

# THE FAITH HERALD

## August 2023

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA is a family of God built on love: worshipping, welcoming, learning, and serving in Christ's name. All are welcome.



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## Pastor's Ponderings -

My pondering for this month revolves around the Poster that stares me down as I start down the hall to my office. The Poster is for the 2024 Youth Gathering to be held in New Orleans in July. The theme is "Created to be" and is centered around Psalm 139 (Please take a moment to read this Psalm).

There are five daily themes:

*We are created to be brave, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged. (Psalm 27)*

*We are created to be authentic, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator. (Matthew 5:14-16)*

*We are created to be free, to be transformed by the Gospel. (Galatians 5:13-14)*

*We are created to be disruptive, to work for justice for all our siblings. (Matthew 21:12)*

*We are created to be disciples, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor like we are loved by God. (Matthew 22:36-40)*

There is much planning to be done in order to make an event such as the 2024 Youth Gathering happen. There is interest in our congregation in helping to organize this event. Read the Poster in our Narthex under the word "Learning" to learn more. Our Assistant to the Bishop will be there and is organizing churches from our synod to travel together. This is important work. Please pray with me about this. There is a program for young adults, and a program for disabled young people as well. I look forward to hearing from you as we consider being a part of this event.

Partners in sharing God's grace - Pastor Paul



### Faith Mini Pantry

Food for body and soul.

FLC has a mini pantry for the participants of our Shower Ministry. The cupboard is located to the right of the front doors as you exit. If you would like to support this service, please bring "grab and go" donations to the church office. Thank you Faith Family.



Faith Council organized the **Fifth Sunday Fellowship** as a way for families and friends of Faith to gather. A themed potluck is held the evening of the last Sunday of each month that has five Sundays. All are welcome to attend. See the Faith Herald for meal themes.

Please join the Church Council for Food, Fellowship, and Fun at our first **5th Sunday Potluck** **Summer Bar B Que** Sunday, July 30th at 5:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. Council will provide hamburgers and hot dogs with the fixings. Bring a side or dessert to share plus your family and friends.



## *Council Corner August 2023*

It's summertime and the living is easy. A vacation can reset our perspective. However, the work of the church goes on and is it

possible to be tired of summer's lack of schedule? At the same time "the living is easy" is healthy, right? Which is true for you, for me? Perhaps it is all true. I am thankful that our church family gathers and understands and just sings together.

*"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability." –Sam Keen*

*"When all else fails, take a vacation." –Betty Williams*

*"I'm sorry for the things I said when it was winter." –Unknown*

*"Do what we can, summer will have its flies." –Ralph Waldo Emerson*

*"By our joining in song, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other." – Garrison Keillor*

*Matthew 18:20 King James Version*

*20) For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2011/08/three-reasons-member-elca/>

*We are a church that values and encourages diverse voices and lively dialogue in our faith and life. Living Lutheran is an opportunity for church members to express individual perspectives*

*1 Peter 3:8 Christian Standard Bible*

*8) Finally, all of you be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble.*

Steward of Communication -Colleen Southwick

**Offering envelopes are still available.** Please let the church office know or sign up for them in the narthex.

**Would you like a church mailbox?** If you don't have a church mailbox and would like one; let the church office know or sign up for one on the clipboard in the narthex.

If you are interested in looking at the Faith Lutheran Church Financial Statement, please email the Steward of Finance: Sandy Russ at: [flchamilton.finsec@gmail.org](mailto:flchamilton.finsec@gmail.org)



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## News from our Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

**Join us this Labor Day weekend** for one last summer celebration with your family! Enjoy all that FLBC has to offer during this great family retreat: swimming, stand up paddle boarding, crafts in the Art Barn, sailing, and much more! Come to help us with some work projects or join us for a weekend of relaxation, or both! Either way, there will be fun, worship, and more for all.

**September 1 – 4, 2023 (Friday – Monday) Cost: By donation, registration required**

*Register by August 18th!*



### Montana Synod Announcements

We are grateful for all the hard work that our Work Weekend crew accomplished! Great group! Check out the pictures on our facebook page. Follow

us: <https://www.facebook.com/Christikon> Thank you to one and all!



It's not too late to register for camp this summer! Space remains in most youth sessions and in those for families and adults. You can register online at [www.christikon.org](http://www.christikon.org) or call us at the camp office for further information.

