



Faith Talks

May 2021

SUNDAY 9:30AM WORSHIP

RSVP IN-PERSON OR JOIN US ONLINE



Roses

Kelly Tipton for designing our beautiful flower
cross for Easter

Molly's Favorite for playing for us
at the sunrise service

Bill Augros for hosting the COVID-19 Prayer Group
every single day for the last year

Rev. Ann Sullivan for preaching
while Ben was on vacation

Cindy Kampf for delivering the children's message
while Colter was on vacation

Dawn Stafford for picking up
the Easter Mums

Heather Sarin and Stephen Meneses for helping
clean and organize the nursery

Dear friends at Faith,

*We want to thank everyone for your
prayers and the beautiful cards you
sent us. Our words cannot express
how much we appreciate all you have
done for us. And thank you to Pastor
Ben for visiting us, and the beautiful
flowers. Your visit meant a lot to us.*

*Blessings to you,
Ruth and John Coutts*

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Pastor's Article

Confirmation

On Sunday, May 2nd we will have confirmation! Four young men and women will profess their faith and confirm the promises made at their baptisms. These four young people are Lily Massa, Mason Massa, Julian Randolph, and Kendall Stafford. Each of them are concluding their freshman year of high school.

Their preparation for this day has involved formal study for the past three years. Together with our Youth Director Colter and adult "trekkers" that they chose to accompany them on their journey of learning, these young people have spent one year learning about the various books in the Old Testament and one year learning about the New Testament and Lutheran theology. This past year was their third year and it consisted of meeting one-on-one with me in their backyards as we talked about what it is that they believe about God, sin, Jesus, and how we are called to live. Though this year's structure was a concession to the pandemic, I am so grateful that it gave me the opportunity to listen closely to the profound beliefs and wisdom that each of these young people holds.

Each one of these confirmands has written their own statement of faith that they will share with the congregation on May 2nd. These statements are not regurgitations of what I taught them, they are instead proclamations of what these young people believe in their own words. The young people have grounded these statements of faith in scripture, providing Biblical citations for each of their theses. They have also weighed their individual statements of faith against the statement of faith that we share as the church: The Nicene Creed. Understanding the faith of the church, as much as any of us can, they are choosing to affirm their desire to live as part of the Christian community, to partake in our sacred life together and to live in service to others.

And so on May 2nd, these confirmands will lead our worship service. They will read the scriptures, pray on behalf of our congregation, they will even preach the Good Word. For in confirmation they become full members of the church with all the rights and responsibilities that come with being a part of Christ's body.

I invite you to join us on that day, not only to celebrate the faith of Lily, Mason, Julian, and Kendall, not only to rejoice as they lead worship, but also to bless them. While we won't be able to lay hands upon them as we have historically, we will still surround them with prayer, blessing, and love.

Through your prayers, blessings, and love the Holy Spirit has brought these young people this far in faith. May we continue to support them as they grow in grace and deepen in their relationship to Jesus.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Ben Colahan





The Trip Report

Table Mtn. Wildflower Hike

It's hard to beat a spring trip up to Table Mountain to see the wildflowers. A gem of the North State, this small town secret has grown in popularity because of its spectacular annual bloom. At the end of March, myself, and many others from Faith Lutheran made the drive up to Table Mountain Ecological Preserve for a morning hike among the flowers.

It was astonishing to see just how many people were already at the parking area when I arrived at 8:30. Cars were parked for some distance down the road, and it seemed to only be getting busier. Every car we followed behind on Cherokee Road was also headed to Table Mountain. My fiancé and I miraculously found a parking spot right in the parking lot, and considered ourselves quite lucky. We got out of the car and checked on a secret bloom we had spotted a week earlier: the bitterroot flowers growing on the rocks right next to the parking lot. They were numerous and beautiful. This is the official state flower of Montana, and I'm always pleased to see them, no matter what state they're in!

We walked a little ways out on the preserve near the large oak tree to wait for Faith folks to arrive. Many of them arrived much later than planned, due to the parking situation. As I recognized folks, we would wave them over and give them a crash course on the wildflowers they might see. My fiancé Stephanie is a naturalist and has an extensive knowledge of the flowering plants of Table Mountain. We did our best to emphasize a Leave-No-Trace approach when hiking on the preserve, so as to keep the flowers intact for future viewing for all. Trying to avoid hiking in a large group for that very reason, we then sent folks off to wander about the trails on their own. A small group went along with Pastor Ben to go see some waterfalls, you can see the pictures from that venture on the next page!

