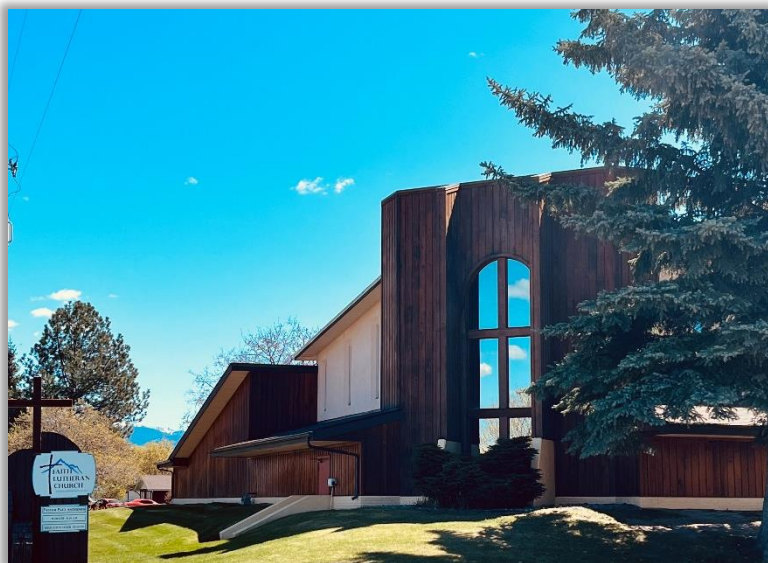


THE FAITH HERALD

June 2024 NEWSLETTER



Successful Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser for Campership and Scholarship Funds!

Thank you to all who planned, volunteered, donated, supported, cooked, and attended our Chili Cook-Off. It was a wonderful evening of great food, fun and fellowship. Congratulations to Pastor Paul on his award-winning Chili. Thanks to your generosity, we netted over \$4800.00 which will be split between our Campership and Scholarship Programs. If you require a receipt for your donation, please contact me and we will provide a receipt for you.

Faithfully Yours,
Susan Wetzsteon
Steward of Hospitality and Fellowship



A special **THANK YOU** to Susan Wetzsteon (our Steward of Fellowship & Hospitality) & her team for all the time/planning/work in organizing our very successful 'Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser'.
With much appreciation & love!

Pastor Paul Anderson

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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

In Person: 171 Lewis LN
Hamilton, MT 59840

Live Stream: YouTube @
www.faithlutheranhamilton.org

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facebook @
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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



JUNE 2024

- 2 Pr. Paul A.
- 2 Colleen S.
- 4 Dennis R.
- 7 Vicky M.
- 7 Jacque V.
- 10 Gwen L.
- 10 Scott S.
- 11 Aksel M.
- 15 Celeste P.
- 19 Phil S.
- 20 Brandi W.
- 20 Linda W.
- 25 Andrew W.
- 26 Cory W.
- 30 Lynn M.

Dear Friends and Members of FLC,

My Pondering's for the month come from my verse and voice devotional.

“Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.” Jeremiah 17:7-8

“Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained.” Marie Curie

“Lord, may we trust in you and stand strong like a tree planted by water, firm in the knowledge that our perseverance will bear fruit.”

Partners in sharing God's grace,

Pastor Paul

Sabbatical Planned

Pastor Paul will be on sabbatical August, September and October of 2024. Rick Brown, John Marten, Lans Richardson and Jacque VanDenburg will step in to cover pulpit duties.



You're Invited!
5th Sunday BBQ

Sunday, June 30th is the 5th Sunday of the month, and the Faith Lutheran Church Council is hosting a BBQ right after worship. Come for worship and stay for food and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

COUNCIL CORNER

By Rick Brown

Steward of Outreach



Friends of Faith,

Happy Pentecost season! We look forward to a busy summer and fall here at Faith.

Among other events, ecumenical Vacation Bible School is coming, and this group effort requires great communication skills and cooperation to produce. Many thanks to those involved from all the churches, especially Brooke and crew.

