

THE

FAITH HERALD

July 2024 NEWSLETTER



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Cotton Candy

Faith Lutheran Church will be making & selling cotton candy at Sapphire Lutheran Homes' SUMMER CONCERT SERIES! Please consider volunteering for one of these super fun evenings. Call the office for details 406.363.2964.

July 5 7 PM Tom Petty Tribute Band

July 12 7 PM Beatles For Sale (Beatles Tribute)



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

or

facebook @

Friends of Faith Lutheran

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



Dear Friends and Members of FLC

Summer has arrived and we have celebrated the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year which ushers in summer.

Summer is also a time for Vacation Bible School or VBS, and I have been pondering the theme for our VBS that will take place this month from July 8th-12th.

The theme for the week is "CREATED TO BE." The theme verse for the week is from Psalm 139:14; "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well." During the week we will explore our roles in God's creation, emphasizing that: we are loved and accepted by God just for who we are, that God sees us and knows us, never leaving our side, and that we need not do anything or prove one single thing to receive God's free gift of grace. As we study God's Word, worship, do crafts, sing, have snacks and play together we will grow in knowledge and understanding of the gifts God has instilled in us, feel joy and assurance in praising God our creator, and live in ways that reflect our identity as God's people, created to be free, authentic, brave, loving, and a friend to all.

Please pray for all of the staff that are coming from FLBC to lead us during this week. Please pray for all of our volunteers from the participating churches, (First Presbyterian, Faith Lutheran, St Paul's Episcopal, and Corvallis United Methodist Church), who are excited about sharing God's love with these children, so they are able to "...praise God knowing they are fearfully and wonderfully made...; learning more of the marvelous works of God...; and growing in God's love for them. from the depths of their souls."

Partners in sharing God's grace,
Pastor Paul



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- 1 Nancy H.
- 2 Dan K.
- 3 Adrienne P.
- 3 Deana S.
- 8 Pete D.
- 8 Lauren L.
- 9 Crimson B.
- 10 Erv U.
- 10 Thom W.
- 11 Larry H.
- 17 Robin I.
- 17 Teresa L.
- 17 Sam L.
- 18 Jane M.
- 20 Ruth W.
- 23 Kenny R.
- 27 Karen H.
- 30 Lea N.
- 30 Jan S.
- 31 Clair G.

COUNCIL CORNER

By Rick Brown
Steward of Outreach



July 2024 Council Corner

Dear Faith Family,

Happy Summer! Please pray for our ecumenical VBS happening right away this month. I hope you also find time on Fridays to catch the last couple of concerts at Sapphire Lutheran Homes, look for Faith's cotton candy crew! The council asks for your prayer and input for a couple of important matters for our community.

One is the future of Faith House (our rental) and its upkeep vs. income and the funding of very necessary upgrades to our aging church facility, particularly the water and heating systems.

The second is Pastor Paul's sabbatical beginning at the end of the month. Many of us have experienced being without a pastor for extended lengths of time, but in this instance, we will be doing it with intention, planning, and some ideas on actually growing stronger and closer as a congregation. It will be an interesting experience for all and Paul has everything covered! Prayers for Paul and Gwen as they rest, travel, learn and take a deep breath before coming back and jumping back into our lives together.

Your council wishes you all a joyful summer! Bring your visitors to church, we would love to meet them!

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Brown Steward of Outreach

Sabbatical Update

Pastor Paul's last official day before he goes on sabbatical is Sunday, July 21st. Rick Brown, John Marten, Lans Richardson and Jacque VanDenburg will step in to cover pulpit duties for August, September and October.

FLC COUNCIL MEMBERS:

President/Convener:

Jacque VanDenburg

Discipleship: Brooke Kimzey

Fellowship/Hospitality: Susan Wetzsteon

Finance: Dean Drake

Communication: Colleen Southwick

Outreach: Rick Brown

Property/Grounds: Greg Houser

Worship: Amber Richardson

FLC STAFF:

Pastor: Paul Anderson

Office Secretary: Jennifer Larson

Bookkeeper: Heather Wintergerst
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Custodian: Rick Brown

You may reach out to council and staff members by:

calling: (406) 363-2964

or emailing:

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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:
flchamilton.finsec@gmail.org



What's Up



BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Faith Lutheran Church has scholarships for campers to go to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp (FLBC)! Pick up the easy application from the blue file labeled "CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS;" located right outside of the office door. Please fill out an application for *each* camper. All are welcome. Turn in completed applications to the file hanging on the office door. Check out all the opportunities FLBC has @ www.flbc.net or pick up a FLBC Summer Program from Faith. Let the fun begin!



Operation Christmas Child

Christmas In July...think Operation Christmas Child

Many families choose to have a "Christmas" gathering in July or another summer month as it is easier for some to travel during this warmer weather time. If you are one of these families or even if you're not, take a minute to think about Operation Christmas Child. Summer is a great time to find toys, school supplies, and other great shoebox filling items for good prices and even on sale. Trust me...the children receiving the boxes will thank God for you and hear the story of Christmas plus about the life of Jesus as part of your gift!

