

The Faith Herald

May 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

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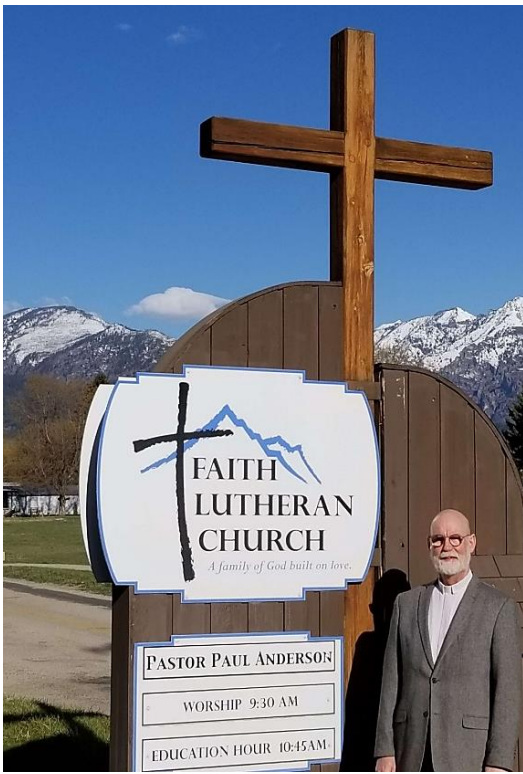
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Pastor's Ponderings -

Dear friends and members of FLC –

I recently read an article of an interview with translator Carmen Acevedo Butcher on the gentle wisdom of mystic Brother Lawrence. Brother Lawrence was a lay brother of the Order of Discalced Carmelites on the Rue Vaugirard in Paris in the 17th century. He took the religious name, Lawrence of the Resurrection.

Brother Lawrence is one of my favorite people. He worked as kitchen help in the monastery. He learned that whatever he did he would do it for the Lord—it mattered not what that was. In fact, one of his quotes is “we ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed.”

This statement is also very biblical. In Paul’s letter to the Colossians he writes, “Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your master.” Brother Lawrence was well known for doing this, and thus was able to say, and I quote, “It is not necessary to have great things to do. I turn my little omelet in the pan for the love of God.”

It doesn’t matter how small or insignificant we may feel about what it is we are doing. What is important is to know that whatever it is we are doing; we are doing it for the Lord, with love.

I invite you to join with me this month to ponder and be guided by this quote from Brother Lawrence, “Think often on God, by day, by night, in your business and even in your diversions. He is always near you and with you; leave him not alone.”

Partners in sharing God’s grace,

- Pastor Paul



May Birthdays

Nancy Osborn	3
Will Heitmann	4
Anita Bell	5
Ben Essary	10
Daniel Harden	14
Tom Anderson	18
Judy Griffin	18
Donna Jakobson	18
Sage Beyer	22
Rohn Williamson	22
Chad Farrenburg	23
Darren Heitmann	23

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.

FAITH FAMILY----YOU'RE INVITED!

Please join us on Saturday May 27th to celebrate Aksel's HHS graduation!

Where: Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

When: 1-4pm Open House

Come and enjoy the whole pig that Aksel and his uncles will be cooking!



Council Corner March 2023

1 Cor12:12-13: ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

In 1 Corinthians, sandwiched between versus on “The gifts of the Spirit” and “The gift of Love” is 1Cor12:12-13, the members of the body metaphor. Doesn’t this make you wonder why the heading isn’t “The gift of the body”? If we pan out just a bit more, we see that this discussion of gifts is sandwiched between the institution of Eucharist and a section on orderly worship and funny enough, and important to Greek rhetoric, the center of this section is the body metaphor.

Without “the Body” aka the church, specifically the local congregation, there is no place for the gifts to go to work. The gifts of the Spirit have no one to inspire. The gift of love has nowhere to go, no one to receive communion, no one to worship God.

What is wonderful about 1Cor12:12-13 is that it reminds us that under God, within the community created by God the foot is as important as the head. There is no hierarchy, only roles to perform where we can ply the talents granted to us by God for the benefit of the body and our neighbors.

For the moment let us treat the council as the head. What use is a head if it doesn’t see? We need the foot to show us where to step and not to step. What use is the head if it doesn’t listen? What use is an ear if no one speaks?

It is easy and convenient to vote in the council and let them “take care of it”. We need to see what you see, we need to hear your voice or we don’t know what “to take care of”. And we are profoundly grateful for all the parts of the body that are at work serving FLC and the community where it is planted.

- John Marten, Steward of Property & Grounds

Community Meals

Faith Providing Meals in Our Community



The Faith Lutheran Community Meals team will not be serving a meal in May as the program will end for the season before our usual serving day. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the congregation’s support of this much needed service in our community. This whole program is only made possible because of volunteers. And, we have some great volunteers in our Faith family.

Thank you to all who have helped us provide meals this year from donating actual food items and dollars to the donation of time in the hands-on preparation and serving of the meals. You are the Best! Thank you!!!

~Linda Beyer FLC Comm. Meals coordinator.

