

THE

FAITH HERALD

October 2024 NEWSLETTER



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & COFFEE HOUR HOSTS WANTED

Please consider signing up to help worship flow smoothly. Big jobs, little jobs, all jobs are vital to ensuring a stress-free worship hour. Contact the office for a rundown on what each position entails. Easy, fun, no pressure and much appreciated!

Coffee Hour is a must! Sign up to host this vibrant fellowship. Brew a pot of coffee and provide a little “crumpet.” You will see smiles all around.

Sign up in advance, if possible, on the clipboard located on the table in the Narthex.

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

Pastor Paul Anderson

On Sabbatical

Please contact the church office.

FLC Office Hours:

Mon. - Fri. 9 am-1 pm

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COUNCIL CORNER

God Sightings



“Answers to prayer for my daughter-in-law’s pain without medication.”

“I saw God in the excitement of the staff, the counselors and the campers at FLBC.”

“[In the] deer playing in the pasture and family visiting.”

“The outpouring of love for the Robert Leonardi at Robert’s Run.”

“The smell of a rose.”

“I saw God’s grace in the Olympians who worked so hard to get there, and due to weather conditions or injury, were unable to do their best.”

“... a service of Healing... We sat with our grief and felt God’s presence.”

“All the volunteers at Haven House who give their time to feed those in our community.”

OCTOBER GOD SIGHTINGS TO PONDER

Look for God Sightings in your personal life.

FLC COUNCIL MEMBERS:

President/Convener:

Jacque VanDenburg

Communication: Colleen Southwick

Discipleship: Brooke Kimzey

Fellowship/Hospitality: Susan Wetzsteon

Finance: Dean Drake

Outreach: Rick Brown

Property/Grounds: Greg Houser

Worship: Amber Richardson

FLC STAFF:

Pastor: Paul Anderson

Office Secretary: Jennifer Larson

Bookkeeper: Heather Wintergerst
faithlutheran59840.financial@gmail.com

Custodian: Rick Brown

You may reach out to council and staff members by:

calling: (406) 363-2964

or emailing:

faithlutheran59840@gmail.com

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 At FAITH



Operation Christmas Child

It's just weeks away! The Operation Christmas Child Packing Party is scheduled for **November 10th** after our church service and will include a light lunch. Plus, the Packing Line will be set up a few days before and 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.



COMMUNITY MEALS

The Community Meals program provides a hot evening meal most weeknights 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: Cornerstone Bible Church most Mondays and Tuesdays, Assembly of God Church every Wednesday, and the Catholic Church Parish Hall on Thursdays. Faith prepares and serves the meal on the 4th Tuesday of the month. On October 22nd, 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.

Note from Haven House Food Pantry

As a volunteer at Haven House, I would personally like to thank those who faithfully bring in food items every Sunday. I don't know who you are, but you are a blessing to our community and to those who need our help. Our clients are so thankful for all the help we give them to make it through another month. A box of cereal or a jar of peanut butter goes a long way in some of our larger families, especially those with children. Our mission is to provide for our neighbors in need, to involve our community in this endeavor and to maintain a safe and friendly environment. There is no income limit when it comes to qualifying for Haven House's services. We know that life happens, and any of us could be faced with a tough financial choice at any time. All will qualify for services regardless of your income or employment status! So, thank you for continuing to support our local food bank.

Jan Serfass

Haven House volunteer

Summer 2024 by the Numbers! From Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

697 Youth campers, Glacier Wilderness, on site day campers and offsite/adventure campers

334 campers in partnership weeks with "Grief Camp" and MT Youth Diabetes Association.

172 week-long family camp; ½ week and full week Grandparent camp & FLBC Family Weekend campers

17 Day camps in congregations with over **400** campers

1094 Summer retreat guests – (includes Boy Scouts each week (June-July-August))

Total Summer campers/guests 2024 = **2,758**

61 incredible adult volunteers

42 Summer staff from **9** different states and **4** countries joined our **14** year-round-staff = **1**

AWESOME TEAM!

Thank you!

