



# *the Banner of Faith*

## **FAITH-LILAC WAY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**JANUARY 2020**

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### **HAPPY EPIPHANY!**

Join us for a celebration of Epiphany on Sunday, January 5 at 9:30 a.m. Marked by the visit of the wisemen from the East following the star, join us for a celebration of the Light of Christ which has come into our world.

### **WELCOME JOY MCELROY OF CHERISH ALL CHILDREN!**

Joy became Executive Director of Cherish All Children in October 2017, transitioning the organization into LSS. Prior to that, Joy was a CAC educator sharing the message of prevention of child sexual exploitation to churches in the Saint Paul Area Synod of the ELCA. On Sunday, January 5 at 10:45 a.m. in the library she'll lead the forum and share why preventing child sexual exploitation is **everyone's** business. (Pg. 4)

### **BRUNCH AND ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 26 AT 10:30 A.M.**

Join us for brunch and Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26th after worship in the Fellowship Hall. It is a time to celebrate the past and look forward to the future. After enjoying brunch together, we will discuss plans to engage our neighbors and neighborhoods in new ways as we seek to do God's work with our Wildfire partner churches. (Pg. 4)

# FROM THE PASTOR

Happy Epiphany!

It's a snowy day in December as I write this. And yet, even as I prepare for the coming of Christmas, I'm also looking forward to Epiphany! Epiphany means "appearance," or "manifestation." In literary terms, an epiphany is an "ah ha!" moment in which a new realization, a new light is shone on the story. The new light becomes the prism through which everything else is made clear.

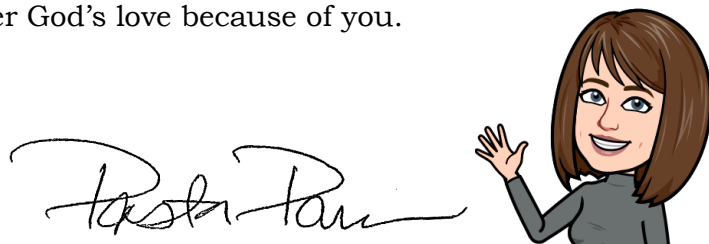
That's what "Epiphany" is about – it is our "ah ha" – the light shining in our lives, the Christ light that is the prism through which we see our lives. In the dark days of December and January, we yearn for those days that the sun shines brightly – even if it means that it is colder. We can always bundle up – but we need the sun, we need the light.

In the same way, we need the light of Christ in our lives, shining brightly, reminding us of who we are and of Whose we are. As baptized children of God, we have been given the light of Christ that shines on our path – and we receive more than enough light to share. This is why on the Sunday following the celebration of the Epiphany, the baptism of our Lord Sunday, we are reminded to "let your light so shine so that others may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

This Epiphany season, may the light of Christ shine brightly on your path and through you so that others may see the light of Christ and discover God's love because of you.

Let your light shine!

Pastor Pam



## YOUTH & CONFIRMATION

### SUNDAYS AT 10:45 A.M.

- January 5: Confirmation class– Epiphany!
- January 12: Prayer Partner Breakfast
- January 19: Confirmation – Martin Luther and Martin Luther King Jr.
- January 26: Serve at Annual Meeting - ALL YOUTH

### WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

- January 1: No Confirmation. Happy New Year!
- January 8: Wildfire Confirmation @ Bowlero (See article below)
- January 15: Confirmation class
- January 22: Confirmation class
- January 29: Confirmation class

### BOWLING ON JANUARY 8

Confirmation youth and friends are welcome to bowl with Wildfire Confirmation at Bowlero (7545 Brooklyn Blvd. Brooklyn Park, MN 55443) on Wednesday, January 8! Price is \$5. This gives each person 1.5 hours of bowling; all you can eat pizza, unlimited soda, and \$5 arcade card. For more information, contact Pastor Pam or Vicar Becca at 763-537-4523.





## Empowering Youth: Safe & Healthy Relationships

Hosted by  
Cherish All Children

Saturday, January 25, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | Saint Paul, Minnesota

All are invited to our 3rd annual community event, focused on raising healthy generations free from sexual exploitation! Church leaders, parents, and community members can all support youth in making safe and healthy choices in relationships, to prevent potentially exploitative situations. Online safety, red flags in relationships, vulnerabilities, and disability-focused curriculum are some of the key topics in this interactive event for adults and youth. We'll hear from:

- Monica Jones, Cherish All Children Youth Program Coordinator & Not a Number Trainer
- Joy McElroy, Cherish All Children Executive Director
- Adrianna Perez, MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault Prevention Program Coordinator
- Logan Sand, LSS Program Manager, Seeing and Exploring Life's Future Trainer in schools

You'll leave with new knowledge and resources to make a difference in the lives of young people in your family and community! Youth are encouraged to attend as well! Search "Cherish All Children" on Eventbrite.com to register! Questions? Email [info@cherishallchildren.org](mailto:info@cherishallchildren.org) or contact Joy McElroy 651.207.3357.

## LEARNING

### ADULT CLASSES AT 10:45 A.M.

January 5: Cherish All Children-Empowering Parents & Youth to Prevent Child Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking with Joy McElroy

January 12: Prayer Partner Breakfast

January 19: Ten Simple Prevention Steps for Parents/Guardians/Care Takers to Protect Our Children from Sexual Exploitation

January 26: Annual Meeting and Brunch in the Fellowship Hall.

