

# The Faith Herald

## March 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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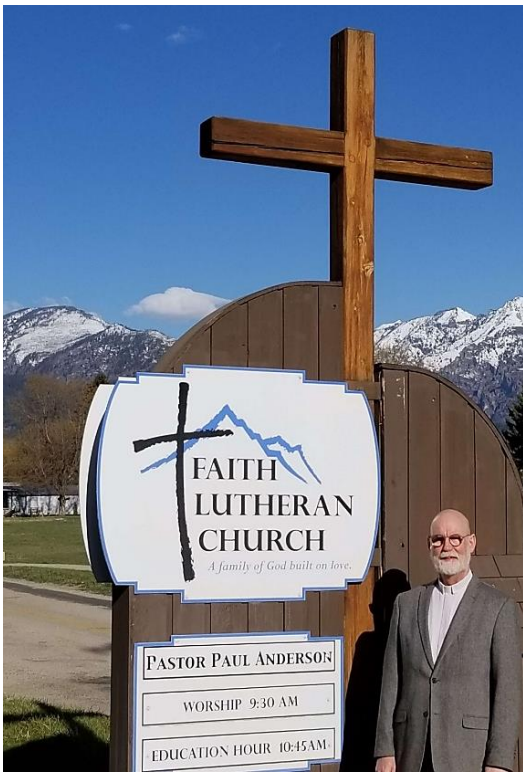
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## Pastor's Ponderings -

Something for us to ponder as we begin Lent. I would like to share from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "Letter from Tegel Prison," 1944.

"Before God and beside God we live without God. God lets Godself be driven out of the world onto the cross. God is impotent and weak in the world, and exactly in this way alone God is with us and helps us. Matt. 8:17 makes it very clear that Christ does not help by the power of his omnipotence but by the power of his weakness and his suffering! Here is found the decisive difference from all religions. The religiosity of human beings directs them in their need to the power of God in the world. ... The Bible directs human beings to the impotence and suffering of God; only the suffering God can help. Insofar as one can agree to the development of the world's coming of age, which does away with a false concept of God., the way is made free for the God of the Bible, who attains power and space through his impotence in the world. It is surely here that the 'worldly interpretation' will have to begin."

May God companion with us as we journey to the cross during lent and await Christ's resurrection at Easter.

- Partners in sharing God's grace. Pastor Paul



### March Birthday

March 1	Chris Wise
March 5	Paul Gyles
March 5	Elizabeth Jameson
March 5	Rod Pogachar
March 6	Marie Larson
March 7	Claire Seifert
March 9	Dirk Beyer
March 9	Mark Grotbo
March 10	Jill Turley
March 12	Tristan Hanson
March 14	Meredith Buhler
March 16	Suzie Deibert
March 16	Patricia Larson
March 16	Anilynn Mason
March 19	Claudia Williams
March 20	Brooke Lawry
March 20	Amy Lawry
March 20	Dean Rinta
March 23	Megan Lewis
March 23	Anna Seifert
March 25	Brian Mendenall
March 25	Judy Wilson
March 26	Jana Exner
March 27	Annalise Lewis
March 28	Denise Linnell
March 31	Ella Dowd
March 31	Donna Mitchell

Our soup suppers will begin on March 1, 2023, at 5:45 PM and will continue each Wednesday through the month of March. We will be using a Lenten study titled "The Final Days: A five part Lent Bible Study" by John Birch. The study will be followed with the "Holden Evening Prayer Service" beginning at 7:00 PM. Please join us.



Lenten soup lunches will begin on Wednesday, March 1 from noon to 1:00 PM. The first one will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Hamilton. The second one will be at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Hamilton. The third one will be at Corvallis United Methodist Church in Corvallis. Fourth and fifth ones will be held here at FLC. We will be using Amy-Jill Levine's book *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A beginner's guide to Holy Week*. I hope you are able to join us for this wonderful study during lunch through lent.

### Grief Group

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



## *Council Corner* *March 2023*

Our church council consists of a President/Convenor and 7 Stewards. Please see this monthly newsletter, our web page at [www.faithlutheranhamilton.org](http://www.faithlutheranhamilton.org) and the narthex table at church for articles about the working of the church, our phone numbers and email addresses. You can also find our current Stewards playing the piano during worship, working the overhead and streaming computers at worship, assisting at worship, in bible study after church, often in and out of the church office during week, and always a phone call or email away. Our stewards serve for 2 years terms and there is a limit of 2 consecutive terms. All different personalities make good stewards. Different skills and passions and leadership styles are not only welcome but are a strength. There are many ways to get a job done.