I waited for a while to make sure there weren't any more folks from Faith to greet, and then Stephanie and I wandered around looking at flowers. It felt surreal, seeing the carpets of different colors: the orange of California poppies, the blue of sky lupine. We got down on our hands and knees to look at some of the smallest flowering plants, and saw a very tiny species of plantain. Several families along the trail we walked had stopped to have a mid-morning picnic, one of them was flying a kite.

I couldn't help but think about how special this chunk of Butte County is. In fact, there are certain kinds of flowers that only grow here in the foothills, and aren't found anywhere else on earth. Despite the large crowds and the problems that come along with having hundreds of people on trails at once, we found our moments of solitude and wonder. It was a beautiful Saturday morning.

There's a lot to look forward to in May! We will confirm 4 youth during worship on May 2nd. On May 5th, Kelly Tipton will lead the youth in making Mother's Day flower arrangements. I will have my last Sunday at Faith on May 16th, and while this day will be bittersweet, I look forward to saying goodbye to many of you, and to beginning the next chapter of life in Montana. Watch for next month's Faith Talks for the final installment of The Trip Report.

-Colter Murphy, Dir. Youth & Service







Luke's Letter

Worship in May

Greetings all! What a joyful and wondrous Easter month, April was! Here we are in May, already preparing for the heat and sun of the summer. As we go into the summer there seems to be so much to reflect on from the Lent and Easter season. Not only did we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, but we celebrated the return to in-person worship as covid cases began to steadily drop. It was a joy to see many old and familiar faces, but also to see new ones.

As we go into the summer there are a number of things yet to look forward to for worship and music:

1. On May 2nd, confirmation will be occurring! That Sunday will be particularly exciting as we have a number of confirmands plus a rather large strings group, that are studying under the director of Shelley Fairfield, who will be joining us for worship that morning.
2. The bell choir will continue to meet throughout the month of May as we prepare to play live for Pentecost Sunday, which falls on May 23rd. The bell choir will then be on the off-season following Pentecost.
 - a. We will gather together one last time on Tuesday, May 25th to clean out our folders, clean the bells/bell equipment, and prepare the bells/equipment to be stored until the Fall when we will reconvene.
3. The sanctuary choir will also continue to meet on an "as-needed" basis as we continue to create virtual choir videos. The choir will then be on the off-season following Pentecost.
4. I would like to begin having some small groups (in addition to the musicians leading worship) prepare different musical offerings/anthems that can extend from the Summer into the Fall and beyond. If you are interested, please contact me at lukenicolay1@gmail.com.
 - a. It would be great to get duets, trios, quartets and quintets (vocal or instrumental) together. We will continue to social distance and wear masks for the foreseeable future to limit the spread of COVID-19.

What a joy it is to be able to come together once again, to worship communally, and to be in one another's presence. This season is one for great rejoicing and excitement as we celebrate our risen Lord and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our lives.

Lastly, but most importantly, I want to give a special thanks to all of the musicians, artists, and creators who helped plan Lent, Easter and the time leading up to Pentecost, who helped lead worship and who were very gracious and cheerful throughout another strange season due to COVID-19. Without your cheerful attitudes, dedication, willingness to try new things and determination, this would all not be possible.

-With great love and admiration
Luke Nicolay, *Director of Worship & Music*



Kagitumba

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Thursday, May 20th
5:30-6:30 PDT • Online

Please join us on Zoom for a special celebration of
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PANELISTS:



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PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND HEAD OF SCHOOL



Karl Smith
NORTH AMERICAN BOARD PRESIDENT



Robin Strickler
FOUNDER



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Please feel free to share this invitation with your
community. We look forward to seeing you on Zoom.

MURAKOZE CYANE!

Dear Friends of the Rwanda School Project,

2021 marks 15 years since we began working in Rwanda to build a secondary school. As a result of the generosity and vision of many people, Rwamagana Leaders' School is now a thriving campus of nearly 200 students. In celebration of all our students have accomplished, we are hosting an event to share their stories of success and our plans for the future.

In this 50 minute program, we will introduce our new Program Director, Moses Ssenyonjo, hear from our students and faculty in Rwanda, take a video tour of our beautiful campus, and provide updates on our current projects. Please consider making time to join us online for this celebration and update by following the link below to register. I think you will be glad you did!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsduGorz4jEteD5QJilaGzzpoVdEsullLR>

We look forward to celebrating with you. Murakoze cyane!
Sincerely, Cindy Tuisku

Hallelujah, Jesus has resurrected! (Luke 24:6). I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. I have hope that your family and congregation are all fine. We are so fine too in my family and congregation as well. We are preparing to celebrate Passover and our son NSENGIYUMVA Jackson is with us. He came from campus and now is on short holiday for almost fifteen days. The climate condition is good, we receive regular rain in our settlement. It is green and the cultivation of crops are also blossoming. Hopefully, we are all waiting for the funds of our continuous church construction at Kagitumba Parish. Let us proceed with strong prayer so that the pandemic of COVID -19 may disappear completely. I wish you good Passover with your family and the church.

