

# Newsletter

## THE FAITH HERALD

March 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.

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 AM

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#### The Faith Herald

The newsletter is always available online @ [www.faithlutheran59840.org](http://www.faithlutheran59840.org) under "Calendars and Newsletters," and on the table in the FLC Narthex.

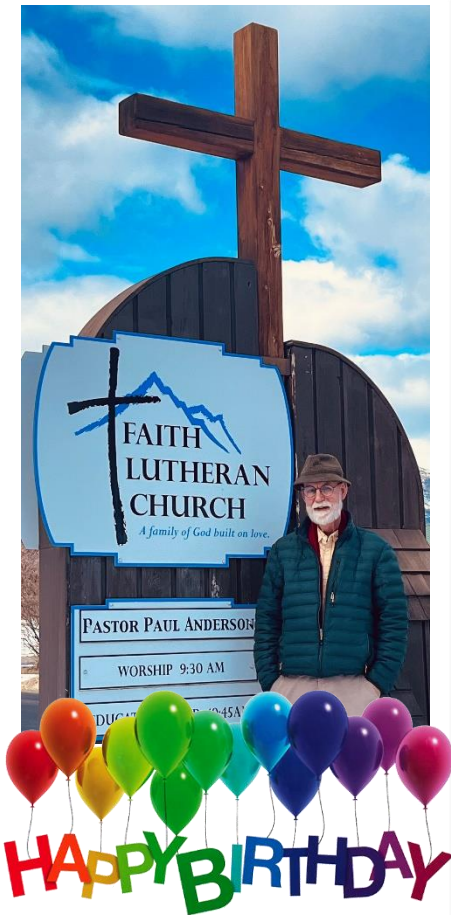
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- Email
- Church Mailbox
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# PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



MARCH 2024

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Dear Friends and Members of FLC

We begin the month of March continuing our journey to the cross during Lent, we will end the month with the Passion of our Lord during Holy Week and the season of Easter begins on March 31st.

My pondering begins and comes from the words of the Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" based on Paul's words to the Galatian Church. "But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me and I to the world." Galatians 6:14.

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died.  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet.  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did ere such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thrones compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far to small:  
Love so amazing so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

My pondering will not end here but will continue next month with the Hymn, "I Serve a Risen Savior."

Partners in sharing God's grace,  
Pastor Paul.

# COUNCIL CORNER

By Amber Richardson  
Steward of Worship



“What wondrous love is this, O my soul...that caused the Lord of Bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul...” Our Lenten journey has begun, and our worship is filled with songs that may be a little off to the ear, written in a minor key, words that cause us to look at our mortality. These songs, while maybe not the standard favorites, serve an important reminder. No matter the key, no matter the words, we are still praising the God who sent his son to die for us. These Lenten songs take us to the joyful celebration of Easter. So, no matter where you are in your Lenten journey or in your life, the sad songs, the mindful songs will lead you to the Resurrection Promise and “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” as we celebrate our Risen Lord.

-Amber Richardson

## Thank You FLC Council Members

A big shout out to the Council Members of Faith Lutheran Church. Thank you for serving and donating your Time & Talents to continuing FLC’s mission of: “Worshipping, welcoming, learning and serving in Christ’s name.” We are “a family of God built on love.” All are needed and all are welcome. If anyone can support our Stewards as they volunteer to keep FLC running smoothly, please fill out a “Time & Talents” survey (located on the table outside of the office door) and turn it into the office.

Greg Houser is forming a Property and Maintenance Committee. The sign-up sheet is on the table outside of the office door. He is also launching a “See Something, Say Something” campaign, asking people to write down things (big or little) that may need attention. Please use the clip board located on the table outside of the office door.