Also, please remember hunger doesn’t go away in the summer. Please consider supporting our local food banks if you are able as food insecurity continues to grow in our area.

News from our Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

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/>

Memorial weekend, May 26-29, 2023

Come for all or part of this FREE fun, working, growing weekend, as we care for God's creation at FLBC. Registration required by

May 12th. Registration@flbc.net or call 406-752-6602. Pastor

Carol Seilhymer, from Northridge Lutheran will be our Bible study and worship leader.

This is a great weekend to bring family members for a "taste of camp!"



Adopt a Bench!

As we celebrate 80 years of ministry, we are working to re-do the outdoor chapel. \$750 will pay for a bench, and you can have your church name, family name, Bible verse, etc engraved on the bench! 28 benches are needed!

Positions open at FLBC

Summer Arts and Crafts Director; Summer staff chaplains (2 week minimum); Year round maintenance assistant; Year round Food Service Director... Please see application information, and job descriptions on our website. Contact margie@flbc.net Is God calling you to a new adventure??

Outreach Ministry October 2023-April 2024

FLBC staff will come to your congregation, 1x per month to lead a youth and or family night. Contact our office if your congregation is interested!

Summer Camp

There is still time to register for summer youth camp and family camp weekends We have an awesome summer staff hired, and they are eager to meet you! It's going to be a fun, faith filled summer! Please join us at FLBC as we explore our summer theme, "Holy Trinity. Wholly Love"



Vacation Bible School Day Camp

"Holy Trinity, Wholly Love"

The week of July 10-14, 2023

VBS 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 experience. Remember to add this as a possibility for any VBS age members of your family. Also, volunteers to assist in many areas during the week are needed and appreciated. Thrivent Action Team cards can help defray many costs of putting this week on and are also greatly appreciated. If you have one to spare, please visit with Deb Cathey, Pastor Paul, or Linda Beyer.

More Thank You Notes For College Student Care Packages

FLC,

Wow!! Thank you so much for the Valentine's Day box! It was a real treat to receive, and all the treats were so yummy.

It was easily the highlight of my week. The card was also so so kind. I miss and love you all, and am always glad to hear from you guys. Thank you for thinking of me. I truly am so grateful and feel so blessed.

Grace + Peace, Maizie M.

Faith Family,

Thank you for the wonderful care package. It was so fun to receive it in the mail.

Everything is gone now, I also shared with those around me. The card that everyone signed was the best part; knowing that you all are thinking of us college students means a lot.

Thank you for the love!

Aloha from Hawaii, Emma M.

Thank you so much for the goodie box. In the midst of midterms it is always a blessing to be reminded of my community back home. Home baked goods are few and far between at college. I had forgotten how much I missed chocolate chip cookies and scotcheroos...

Best, Logan VanDenburg

I just got the sweetest Valentine's care package EVER!!! I feel so blessed, THANK YOU... Quinn L.

Hey Church!! Thank you all so much for the Valentines package! You are all so very thoughtful! As sweet and delicious as the goodies were, the sweetest treat was the kind words in the attached card. Thank you all for the best wishes. I think I can speak on behalf of all of us college kiddos to say that we all know how often you think of and pray for us, but receiving this kind-hearted package just validates the "higher than the mountains, deeper than the seas, wider than the ocean" love in our church!!

Tristan Hanson



Montana Synod Announcements

May 7-13 Spring Sacred Arts
Spring Sacred Arts @ Grunewald Guild
19003 River Road Leavenworth WA

Since 2015, Spring Sacred Arts Week has been a special springtime week that gathers curious creatives together for a week of artistic and spiritual play. Facilitated by Scott Burnett and Laurie Rudel, it is a time to celebrate the waking of the Plain Valley while exploring our personal and communal creative depths. Choose from four different courses to explore: acrylic painting, mosaic fabric art, or soulcollage.

Learn more and register at: <https://grunewaldguild.com/spring-sacred-arts-2023/>

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.)

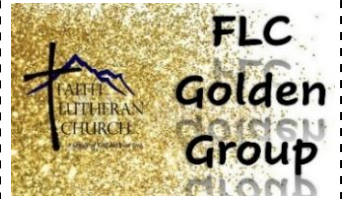
Dates: 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month.

Time: 6pm to 7pm

**Location: Faith Lutheran Church,
171 Lewis Lane, Hamilton**

No affiliation is required or needed

Beginning: March 9, 2023



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

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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May

2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
April 30 Worship 9:30 am	1 Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	2	3 Quilters 9 am–12 pm	4	5	6
7 Worship 9:30 am	8 Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	9	10	11 Seekers of Solace 6-7 pm	12 Office Closed	13
<i>Mother's Day</i> 14 Worship 9:30 am	15 Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	16	17 Quilters 9 am–12 pm	18 Men's Breakfast 9 am	19 Office Closed	20
21 Worship 9:30 am Quilt Sunday ***** 11 am Council meeting @ church	22 Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	23	24	25 Seekers of Solace 6-7 pm	26	27 Aksel's HHS Graduation Open House 1-4 pm
28 Worship 9:30 am	<i>Memorial Day</i> 29 Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	30	31 Quilters 9 am–12 pm	June 1	June 2	June 3