

THE

FAITH HERALD

October 2025 NEWSLETTER



CONFIRMATION AT FAITH COMING SOON!

Beginning in November, Lans (LMA) & Amber Richardson will be leading confirmation classes along with Pastor Paul's guidance.

This will be for 7th graders through 9th graders. More details to follow and feel free to visit with Lans, Amber or Pastor Paul with any questions. The office can connect you with any one of them.

We ask for your prayers as we build something new for our youth in this busy world.

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

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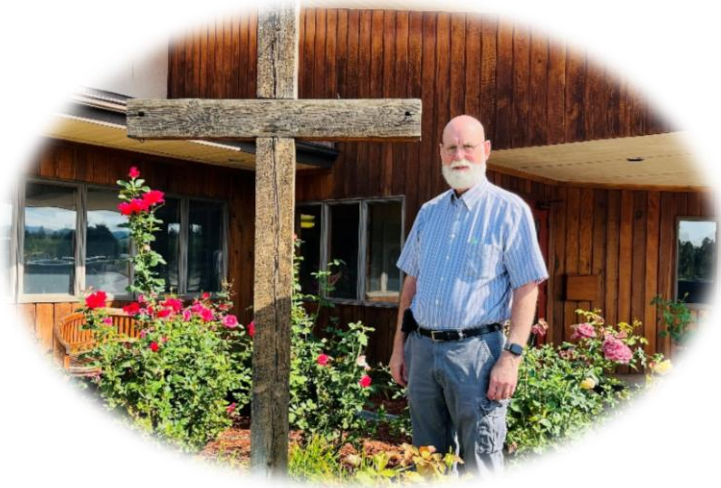
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P a s t o r ' s P o n d e r i n g s

Dear Friends and Members of FLC,

I begin my Ponderings with a question. How are you with new things? Sometimes I really like new things, but other times, not so much. Take, for example, the cell phone. Now, I'm not going to go as far back as the phone in a bag, which I'm sure some of you would remember, but I will go as far back as the flip phone. I had a friend who was reluctant to give up his flip phone for a smart phone, but he did. He became so frustrated with his new smart phone that he got rid of it and went back to his flip phone. It wasn't until his daughter helped him navigate and find his way around yet another smart phone that he became comfortable using it.

Now I ask you, how are you with new things happening in the church? Because there are many new things happening in our church at large. We have a new church wide Bishop elect, Bishop Yehiel Curry. And we have a new Bishop here in the MT Synod, Bishop Ben Quanbeck.

Two of the scriptures Ben picked for his installation were from Isaiah and 2 Corinthians. Isaiah 42:9-10, "See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. Sing to the Lord a new song..."

2 Corinthians 5:17, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

Bishop Eaton, commented in her sermon, during Ben's installation, of the new things God is doing that we bear witness to.

This made me not only think of the new Spiritual Leaders on a Synod level, but also for the Spiritual Leaders right here in our own congregation. I am thankful for our council, and for those who serve on various committees and ministries. Indeed, God is doing a new thing, and God calls each of us, by the Holy Spirit, to participate in a new way of sharing the gospel good news of Jesus with all those around us.

Partners in sharing God's grace,
Pastor Paul

COUNCIL CORNER

October 2025



1 Peter 4:9

"Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

The Opportunity Fair was held on Sunday, September 7th after church services. The idea behind the Fair was to educate the congregation on the duties and responsibilities of each Steward, and a way for people to become engaged in the workings of the church and to learn of volunteering opportunities. The Council welcomes each of you to participate in the work of our church; ask questions, get involved, meet your fellow church members!

It takes many hands to make our church run smoothly. Those of you who usher, lector, help with communion, make quilts, serve on a committee, host coffee hour and not to mention attending services, the Council thanks you!! We are a family of God built on love: Worshipping, Welcoming, Learning & Serving in Christ's Name.

As Steward of Hospitality and Fellowship I am asking for your help. Sign-ups for Hosting Coffee Hour have been lacking and it has fallen on a few dedicated members. Hosting can be as easy as making popcorn, store bought treats, or cheese and crackers. These are just a few ideas that are inexpensive and quick to prepare. Please consider giving a little of your time. If each able-bodied member signed up just once a year, we would more than fill our calendar!! The sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex. Be sure to add your name if you are bringing food to share.