Convey our greetings and wishes to them. God's peace.
Yours faithfully, Pastor NGABONZIZA John Kagorora.

Praise the Lord! Jesus has risen. It is such great blessings that God himself sent his beloved son to save us from sin. I'm Jackson Kagorora (Nsengiyumva) the son of Pastor Ngabonziza John who serves God at Kagitumba Parish. So I'm so happy to text you just for introducing me first. But as the day will be moving on, we shall keep in touch as well. I'm a student at University. I'm doing my best so that I can perform the studies better. Be blessed.

God's love. Yours faithfully, Jackson Kagorora

Worship & Sundays

SUNDAY SERVICE

In-Person via RSVP or Online 9:30 AM

Register for a seat at

www.chicofaithlutheran.org/worship

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

During service on Sunday, May 2
Celebrating Lily, Mason, Kendall,
and Julian.

WORSHIP TEAM SCHEDULING

If you've let us know that you need help with ministry scheduling, you will receive a call in the coming weeks from Luke or Michael helping you log into Elvanto.

If you would like to schedule an appointment to learn how to use our ministry scheduler, give the office a call and we're happy to help.

COLTER'S LAST DAY

May 16

ANNUAL MEETING

May 23 at 11 AM

The Annual Report will be posted to the website a week before the Annual Meeting. Please reserve a seat for the meeting or attend via Zoom.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 23

Wear red today as we welcome new members!



Photos by Cindy Kampf



Easter Mums



Wendy Pine

***In memory of Esther Pine who passed away
10 years ago on Easter, and in memory of
Ally Pine, my beloved pup who passed away
a few weeks ago***

Linda and Joel Zimbelman
***In memory of our parents, Jim
and Elaine Waples, and Ernie
Zimbelman***

Janine and Dave Rush
***In celebration of our
18 year wedding anniversary***

Bill and Carolyn Kees
***In thanks to God for our
parents, Selma, Roy, Lena, and
Bill, and in thanks to God for
the staff and volunteers who
have served us so well in the
pandemic this year***

Michael Nicholson
***In celebration of my fiancé
John for graduating law school
and earning his J.D.***

Anette Jefferson
***In honor of my mom, Jackie
Rosenbrock***

Franklin Quinones
***For Julio and Caryl and the
love and family that they've
grown***

Cindy and Bob Stewart
***In memory of our parents, and
in celebration of our family***

Howie and Lynette Stensrud
In celebration of our family

Julio and Caryl Quinones
***In celebration of our family,
and in celebration of Julio's
mom Esther Quinones
and her 100th birthday
on April 24th***

Margaret Bergman
***In memory of my sister Doris
and husband Dick***

Tod and Sherri Kimmelshue
***In memory of Ed and Ruby Kimmshue, and in memory of
Lou and Kathy Himelhoch***

ARE YOU A GOOD LISTENER WITH A HEART FOR HELPING OTHERS?



Faith Lutheran and Bidwell Presbyterian are preparing to offer a new Stephen Ministry training course. Stephen Ministry is an excellent program in which trained lay people provide **one-to-one distinctively Christian care** to individuals who are hurting. We help people going through difficulties such as grief, major illness, job loss, natural disaster, divorce, spiritual struggles, compassion fatigue, parenting, financial crisis, gender/orientation and more.

During weekly meetings, Stephen Ministers **help their care receivers connect with God's love and grace by listening non-judgmentally and providing emotional and spiritual support, encouragement and prayer.** Our ministry is free and confidential. We do not provide services such as transportation, errands, meals, etc.

Stephen Minister candidates are interviewed and must complete 50 hours of training before being commissioned, we then take part in supervision and continuing education two evenings a month. We ask for a two-year commitment but find most Stephen Ministers stay on for years because they get as much out of the ministry as their Care Receivers. Stephen Ministers also develop a camaraderie with their peers and the Stephen Leaders that is spiritually and relationally rewarding.

You can learn more about this wonderful ministry on the Becoming a Stephen Minister page at stephenministries.org and by contacting Jamie at 530-321-7855 or Graham at 530-966-5757 or Pastor Ben at 530-895-3754.

We are the Care Givers, God is the Cure Giver.



