

# THE FAITH HERALD

## August 2024 NEWSLETTER



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## COTTON CANDY

Many  
Thousand  
Thanks to  
everyone who  
volunteered to  
help with the  
Cotton Candy  
Outreach at  
the Sapphire  
Lutheran  
Homes  
Summer  
Concert Series!



## 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



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Conner R.	1
Dean D.	2
Nathan A.	6
Quoia A.	6
Gwen A.	6
Kasondra G.	8
Troy H.	9
Werner W.	10
Robin B.	14
Al M.	14
Lowell B.	15
Gayle R.	17
Eli H.	22
Dan W.	23
Ginny R.	26
Rick B.	27
Debbie C.	27
Lucas F.	29
Ron H.	30
Linda B.	31

Dear Friends and Members of FLC

Gwen and I are so grateful for the exciting and encouraging words FLC has shown and given to us regarding our Sabbatical time. Time for rest, reflection, and refreshment. Thank you all so much.

It's rather ironic that the revised common lectionary texts for my last Sunday of preaching, before this break, came out of Mark 6:31, where Jesus is speaking to his disciples then, and his disciples now, us, where he says, "...Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat."

I would like to share some of what will be happening during this time away. I will be going to Sitka, Alaska, during the first week of August spending most of the week on a friend's commercial fishing boat while Gwen will be in western Washington taking care of her mom and dad while her dad recovers from retina eye surgery. We will then head to the Midwest visiting my mom, who is 93, and family and friends.

I plan to take some time, as well to ride my bike looking for God sightings in nature and my surroundings. I hope to get some projects done around home, as well. I will be spending some time at St Gertrude's Retreat center in Cottonwood, Idaho.

As we are apart from one another, know that you are in my prayers. I look forward to hearing about the God sightings God reveals to you. Thank you again for granting Gwen and I this time of rest. I leave you with these verses from Matthew 11:28-30 until my next article.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Partners in sharing God's grace,  
Pastor Paul

## God Sightings for Faith to Ponder During Sabbatical

**AUG.-** Look for God Sightings in your community and surroundings.

**SEPT.-** Look for God Sightings within your church family and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

**OCT.-** Look for God Sightings in your personal life.

# COUNCIL CORNER

By Rick Brown  
Steward of Outreach



Dear Faith family...

Happy summer! Your council did not meet in July, and all are preparing for our next meeting which is scheduled for August 21 at 6:00 pm here at church. Any and all are welcome to join us, please contact Jacque if you want some time and she will schedule you into the meeting.

We are so grateful to and proud of all who participated in VBS and the cotton candy booth at Sapphire Lutheran's Concerts. I tried to add up all the hours that our members volunteered, and it added up to A LOT! What a beautiful outreach to our community and getting the name of Jesus out there in a fun way.

We pray for Pastor Paul and Gwen as they enter into a three-month sabbatical. Thank you, Faith family, that you are generous enough to offer this blessing to those who shepherd our flock.

Please be in prayer and honest discussion about our worship and fellowship together, the state of repair of both our church building itself and our rental, and what being church together is going to look like as we step towards the future together as a family built on love and welcoming in Christ's name.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rick Brown Steward of Outreach

## A Sabbatical Prayer

Guide us, Lord, as we all journey through the months ahead together. Help us to walk trustingly in faith with our church family here at FLC and to serve one another humbly. May we always be aware of your presence and direction in all we do. Be with Paul and Gwen and give them joy and contentment as they travel and return them safely to us. Amen.

## **FLC COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

President/Convener:

Jacque VanDenburg

Discipleship: Brooke Kimzey

Fellowship/Hospitality: Susan Wetzsteon

Finance: Dean Drake

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# What's Up



## Operation Christmas Child

School supplies are some of the most important items added to the OCC shoeboxes. They can make the difference in a child being allowed an education in some countries. Right now, is the time of year when school supplies are the most reasonably priced. Please consider buying *#2 pencils, pink erasers, blue/black ink pens, colored pencils, markers, crayons, spiral notebooks, student scissors, rulers with metric included, and maybe a fun extra* to help full shoeboxes at home or during the Packing Party in early November. A donation tub is now in the Faith Narthex to accept items for the OCC shoebox season! Help make a difference in a child's life along with putting a smile on his/her face!



