

THE

FAITH HERALD

November 2025 NEWSLETTER



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

Hamilton, MT 59840

Live Stream: YouTube @

www.faithlutheranhamilton.org

or

facebook @

Friends of Faith Lutheran

Saturday, November 8th 2025
St. Francis Pastoral Life Center
411 S 5th St. Hamilton MT
\$30
First Seating 11:00 am-12:30 pm
Second Seating 12:30 pm-2:00 pm

Tickets go on sale October 8th
at Clay Works! in the Bitterroot
and Chapter One Book Store

Clay Works! in the Bitterroot 325 W. Main St, Hamilton, MT 59840

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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,

A few weeks ago, I preached a sermon on having an attitude of gratitude. And we are heading into the season of Thanksgiving. As Christians not only are we thankful for the things we have been blessed with, but we are also thankful to someone, God, for those blessings. We are thankful for the relationship we have with God as well. Psalm 100:3 reads, Psalms 100:3-5 (NRSV) "3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his..." And it's because of this relationship, we are able to live out the verses that follow from this Psalm, especially at Thanksgiving that read, "4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. 5 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."

There are so many things in our world these days that can depress us and can keep us from having an attitude of gratitude. I pray that we will keep our eyes focused on Jesus. And, may we claim the promises that God has given us from Hebrews 13:5

5. "... 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'" That's God's steadfast love, wanting to have a relationship with us.

May we live with an attitude of gratitude during this Thanksgiving Season and always. Because, as we read from Lamentations 3:22 & 23 "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." And for that we give thanks. Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

Partners in sharing God's grace,

Pastor Paul

Interested in "WHAT'S UP" at the MT Synod or the ELCA?

Check out their websites. You can even sign up for newsletters & weekly announcements!



www.montanasynod.org



www.elca.org

COUNCIL CORNER

November 2025



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 2026 BUDGET

A **Q&A** opportunity regarding the Faith Lutheran Church 2026 Budget is scheduled for **Nov. 30th** after worship. Please plan to attend to have questions answered.

The **final budget**, to be approved by the congregation at a Special Meeting, will take place **Dec. 7th** after worship.

5TH SUNDAY SUPPER

There will **not** be a 5th Sunday Supper on November 30th since it is Thanksgiving weekend.

We will have our Congregational Coffee Hour November 30th...Pumpkin Sunday! Bring your favorite pumpkin dish to share.

FAITH FAMILY FORMATION & CONFIRMATION

Join us the second Sunday of the month for Faith Family Formation & Confirmation- 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!

Confirmation will begin November 9, 2025 with dinner and joining the faith family formation. Parents and siblings welcome to come to dinner and stay for the family lesson. We will have a confirmation lesson following with discussion on times to meet and other details. Looking forward to seeing our young folks there!! -Lans and Amber

November 9

December TBA

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

FLC COUNCIL MEMBERS:

President/Convener: Cory Keith

Communication: LaDonna Grotbo

Discipleship: Brooke Kimzey

Fellowship/Hospitality:
Susan Wetzsteon

Finance: Dean Drake

Outreach: Jane Mason

Property/Grounds: Greg Houser

Worship: Amber Richardson

FLC STAFF:

Pastor: Paul Anderson

Office Secretary: Jennifer Larson

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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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COMMUNITY MEALS UPDATE

Some wonderful news was shared with church/organization CM coordinators recently! The *House of Praise* in Victor (2189 Meridian Rd) has graciously stepped up to prepare and serve community meals on Fridays, beginning November 7. This is truly an answer to prayer and a blessing for our community because it means there is now an opportunity for a free evening meal 5 days a week. A new schedule for meals is located on the table in the Narthex if you would like one. Also, a volunteer is collecting CM data more consistently this year. We will be able to better report how impactful this program is in our community. In September 1,549 meals were served because of 431 volunteer hours. Thank you to everyone who offers a helping hand!

Faith Community Meals – Holiday Weeks

Faith will not serve a meal in November and December because the 4th Tuesday of the month falls during Thanksgiving and then Christmas week. Often facilities used for serving CMs are being used for special occasions during these weeks plus volunteers are often committed elsewhere. In addition, many food baskets and other free food options are available to those in need during these weeks. There are many options to help: support local organizations and grocery stores with providing a holiday meals, donate money to the Montana Food Bank, or donate actual food items to our local food banks. If you have any questions, you can always check with Linda Beyer, the Community Meal Coordinator at 406-207-3471.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD *Faith's Shoebox Packing Schedule*

November 2 – Sunday

Help Pack School Kits during Coffee Fellowship

November 7 – 8 – Drop-In Packing Line Available

Our goal is to pack at least 150 boxes this year

Drop-in at the church during business hours and pack one or more shoeboxes

November 9th - Packing Party Sunday

Food, Fellowship, and Packing Shoeboxes after the church service

November 10th – 11th

Drop-in at the church during business hours and pack one or more shoeboxes

November 17th – 23rd- Collection Week

Shoeboxes are collected at Cornerstone Church and packed into larger shipping boxes to begin their journey to children around the world

Please remember \$10 per box is requested for shipping

Checks can be made out to Faith Lutheran (designate for OCC) then one check will be written and sent once the boxes are filled & collected...or

Cash or checks can be added to shoeboxes in an OCC envelope as the last item

Another Option! * * * Pack a Box On-line!