We are planning for Pastor Paul's sabbatical, and he is putting in a lot of extra effort to prepare our congregation to flourish during his well-deserved time of contemplation and restoration.

We are taking a hard look at the true state of repair of both our church building and our rental next door, Faith House. We are thankful for Greg and his leadership to take on this tough task that is vital for our future.

I ask for your prayers for this council and our congregation as we ask honestly not 'what *should* we as a church be doing, and we're *not!*' but ask rather 'What are we doing that we can *continue* to do, with those willing to serve?' As a council our first thoughts are always to serve the congregation, to provide worship and a facility for worship and events, to make sure we comply with city, county, state and federal requirements. We make sure we comply with Synod and Church-wide requirements. Nothing happens automatically and I offer sincere thanks to each and every volunteer and staff person who puts in the time to make Faith Lutheran Church the supportive family it is, nurturing its own that they who choose can serve their greater community, even the whole world.

FLC will have a cotton candy booth at the Sapphire Lutheran concerts starting June 14th at 6pm and then every Friday at 7pm, until July 12th. Ask about working the booth!

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Brown Steward of Outreach

FLC COUNCIL MEMBERS:

President/Convener:

Jacque VanDenburg

Discipleship: Brooke Kimzey

Fellowship/Hospitality: Susan Wetzsteon

Finance: Dean Drake

Communication: Colleen Southwick

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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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What's Up



Holy Closure of Shower-Mini Pantry Ministry

From 1 Peter 4:9-11, we read,

“Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.”

What a blessing it has been to serve our community by providing showers and a small food pantry for those in need. When we began this ministry, 3 years ago, we were the only place in the community offering a shower service. Since then, the Salvation Army has opened their doors offering a shower service from Monday-Friday, from 7:30 AM-2:00 PM. Because this shower service is in town and not as remote as we are out here on Lewis Lane, and there is a larger staff base, and our numbers of use has dropped significantly, we feel it is a healthy time to bring closure to these 2 ministries.

Our last day for our shower service was Thursday May 30th. We would like to thank everyone who has made donations of food, shower bags, quilts, hygiene supplies, etc. in support of these ministries.

We ask you all to pray with us as we anticipate what ministry God is leading us into next here at FLC in order to serve our community. May God continue to strengthen us as we serve “...so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.”

Pastor Paul and the Church Council

More Than a Building

Faith Lutheran Church provides a classroom for learning conversational American to an immigrant from Haiti. Teacher and student meet twice a week right here at FLC.

Quilts

The Faith “Love Day” Quilters sent 105 quilts off to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Minneapolis on May 11th. Big thanks to Rick Brown for all his help getting them from our quilting room here at Faith to the semi-truck in Missoula! We couldn't have done it without you!

YouTube Live Stream Worship by the Numbers

Faith Lutheran worship services are available on YouTube! We are together even when we're not.

Month	Total Views	Minutes Watched
January	145	1,656
February	129	2,717
March	172	1,967
April	88	1,276

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Quilt Sunday Celebration Congratulations High School Class of 2024!

The Faith Lutheran Church Quilters have once again lovingly crafted personalized quilts to wrap our 2024 graduates in! God Bless you and keep you:

Bennett Boelman	MSU	Business
Meredith Buhler		
Brooklyn Dowd		
Gunnar Larson	Westfork	Firefighting
Julia Seifert		
Sam Geroy	Carroll College	Nursing



Congratulations Faith Lutheran 2024 Scholarship Recipients!

GOD has you tight in the palm of HIS hand and your Faith Family has you in their prayers:

Amanda Boelman	Montana State University	Nursing
Tanner Hanson	Rocky Mountain College	Biology
Will Heitmann	Montana State University	Exercise Science
Cole Kimzey	Montana State University	
Gunnar Larson	Westfork Bitterroot Valley	Firefighting
Krieger Larson	Westfork Bitterroot Valley	Firefighting
Quinn Larson	Eastern Carolina University	Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Ani Mason	University of Montana	Physical Therapy
Luke Mendenall	Montana State University	
Maizie Mendenall	University of Montana	Environmental Justice
Emma Mitchell	Doshisha University (Japan)	Asian Studies & International Relations
Connor Reed	Montana State University	Computer Science
Logan VanDenburg	Pacific Lutheran University	Philosophy

