

Newsletter

THE FAITH HERALD

October 2023



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

FLC is a family of God built on love: worshiping, welcoming, learning, and serving in Christ's name. All are welcome.

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The Faith Herald

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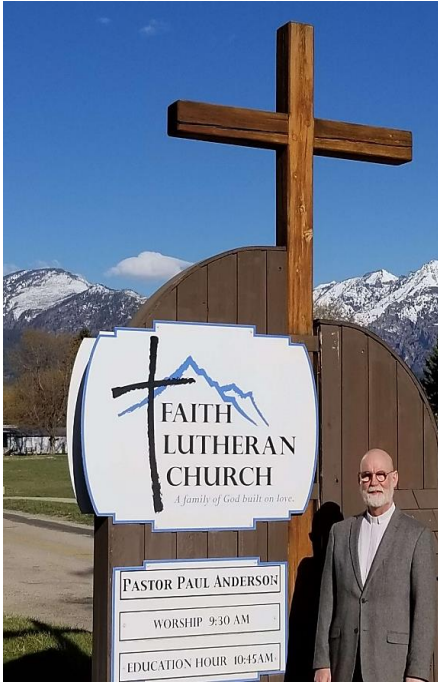
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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



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As I thought about what to write for this month's article, I thought of all the varied and unique gifts all the people who come to FLC bring to the church, community, and the world as part of the body of Christ.

My devotions from my Verse, Voice, and Prayer of the day devotional for 09/26/23 speaks of this quite well.

Verse: "For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." Romans 12:4-6

Voice: "No need to hurry. No need to sparkle. No need to be anybody but oneself." Virginia Woolf, "A Room of One's Own" (1929)

Prayer: "You, [Creator God], have created us each with unique gifts, talents, and passions. Give us courage to live into the fullness of who you have created us to be. Help us see the passions of others as we work alongside one another. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen."

Where is God calling you in order to use your "unique gifts, talents, and passions?" There are opportunities to serve. Talk to one of our Council Stewards or the Pastor about where your passions lie when you think about service to the church. You will find the members of the Council in the Council Corner of this Newsletter.

Also check out all the upcoming events, on our calendar that are happening here at FLC.

"May we see the passions of others as we work alongside one another."

Partners in sharing God's grace,
Pastor Paul

Golden Group Activity – Superstitions and Decisions

Are you at a point in your life that you are thinking it's time to "downsize or declutter"??? It's a topic of conversation in

gatherings I've been in lately 😊. Stefanie Silva of Caring Transitions is a consultant who helps people with these issues and has agreed to present ideas to help make such decisions easier on Friday, October 13th at 1 pm in the Faith fellowship room. To add to the fun please bring a favorite snack to share along with Friday the 13th Superstitions (spooky or silly) you have heard about Friday the 13th to also share with others. Everyone is welcome so feel free to bring friends. -Linda Beyer

COUNCIL CORNER



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH STEWARD OPENINGS

Leadership and communication are key elements to keeping an organization operating well. Faith's leadership is our council of Stewards and the Pastor. The Stewards serve 2-year terms and are elected by our members at the annual meeting. There are three stewardship positions (Steward of Finance, Steward of Discipleship/Education, Steward of Property & Grounds) and the President/Convener position that will be up for renewal at the February annual meeting. If you have interest in any of these positions, the job descriptions are posted on the bulletin board at the beginning of the long hallway. You may also ask for a copy at the church office or from one of the Nominating Committee members who are also listed on the board.

The 5th Sunday Potluck

Mark your calendars!!
Harvest Dinner and Stewardship
Celebration

October 29th, 5:00pm

Join us for an evening of fellowship and a lovely ham dinner with all the fixings!!



Gratitude

Dear Faith Lutheran Family,
I greatly appreciate all the support both spiritually and financially that you have given me. The scholarship you have awarded enables me to study the things I love while continuing my education at Pacific Lutheran University. Thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely,
Logan VanDenburg

You can watch Logan's presentation on YouTube:

[Young Men And The Church | Bold Gathering Spring 2023 | Logan VanDenburg - YouTube](#)

FLC COUNCIL MEMBERS:

President/Convener:
Jacque VanDenburg

Discipleship: Deb Cathey

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SERVING



FLC SHOWER MINISTRY

Thank you, Faith Lutheran Church, for helping the Shower Ministry continue. Naomi's Circle has made more shower kits and your donations have been much appreciated. If you have extra toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine products, or deodorant, please consider dropping them off at the office for the shower participants. Large shampoo and large spray deodorant is needed as well (to be used and left at the church). Our church offers shower services on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9 to 11:30 am. 44 showers were provided for the month of September.

FLC MINI PANTRY

Thank you to those that have donated to the FLC Mini Pantry! The Shower Ministry participants have been enjoying your donations of "grab and go" foods. Continued support will be greatly appreciated. Ravioli, cheese & meat sticks, beef stew, fruit cups, cereal/granola bars, and juice boxes are some of the favorites. Please drop off any donations at the office. It is nice to send people off with a little food and Faith!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

It's just weeks away! The Faith Operation Christmas Child Packing Party is scheduled for November 12th after our church service and will include a light lunch. Plus, the Packing Line will be set up a few days before for early packing. Ways you can help make the OCC Packing Party a success is to think of and maybe purchase a "WOW" item (special toy, clothing item, game, etc.) for one or more shoebox(es) or tuck away \$10 (or more) to help ship a shoebox or purchase extra small items to fill the boxes with such as bars of soap, plush toys or stuffed animals and balls. Another way is volunteer to help set up the packing line or work at the local collection center (see Linda Beyer for these ideas and more). A great way to learn more about the whole program is to get online and visit samaritanspurse.org/occ or visit the table set up in the church Narthex.

