

THE FAITH HERALD

August 2025 NEWSLETTER



GEAR UP FOR FAITH FAMILY FORMATION

We are getting ready to kick things off as we prepare to head back to school- Join us the second Sunday of the month for Faith Family Formation- all are welcome to come for any or all of the time!

Starting at 5:00 pm with a meal and stay for songs, activities, discussion and fellowship!

September 14

October 12

November 9

December TBA

Please let Brooke Kimzey, Steward of Discipleship, know if you are able to contribute in some way!

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH (FLC), 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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P a s t o r ' s P o n d e r i n g s

Dear Friends and Members of FLC

The summer seems to be flying by, but what a great summer it has been. I have enjoyed having my granddaughter with us for most of July. She has been a delight and was a big help during VBS. Molly is always looking for ways to help others and is a great example of how we should love one another.

John 13:35 reads, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

As I've watched Molly, as well as all who helped with VBS and the staff at FLBC, and those who helped with our cotton candy booth, and all of the volunteers here at FLC, I continue to see disciples growing and proclaiming the good news of Jesus by loving and caring for others. I have seen others finding God as they receive the concrete love of others.

As the summer continues may you continue to experience God's love for you and may you share that love by loving one another.

Please pray with me.

God, may our love for one another be so tangible and true that through it, others encounter you. In Jesus name, Amen.

Partners in sharing God's grace,
Pastor Paul

COUNCIL CORNER

August 2025



There is an African proverb that says “It takes a village”- and while this refers to raising children, I think it also applies to each and every one of us. While we might be in different stages of life, I believe that we all need that community and connection that comes with being part of a “village”.

Community is a biblical concept- through scripture God shows us the importance of being in community. Psalm 133 says, “Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers [and sisters!] dwell in unity!”

So how are we going to work to strengthen our Faith community?

In September, we will kick off several events that will help us build and connect with one another.

On Sunday September 7 - directly after worship- join your council stewards for a “Faith Opportunity Fair”. We will showcase what each steward does and how you can help to serve alongside them. It will be a fun time for all ages to see how even the smallest gift can make a difference for our “village”.

The following Sunday- September 14, we will kick off our monthly “Faith Family Formation” events. We will begin the evening at 5:00pm with a meal- whether it be for just food and fellowship, or you choose to stick around for music, activities and stories, ALL are welcome!

Let us come together as a village to build strong connections and walk together in community!

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1Peter 4:10

-By Brooke Kimzey, Steward of Discipleship

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VBS- God's Word Comes Near

What a fantastic week we had at VBS July 7-11!!! Once again it was a collaborative effort with Corvallis Methodist being the host church, First Presbyterian and St Paul Episcopal providing the Early Learner (4-5 yr old group) leaders, and Faith Lutheran housing the FLBC counselors and providing the crafts. The daily learning topics focused on Trusting, Blessing, Listening, Serving, and Following/Sharing God's word. Here are some of the numbers from the week...

We averaged 22-25 campers each day

We averaged around 10 teen and adult volunteers per day from classrooms to kitchen!

We had four wonderful counselors from FLBC! (Luke M. was able to be part of the team)

We had wonderful leadership in our Pastor/Spiritual Leaders.

Our service project supported the local *Loads of Dignity* laundry project

It was truly a fun and cooperative group of young people who worshiped, played, and learned together. Amber W. for CUMC said it all when she shared with the leaders afterwards, "I believe sooo many seeds were planted in God's name this week as well!!" The week was possible because of great teamwork and coordination among the churches and several member volunteers, so, many thanks to everyone who helped make the week possible! It was faith in action!

Crumpets Call

Food and fellowship are a Lutheran tradition! Coffee and Crumpets after the church service is one of the occasions when we can connect with others, share God's love, and support one another in spiritual and other ways. Plus, it's just plain healthy to "catch up" with those in our Faith Family. It's even more enjoyable when done over a cup of coffee and a treat. It's the treats we could use some help with though. Crumpets do not need to be fancy or homemade. They can be purchased items from sweet to salty to savory. Stepping up and providing crumpet items now and then lessens the burden on others. All are appreciated and signing up when you choose to bring items is appreciated too. Offering to serve crumpets is also a good way to visit with people and there is usually help in the kitchen if you would like assistance.