THANK YOU for supporting the young members of our congregation! Because of your generous support, \$8,800 was provided for **13 Scholarships!**



SAVE THE DATE! VBS

***Created To Be!* Summer Vacation Bible School Day Camp**

Campers attending this summer's Vacation Bible School will learn how they are **Created To Be...FREE** as a gift of God's Love; **AUTHENTIC** individuals through God creation; **BRAVE** because the Spirit is always with them; **DISCIPLES** who serve together; and **DISRUPTIVE** in order to do what is right. The camp again will be a collaborative partnership of Faith Lutheran, St. Paul's Episcopal, First Presbyterian, and Corvallis Methodist. It will be hosted at St. Paul Episcopal Church. Counselors from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp will lead the worship, bible study, and team activities. Plus, the daily and weeklong crafts are designed to be reminders of each day's Created To Be theme.

Dates: Monday, July 8th – Friday, July 12th

Times: 9 am – noon with daily snacks and lunch on Friday Only

Location: St Paul's Episcopal - 600 S. 3rd Street in Hamilton

Contact: Jenny at the Faith Office will have info. and registration forms to register early!

Please remember teen and adult volunteers to help with supervision, crafts, and snack/lunch time during the week are always needed and greatly appreciated along with lunch and snack food donations. Also, if you are willing to offer a Thrivent Action Team to support the camp contact Linda Beyer.



Faith's Memorial Rose Garden

Thank you, Claudia Williams, for the beautiful additions to, and the constant upkeep of Faith's Memorial Rose Garden. Claudia is extremely grateful to others who have helped with the weeding this spring.

The garden has a long history. It began with four ladies removing the outgrown shrubbery, which had been beautiful when we moved into our new building in 1983. The first rose planted was a red one (Elizabeth Taylor) in memory of Betty Read, who was Australian by birth and had come to us from the mission field in New Guinea. Her given name was Elizabeth Taylor. Over the years some roses have died and been replaced. Claudia recently planted 3 new ones: One in memory of Dale Brady, one for Lynda Brady, and one not yet claimed. If you would like to purchase one and have it planted in someone's memory, please see Claudia or call the church office.

The lovely meditation bench in the corner was purchased by Marilyn Hoblitt in memory of her mother Beatrice Nelson, a long-time member of Faith. The bench needs some work to sturdy it up for a new coat of varnish.

Take time to pause at the garden and when the roses are in bloom, help yourself to a blossom and either take it home or gift it to someone.

Read All About Faith's Very Own Jack Losensky!

Jack was featured in a full-page article of the Missoulian on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 | **A3**. He authored "Logging for the Company" bringing light to logging near Anaconda from 1883-1917. To learn more about woodcutters, flumes, and Jack Losensky, check out the article:

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Jack's book, "Logging for the Company," is available at Chapter One Bookstore right here in Hamilton!

June

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Worship 9:30 am	3 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	4	5 Quilters 9 am-noon	6	7	8
9 Guitar Worship 9:30 am	10 WW 3 & 5:30 pm <i>Newsletter Publication Begins Early</i>	11	12	13	14	15
16 Worship 9:30 am	17 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	18 Council Mtg. 6 pm	19 Quilters 9 am-noon	20	21	22
23 Quilters 9 am-noon	24 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship 9:30 am						

For more info. on What's Up at FLC and details about events on the calendar, call Jenny in the office @ 406.363.2964.

5th Sunday BBQ
after worship

FYI July Faith Herald Newsletter

Publication of the July Faith Herald *will begin early* (on the 10th of June, rather than the usual 20th). Please keep this in mind as we plan for July and submit any content as early as possible. faithlutheran59840@gmail.com
Many Thousand Thanks!

FYI Fire Alarm/Smoke Detector System

Please be aware of the keypad located on the wall between the bulletin board and the custodial door (next to the women's restroom). If a smoke detector triggers the Fire Alarm System, there are instructions posted by the keypad.