

# Newsletter

## THE FAITH HERALD

January 2024



### 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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# PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



JANUARY 2024

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Dear Members and Friends of Faith Lutheran Church,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all. As I write this article, we are one week away from Christmas and just two weeks away from beginning a new calendar year.

We celebrate Christmas and that first Christmas Day when God shared God's **grace** to us by becoming like us in the form of a human. And Jesus grew up, also filled with God's grace. Luke's gospel says it well: Luke 2:40 "And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the **grace** of God was on him."

And that **grace** came to us on that first Christmas when Jesus was born, and that **grace** comes to us anew every day of our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit, over and over again. From John's gospel we hear these words. John 1:14-18 "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of **grace** and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.')

**From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.** The law indeed was given through Moses; **grace** and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known."

I pray that we will carry this "**grace upon grace**" that we have received into the new year by sharing God's love to **all** that we meet.

And my prayer for us all as we enter this New year comes from Ephesians. And it reads as follows: Ephesians 3:17-19 "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God," [and God's **grace**].

Partners in sharing God's **grace**,  
Pastor Paul



DECEMBER 2023  
Josie V.

# January

# Faith Lutheran Church

# 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Dec. 31 5 <sup>th</sup> Sun. Cookie Potluck after Worship Undecorate	<b>1</b> <b>Office Closed</b> Happy New Year!	<b>2</b> WW 3 & 5:30 pm A Cappella 7-9 pm	<b>3</b> Quilters 9 am-noon	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Worship 9:30 am	<b>8</b> WW 3 & 5:30 pm	<b>9</b> Golden Group 10 am A Cappella 7-9 pm	<b>10</b> Women's Bible Study 6-7:15 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Worship 9:30 am Council Mtg. after Worship	<b>15</b> WW 3 & 5:30 pm	<b>16</b> A Cappella 7-9 pm	<b>17</b> Quilters 9 am-noon Women's Bible Study 6-7:15 pm	<b>18</b> Men's Breakfast 9 am Friends @ Faith 4-6 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Worship 9:30 am	<b>22</b> WW 3 & 5:30 pm	<b>23</b> Comm. Meal Prep @ 1 Serve @ 5 @ Cornerstone Bitterroot Chorus Board Mtg. 7 pm A Cappella 7-9 pm	<b>24</b> Women's Bible Study 6-7:15 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Worship 9:30 am	<b>29</b> WW 3 & 5:30 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Quilters 9 am-noon Women's Bible Study 6-7:15 pm			

## GOLDEN GROUP

Karen Heller will present photos and a talk about her Safari to Kenya on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. The presentation will begin around 10 am, with soup lunch to follow. A great time to experience a warmer country during a winter month and enjoy food and fellowship...a Lutheran tradition!