BOOK STUDY @ ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL

"The Gospel of Inclusion: A Christian Case for LGBT+ Inclusion in the Church"

By Brandon J. Robertson

Join facilitators Reverend Gretchen Strohmaier and St. Paul's Episcopal Church member, Terry Moran, for this two-session book study on **October 21 & 28**. Learn a contextualized understanding of the Scriptures that have caused undue pain and harm to our gay brothers and sisters. Consider the larger messages of the Bible that challenge us to break down oppressive systems and live into God's love for all people. Know that this will be a safe place for honest discussion of our life experiences.

Contact Chapter One by September 23rd to order a book and receive a 20% discount. The group will meet at St. Paul's, 600 S 3rd St. in the basement from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. To register or if you have questions please contact, Rev. Gretchen at 406-529-5581 or Terry at 406-360-2930.

FLBC Home Show 2024!

Help us raise funds for camperships, and
“home improvements” at camp!

Saturday, October 12, 2024

2–5pm: Visit Homes

4–6pm: Reception with Fun, Music, Food &
“Raffle” Auction at the Cockrell Center

Tickets*: \$100 / Person - Home Show & Reception

\$50 / Person - Reception Only
(at FLBC between 4–6pm)

Kids under 18 are free!

Visit 5 beautiful homes near FLBC and then “come home” to FLBC’s Cockrell Center for food, music, fun, and a tour/visit of the new Camp Shalom Home! All funds raised are 100% tax deductible and will go towards helping FLBC be the best it can be!

Home Show details will be emailed to you prior to the event.

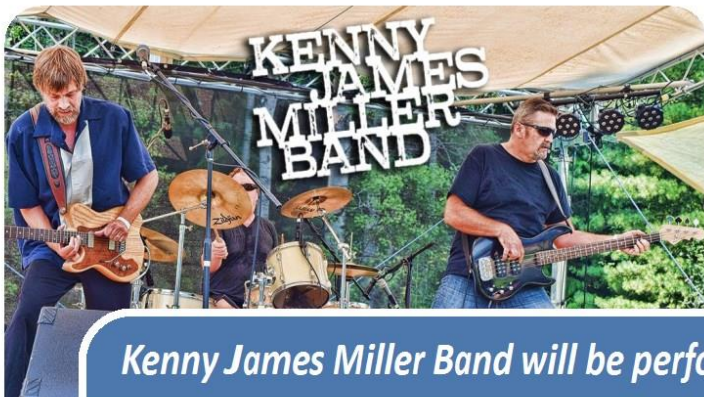
* Ticket prices are suggested donation only.
Questions? Give us a call.



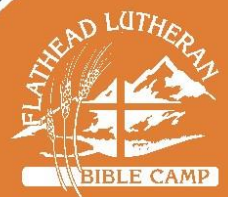
← Buy your ticket here or contact
office@flbc.net or call (406) 752-6602



Would you like to stay over Saturday? No charge! Please register.



Kenny James Miller Band will be performing at camp during appetizers.



October

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA



2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		MT Acapella Soc. 7-9 pm	Quilting 9 am-noon			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship 9:30 am (John Marten)	WW 3 & 5:30 pm	MT Acapella Soc. 7-9 pm				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship 9:30 am (John Marten) Newsletter Publication Begins	WW 3 & 5:30 pm Bitterroot Chorus 7 pm	Community Meal Prep 1 pm Serve 5 pm @ Cornerstone MT Acapella Soc. 7-9 pm				
27	28	29	30	31		
Worship 9:30 am (John Marten)	WW 3 & 5:30 pm	Council Mtg. 5:30 pm Budget Workshop after Mtg. MT Acapella Soc. 7-9 pm	Quilting 9 am-noon			



Jen M.	2	Kaitlin D.	16
Helen	3	Kathy C.	18
Maizie M.	6	Jon A.	20
Krieger L.	7	Sam L.	20
Amber R.	7	Nancy S.	20
Jenny S.	7	Lauren K.	24
Kiley M. (D)	12	Katherine R.	28
Julia S.	12		