## FLC COUNCIL MEMBERS:

President/Convener:  
Jacque VanDenburg

Discipleship: Brooke Kimzey

Fellowship/Hospitality: Susan Wetzsteon

Finance: Dean Drake

Communication: Colleen Southwick

Outreach: Rick Brown

Property/Grounds: Greg Houser

Worship: Amber Richardson

## FLC STAFF:

Pastor: Paul Anderson

Office Secretary: Jennifer Larson

Bookkeeper: Heather Wintergerst

Custodian: Rick Brown

*You may reach out to council members and staff members by:* calling: (406) 363-2964 or emailing:

[faithlutheran59840@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheran59840@gmail.com)

*If you would like to look at the Faith Lutheran Church Financial Statement, please email the Steward of Finance, Dean Drake:*  
[flchamilton.finsec@gmail.org](mailto:flchamilton.finsec@gmail.org)





# S E R V I N G



## FLC Shower Ministry & Mini Pantry

Shower services are available Tue. & Thurs. from 9 am-11:30 am. FLC provided 19 showers in Dec., 26 in Jan. & 27+ in Feb. Requested items include: dry shampoo, body wipes, deodorant & hand sanitizer. The Mini Pantry continues to be utilized. Donations are always welcome and appreciated. Please drop them off at the FLC office.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

I wish to thank everyone for helping tackle hunger in our communities. Your generosity resulted in 182 lbs. of canned goods to donate to our local food pantries. But don't stop now... remember we have the blue tote in the narthex for your donations throughout the year. Mother Theresa said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one."

## Campus Ministries

Faith Lutheran Church donated \$180 to Emmaus Campus Ministry at UM and \$192 to Live Christ's Mission (LCM) at MSU. Check out the "Thank You" letters located on the bulletin board to the right of the kitchen door.

## Community Meals

FLC will be preparing and serving a meal on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are always appreciated to help us prepare the food in the Faith Kitchen at 1 pm that day and to serve the food at the Cornerstone Bible Church on Fairgrounds Rd from 4:45 till a little after 6 pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact the meal coordinator Linda Beyer (406-207-3471).

## Golden Group-Scarf Making

### Golden Group News

Last year our scarf making project was such a success that it was decided to do it again this year. Fourteen of us met on November 29 and cut, fringed and rolled up in a ribbon 104 scarves and 14 kid's hats. They were distributed through the Haven House Food Pantry and the Clothes Closet in Stevensville. Thanks goes to a Thrivent Action Team request for providing the funds to purchase the fleece. Along with the fellowship we shared a delicious pizza lunch afterwards.



## Haven House

A Note from Haven House...Thank you for the 788 pounds of food that Faith Lutheran Church has donated to Haven House Food Pantry in 2023. The need is great, and your contributions help both young and old, the homeless and those just passing through our community. One elderly woman comes to mind who comes in regularly to get food. She has custody of her two grandsons and only receives a small amount of social security. Without our help she would be in a bad way. She is always so grateful every week. Please continue to pick up an item or two while you are at the store and put it in the designated tub in the narthex. A big "Thank you" from our clients and especially from the volunteers for your generosity.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Rt. Rev. Marty Stebbins  
X Bishop of Montana

by the laying on of hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit  
will ordain to the Sacred Order of Deacons

Alana Short Cruse

Paul Harold Nelson

You are cordially invited to join us  
as we celebrate this joyous occasion!

Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 11:00 am

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church  
600 South 3rd Street - Hamilton, Montana

Join us on site or on Facebook Live

A reception will follow in the undercroft.

Clergy: Red Stoles

Clergy are asked to be at the church an hour early to vest and be instructed.

## College Student Thank You Notes

“Dear All

I am writing to say thank you for the Valentine's day care package. As well as all the support you give me.

Sincerely, Will”

“Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the gracious goodies in the Valentine boxes. That was so sweet of you guys; thanks for taking time out of your day to put a smile on our faces. And thank you for the card of well wishes; I look forward to being back with you all this summer!

-Tristan”

“Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful goodies you provided in the Valentine boxes. It's hard being away from everyone back home, and receiving the box was special to me because I know that my faith family always has my back! I will continue to represent my faith family in every way I can, and I can't wait to see you all again soon!

-Tanner”

## REMEMBERING VIRGINIA KING ROTERING



Virginia Roterling celebrated her own Epiphany as she met Jesus on the morning of the Epiphany we celebrate. After years of not meeting her dream of walking again she was finally free of her 'wheels'. Dennis had been her faithful driver and pusher in all those years.

Virginia came to Faith ready to serve. She quickly jumped into FLCW and was serving as President when we had to finally recognize it had run its course, at least for then. She joined Naomi's Circle and was always willing to share her vast knowledge of Scripture and just as willing to listen to others.

For two years she made trips to Great Falls as she studied to become one of Faith's first LPAs. She loved serving in that special role.