Thank You Quilters

Dear Faith Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt.
Your community demonstrates true kindness, which I not only admire, but also hope to take to college, best wishes.

From, Julia Pearl Seifert

YouTube Live Stream Worship by the Numbers

Faith Lutheran worship services are available on YouTube @ Faith Lutheran Hamilton. We are together even when we're not.

Month	Total Views	Minutes Watched
May	97	1,239
April	88	1,276
March	172	1,967

GRATITUDE

Dear Faith Family,
I can't thank you enough for selecting me to receive one of the scholarships this year. I will put it to good use as I finish up my final year of my undergraduate at Rocky! I look forward to getting my bachelor of science degree in biology, playing competitive golf for one final year, and looking forward to the next chapter of my life where I will begin applying to medical schools and continue my learning experience. My journey hasn't been easy, but when times get tough, I think of all of those who believe in what I can do and who have my back, including my Faith family! I promise to continue making you all proud and representing the Faith family to the best of my abilities!
Thank you all so much,
Tanner Hanson

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Thank Yous

"Dear Faith Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your generous gift of \$915.00 to ministries of the ELCA through ELCA Good Gifts. ...The glory of God shines through you. ..."

"THANK YOU To the members of Faith Lutheran Church from the Montana Synod- \$12,400. For Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and churchwide ministries of the [ELCA]. ..."

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FROM OUR
YOUNG ADULTS!

Dear Faith Family,
Thank you so much for your prayers and the generous scholarship for college. I really appreciate your love and support.
In Christ,
Logan VanDenburg

Faith Family,
Thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity! I am so grateful and will be using the FLC Scholarship during my Study Abroad time in Kyoto, Japan at Doshisha University. I will be studying Japanese language and culture. This will also be a time for me to grow my faith and closeness with God.
Thank You,
Emma Mitchell

Community Thank Yous

Community Meals

"Linda Beyer and friends
Thank you so much for the wonderful Burrito dinner! God Bless your Kindness and generosity.
Willow Court Community Club
Chris Bramsen"

Community Food Pantry

"Hi,
We want to thank you for your continuous support.
We appreciate the 54 lbs. of food which helps to continue providing food for the needy.
Darby Bread Box Board Members

Fire Department

"Dear Faith Lutheran Church,
...Thank you for your generous donation [\$1,000]. ...On behalf of the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department, I extend my sincere gratitude for investing in our community. ...
Brad Mohn, Fire Chief"



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



“CREATED TO BE”

Location:

St Paul's Episcopal Church
600 S. Third St. Hamilton

Phone contact:

Faith Lutheran at 406-363-2964

Event is free, but donations are appreciated
Hosted by First Presbyterian, Faith Lutheran,
St. Paul's Episcopal, and Corvallis UMC

Time: 9 am - 12 pm

Ages: 4 year olds through incoming
6th graders

A Christ-centered program that
includes worship, Bible Study, singing,
games, service, care for creation,
arts and crafts, and more!

VBS Registration forms available to pick up
from Faith Lutheran, or you may request a
digital copy by emailing:

faithlutheran59840@gmail.com

Return completed forms to Faith Lutheran
via mail, email, or in person.

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YOU'RE INVITED!

Lake Como Family BBQ Potluck

We will eat around 6 pm on **Wednesday,
July 10th** @ the **Lake Como Beach**.

Come early for fun and fellowship! All
are welcome!

Hamburgers, hotdogs and the fixin's
provided. Bring some chips, or salad, or
fruit, or dessert to share.

I will praise You,
for I am
fearfully and wonderfully
made;
marvelous are Your
works, and that
my soul
knows very well.

-Psalms 139:14

July

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Quilting 9 am-noon	Happy Independence Day! OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Guitar Worship 9:30 am	WW 3 & 5:30 pm VBS WEEK 9 AM-12 PM @ St. Paul's Episcopal		Lake Como Family Potluck Eat at 6 pm			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 9:30 am	WW 3 & 5:30 pm		Quilting 9 am-noon			Newsletter Publication Begins
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship 9:30 am <i>Pastor Paul's last official day before sabbatical</i>	WW 3 & 5:30 pm					
28	29	30	31	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> For more info. on What's Up at FLC and details about events on the calendar, call Jenny in the office @ 406.363.2964. </div>		
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FYI The Faith Herald Newsletter

The newsletter is always available on our website @ www.faithlutheranhamilton.org under "Calendars and Newsletters," and on the table in the FLC Narthex.

Please let the church office know how you would like to receive The Faith Herald newsletter: Email or Church Mailbox or Mail or Not at all.

If you would like to add something to The Faith Herald; you may submit content to: faithlutheran59840@gmail.com or call the office 406-363-2964.

Publication for the following month's newsletter begins on the 20th of each month.