

Newsletter

THE FAITH HERALD

April 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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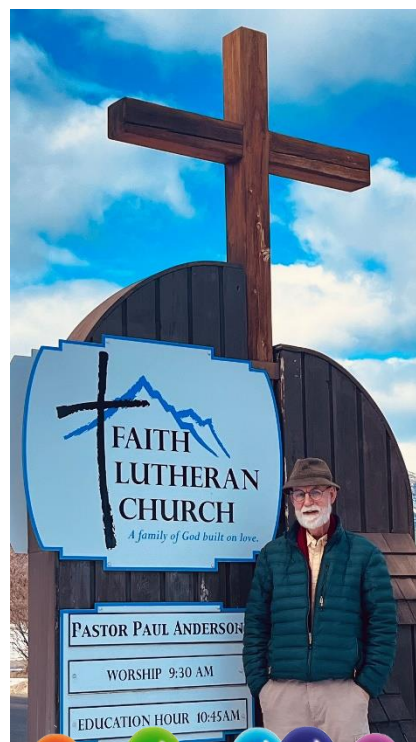
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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



APRIL 2024

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Dear Friends and Members of FLC,

“He is Risen!” “He is Risen indeed!” Happy Easter to you all. I hope you all were able to have a celebratory Easter. I found a wonderful poem about the Resurrection for us to Ponder as we celebrate living as a resurrected people, having been buried with Christ through our baptisms and raised to newness of life.

He is Risen: By [Jamie Trunnel](#) / April 9, 2020

He is risen—

After darkness had its say,
on the third day the tomb's stone door
rolled away.

Again Jesus walked, talked, touched, and ate.

In awe, witnesses testified,
“Death is not his fate!”

He is risen—

The once scared, fleeing disciple crew
turned around realizing
the prophecies were true.

With a faith immensely greater than fear,
they sacrificed it all to
make the Good News clear.

He is risen—

Jesus bore the world's sin upon the cross,
sacrificing himself so no one would be lost.

His work was sufficient,
but a response is required;
by grace we are saved
when our belief transpires.

He is risen—

Faith sends an invite to start anew.
Give Christ your burdens and notions untrue.
Accept his forgiveness and salvation at the end.
Love the transformation the Holy Spirit extends.

He is risen indeed!

When Jesus rose, a new creation began
for all who believe and trust in God's plans.
Through his power, our darkness is rolled away—
“Jesus is the light,” his resurrection proclaims!

Partners in sharing God's grace,
Pastor Paul

COUNCIL CORNER

By Rick Brown
Steward of Outreach



Dear Faith family,

Palm Sunday is behind us, and we wait expectantly for Easter morning. I can't help but be grateful that we know the "rest of the story" this Monday. I see myself with the crowd, shouting 'Hosanna' with one breath and "Crucify him" in the next. I sit beside Peter at the fire, filled with fear and shame. I stand with the crowd as the soldiers nail Him to the tree, I hear His cries, see His mother weeping, watch Him breathe that final breath. I hear the centurion realize 'surely, this man was the son of God.'

I am so grateful to be so far removed, time-wise, from the events of this story. How horrible a story, without the resurrection. How amazing, the story with the resurrection! As disciples of Jesus now, today, may we all view the dark and ugly events of our current world through the lens of the resurrection, the Light the darkness can NOT overcome! In each and every moment of our lives filled with fear, hate or judgment, may we faithfully cling to the light and hope shining from that tomb so many years ago!

Grace and Peace,
Rick Brown, Outreach Steward

Chili Cook Off is coming Sunday, April 28th !

We need your help! Can you:

- _____ Make a yummy **dessert**?
Contact: LaDonna 406-460-1994
- _____ Prepare an **appetizer**? Contact: Amber 406-370-7159
- _____ Cook up an award-winning **pot of chili**?
Contact: Susan 406-360-9458
- _____ Donate an **auction item** or service? Contact:
Susan 406-360-9458 or Amber 406-370-7159
- _____ **Ticket Sales**
- _____ **Bucket Raffle set up** Sat. morning April 27th
- _____ **Dinner set up** after coffee hour Sun. April 28th
- _____ **Kitchen help**
- _____ **Servers** (youth are the BEST)
- _____ **Clean up** following dinner.

FLC COUNCIL MEMBERS:

President/Convener:
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If you would like to look at the Faith Lutheran Church Financial Statement, please email the Steward of Finance, Dean Drake:
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SERVING



Save the date: Chili Cook-Off is Sunday, April 28th

Holy Jalapeno!!! It's time for Faith Lutheran's Chili Cook-off to raise matching funds to send our youth to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. Each person receives a \$200 campership. With your help, we hope to raise \$5000 to distribute over the next two years. We will also make a donation to the Montana Synod House. (?)

How can you help?

1. Come enjoy a great bowl of chili and the fellowship of your friends from Faith. Invite your friends! Plan to bid generously on desserts, bucket raffle, paddle call & live auction items.
2. Prepare a scrumptious dessert to be auctioned for each table to share. Love to make appetizers? We'll need some of those too!
3. Enter a pot of your famous (or infamous) homemade chili to the competition. Challenge reigning champion Darrin Heitmann for bragging rights!
4. Donate an item or service for the bucket raffle and live auctions. For more information call: Susan 406-360-9458 or Amber 406-360-7159

Community Meals

FLC will be preparing and serving a meal on April 23rd. 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).

FLC Shower Ministry & Mini Pantry

Shower services are available Tue. & Thurs. 9 am-11:30 am. FLC provided 8 + showers in March.