**Special guest speakers** become part of the Christikon life this summer during sessions for adults and families. Continuing Education Retreat (July 31-Aug 5) – we welcome our speakers Dr. Eric Meyer, Kent Claussen Gubrud and Paul Waldum – Go to our website for topics. Mountain Weekend (Aug 4-6) – watch our website for speaker(s) and topics as they become available.. Come spend a few days of relaxation, learning, and faith growth with us. Check out topic details on the website. [www.christikon.org](http://www.christikon.org)

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Dear Faith Lutheran Church, the quilters, and the Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for all that you've done for me and my family! You guys have always been so supportive, and kind all of the years we've gone to church and after we were confirmed into the church as well. Thank you for all the love and support.

Sincerely,  
Luke

Thank you Faith Lutheran Church for this amazing opportunity to help me further my educational goals!

I will be attending the University of Hawaii for my second year and I will continue to teach English, be an RA, and study Asian Studies and Peace and Conflict Resolution.

-Emma Mitchell

Dear FLC Scholarship Committee & FLC Quilters,

Thank you for believing in Aksel.

Best quilt EVER!  
Perfect for Aksel!

“Thanks,  
Aksel”

Dear Faith and Quilting Ladies,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to receive the scholarship. With it, it will facilitate my future in college, where I will go and make you all proud! I'm excited to see what I do next.

Thank you SO much for the wonderful quilt! Ever since I was a little kid at Faith, I've dreamed of my very own special quilt made with love. Thanks for following my request, it blew my expectations out of the water!

With love, Cole



## Vacation Bible School Day Camp Update!

VBS was a week of learning about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Campers from all four churches (First Presbyterian, Faith Lutheran, St. Paul Episcopal, Corvallis Methodist) attended the camp held at the First Presbyterian Church. Although the number of campers (about 27) was not as big as we'd hoped the sense of community created among them was delightful and energetic. Four FLBC counselors lead the devotions, lessons, and community building while Faith provided crafts, First Presbyterian provided the facility and many of the kitchen volunteers who made the meals, while the Methodists housed the counselors. Volunteers from all four churches helped with crafts, kitchen, and group activities. Faith had 9 camper, 5 adult and 3 teen volunteers who were involved all week. The program and lunch at the end of the camp was well attended by parents, grandparents, and friends and was a celebration of a very positive week.



Giving  
Hope  
Today

## Please sign up to ring bells this summer season as well as during the Christmas season.

The needs are great for rental assistance, utilities help,  
food and fuel, etc., for many of our Bitterroot Valley neighbors.

To sign up to ring bells, or get more information, contact the Salvation Army Ravalli County Center Coordinator, Pastor Fidelis Temukum, at: (406) 210-1453.

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

It's the time of year to think about filling the shoeboxes! The school supplies are in stores and at the best prices they are all year. It's a great time to pick up such items for shoeboxes along with those needed by the school age children in your life. Items that are always needed and appreciated for the Packing Party include...



Pencils – pencil sharpeners  
Pens – markers – crayons  
Erasers – rulers – scissors  
Notebook paper – spiral notebooks  
Colored pencils – coloring books  
Zipper pouches – calculators

Other items that fit in shoeboxes:  
toys, dolls, balls, caps, flip flops,  
socks, games, kid clothing,  
plush toys/stuffed animals, tools,  
playing cards, all things kids like  
combs, toothbrushes, brushes, soap

If you have questions, visit with Linda Beyer or check out the website:  
[samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ).

And, watch for upcoming info on other needs and the date for the Packing Party in early November!

The Faith Herald is mailed the first week of each month. The 20<sup>th</sup> of each month is when the next month's publication begins. Please send info for the Faith Herald to:

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The Faith Herald and **updates** to this calendar can be found at [www.faithlutheranhamilton.org](http://www.faithlutheranhamilton.org) on the home page you will find:

**News, Events & Celebrations:** [Calendars and Newsletters:](#)

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*August*

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
July 30 Worship 9:30 am ***** 5 <sup>th</sup> Sun Fellowship Potluck 5 pm	July 31 Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	<b>August 1</b>	<b>2</b>  Quilters 9 am–12 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>  Worship 9:30 am	<b>7</b>  Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>  Worship 9:30 am	<b>14</b>  Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	<b>15</b>  Bitterroot Chorus Board Mtg. 7 pm	<b>16</b>  Quilters 9 am–12 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>  Worship 9:30 am	<b>21</b>  Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>  Worship 9:30 am	<b>28</b>  Weight Watchers 3 & 5:30 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Quilters 9 am–12 pm	<b>31</b>	Sept 1	Sept 2

**First Presbyterian Hand Bells** will be sharing their music with the community in August.

Thursday, August 10: 11:00 a.m. – Discovery Care Center

2:00 p.m. – Remington Care Center

Thursday, August 17: 1:00 p.m. – Hamilton Assisted Living

3:00 p.m. – Beehive Homes (Osborn House)

Sunday, August 20: 9:30 a.m. – Faith Lutheran Church