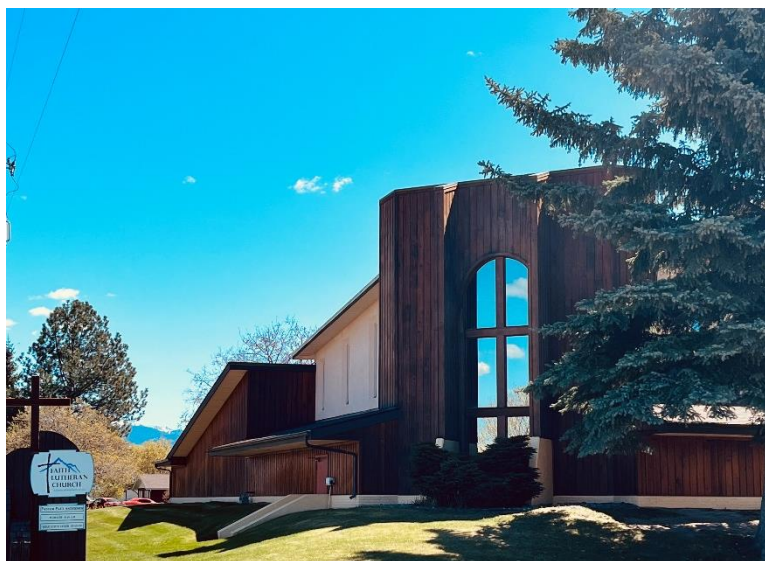


# THE FAITH HERALD

## MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



### Successful Easter Sunday Breakfast Fundraiser for the FLC Scholarship Fund

The Lord has risen!  
Just a quick note to thank everyone that helped to create a delicious and successful Easter Breakfast! A special thanks to Linda, Terry, Susan, Judy G., Karen H., Brian M., Jen, Mark and all the past students that put all the time and effort into this lovely day! All donations went to scholarships for our church family.  
God's blessings to all!  
Sandy and Dean Drake



Special Thank You  
to the Fessler  
family for the  
Easter Morning  
flowers on the  
cross!

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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](http://www.faithlutheranhamilton.org)

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# PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Friends and Members of FLC,

I think it's safe to say that you can put away your snow shovels and snow blowers. The days are certainly getting longer, most lawns have been mowed a couple of times and the irrigation ditches are flowing. Leaves are appearing on trees etc.... Yes, I believe you are safe to put away your snow removal equipment until next season.

Speaking of seasons, this is also the season of graduations and promotions. With these transitions there can come a certain amount of anxiety. One wonders, and becomes anxious with what lies ahead, with what comes next. Some verses that I hold close to my heart in times like these come from Proverbs 3:5-8 from the NRSV.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.

In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.

Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

It will be a healing for your flesh  
and a refreshment for your body.

My faith, by the power of the Holy Spirit, leads me to these verses when I become anxious for what lies ahead. I also lean on the words from an old Hymn written by Louisa M. R. Stead. Stead wrote this song shortly after she lost her husband around 1879 or 1880. I can't help but think that the words she wrote were inspired by Proverbs 3: 5-8, as she wrote "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

1. Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take him at his word.  
Just to rest upon his promise;  
Just to know, thus saith the Lord (refrain)

(refrain)

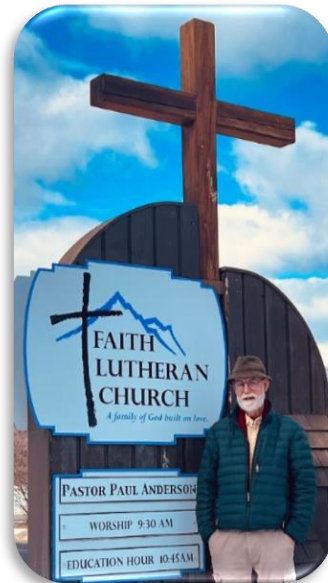
Jesus, Jesus how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus!  
O for grace, to trust him more!

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that thou art with me,  
Wilt be with me to the end. (refrain)

No matter what lies ahead, may we lean on these words from Proverbs and this hymn to bring us comfort and joy for what is coming next.

Partners in sharing God's grace,

Pastor Paul



# COUNCIL CORNER

May 2024



## 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. Updates will follow in future newsletters.

## Faith Lutheran Church is “Spring Cleaning” and Updating Our Records

Out with the old and in with the new. Be on the lookout for a request form to arrive in the mail. FLC would like to have correct and current contact information so we can better serve our parishioners. This information is for our private records and is not shared without permission. Please return the forms to the FLC office.

