

THE

FAITH HERALD

April 2025 NEWSLETTER



EASTER BREAKFAST

You're invited to come for Easter Sunday
Worship and please stay for Easter Breakfast!

8 AM Easter Worship Service
Easter Breakfast between services
10 AM Easter Worship Service



Donations from Easter Breakfast fund the Faith Lutheran Church Scholarship Program. Our young adults deeply appreciate our continued vested interest and support in their futures! Faith is one of the only churches that has a Scholarship Program – Well Done Faith!

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

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

Dear Members and Friends of FLC,

“Christ is Risen!” “He is Risen Indeed!”

I never get tired of saying or hearing these phrases. And we live in such uncertain times that it becomes easy to forget about and doubt the certainty of the hope we have in the abundant life we have, new, every day, because of the fact that “Christ is Risen!” “He is Risen Indeed!”

We have a hope that scientific acts can't explain. Martha, in John 11:21-22, understood this kind of hope. After her brother, Lazarus, died (and had been dead for four days), Martha met Jesus as he was arriving. She said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” Even now? Four days after her brother was dead, she still has hope? Yes! She desires her brother to live again and fully expects Jesus to make that a reality. We learn as much in the verses that follow.

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.” (John 11:23-27)

Martha's hope was centered on Jesus. Her faith was in the one who is the resurrection and the life. As Christians, we have that same hope. We have a hope that goes beyond rationality but is not irrational. It requires belief, and yet, to many, seems unbelievable. Yet this is historical fact. We have the hope of the resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus' resurrection is the basis of Christian hope. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we have hope that death will be finally defeated.

Resurrection hope is life changing. In his book, *Surprised by Hope*, New Testament scholar N.T. Wright put it this way, “Hope, for the Christian, is not wishful thinking or mere blind optimism. It is a mode of knowing, a mode within which new things are possible, options are not shut down, new creation can happen.” Christian Hope sees beyond the brokenness of the present world and into a future of renewed creation. And that hope makes our journey worth it. That hope is our reason to live.

“Christ is Risen!” “He is Risen Indeed!” May we never tire from saying or hearing these phrases, May the words from the Hymn Writer Edward Mote, “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less,” live within us always as it reads,

“My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.”

Partners in sharing God's grace - Pastor Paul

COUNCIL CORNER

April 2025



FAITH HOUSE UPDATE

Phase I is completed regarding the selling of Faith House. A current market analysis has been performed to determine price point. Current renter will be given a “first right of refusal” “as is condition” with a 45-day deadline to secure financing/funding. Designated Council Stewards will be meeting with renter prior to April 1st. Minutes are displayed on bulletin board located by the office of full meeting held on Feb 18. Specific questions are always welcomed by any Steward.

President/Convener
Cory Keith

Faith Opportunities Fair

May 4 (directly after worship)

Have you wanted to explore opportunities to serve like ushering, helping with children or youth ministry, participating in outreach programs, lector, sharing the living work of Our Lord with others? Have you ever wanted to use your musical talents or host a prayer group or maybe share your mother’s recipes of zucchini bread that brings you fond memories of her? Have you wanted to know more of what Faith Lutheran Church can do to enrich your days as we move together as one body of Christ? Perhaps, you did not know who to ask or the task may seem a bit scary to do on your own. Your Stewards are here and willing to help together to serve!

Please plan to join the Stewards of Faith Lutheran on May 4th to explore opportunities to volunteer and build relationships with fellow members. It will be an event to celebrate how sharing our individual talents can ignite a passion for the love of God.

-FLC COUNCIL

FLC COUNCIL MEMBERS:

President/Convener: Cory Keith
Communication: LaDonna Grotbo
Discipleship: Brooke Kimzey
Fellowship/Hospitality:
Susan Wetzsteon
Finance: Dean Drake
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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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What's Up At FAITH



APRIL COMMUNITY MEAL

Tuesday, April 22nd will be the next time Faith volunteers prepare the Community Meal. It will also be our last meal prep before the summer break that begins about the third week of May. Meal preparation begins at 1 pm in the Faith kitchen and serving is later from 5 – 6 pm at the Cornerstone Church. Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, you can always check with Linda Beyer, the Community Meal Coordinator at 406-207-3471.

FAITH “LOVE DAY” QUILTERS

An industrious group of women meet every first, third, (and fifth when there is one) Wednesday of each month to assemble quilts for local and world mission efforts. It's 3 hours of visiting, laughing, snacking with coffee, and warm quilts that share God's love with others in need. No sewing skills are needed as there are tasks that simply require knowing how to tie a knot...easy! We begin at 9 am and work until noon with a coffee break in the middle. It's a good way to get to know others and learn about one of our church's mission efforts.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Faith Lutheran Church has a monthly intergenerational bible study and dinner. Join us here at FLC on the last Sunday of each month from 5-7 pm. All are welcome! For more information OR to help, contact Brooke Kimzey @ 406-261-2545.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & EVENING HOLDEN PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, April 9th will be the last soup supper, at 6 pm, and Evening Holden Prayer Service, at 7 pm. Please join us on Wednesdays for one or both. All are welcome.

CARE PACKAGE THANK YOU

Dear Faith Lutheran,
Thank you all so much for the box of goodies for Valentine's Day!! While being away for school is super fun to progress in the wildlife field, it can get lonely, and during the ramping up of curriculum, that box was a perfect pick me up!
With Love,
Cole

CARE PACKAGE THANK YOU

Faith family,
Thank you so so much for the Valentine's care package! It was such a wonderful surprise to receive the box with all the delicious goodies, the comfy shirt, and the Lent book. I will be happily following along this Lent season and will think of you all while I'm doing it! Thank you for thinking of me and for your sweet messages – it means everything.
Peace,
Maizie Mendenall

April

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 FLC Scholarship Apps Due	2 Quilting 9 am-noon Soup Supper 6 pm Evening Holden Prayer Service 7 pm	3	4	5
6 Worship 9:30 am	7 Simple Way (WW) 3 & 5:30 pm	8	9 Soup Supper 6 pm Evening Holden Prayer Service 7 pm	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday Worship 9:30 am Easter Egg Hunt after worship @ Sapphire	14 Simple Way (WW) 3 & 5:30 pm	15 Council Mtg. 5:30 pm	16 Quilting 9 am-noon	17 Maundy Thursday Worship 7 pm	18 Good Friday Worship 7 pm	19
20 Easter Sunday Worship 8 am & 10 am Breakfast between services	21 Simple Way (WW) 3 & 5:30 pm	22	23	24 Men's Breakfast 9am	25	26
27 Camp Sunday Worship 9:30 am Family Faith Formation study & dinner 5-7 pm	28 Simple Way (WW) 3 & 5:30 pm	29 Comm. Meal Prep 1 pm Serve 5-6 pm @ Cornerstone	30 Quilting 9 am-noon	<div style="border: 2px solid purple; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Save the Dates! VBS 2025 July 7-11, 2025</p> </div>		

Riggins E.	3	Royal B.	12	Bonnie S.	18	Emily H.	24	Ashby M.	30
Stephen L.	3	Jack L.	12	Brady M.	20	Robert M.	24		
Julie S.	6	Brooklyn D.	13	Deb C.	21	Jenny W.	24		
Shirley S.	8	LaDonna G.	13	Sue R.	21	Ryan F.	26		
Charles P.	10	Lila D.	15	Luke M.	22	Carol M.	26		
Sally P.	11	Barb A.	16	Nicole L.	23	Seth M.	29		