ELCA Good Gifts Family Farm



Hi FLC members,

Just wanted to say, "thanks" for sending me and the other farm animals to my new family overseas. And also for the community garden for our neighbors. They are so happy and appreciate your help overcoming hunger and poverty. That \$915 is a real God-send, YOUR God-send. Thanks again and God bless you!
Oink, Oink

Holy Jalapeno!
Chili Cook Off & Auction

Please join us to raise funds for
Flathead Lutheran Bible Camperships

Sunday, April 28
5:30 - 7:30
Preview auction items at 5.

- Silent Auction
- Award-winning Chili
- Appetizers & Dessert

Purchase Tickets in advance and you will be entered to win 2 tickets to the PAC performance at the Daly Mansion, or at the door.

\$5/Person or \$20/Family

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMEMBERING PATRICIA LARSON



Can you imagine the awe in the eyes of tiny Pat Larson as she looked up into the eyes of her Savior. Pat and Jesus had been friends for a long time and now finally she sees him “face to face.”

Pat’s last days were special, tender ones spent with her loving family. She loved that family with all her being and they loved her back. We were privileged to see her swell with pride as Emma read the Scriptures or as Jennifer assisted Aksel in lighting the candles with the acolyte wand. And we saw her joy as she shared a small space in a long pew of Larsons including Eric and Yvette and all their family.

The little lady with the huge smile loved her native Norway as well. She was quick to share expertise with lefse and Scandinavian cookies, as her Faith family prepared for the biannual Scandinavian dinner.

We will all miss Pat and we grieve with Jenny and Emma and Aksel, Eric and Yvette and Quinn, Krieger and Gunnar, and all the rest of family she loved but not known to us. We celebrate her life and know we are all better for having known, loved, and shared worship with her.

Clairice Brady

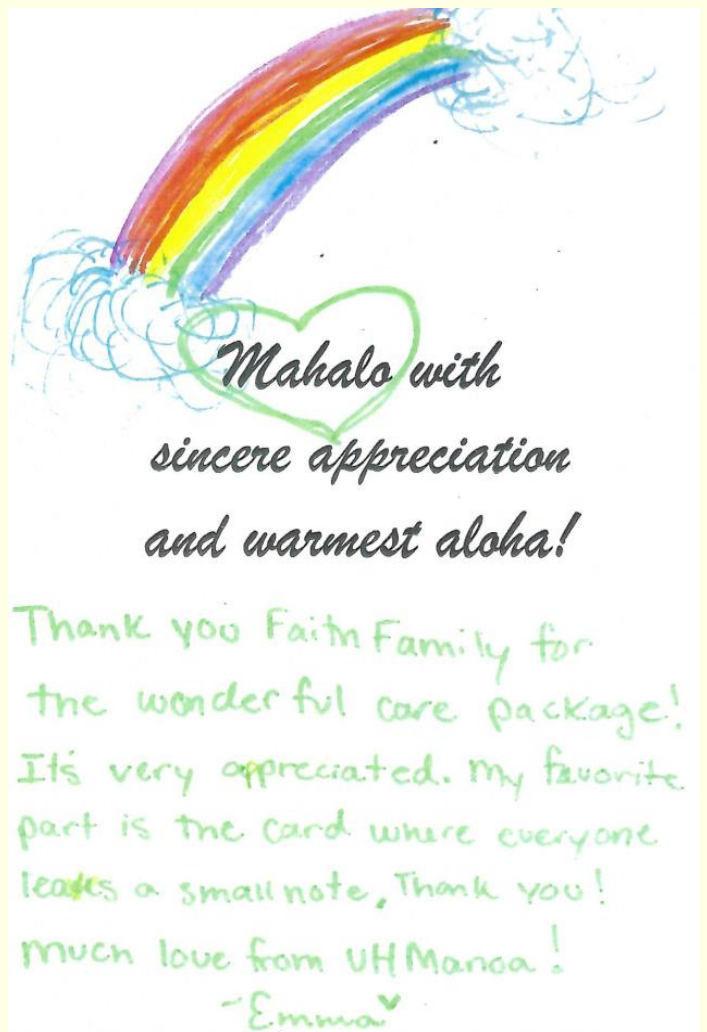


Alana Cruse with Pastor Paul Anderson (of Faith Lutheran Church)

Congrats Alana Cruse & Paul Nelson

Alana and Paul were ordained into the Sacred Order of Deacons at Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church on March 9, 2024. Oh happy, happy day!

College Student Thank You Notes



April

Faith Lutheran Church

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Office Closed for Easter Mon. WW 3 & 5:30 pm	2	3 Quilters 9 am-noon Scripture Study & meal 6 pm	4	5	6
7 Bible Camp Worship 9:30 am	8 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	9 A Cappella 7-9pm	10 Scripture Study & meal 6 pm	11	12	13
14 Worship 9:30 am	15 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	16 A Cappella 7-9 pm	17 Quilters 9 am-noon Scripture Study & meal 6 pm	18 Men's Breakfast 9 am	19	20 Newsletter Publication begins
21 Worship 9:30 am	22 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	23 Comm. Meal Prep. 1 pm Serve 5 pm @ Cornerstone A Cappella 7-9 pm Bitterroot Chorus Board Mtg. 7 pm	24 Scripture Study & meal 6 pm	25	26	27
28 Worship 9:30 am Chili Cook-Off 5:30 pm	29 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	30 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>			

Basic Gathering

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You are cordially invited to flexible, no pressure *weekly scripture study and testimonial* beginning April 3rd- May 22nd. Meet at Faith Lutheran Church on Wednesdays at 6 pm. Come and be fed with the Word and a meal. Join us in person when your schedules permit or study on your own. Study guides are available at the church.