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER ARRANGING

Wed. May 5 at Faith Lutheran at 4-5 PM

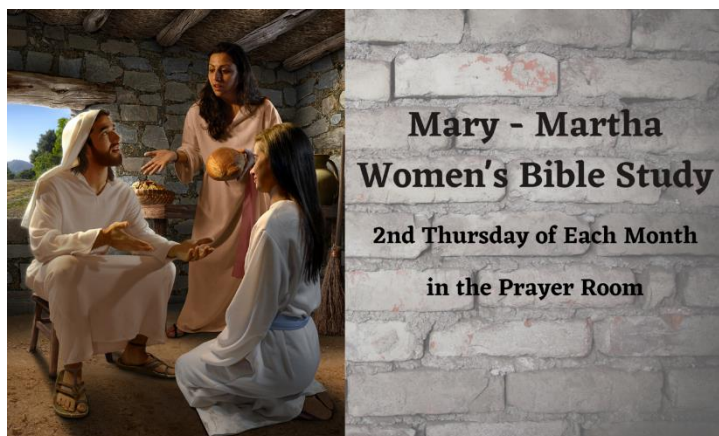
Make a beautiful flower arrangement for your mom! Kelly Tipton is an expert florist and will guide us through the finer parts of arranging our own bouquet of fresh and dried flowers. Depending on weather, this event will either be outside in the courtyard or inside with windows and doors opened. For more information, please talk to Colter Murphy, Director of Youth & Service by emailing colter@chicofaithlutheran.org.

MARY MARTHA BIBLE STUDY

Thu. May 13 in the Prayer Room

The Mary-Martha Women's Bible Study returns this May. We will be using the "Gather" magazine for Bible Study and guidance with the May issue.

To learn more about this group and its reading material, give Randy Franken a call at (530) 891-8634. We look forward to learning and sharing in Christian fellowship!





Financial Report



Faith Lutheran Church General Fund Finances as of 3/31/2021

	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE	PERCENT OF BUDGET
TOTAL INCOME	\$329,780.03	\$326,176.27	98.91%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$333,284.25	\$316,919.78	95.09%
NET INCOME / LOSS	(\$3,504.22)	\$9,256.49	
Beginning General Fund Balance as of 7/1/20		\$33,560.21	
Net Revenue through 3/31/21		\$9,256.49	
Ending General Fund Balance		\$42,816.70	

In an effort to be transparent and keep the Faith Lutheran community up to speed and in touch with the finances of the church, this report will be posted in *Faith Talks* on a monthly basis.

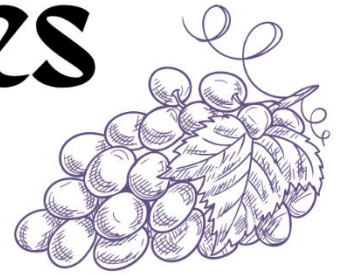
At the end of eight months, income is tracking right at budget with expenses being below budget. This has resulted in net revenue so far this fiscal year of \$9,256.49.

Thank you all for your continued support.
If you have questions, please feel free to contact:
Mark Kimmelshue
(530) 520-8228
kimmelshue@armcorice.com



Council Minutes

Tuesday 20 April 2021, 6:15 p.m. Zoom



Present: Colahan, Sample, Kimmelshue, Heinz, Knight,
Kimball, Homesley, Kampf, DeSoto, Pulliam, Woods.
Absent: Zimbelman, Reed, Melvin.

1. Opening Devotion and Prayer—Pr. Ben In honor of Jim Kirks
2. Covenant—Read by all.
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Mark moved to approve as presented. Susan seconded. Minutes approved.
4. Financial Report-Mark Kimmelshue. Endowment designated fund of \$2,100 be moved to the endowment committee. Conversation included summary of salary recommendations for staff with an effective date of July 1st, 2021.

Susan made move to approve the financial reports as well as the salary recommendations., Cindy seconded and motion approved.

5. Announcements and calendar events
 - a. Sunday Worship—debrief last two weeks, logistics, safety, sound and video. Pastor Ben announced that everyone is respectful of the safety protocol and both seem to be going well. Doug stated that a member of the church asked what the usage of masks were and saw a few attendees were wearing face shields.

Face shields are not approved as an alternative by the CDC and must be worn with a mask. In the future it will be clarified that masks are required covering nose and mouth. Quilters are still providing masks for anyone who needs one.

Attendance last week was 82 in person church service with approximately 50 online. 50 could be low as in some cases one login includes more than one person viewing. In the future everyone will be encouraged to join the chat.

- New members will be welcomed at our May 23rd church service.
- Church cleaning day is this coming Saturday, April 24 from 8-noon. Please come if you are able, even for two hours. (Task sheet attached and everyone is encouraged to participate.)
- FLC send-off for Colter will be on his last day of work on May 16th. Recognition of his time with FLC will be during Sunday service.

