

THE

FAITH HERALD

September 2024 NEWSLETTER



FLBC AMPHITHEATRE BENCHES

The Bench Brigade of fund raising at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp continues for the Amphitheatre benches! Each bench is \$750 to sponsor, and your name, family name, church name, or Bible verse can be added for no extra cost. 58 benches are needed. If you would like to donate towards the Faith Lutheran Church bench, you may drop off your donation to the church office or offering plate on Sundays, with the note: FLBC Bench. There are flyers available on the table in the church Narthex if you would like to sponsor one on your own. Or go to: www.flbc.net for more information.

Pastor Paul Anderson

On Sabbatical August-October

Please contact the church office

FLC Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9 am-1 pm

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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

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



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Terri B.	3
Tanner H.	3
Vicki W.	7
Finn D.	8
Robert S.	12
Barbara H.	17
Emma M.	18
John T.	18
Heather K.	19
Eric L.	20
Beth D.	21
Kathy O.	21
Jack D.	22
David B.	25
Curtis F.	25
Carolyn L.	25
Jim O.	25
Quinn L.	26
Rylee A.	27
Helen F.	27
Paul W.	27
Wanda H.	29
Jonah B.	30

Gwen and I are having a wonderful time,
and my mom was so happy to see us.

Thank you all for your prayers
and support.

We are praying for you as well.

-Pastor Paul



God Sightings for Faith to Ponder During Sabbatical

SEPT.- Look for God Sightings within your church family.

OCT.- Look for God Sightings in your personal life.

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 9th. 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 announcement services. Volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal are always welcomed and appreciated! (Linda Beyer is the contact person 406-207-3471)

COUNCIL CORNER

By Rick Brown
Steward of Outreach



Dear Faith family:

Congratulations! We have made it through the first month of Pastor Paul's Sabbatical and we're going strong. Your council met last night, the 21st. After the regular business of the church was addressed, we discussed our main concern, that is the condition of our buildings, both Faith House and the church building itself. It's a hard thing to admit, but we have taken the path of stewardship and upkeep that centered on spending the least amount of money, just fixing emergencies as they happened, letting things go until they wouldn't work anymore, and now we find ourselves in a corner. Lots of upkeep and repairs are needed at both places. Are the buildings falling apart? No. Do both buildings have issues? Yes, lots and lots of issues.

We will be coming to you, the congregation, with several plans and options to address these issues in the next couple of months. Remember that all decisions must be congregational votes, the council doesn't want or have the power to move forward without your input.

Please be in prayer about this, talk to your council members, and be ready for congregational meetings that will be called so we can all pray and work together to plan out the future of Faith Lutheran, Hamilton.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Brown Steward of Outreach

Friendly FAITH Secretary

Questions, news, events, looking for something, need some help, etc. ??? Don't forget about Jenny in the office. You can contact her during office hours, Mon.-Fri. 9 am-1 pm. Or you are always welcome to leave a note on her desk. She is ready to serve.

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

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Custodian: Rick Brown

You may reach out to council and staff members by:

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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



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. Faith Lutheran has graciously been a part this effort for many years. Our shoebox



Packing Party Sunday, November 10th 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, spiral notebooks, 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.

Thrivent Choice Dollars



Do you have financial products with Thrivent? You may have Choice Dollars you can direct to charitable organizations based on the amount paid in annual premiums for qualifying products such as life, disability and long-term care insurance or the total contract value of qualifying annuities and life insurance products. There are many organizations that benefit from individuals directing their Choice Dollars. FLBC was able to offer camperships and keep programs and facilities running with the help of over \$24,000 of directed Choice Dollars during the last couple years. Other organizations in our area that could benefit are: 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.

GRATITUDE

Dear Faith Lutheran,
Thank you so much for awarding me with a scholarship! It means the world to me and my family to see and feel the support! As you know I chose to spend my summer at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp as a counselor – and I absolutely loved it! Camp is so much fun always and I really got to grow in my faith. Thank you for all the love and support!

- Luke Mendenall

A big Thank You to all the hands that worked to refresh the rose garden at the front entrance of the church. It's beautiful and uplifting! Thank You so very much!

Thank you for helping us go to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in July. We had so much Fun! We loved it. We loved our counselor, and the campfires, and worship, the food and the diving board and everything.

- Brylie Lewis and
Madison Morris

Faith Scholarship Committee,
From the bottom of my heart, thank you for selecting me once again as a scholarship recipient. I am so grateful for the support the church provides me with, and thankful that it helps me pursue my dreams. I am proud to be a member of the Faith congregation, and even more proud to have the opportunity to share God's love across campus.

Grace and peace,
Maizie Mendenall

Dear Fellow Members & Friends of FLC:

Now that I'm back in the Bitterroot, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the thoughts, prayers, & cards sent my way. Prayer works!! I am cancer free, at least for now, which tells me the Lord's not done with me yet!! Many thanks for making me feel so welcome on my return, for Rick making sure I was comfortable, & for my champion, Nancy Osborn, who always checked up on me & made sure you all remembered to pray for me. Praise God for that saint!!

One thing I have to share with you: Radiation was the hardest part of my treatment for me. On the third day, I couldn't do anything, & after many tries, the technicians finally decided to "call it a day" & tack a session on to the end of treatment. I was devastated & in tears. When Monday rolled around & I had to try again, the Good Lord pulled me through & I was able to perform. I went down the hall singing "Halle Halle Halle" & did so every day until my treatment was complete. So when we sing that chorus in church I'm always in tears because it reminds me of how Our Lord helped me triumph!!

I look forward to our future together, being the hands & feet of Our Dear Lord. Bless you all!!

Gina (pronounced Gin - ah) Opitz

September

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Worship 9:30 am Message by Rick Brown	2 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	3 MT Acapella Soc. 7-9 pm	4 Quilting 9 am-noon	5	6	7
8 Worship 9:30 am Message by Rick Brown	9 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	10 MT Acapella Soc. 7-9 pm	11	12	13	14
15 Back to Church Sunday Worship 9:30 am Message by Jacque VanDenburg	16 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	17 Council Mtg. 6 pm MT Acapella Soc. 7-9 pm	18 Quilting 9 am-noon	19 Men's Breakfast 9 am	20 Newsletter Publication Begins	21
22 Worship 9:30 am Message by Rick Brown	23 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	24 Community Meal Prep 1pm Serve 5:30 pm MT Acapella Soc. 7-9 pm	25	26	27	28
29 Worship 9:30 am Message by Lans Richardson	30 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px; border-radius: 15px;"> <p>BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 15TH Come on back to in person worship. Let's fill the Sanctuary! Bring a friend or neighbor. All are welcome!</p> </div>				

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