.

Also - on Easter Sunday there will be an Easter Breakfast between the two worship services with donations going to the scholarship fund. The menu is pancakes, sausage patties and fruit.

Early Bird discount ends at 11:59 pm, **April 1**, for youth summer weeklong camp! Join us for a great summer!

Summer staff needed! It's going to be an awesome summer!
Minimum age 18! Here is a link to our staff application: <https://flbc.net/work-at-flbc/>



**Will you be near or around the Flathead this spring or summer?
Join us! MARK your calendar!**

Easter sunrise service on the lake, **April 9, 7am**

May 14th, Mother's Day Brunch (often called the best brunch in the valley) 3 seatings, call for reservations. 406-752-6602

May 26-29 - Memorial Day work weekend..."A taste of camp" FREE...but must register, so we have enough smore making ingredients!

June 10th - Partners luncheon for all our amazing donors!

June 9-11 - Women's retreat on Storytelling with Dr. Meggan Manlove. Every Sunday from June 18th through July 30th-Worship with us in the Cockrell center at 11am, and join us for brunch at 10am; Boat, drive, or jog on in!

Passion Play each Thursday around 9pm from June 22- August 3rd, in our outdoor amphitheater!

July 1-Free picnic, concert with JUST MOVE (formally AGAPE) and campfire fun to celebrate FLBC's 80th birthday!!!

Volunteers needed every week this summer! Apply today! www.flbc.net

Our mission: To experience Christ's grace, through meaningful relationships, shared adventure, and purposeful service!



Planning for the 2023 Vacation Bible School (VBS) Day Camp held locally July 10-14 has begun. It will again be a collaborative effort with Faith Lutheran, First Presbyterian, St. Paul Episcopal, and Corvallis Methodist working together to make the week a meaningful and memorable VBS experience.

It will be held this year at the Presbyterian church. If you have children, grandchildren, nieces, and/or nephews between the ages of 4 and 12 add these dates to their summer calendar.

Also, please think about ways you might be able to help. We can always use volunteers in the kitchen, preschool class, registration table, crafts, and in general areas. We need 7th grade through adults to volunteer. In addition, Thrivent Action Team cards can help defray many costs of putting this week on and are greatly appreciated. Stay tuned for more contact details and how to sign up in the next Faith Herald.



Faith Lutheran Church Scandinavian Fish Dinner was March 11, 2023

Thanks to the whole congregation for a successful Scandinavian Fish Dinner. We had lots of fellowship and a welcoming atmosphere for the community.

Special thanks to my committee chairman, Lans Richardson for taking care of all the cooking and ordering of the fish and potatoes, Jacque VanDenburg and her girls for Advertising and being the Salad Queen and helping us set up and serve. Susan Peterson for taking charge of the Lefse. Scott Southwick for helping set up and clean up. Judy Griffin for all the support, encouragement and making cookies. Robin Ireland for helping every day of the process. Pastor Paul for serving and clean-up. Mark Livesy and Gwen for taking care of the coffee and water. Thanks to the servers and the bussing of the tables. I appreciated everyone. Thanks for all the help. Thanks for coming and eating and socializing.

- Carol Peterson, Chair



Montana Synod Announcements

Christikon is an extension your congregation's ministry.

Bus Attendants needed for 2023— Would you or someone you know be willing to ride with youth on their way to Christikon? Yes? Please call Kerry in the office at 406-656-1969 or email at secretary@christikon.org for details. It pays a daily rate as well!



Don't miss out on the **Early Registration Discount for youth campers**: Register by April 1st and save \$25 in any youth session. If you don't have the camp brochure mailed to you, pick one up at the church, or register online.

Adults and families: Check out the special focus for each of the family/adult weekends next summer at Christikon: work projects, faith formation, and Bible study will be woven together with worship, meal fellowship, re-creation, folk dancing and much more. Check out camping for adults and families online at www.christikon.org.

Annual Benefit Auction is on April 30th at the Billings Depot. We are looking for items for the auction such as: fishing trip, weekend getaway, dinner out, themed baskets. Have an idea? Let us know! Watch for more details as they become available on our website.

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ— exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.

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Seekers of Solace

"Even in the darkness, it is possible to create the light."

-Elie Wiesel

Join us as we support each other through companionship and understanding from others who have experienced similar losses and the challenges that living with grief brings. This group is a safe place for you to share conversation openly in an informal, comfortable setting about your loss and to alleviate the feeling of isolation.

You are not alone!

For additional information

Call Cory Keith at 406-375-5434

or coreenkeith@gmail.com

Seekers of Solace (S.O.S.)

Dates: 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month.

Time: 6pm to 7pm

Location: Faith Lutheran Church,

171 Lewis Lane, Hamilton

No affiliation is required or needed

Beginning: March 9, 2023

Sending care

More From:

College Student Care Packages

Thank you for the wonderful package of goodies. I am so blessed to have such a caring church family. When I was told I had mail waiting for me at the front office of my dorm complex, I was sure one of my textbooks had arrived. I was so surprised to find a package all the way from Montana. Thank you so much.

I also wanted to mention that I have been attending a church here in Australia. A couple weeks ago, a kind young woman invited me to the small church she attends. It's a little different than Faith Lutheran. It's a new pentecostal church that meets in a school. However, the congregation is super friendly, and so welcoming. I am thankful for the opportunity to continue to grow in my faith even while I am studying abroad.

- Best, Amanda Boelman



From our Council Treasurer – Sandy Russ

For those of you who like using our church envelopes for donations, we had a problem with our last order. See the table in the Narthex for generic envelopes you can use and info about the new order.

Hello Faith family!!

This is your friendly steward of worship here.

For those that don't know me my name is Amber Richardson and I am one of your accompanists. Do you have a favorite hymn that we never sing? Are you interested in special music?

Play an instrument and want to share your talent??? We are happy to have suggestions for hymns, just write down the hymn and the hymns number if you know it and we will work it into our service. Want to provide special music or a call to worship, just drop a note in my box and I will be in touch. Thanks for keeping the music playing!!! - Amber Richardson



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faithlutheran59840@gmail.com

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29 Quilters 9 am–12 pm ***** Lenten Lunch 12–1 pm Faith Lutheran Church ***** Lenten Soup Supper / Bible study / Holden Evening Prayer 5:45 pm	March 30	March 31 Office closed	April 1
2 Palm Sunday Worship 9:30 am ***** Easter Egg Hunt @ Sapphire after Worship	3 Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	4	5 Quilters 9 am–12 pm	6 Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 pm	7 Good Friday Worship 7:00 pm	8
9 EASTER 8 am Worship 9 am breakfast 10 am Worship	10 Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	11	12	13 Seekers of Solace 6-7 pm	14	15
16 Worship (Flathead Bible Camp Sunday) 9:30 am	27 Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	18	19 Quilters 9 am–12 pm	20 Men's Breakfast 9 am	21	22
23 Worship 9:30 am ***** 11 am Council meeting @ church	24 Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	25 Community Meals: prep @Faith 1 pm Serving at Cornerstone 4:45-6:15 pm	26	27 Seekers of Solace 6-7 pm	28	29
30 Worship 9:30 am						