## "Created To Be" Vacation Bible School



St. Paul Episcopal church was the place to be July 8 – 12 for our "Created To Be" Vacation Bible School Day Camp. The week was filled with worship and boisterous singing, team building that created friends, bible study that

encouraged compassion and crafts that reminded campers of lessons taught. Campers learned they are created to be free, unique, and brave disciples who can disrupt the world around them in good ways that encourage those they associate to experience Jesus and his teachings. During the week 3 FLBC counselors lead 30 campers from St. Paul's, First Presbyterian, Corvallis Methodist, UMAB Federated Church and Faith Lutheran through the camp activities. In addition, 6 teen helpers, 17 adult volunteers, and 4 Pastors assisted with the activities and learning. Faith was represented by 13 campers...a lot of grandchildren ☺, 5 teen helpers, 2 adult leaders for the Early Learners and Crafts, and Pastor Paul. Campers also provided 24 pounds of healthy snack items to make 91 snack packs for youth in our community experiencing food insecurity. Finally, Lucas Brady and Pastor Paul provided a sweet end to the week by making cotton candy after the lunch on Friday! An additional fun fact for the week was that one of the FLBC counselors, Meghan, was/is the granddaughter of Pastor Greg and Carol K. Thanks to everyone who brought their children, who donated items and who provided support in anyway including keeping all in your prayers!

## DOUGH FOR DAILY BREAD BIKE RIDE

Thank you to the riders, volunteers, and donors for helping the Montana Synod raise over \$6,000 for the food banks in Montana!



Church Family,  
My siblings and I cannot thank you enough for the lifetime of love, support, and faith community. Receiving scholarships for our real-life, adult adventures means more than you all know. Thank You, We love you, God Bless.  
Quinn Larson, Krieger  
Thank you so much for the amazing gift!  
-Gunnar

Thank you so much for the wonderful quilt! I love it and thank you all for the amazing things you do.  
-Gunnar Larson

Dear Faith Lutheran Quilters  
Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt. I love it! I'm so grateful to be a part of the faith family.  
Thank you!  
Love, Bennett

Dear Faith Lutheran Family,  
Thank you for your generosity. I am so grateful for your gift of a scholarship. With your support, I am able to pursue a degree in nursing from MSU. I am blessed to have such a caring church community cheering me on as I pursue higher education and the Lord. Thank you for all you do for me and the rest of your Faith Lutheran Family.  
Love, Amanda Boelman

## Many Thank Yous!

Craft time during **Vacation Bible School** continues to be a favorite. Meaningful and long lasting VBS crafts take time to plan and often prior preparation by many hands. Our Faith members continue to step up every year to help make these crafts happen. Huge thanks to the Heitman Family (especially Jacob & William) for a lot of cutting and drilling, John Carlson for his table saw and time, and the Mendenalls for their printing and copying services! Also, a shout out to Massa Home Center for donating some much needed "sticks." These wonderful folks helped in the creation of meaningful reminders of this year's VBS lessons. THANK YOU!

## Community Thank You

### Community Meals

Please thank your Community Meals Kitchen Team for helping to sharing more than 12,600 delicious meals, fellowship and the Good News with our brothers and sisters in the Bitterroot Valley community this past year.

Please Accept this Certificate of Appreciation [located on the FLC bulletin board outside of the kitchen] as a small token of our deep appreciation – we simply cannot do this awesome ministry without you! Blessings!

Tim Schoch  
Director, Community Meals Program

Gary Locke  
Director, Family Shelter of the Bitterroot

### Sapphire Lutheran Homes

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

Thank you for your donation for our Summer Concert Series. We are extremely grateful for your generosity and support of our mission!

Sapphire Lutheran Homes

# August

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 Worship 9:30 am Message by Rick Brown	5 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	6	7 Quilting 9 am-noon	8	9	10
11 Worship 9:30 am Message by Jacque VanDenburg	12 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	13	14	15	16	17
18 Worship 9:30 am Message by Rick Brown	19 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	20 <i>Newsletter Publication Begins</i>	21 Quilting 9 am-noon Council Mtg. 6 pm	22	23	24
25 Worship 9:30 am Message by Rick Brown	26 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	27	28	29	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.



Greg Karlsgodt's 80th

**Come and celebrate Greg's birthday with us.**

Light refreshments will be served.

**August 3, 2024 from 1:00 P.M.- 5:P.M.**

It will be held at:

Meadowlark Picnic Shelter  
Fort Missoula Regional Park  
3031 South Ave. West, Missoula MT 59803

No gifts please, but your presence and well wishes would be appreciated.