

THE

FAITH HERALD

NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



FYI-DOUBLE MONTH NEWSLETTER

The Faith Herald newsletter for December 2024 and January 2025 will be combined. Please note this change as we plan during this busy and exciting time of year. If you would like to add something to this “double” newsletter, please submit any content to the office email, or call Jenny in the office Mon.-Fri. 9 am to 1 pm.

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

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



WELCOME
BACK
PASTOR
PAUL

Dear Friends and Members of FLC

I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your support and prayers during my 3-month sabbatical. Gwen and I had a time of rest as we reconnected with family and friends.

I experienced God in so many different ways. I experienced God through nature, through people and places, through play, through worship and meditation, through play, and, especially, a lot of intentional time spent with Gwen.

I am looking forward to hearing the ways you have experienced God as well.

There is a verse to a hymn that I focused on while on sabbatical and continue to focus on as I return from sabbatical. The hymn, "Breathe on my Breath of God." It's truly the breath of God that gives us life, grants us grace, and is with us wherever we are.

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do

I pray that God's breath will continue to breathe on us giving us life as we move forward, granting us grace as we minister with one another, and walking with us leading and guiding our footsteps.

It is great to be back with you all.

Partners in sharing God's grace,
Pastor Paul

COUNCIL CORNER

By Jacque VanDengurg
President/Convener



Dear Members of Faith Lutheran Church,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ! I am writing to you with deep gratitude and excitement as I begin a new chapter in my journey of faith and ministry. As many of you know, I have recently started seminary at Wartburg Seminary, and the experience has been both humbling and invigorating. I am learning so much about our shared faith, the teachings of Christ, and how we can live out the Gospel in today's world.

As I reflect on this season of learning and growth, I am reminded of the Parable of the Rich Fool from Luke 12:16-30, which speaks to the harvest theme and how we use God's gifts. In this passage, Jesus tells the story of a man who harvests an abundant crop and decides to store it all for himself, thinking he can relax and enjoy his wealth for many years. But the parable takes a sharp turn when God calls him a fool, pointing out that life is not found in the abundance of possessions but in being rich toward God.

This story powerfully speaks to the concept of the true harvest. We often think of the harvest as the material blessings in our lives, whether it's our finances, achievements, or possessions. But Jesus calls us to look deeper, to see that the real harvest is found in our relationship with God and how we serve others with the blessings we've been given.

As I embark on this seminary journey, I am reminded that the harvest is not just about personal growth or academic achievement; it is about how we, as the body of Christ, can cultivate the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—in our lives and our communities.

I encourage all of us to reflect on how we can be “rich toward God” by sharing the abundance of our gifts with one another. Whether through our time, talents, or resources, let us remember that everything we have comes from God, and it is meant to be used for the good of others and the glory of His kingdom.

Faith Lutheran Church has always been a place of generosity and love, and I am deeply grateful for the support and encouragement I have received from all of you. As we move forward into this season of harvest, let us continue to be mindful of the ways we can share God's grace with the world around us.

Thank you for walking alongside me in this journey. I am blessed to be part of such a loving and faithful community.

In Christ's love,

Jacque VanDenburg
President/Convener and Seminary Student

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Faith Lutheran Church Financial
Statement, please email the
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What's Up At FAITH



Operation Christmas Child

It's just days away! The OCC Packing Party is **November 10th** after our church service and will include lunch. 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 are:

- Purchase a "WOW" item for one or more shoebox(es)
- Provide \$10 (or more) to help ship a shoebox(es)
- Write a special note to put in your box – include a photo
- Donate some of your new/not used Christmas Cards to include in boxes
- Check the table in the Narthex for additional ideas

A great way to learn more about the whole program is to visit samaritanspurse.org/occ online or visit with Linda Beyer about how to help out locally.

COMMUNITY MEALS

Faith often does not serve a meal in November and December because the 4th Tuesday of the month falls during Thanksgiving and then Christmas week. However, we've arranged to fill a day earlier in the month of November that is currently open. We will prepare and serve on **Monday, November 18th**. Meal preparation will be at 1pm in the Faith kitchen as usual and serving will be 5 – 6 pm at Cornerstone Church. If you have any questions, you can always check with Linda Beyer, the Community Meal Coordinator at 406-207-3471.

FAITH HOUSE

A VOTE of yes or no to sell Faith House will take place at a Special Congregational Meeting following the approval of the Final Budget on December 8th after worship.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 2025 BUDGET

Q & A opportunities regarding the Faith Lutheran Church 2025 Budget are scheduled for Nov. 24th and Dec. 1st after worship. Please plan to attend one or both to have questions answered. The final budget, to be approved by the congregation, will take place Dec. 8th after worship. Thank you for playing a vital part in the "nuts & bolts" of the operations of a successful house of worship!

*PS There will be opportunities to discuss the pros and cons of selling **Faith House** after each of the Budget Q & A sessions.*

Save the Date!
Sat. November 9th



Bitter Root
**EMPTY
BOWLS**
Art feeds the body, and the soul.

Empty Bowls is an international project founded in 1990 to fight hunger and to advocate the arts and art education.

For a \$30 donation, you will receive a simple meal of delicious soup and bread donated by local restaurants and bakeries and a handmade bowl lovingly crafted by local potters and members of Clay Works! to take home as a reminder of the many "empty bowls" in the Bitterroot Valley.

Proceeds from this event will go to local food banks and Community Meals to help reduce hunger and food insecurity in the Bitterroot.

Tickets are \$30

Sat. November 9th, 2024

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

St. Francis Pastoral Life Center

411 S. 5th St. Hamilton, MT

Lefse Workshop

Monday, November 4th @ 4 pm

Grace Lutheran Church

275 Hattie Lane, Hamilton

Sponsored by Sons of Norway

All are welcome, great time to learn an old tradition or share with your children, neighbors or grandchildren.

If convenient bring cold mashed potatoes, rolling pin and pastry cloth. We will eat the lefse at 5:30 with roasted pork. Guests are welcome to take home the left over for freezing for their holiday meals. Any questions call Carol Peterson 406-381-8564.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

NOVEMBER 3RD TIME TO FALL BACK

Set your clocks back 1 hour before bed on Saturday and we will see you right on time for worship on Sunday at 9:30. You don't want to miss Pastor Paul's 1st day back.

November

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA



2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
		<div style="border: 2px solid purple; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> Save the Dates! VBS 2025 July 7-11, 2025 </div>				1	2 <i>Set your clocks back 1 hour.</i>
3 Worship 9:30 am Welcome Back Pastor Paul! Time Change (fall back)	4 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	5 MT Acapella Soc. 7-9 pm	6 Quilting 9 am-noon	7	8	9	
10 Worship 9:30 am OCC Packing Party after worship	11 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	12 MT Acapella Soc. 7-9 pm	13	14	15	16	
17 Worship 9:30 am	18 WW 3 & 5:30 pm Community Meal Prep 1 pm Serve 5 pm @ Cornerstone Bitterroot Valley Chorus 7 pm	19 MT Acapella Soc. 7-9 pm	20 Quilting 9 am-noon Newsletter Publication Begins	21 Men's Breakfast 9 am	22	23	
24 Worship 9:30 am Budget Q&A after worship Tree Decorating after worship	25 WW 3 & 5:30 pm	26 MT Acapella Soc. 7-9 pm	27	28 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30	



Hazel B.	3	Skeet M.	9	Colter M.	19
Lorraine F.	4	Wes S.	9	Grayden B.	20
Tom G.	4	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		
Yvette L.	9	Mark C.	18		