MORE THAN A BUILDING

Things are "moving and shaking" here at Faith Lutheran Church! It is great to see the calendar filling up and activities filling our space. If you have an idea for Serving or a Ministry, please talk to Pastor Paul. New ways to connect all God's people are encouraged! Godspeed FLC.

FLC QUILTERS

Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesdays from 9 am-noon; soft voices and laughter drift down the church's hall from classrooms 6, 8, & 10. You are invited with open arms to join the wonderful Quilters. You will receive the warmest welcome! No experience necessary.

COMMUNITY MEALS

One way Faith Lutheran has extended a helping hand in the community is to be a part of the Community Meals program since its inception over 10 years ago. The program provides a hot evening meal most weeknights during the school year months. Anyone is welcome to come have a free meal provided by various churches and organization in the community. This has been another resource for "houseless" members of our community as well as those seeking some social interaction. Faith serves the meal the 4th Tuesday of the month. Volunteers to help prepare the meal at 1 pm in the Faith Kitchen and serve the meal at Cornerstone Bible Church from 5 – 6:15 on the 4th Tuesdays are welcomed and always appreciated! (Linda Beyer is the contact person 406-207-3471)



REMEMBRANCE

Remembering Carl Russ

Faith Lutheran said good-bye to Carl Russ in a beautiful memorial service on Friday. Carl served as a Worship Assistant most of his years here, and Pastor Paul shared how Carl's presence at the altar was always calming to him..

Carl and Sandy came to Faith several years ago from the eastern US. They brought new ideas to Faith and Carl was always interested in leadership and committees. He was that willing volunteer who was often the first person to say 'yes' without having to be asked. In addition to his service at the altar on Sunday mornings, he served more than one term on the Endowment Committee and several terms on the Nominating Committee.

Carl's love and attention to Worship led him to serve on the Church Council and on the Worship Committee for several years.

He sang in Faith's church choir as well as one of the Faith folks who sang in the Bitterroot Christmas concert.

Carl will be missed at Faith. Sandy, we will grieve with you and support you in prayer.

-Clairice Brady

Remembering Betty Johnson

It would be hard to think of Betty Johnson without remembering her passion for prayer and study of the Word of God. For some years she facilitated a study class that burst the walls of the small room not used for Sunday School classes that was made available to her. So many folks learned so much from her.

Betty and Dale lived their faith. And they loved their family Daughter Debbie and her three sons lived near them and they had great times together. Son Capp pastored a church in California, and they so looked forward to his visits.

Sometime after Dale's death, Betty fulfilled a dream she and Dale had had for many years and built their dream home at Seeley Lake. They had owned some land there for a long time.

Debie's sons were grown so she moved there with her mother and son Capp and his wife later joined them as well.

We too feel her family's loss and we pray for them as we think of Betty gathered with old and new friends studying or whatever they do 'at Jesus feet'. Are they gathered to pray for us?

-Clairice Brady

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join the Men's Bereavement Breakfast crew for a hot meal and hot conversation as we sit shoulder to shoulder.

Every 3rd Thursday @ 9 am in FLC's Fellowship Hall.

SEEKERS OF SOLACE-SOS

Let's support each other while living with grief.

2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month.

6 pm at Faith Lutheran Church

OR if you want to talk one on one, call Cory.

For more information contact Cory Keith at:

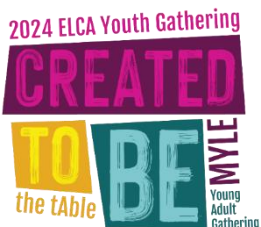
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October

Faith Lutheran Church

2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Worship 9:30 am	2 WW 3 & 5:30 pm Generosity 101 Webinar 6:30-7:30 pm	3 A Cappella 7-9 pm	4 Quilters 9 am-noon	5	6	7
8 Worship 9:30 am Council Mtg. 6 pm	9 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	10 A Cappella 7-9pm	11	12 SOS 6 pm	13 Golden Group 1 pm	14
15 Worship 9:30 am	16 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	17 Bitterroot Chorus Board Mtg. 7 pm A Cappella 7-9 pm	18 Quilters 9 am-noon	19 Men's Breakfast 9 am Faith & Friends Hang-Out 4-6 pm	20 Newsletter Publication Begins	21
22 Worship 9:30 am Confirmation after Worship	23 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	24 Community Meal Prep. @ 1 pm Serve @ 5 pm A Cappella 7-9 pm	25	26 SOS 6 pm	27	28
29 Worship 9:30 am 5 th Sun. Potluck 5 pm	30 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	31 A Cappella 7-9 pm	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>For more info. on What's Up at FLC and details about events on the calendar, call Jenny in the office @ 406.363.2964</p> </div>			



The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE), the tAble (Youth with Disabilities Gathering) and the first ever Young Adult Gathering will be in New Orleans!
Youth + Young Adult Gatherings: July 16-20, 2024
MYLE + tAble: July 13-16, 2024
 Check it out at: gathering@elca.org Or call: 888.411.3522

BITTERROOT VALLEY YOUTH CHOIR is looking for young singers grades 4 through 8. **1st rehearsal is Thursday, Oct. 5th at the Hamilton High School Choir Room from 3:45-5 pm. Parent meeting will follow.** Contact Amy Kuebler at: 605-939-9330 or youth@bitterrootvalleychorus.org