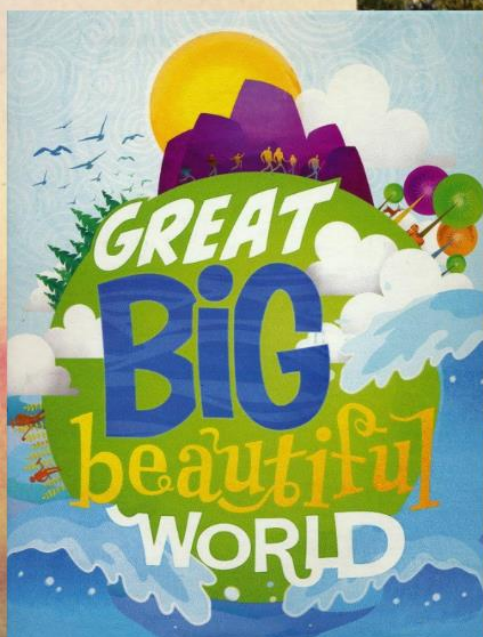
6. Update on the Youth and Family position search—Pr. Ben and Cynthia Kampf
 - a. A committee of 6 people has been assembled. Yesterday FLC had six applicants and currently have three video interviews scheduled. The committee began looking at applications yesterday and will continue to interview until we find the right candidate. Has been advertised on multiple sites.

- b. Looking at both full time and part time. Planning on expanding Michael's position if part time candidate is the best fit for the position.
- 7. Next year's budget (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)—Mark Kimmelshue (attached)
 - a. Will look at having a pre-meeting for members to discuss budget Items and thoughts.
 - b. Concerns were voiced that an increase by 12% of the overall budget could be a large hurdle to overcome. Discussion over some of the budget line Items. Mark and Pastor Ben acknowledged that they will go back over some of the line items and trim a number of the line Items.
 - c. Sherrill moved to accept budget with the reduction in the discussed line items, Bonnie seconded. Motion carried.
- 8. Open Council positions—President, Vice President & Secretary will need to be filled. Discussions followed regarding each of these positions and who would be a good candidate to fill them. We will need to secure commitments. As a reminder, Lynette Stensrud has generously chosen to step in for Judy Struck as our weekly financial recorder. Suggestion from Mark to put together a nominating committee for the vacant positions. Everyone agreed and Pastor Ben stated he will begin working on this temporary committee.
- 9. Annual Meeting—Draft agenda was reviewed with minor adjustments.
- 10. Other—All council members have now been fully immunized. Effective May 18th, council will begin meeting in person.
- 11. Closing Prayer—Pr. Ben
- 12. Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Knight

Next Executive Meeting: TBD 8:30 a.m. Zoom.

Next Council Meeting Tuesday, May 18 at 6:15 p.m. in person and outside. Note: this meeting will be focused on final preparation for the Annual Meeting the following Sunday, May 23d.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Kick off the first week of summer at Vacation Bible School! Kids from grades K-5 are invited to the beautiful St. John's campus for this all-outdoor camp. *Great Big Beautiful World* explores God's Creation and how we are connected to it. There will be time for games, crafts, science, stories, and of course, music! To register your child, follow this link and fill in the information:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dtKqSeQfN5mCXWlvnwJlwwEMpTm6vwSB7alqU8fAx4/edit?usp=sharing>

**Or, call the St. John's office (530-894-1971)
or the Faith Lutheran office (530-895-3754)**

Adult volunteers are needed for VBS! If you are interested in leading games, music, crafts, stories, or leading a specific age group, please email grace@stjohnschico.org or office@chicofaithlutheran.org.



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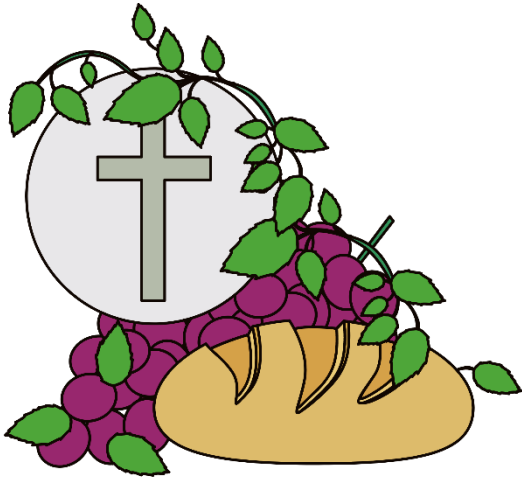
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