Pack a shoebox anytime of the year for \$25 (includes the filler items and shipping)

go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

It's easy and you can choose which suggested items to include in the box (It does require a credit card)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Linda Beyer 406-207-3471



NEWS FROM THE FLBC ANNUAL MEETING

News from your Montana grown Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp is here. Our year-round outdoor ministry, just up the road. 151 miles, 2 hours and 47 minutes from Faith Lutheran Church, to be exact, has been in existence for 82 years! 82 years of singles, couples, friends, parents, children, grandchildren, aunties and uncles, spending time together to experience Christ's grace through meaningful relationships, shared adventures, and purposeful service. Outdoor Ministry programs have long been a vital part of youth development in America, offering unique environments where young minds can explore their faith, build lifelong friendships, and develop essential life skills. From challenging outdoor adventures to contemplative moments, 6.5 weeks of summer camp provides a deep well of positive experiences for personal and spiritual growth. The power of outdoor ministry lies in its ability to create transformative moments that leave indelible marks on the hearts and souls of generations of participants. On October 10th and 11th, the Board of Directors met, the Annual meeting convened, and the Harvest Festival was enjoyed by many.

Reverend Jason Asseslstone was installed as the new and 3rd Executive Director of FLBC, succeeding long time E.D. Margie Fielder. The Board installed 5 new members from across the state, 2 from Faith Lutheran Church, Cory Keith, and Jennifer Murrillo. The 6.5 weeks of kids' summer camps from June - early August, were once again successful. Successful introducing youth to God's grace through outdoor ministry and meaningful relationships. We are not yet back to our pre-covid attendance numbers, but we are growing. A majority of the youth who attended were 'unchurched' and many grandparents paid to send their grandkids. The remaining 10.5 months of the last 12 months have been filled with a variety of adult retreats, and the options continue to grow. Book clubs, quilting & crafts, yoga, Advent, and ski and snowboard retreats are each on the calendar for Oct. Nov, Dec, Jan, and Feb. Adult retreaters keep this place hopping year-round! Our finances are in a good place, many repairs and necessary ongoing maintenance have been accomplished, whew, and the staff have done a fabulous job making Camp a place of solace and connection, while working their tails off.

The kid's summer camp registration for summer 2026 opens November 20th. Of course, there is an early bird reduced rate incentive so please prayerfully consider this opportunity to spread God's word through outdoor ministry. If you're on the other side of "kid", perhaps you would care to share your time and talents volunteering? When we volunteer at FLB Camp, we are doing God's work and reaping immediate rewards. Our volunteer work lightens the load for staff and Camp Counselors to bring their best to the kid campers and Adult Retreaters they serve. Again, please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of our Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, whether as a summer volunteer, year-round volunteer, adult retreat camper, member of Family Camp, or by supporting a youth to experience the gifts of our Lord via outdoor ministry. If you haven't yet been to camp, when will you attend? I am available to talk your ear off about the loveliness of being up at Camp, so please seek me out with your questions.

God's Peace to You, Jennifer Murrillo

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 "Fall Back" Set Clocks Back 1 Hour
2 All Saints Sunday Worship 9:30 am	3 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	4	5 Quilting 9 am-noon	6	7	8
9 Worship 9:30 am OCC Packing Party after worship Faith Fam. Form. & Confirmation 5-7pm	10 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	11	12	13	14	15
16 Worship 9:30 am	17 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	18	19 Quilting 9 am-noon Council Mtg. 5:30	20 Men's Breakfast 9am Deadline to submit content for the newsletter (11:59 pm)	21	22
23 Worship 9:30 am Decorate Church after worship	24 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	25	26	27 Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	28 Office Closed	29
30 1 st Day of Advent Worship 9:30 am Budget Q&A Congregational Coffee Hour Pumpkin Sunday						

REMINDERS:

Time Change: Remember we "Fall Back" in the Fall by turning our clocks back 1 hour before bed on Saturday, November 1st as the return to Standard Time takes place during the wee hours of Sunday, November 2nd.

No Community Meal Prep/Serve for Nov. due to Thanksgiving

No 5th Sunday Supper in Nov. due to Thanksgiving

Hazel B.	3	Yvette L.	9	Mark C.	18
Lorraine F.	4	Skeet M.	9	Colter M.	19
Tom G.	4	Wesley S.	9	Grayden B.	20
Bryan D.	5	Sawyer D.	10	Jared D.	20
John S.	5	Charley L.	11	Abigail W.	20
Justin G.	6	Erika D.	14	Madi F.	21
Barbara D.	7	Mia M.	16	Ann W.	24
Peggy T.	8	Amanda B.	18		