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|----------------|--------------|
| 1-Cliff M.     | 23-Darrin H. |
| 2-Tim W.       | 24-Lucas B.  |
| 3-Nancy O.     | 29-Pete S.   |
| 4-Will H.      |              |
| 5-Anita B.     |              |
| 9-Nancy M.     |              |
| 10-Ben E.      |              |
| 13-Nathan B.   |              |
| 14-Danielle H. |              |
| 16-Tracy W.    |              |
| 18-Tom A.      |              |
| 18-Judy G.     |              |
| 19-Donna J.    |              |
| 22-Sage B.     |              |
| 22-Rohn W.     |              |
| 23-Chad F.     |              |

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## FLC COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Jacque VanDenburg

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[flchamilton.finsec@gmail.org](mailto:flchamilton.finsec@gmail.org)



# What's Up



## Community Meals

The Faith Lutheran Community Meals team will not be serving a meal in May as the program will end for the season before our usual serving day. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the congregation's support of this much needed service in our community. This whole program is only made possible because of volunteers. And, we have some great volunteers in our Faith family. Thank you to all who have helped us provide meals this year from donating actual food items and dollars to the donation of time in the hands-on preparation and serving of the meals. You are the Best! Thank you!!! Linda B FLC Comm. Meals coordinator.

Also, please remember hunger doesn't go away in the summer. Please consider supporting our local food banks, if you are able, as food insecurity continues to grow in our area.

## Men's Breakfast

The last Men's Bereavement Breakfast of the season is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. Men's Breakfast will resume in the fall after summer break. It's been a strong season of abundant fellowship and food every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Huge thank you to Greg and Brandon for cooking and kitchen duty. Look forward to seeing you in the fall.

## Naomi's Circle

Naomi's Circle meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 1 pm at Clairice Brady's home. This Circle works on a variety of service projects. For more information, contact the office at 406.360.2964.

## FLC Shower Ministry & Mini Pantry

Shower & Pantry services are available Tue. & Thurs. from 9-11:30 am.

## HS Senior Quilt Sunday

- The Faith Lutheran Quilters have been busy creating personalized quilts for our High School Graduating Seniors. This is a favorite right of passage among our youth. The quilts go through all the ups and downs of life after high school, wrapping our precious children in love and comfort. Many thousand thanks to our FLC Quilters for providing works of art as tangible reminders for our new adults that God's got them in the palm of His hand. You won't want to miss Quilt Sunday on May 19<sup>th</sup> during worship.



# A N N O U N C E M E N T S

## Blast From the Past

"9 March 2024

Faith Congregation and Pastor Paul Anderson:

This is to extend to you all my desire that you may have a Blessed Easter.

I had the privilege of being your pastor as my first Call in 1957. Fresh and Eager, I was welcomed heartily and supported faithfully by what was the named American Lutheran Congregation. Our church building then was North 2<sup>nd</sup> and River St.

My memories of my three years in Hamilton are warm and rich. I have visited several times but not recently. This is my visit at this point in my life.

Thanks be to God for the Blessing Faith congregation is!

The Rev. Donald G. Reese  
36489 Reese Rd.  
Echo OR 97826"

## Many Thanks from Sapphire Lutheran Homes

"With your assistance, we enrich the lives of the community we serve.

Thank you ALL for your generosity in fulfilling our Angel Tree. We appreciate your continued support.

-Sapphire Lutheran Homes"

## Thank You from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

" Thank you so very much for your loving gift [\$760]. Each & every gift is such a blessing & helps us share the good news of Jesus with all! We are excited about our spring retreats & summer 2024-with over 100 more campers registered now, as compared to 2023 at this time.

Thank you for your cares & prayers-Marge"

## Thanks from SAFE for Donation from FLC Christmas Quilt Auction

"Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$473.50. ... As a non-profit organization, SAFE depends heavily on the support of our friends and partners like you. Thanks to you, families will find safe shelter, longer term housing, emotional support and access to critical community resources. These supports help build a safety net for safer, self-directed lives.

... We're grateful that you've entrusted us with your kindness and we will honor that trust by continuing to work until every home is a safe home. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Stacey Umhey, Executive Director"

## 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.

Please let the church office know how you would like to receive The Faith Herald newsletter: Email or Church Mailbox or Mail or Not at All.

If you would like to add something to The Faith Herald; publication for the following month's newsletter begins on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. You may submit content to: [faithlutheran59840@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheran59840@gmail.com)

# May

## Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

# 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Quilters 9 am-noon  Scrip. Study & Meal 6 pm	2	3	4
5 Worship 9:30 am  Cinco de Mayo Breakfast after Worship	6 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	7  A Cappella 7-9pm	8  Scrip. Study & Meal 6 pm	9	10	11
12 Worship 9:30 am	13 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	14  A Cappella 7-9 pm	15 Quilters 9 am-noon  Scrip. Study & Meal 6 pm	16  Last Men's Breakfast until next fall 9 am	17	18
19 Quilt Sunday Worship 9:30 am  Council Mtg. after Worship	20 WW 3 & 5:30 pm  Newsletter Publication Begins	21 Naomi's Circle 1pm @ Clairice's  A Cappella 7-9 pm	22  Last Scrip. Study & Meal 6 pm	23	24	25
26 Guitar Worship 9:30 am	27 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	28  A Cappella 7-9 pm	29  Quilters 9 am-noon	30	31	

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