A prayer warrior, she and Barbara Davis met faithfully to 'hold up' congregational needs as well as community and personal. She made us all feel 'covered'. Judy Wilson was a constant friend and support to the Roterings.

The King children all gathered – all seven of them – to honor her memory on our day of minus 38 degrees. They came from several states and luckily arrived before the big storm that plummeted those temperatures. They shared special memories and the love for their mother and their recognition of and appreciation for Dennis' loving care.

Dennis, we hold you high as a tender, loving and faithful caregiver. We grieve with you and know that we are here for you.

-Clairice Brady

## FLC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Faith Lutheran Church's Scholarship applications are available on the counter right outside the office in a red folder. Please turn them into the office by April 1, 2024. If a digital copy is needed, please contact the office ([faithlutheran59840@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheran59840@gmail.com) or 406.363.2964). Digital applications may be submitted to: [faithlutheran59840@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheran59840@gmail.com)

### FLATHEAD LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP



FLBC is offering a **Confirmation Retreat on March 15-17, 2023** titled, "Guides for the Way: Three Biblical figures and what their stories can teach us about God, life, and everything!" Call the camp office for more information or to register.

**Bring FLBC to Your Town!** Sign-ups are open for our **2024 Day Camp** program! We still have many weeks available, and would love to send counselors to your congregation to bring all the fun of a week at camp to you! Please contact Amanda at [amanda@flbc.net](mailto:amanda@flbc.net) for more information or to sign up!

FLBC staff is also excited to be offering our **Outreach Program** for the 2023-24 year! Up to once each month, October 2023-April, 2024, FLBC staff will come to your congregation to help with an outreach event. Youth programming, lock-ins, holiday events, and many more can be coordinated through FLBC. Contact [amanda@flbc.net](mailto:amanda@flbc.net) for more information and to sign up!!

**Staff applications are OPEN** for summer 2024. Know of someone who might benefit from a summer at FLBC? They will learn leadership skills galore! Minimum age to apply is 18.

**Summer registration is OPEN!** – send us an email or call the office if you would like a copy of the brochure sent to you. Adults of former campers can watch their email for a message with reminders of your login information and notes on registering for a new year of camp. Please feel free to contact the camp office with any questions.

**Volunteer Application is OPEN!** Pastors and volunteers-get your first choice of weeks for summer 2024! Go to our website at [www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net) for the application. We are excited for this summer's theme "Created to Be," a curriculum based on the same verses as this summer's ELCA Youth Gathering.

For questions and more details, or if you would like the schedule of these retreats: call FLBC at 406-752-6602. (leave a voice message, as many of our staff work remotely) or email [Registraion@flbc.net](mailto:Registraion@flbc.net).

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2024

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3 Worship 9:30 am FLC Choir Singing	4 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	5 A Cappella 7-9pm	6 Quilters 9 am-noon Soup Lunch 12-1 (1 <sup>st</sup> Presb.) Soup Supper 6 pm Holden 7 pm	7	8	9 Set Clocks Forward 1 hour before bed
10 Time Change Worship 9:30 am Instillation of Council Members  Council Mtg. after Worship	11 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	12 A Cappella 7-9 pm	13 Soup Lunch 12-1 (Faith)  Soup Supper 6 pm Holden 7 pm	14	15	16
17 Worship 9:30 am	18 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	19 A Cappella 7-9 pm Bitterroot Chorus Board Mtg. 7 pm	20 Quilters 9 am-noon Soup Lunch 12-1 (1 <sup>st</sup> Presb.) Soup Supper 6 pm Holden 7 pm	21 Men's Breakfast 9 am	22	23
24 Holy Week  <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Worship 9:30 am  31 <b>EASTER</b> Worship 8 am Breakfast Worship 10 am	25 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	26 Community Meal Prep. 1 pm @ Faith Serve 5 pm @ Cornerstone Bible Church  A Cappella 7-9 pm	27	28 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Service 7 pm	29 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Service 7 pm	30



Coffee Hour on March 17<sup>th</sup>



Please join the Larson family for Coffee Hour after worship on March 17<sup>th</sup>. They are hosting in honor of their Mother's/Mimi's Birthday and in memory of her Boundless-Selfless Love.

Please share a memory of **Patricia Larson** with them.