

THE

FAITH HERALD

September 2025 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP

Just a note to remind everyone that even if your Sundays are crazy booked 🤪 you can still get the worship time and sweet renewal we all need after a busy week! Just pull up our website and click on the YouTube link to watch the whole service at any time that works for your schedule!

You may also want to like our Facebook page to get updates and the verses to read each week.

Website:

www.faithlutheranhamilton.org

Facebook page:

Friends of Faith Lutheran

Of course, we look forward to fall and the special fellowship we can only get in person! 🤗

-LaDonna Grotbo, Steward of Communication

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

In Person: 171 Lewis LN

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Live Stream: YouTube @

www.faithlutheranhamilton.org

or

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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,

Ephesians 4: 4-6, 15-16

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ...we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.”

I am getting very excited as we get very close to our “Church Opportunity Fair” coming up on September 7th following worship. So, what is a “Church Opportunity Fair?”

For us, here at Faith Lutheran Church, it’s an opportunity to gather together with a renewed energy and joy, after being refreshed from our family times and vacations, that have for the most part, come to a close, and school has started etc... So, as we return from summer, we renew our commitments and our joy. And we celebrate all the things God is doing in our church and in our lives. There will be food and refreshments as well.

Council stewards will be available for you to talk with and have opportunities for how you may become involved. This time is also meant to energize us as we work together and grow together as the Body of Christ, and we need that energy: for worship, in service, in fellowship, in discipleship, in outreach, in property and grounds etc... And sometimes we might feel overwhelmed with all this energized activity.

But don’t worry, it’s okay. Our Ephesians text reminds us that it’s never one person alone in this life of Christ. We are, all of us, joined and knit together. And each doing our own part, each of us building and being built up in love.

So even for me, as I look over the busy season ahead, I find myself renewed and filled with joy. God is doing so much through us. And we are working together to share God’s love with each other and with the world around us.

See you on the 7th of September. Invite your friends and neighbors to come along with you.

Partners in sharing God’s grace,
Pastor Paul

COUNCIL CORNER

September 2025



How can it already be that I am writing the September Faith Herald Article. Where did the summer go. We have been singing "This is My Father's World" and how true that is. The beauty of summer, long days, time spent with family and friends, camping, gardens, lake time...and now the beauty of fall.

If you miss the Faith Opportunity Fair but are still interested in trying something new? There are folks that can help you get involved... and mentor and teach you. There are so many opportunities to be a part of Faith, from small to large, in the spotlight or behind the scenes. We are all one Family of Faith, and we need everyone to make us whole.

So, this fall try something new, suggest a hymn, sing in the choir, play your instrument, be a lector or usher. God will be smiling with you and so will your Faith Family!!!

-Amber Richardson, Steward of Worship

Update on the Faith House

We are happy to announce that we are right on target - The faith house is under contract to be sold!

Closing is set for October.

All funds will be placed in a separate Thrivent Financial account and not mixed with our current funds.

The council will move slowly and methodically as to our next steps based upon the present needs of the physical assets of the church and future mission.

Thanks be to God 😊 - FLC Council

FLC COUNCIL MEMBERS:

President/Convener: Cory Keith

Communication: LaDonna Grotbo

Discipleship: Brooke Kimzey

Fellowship/Hospitality:
Susan Wetzsteon

Finance: Dean Drake

Outreach: Jane Mason

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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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FAITH FAMILY FORMATION

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!

COMMUNITY MEALS

September marks the beginning of the school year and the beginning of the Community Meals season. Meals will start the week of September 8th. Faith will again be serving one of the meals (likely the 4th Tuesday of the month). More information and hopefully a schedule will be available during the first week of September so be sure to check the bulletin insert or local community announcement services. Volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal are always welcomed and appreciated! (Linda Beyer is the contact person 406-207-3471).

THRIVENT: *Live Generously!*

Do you have financial products with Thrivent? Be sure to regularly check your Choice Dollar balance at the end of each financial quarter to see if you have \$\$ to direct to an organization of your choice. You are generously helping organizations fulfill their mission every time you direct your dollars. Some organizations in our area that accept Choice Dollars are: Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, MT Food Bank Network, Habitat for Humanity, Council on Aging, Emma's House, Sapphire Lutheran Homes, Inc., and Family Shelter of the Bitterroot. Many national and international organizations are also listed as recipients as the list is long. For more info check the church bulletin board or online at Thrivent.com or call 800-847-4836 or check with your local Thrivent financial advisor.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoeboxes are an uplifting and heartfelt way to spread the story of Christmas and Jesus to children around the world including some extremely remote areas. Faith Lutheran has faithfully participated in this effort for many years. Our shoebox Packing Party Sunday, **November 9th** is the biggest way we do this. A Thrivent Action team grant helps provide many of the items to fill these boxes but not all of them. Helpful ways you can add to the success of the Packing Party are to purchase a "WOW" item (special toy, clothing item, game, etc.) for one or more shoebox(es) or tuck away \$10 (or more) to help ship a shoebox or purchase extra school supplies (still needed are pencils, colored pencils or markers). In addition, you might consider volunteering to help set up the packing line or work at the local collection center (see Linda Beyer for these ideas). A great way to learn more about the whole program or pack a box online is to visit samaritanspurse.org/occ.

**CHURCH
OPPORTUNITY
FAIR**

★ FOLLOWING WORSHIP ★

- ✦ Explore ministries & opportunities
- ✦ Meet friendly faces
- ✦ Discover ways to get involved this fall!

BIG TOP OF BLESSINGS

UNDER THE TENT OF GOD'S LOVE!

September

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Office Closed Happy Labor Day Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	2	3 Quilting 9 am-noon	4	5	6
7 Worship 9:30 am Faith Opportunities Fair after worship	8 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	9	10	11	12	13
14 Guitar Worship 9:30 am Faith Family Formation 5-7pm	15 Council Mtg. 5:15 pm Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	16	17 Quilting 9 am-noon	18 No Men's Breakfast. See you in October.	19	20 Deadline to submit content for the newsletter (11:59 pm)
21 Worship 9:30 am Back to Church Sunday! Come on in and worship with us, bring a friend!	22 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	23 Community Meal Prep. 1pm Serve 5pm @ Cornerstone Bible Church	24	25	26	27
28 Worship 9:30 am	29 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	30	<p><u>Please NOTE:</u></p> <p>Faith is getting new insulation! This will <i>NOT</i> impact our Sunday Worship. However, insulation work will take place during the week from Sept. 8-26, and there will be a few times when the building will not be accessible. This schedule is tentative, and we will do our best to keep you updated. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we make improvements to stay cozy and efficient.</p>			

Teri B.	3	John T.	18	Quinn L.	26
Tanner H.	3	Eric L.	20	Helen F.	27
Ann D.	8	Beth D.	21	Paul W.	27
Jesse D.	8	Jack D.	22	Dave H.	29
Robert S.	12	David B.	25	Wanda H.	29
Barbara H.	17	Curtis F.	25	Jonah B.	30
Emma M.	18	Carolyn L.	25		