Jason Ho is an Elder at Lighthouse Community Church in Torrance, California. He helps out in counseling and worship among other areas. In his spare time, he is also an Urgent Care Physician. This is how he described this working together that we are doing as stewards, pastors, and members of congregations:

<https://www.biblicalcounselingcoalition.org/2021/06/11>

“In a perfect world, we’d all be on the same page, we’d all agree on everything. It is easy to have opinions but sometimes it is not easy to understand others’ opinions and to honor their ability to function in ways that we would have done differently. (1 Peter 5:5) Be kind and humble in spirit.

In Ephesians 4, Paul shares a crucial implication of the gospel - unity in the Body of Christ: “I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph. 4:1-2). Paul has listed the heart attitudes we must adopt as we set about to walk in a worthy manner. With humility, gentleness, and patience, we are to—and this is the imperative—bear with one another. To bear is to put up with, endure with one another. But as Christians, we know that we can’t just live with these disagreements outwardly while seething inside; instead, we must bear with a right heart motive and attitude. That’s why Paul says we are to bear in love. A good summary of bearing would be to tolerate lovingly. We put up with one another’s weaknesses, failures, differences, preferences, even sin with an attitude that proactively wants to love others, point them to Christ, and build them up.”

- Colleen Southwick, Steward of Communication

## **Golden Group**

If you are a Pinochle player Jane Mason is willing to organize a Pinochle Game event. Please let her know if you might be interested by emailing her ([13ljmason@gmail.com](mailto:13ljmason@gmail.com)) or talking with her at church.

Linda Beyer is the communication coordinator for the GG so if you are interested in hosting a Golden Group activity, she is more than willing to send the word out via email and print copies to those who don’t do computers. Just let her know the details.



## *Sending care*

### College Student Care Packages

From Bella: Oh my gosh I cannot express enough how wonderful receiving that package was!!! Thank you so much I miss you guys so much and hope everyone is well! Cookies are soooo yummy ❤️❤️

From Lauren: Thank you (and the church family)! For such a great box of treats!!!!!! I am so thankful for everyone!!! ❤️

This is Ani and I just wanted to say thank you for the care package! I always really appreciate the support I get from you all and felt so loved when I got my package 😊 I have enjoyed all the really yummy study snacks! I hope you are all doing well and I miss you!!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox News from Samaritan's Purse; God did incredible things through Operation Christmas Child this past year. Over 9.3 million shoebox gifts were collected in the U.S. during National Collection Week—the most ever! Our worldwide total was over 10.5 million boxes, which included the 200 millionth shoebox packed since the project began in 1993. That special gift was lovingly placed in the hands of an 8-year-old orphan girl in Ukraine. This remarkable year wouldn't have been possible without partners like you who packed the shoeboxes. Thank you for your generosity, faithfulness, and especially for your prayers.



### **Community Meals**

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



Faith Lutheran will be serving the Community Meal on March 28th, the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 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 March 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact Linda Beyer at 406-207-3471 (text or call) for more information.

### **JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 12**



*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, Matthew 25:35.*

#### **YOU DID IT!**

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!! Our Souper Bowl of Caring was an overwhelming success. After six weeks of collecting cans of soup and other items (plus cash donations) to be distributed to our local food pantries, it culminated in quite a pile. Overall, there were 457 items of food that we shared with Haven House Food Pantry in Hamilton and the Bread Box Food Pantry in Darby. Your generosity to help those in need in our communities was commanded by God to help our neighbors.

# 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](mailto: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**

Faith Lutheran Church

# Scandinavian Fish Dinner

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Tickets \$25.00 per person  
children under 10 free



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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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*March*

2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Quilters 9 am–12 pm ***** Lenten Lunch 12–1pm Presbyterian Church ***** Lenten Soup Supper / Bible study / Holden Evening Prayer 5:45pm	2	3  Lefse making, lunch available 9am-3pm	4  Lefse making, lunch available 9am-3pm
5 Worship 9:30 am	6 Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	7	8 Lenten Lunch 12–1pm St Paul’s Episcopal ***** Lenten Soup Supper / Bible study / Holden Evening Prayer 5:45pm	9  Seekers of Solace 6-7pm	10	11  Scandinavian Dinner 3-7pm
12 Worship 9:30 am ***** Church Council 10:30 pm	13 Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	14	15 Quilters 9 am–12 pm ***** Lenten Lunch 12–1pm Corvallis United Methodist ***** Lenten Soup Supper / Bible study / Holden Evening Prayer 5:45pm	16  Men’s Breakfast 9 am	17	18
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