On the last Sunday of each month, we will be having our "Congregational Sunday" Coffee Hour. The idea is to get the entire church involved. This September 28th will be ZUCCHINI SUNDAY! We are asking you to bring your favorite zucchini dish or treat, savory or sweet to share (no zucchini bread). Coffee and drinks will be taken care of, all you have to do is come and share!

Future Congregational Sundays

October 28th – Apple Sunday

November 30 – Pumpkin Sunday

December 30 – Cookie Sunday

1 Corinthians 10:31

"So. Whatever you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God"

Faithfully Yours,

Susan Wetzsteon, Steward of Hospitality and Fellowship

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!

October 12

November 9

December TBA

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

FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL AND AUCTION AT FLBC

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Dinner, Silent Auction & Fun! An event to make camp financially accessible to all! For tickets and more information visit:

<https://one.bidpal.net/flbcauction2025/welcome>

Or check out the flyer on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen.

Definitely check out the above website for **AWESOME auction items to bid on**, like: Griz tickets, Condo in Hawaii, Log cabin getaways, Art, Quilts, & so much more!!!

COMMUNITY MEALS

The Community Meals program provides a hot evening meal Monday night through Thursday night during the school year months. Anyone is welcome to come have a free meal provided by various churches and organization in the community. Meals are served at the following places:

Mondays: Neely Center – 150 S. A Street in Victor

Tuesdays: Cornerstone Bible Church – 280 Fairgrounds Road in Hamilton

Wednesdays: Assembly of God Church – 601 W. Main Street (back parking lot entrance)

Thursdays: St. Francis Catholic Church Parish Hall – 411 S. 5th Street in Hamilton

Faith prepares and serves the meal on the 4th Tuesday of the month. October 28th, volunteers will be needed to help prepare the meal at 1 pm in the Faith Kitchen and/or serve the meal at Cornerstone from 4:45 – 6:15ish. Volunteers are always greatly appreciated! (Linda Beyer is the contact person 406-207-3471)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's just weeks away! The Operation Christmas Child Packing Party is scheduled for **November 9th** after our church service. As always, a light lunch will be included as well as great fellowship as we pack joy into shoeboxes. The Packing Line will be set up a few days before and left up a few days after for anyone who cannot make the "party". Ways you can help make our shoebox packing efforts a success is to maybe 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(es). Just a note... there are always fewer shoeboxes for boys aged 10-14 so items for this group would be greatly appreciated. Another way is volunteer to help set up the packing line or work at the local collection center (see Linda Beyer for these ideas and more). A great way to learn more about the whole program is to get online and visit samaritanspurse.org/occ or visit the table set up in the church Narthex.



FUN FAITH FAIR

Thank you FLC Council and all who helped create a fantastic opportunity for fun, fellowship and a chance to engage with our Stewards! If you missed it, no worries. You are always welcome to reach out to the Stewards and find out how you can get involved. The church office can help you connect with them. They are creatively and diligently working hard for FLC.

And...don't forget your Friendly Faith Secretary; Jenny is here to help. If she doesn't have the answer, she will get you connected with all the right people. If a "guest" is asking questions, Jenny is a great resource to help them navigate FLC church life. Please have them contact her during office hours: Mon. - Fri., 9am - 1pm.

We have more opportunities for fun fellowship during coffee hour. If you would like to host sometime, it is easy, no pressure, and so appreciated. Also...the last Sunday of every month will be a "Congregational Sunday" during coffee hour, where we bring something to share. Stay tuned for Susan Weststeeon, Steward of Fellowship & Hospitality, to announce the upcoming "theme" for the last Sunday of the month.



October

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Quilting 9 am-noon	2	3	4
5 Worship 9:30 am	6 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship 9:30 am Faith Family Formation 5-7pm	13 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	14	15 Quilting 9 am-noon	16 Men's Breakfast 9am	17	18
19 Guitar Worship 9:30 am	20 Deadline to submit content for the newsletter (11:59 pm) Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	21	22 Council Mtg. 5:15pm	23	24	25
26 Worship 9:30 am Congregational Coffee Hour Apple Sunday	27 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	28 Community Meal Prep. 1pm Serve 5pm @ Cornerstone Bible Church	29 Quilting 9 am-noon	30	31	

Jen M.	2	Jon A.	20
Maizie M.	6	Sam L.	20
Krieger L.	7	Lauren K.	24
Jenny S.	7	Charlie S.	25
Kiley McD.	12	Katherine R.	28
Julia S.	12		
Kathy C.	18	Emily H.	12