School Tools for OCC Shoeboxes

School supplies are making their appearance in stores and now is the time of year when they are most reasonably priced. School supplies are some of the most important items added to the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. They can make the difference in a child being allowed an education in some countries. 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 fill 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!

THANKFUL VOICES

Dear Faith Lutheran Family.

I am incredibly thankful for the support you have given me through a **scholarship**. With your support, I am able to study at Montana State University while I also grow in my faith through Bible studies and worship at a Lutheran Church in Bozeman. In the spring of 2026, I will graduate from MSU with a bachelor's degree in nursing. After I graduate, I plan to pursue my doctorate in nursing practice and become a Nurse Midwife.

Your generosity and love have made me the person I am today. I am blessed to have made me the person I am today. I am blessed to have such an amazing church family.

Thank you so much.

Love,

Amanda Boelman

Thank you to all who attended our **5th Sunday Supper** in June! We served 40+ people, hotdogs, hamburgers, macaroni and potato salad, chips and ice cream sandwiches!! Thank you also to Brooke and Dan Kimzey (grill master) for all your help setting up, serving and cleaning up. Many hands make light work and I appreciate all of you who pitched in to make our BBQ a big success! Due to the next 5th Sunday being Labor Day weekend, we will not be having a dinner on the 31st. HOWEVER you do have another opportunity for fellowship, FOOD and fun. Please join us Sunday, September 14th for our monthly "Faith Family Formation".

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Susan Wetzsteon

Steward of Hospitality and Fellowship

A note from a Haven House Food Pantry Volunteer.

On this Monday, July 14 our overall number of people we served was slightly down although we serviced 117 family members overall. Perhaps, it was because it was 90+ degrees out and many of our clients walk to our food pantry. However, those that did come are always so grateful for the extra produce or canned goods we provide. The reason I'm writing is because today we heard from several people that they are worried about the future because their food stamps were cut back. In spite of the clients having jobs, the new regulations have them making just a little too much to qualify for their regular amount and they are worried about what happens as the end of the month draws near. Thankfully, our monthly box of food can tide them over for a few days.

I want to thank those who donate a box of cereal or peanut butter or a jar of jelly (which we desperately need) and fill the Haven House tote in the narthex. Your contributions do make a difference in someone's life when it's time to sit down for dinner..

On behalf of all Haven House volunteers,
THANK YOU for your continued support.
Jan Serfass

Want to submit an article for the newsletter? No problem! The 20th of each month is the deadline for the following month's newsletter. Email your article to the office: faithlutheran59840@gmail.com

August

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 Worship 9:30 am	4 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	5	6 Quilting 9 am-noon	7	8	9
10 Worship 9:30 am	11 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	12	13	14	15	16
17 Guitar Worship 9:30 am	18 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	19	20 Quilting 9 am-noon Deadline to submit content for the newsletter (11:59 pm)	21	22	23
24 Worship 9:30 am	25 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	26	27	28	29	30
31 Worship 9:30 am No 5 th Sun. Supper, Happy Labor Day wknd.	<div> <p><u>SAVE THE DATES!</u></p> <p>Sept. 7 FAITH OPPORTUNITIES FAIR after worship</p> <p>Sept. 14 FAITH FAMILY FORMATION start with meal at 5 pm</p> <p>Sept. 21 BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY come on in and worship with us</p> </div>					

Conner R.	1	Troy H.	9	Eli H.	22	Linda B.	31
Dean D.	2	Linda M.	10	Ginny R.	26		
Gwen A.	6	Werner W.	10	Rick B.	27		
Quoia A.	6	Al M.	13	Debbie C.	27		
Nathan A.	6	Robin B.	14	Bonnie S.	27		
Melanie A.	7	Lowel B.	15	Lucas F.	29		
Kasondra G.	8	Gayle R.	17	Ron H.	30		