## INVITING

### DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR POINSETTIAS!

Thank you to all who purchased poinsettias for Christmas Eve worship. You may pick up your flowers anytime the church is open!

### PRAYER PARTNER BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 12, 2020 - Immediately following worship service in Fellowship Hall.

This is an opportunity to meet or reconnect our children and youth with their prayer partners over breakfast. Get to know a little bit about who you are praying for or if you're the recipient, who is praying for you. Please RSVP by January 7th: [sueferk@msn.com](mailto:sueferk@msn.com) or 763-226-5833.

### LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch meets the second Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. for good conversation and food! We always have fun and would love for you to join in! The next gathering for the Lunch Bunch will be Wednesday, January 8 at the 50's Grill (5524 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429). For more information, contact Bev Maas.



### **DESIGNER PURSE BINGO**

Come play a little BINGO for a chance to win a designer purse while supporting a great cause: providing weekend meals to kids struggling with food insecurity, so that they can reach their best potential physically, cognitively, socially, spiritually and academically. This event is held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the St Louis Park American Legion (6509 Walker St.). "Every child, every meal!"

### **ANNUAL MEETING & EGG BAKE COOKOFF!**

Do you have a scrumptious egg bake? We are collecting egg bake donations for this year's Egg Bake Cookoff on Sunday, January 26 at 10:30 a.m.! Funds will go toward this year's youth mission trip. Sign up in the Narthex to bring a dish! The Annual Meeting will follow the Egg Bake Cookoff at 11:30 a.m.

### **NEED A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? WE HAVE IDEAS!**

Faith-Lilac Way relies on the good gifts God has given you. Now is a great time to start thinking about how you can put those gifts to use at Faith-Lilac Way. We couldn't do it without you. Faith-Lilac Way is able to do the ministry that it does because of volunteers of all ages and all abilities.

The opportunities are almost endless of how your skills, talents, and avocations can be shared to serve God and our neighbors. Some opportunities to serve can be done inside the church and others in the community. Some opportunities to serve are regular commitments and others are occasional or seasonal. Take a look at some ideas for how you can serve:

Are you a natural planner? Assist with worship or event preparation.

Enjoy baking? provide treats for events and worship.

Love to tidy? Clean up the kitchen, Sunday morning coffee, or after FLW events.

Good with tools? Take care of the building we gather in by doing general maintenance or repairs.

Love to worship? We need your help in reading

lessons, ushering, or even taking photos!

Enjoy computers and technology? Your expertise could be used in our office!

Have a good eye? Artists, photographers, web designers, and social media gurus are welcome to join the volunteer team!

The opportunities are endless! These opportunities are scheduled on a rotating basis however often you'd like. If you would like to contribute your time & talent, please call the church office at 763-537-4523 or email [office@faithlilacway.org](mailto:office@faithlilacway.org).

### **ECOFAITH POWER UP: DETERMINING OUR COLLECTIVE PATH FORWARD**

Saturday, February 8, 2020

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

This first-time event invites members of congregations across the Minneapolis Area Synod (MAS) to engage in conversation around creation care, identify common environmental issues to galvanize around, and move forward with collective, concrete action. We will intentionally gather right before the beginning of the 2020 legislative session to discuss collective action that Lutherans in MAS can take to positively affect creation in Minnesota. Join us for worship, workshops, and the chance to meet with watershed district representatives. Lunch will be provided for a freewill offering. See Pastor Pam or Vicar Becca if you are interested in more information.

### **ARTWORK ON DISPLAY BY GARY FEYEN**

His love for paddling and sailing Minnesota's lakes and rivers runs deep and started when he was 15 at summer camp in northern Minnesota. He's now incorporating it into his art. See Gary Feyen's collection of watercolor and oil paintings on display in the library this season!



### **CHERISH ALL CHILDREN - EMPOWERING PARENTS & YOUTH TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING**

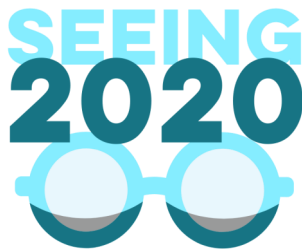
Sunday, January 5th—Adult & Youth Forum

How can we come together to raise healthy generations free from sexual exploitation? Sunday, January 5th, we will hear how each one of us can make a difference to protect children and youth. Joy McElroy, Executive Director of Cherish All

Children will share how our Mission of the Month gifts are put to work directly with Confirmation and Youth Groups in our churches.

Joy will share new tools being used with youth, including discussions about online safety with social media and gaming, vulnerabilities, and safety planning with healthy adults in their lives. An introduction to the 5 session youth training "Not a Number" will also show how youth can be empowered to make safe choices and understand healthy vs. unhealthy relationships. We hope you will join us!

About the presenter: Joy became Executive Director of Cherish All Children in October 2017, transitioning the organization into Lutheran Social Service of MN. Prior to that, Joy was a Cherish All Children educator sharing the message of prevention of child sexual exploitation to churches in the Saint Paul Area Synod of the ELCA. She has over 25 years of leadership experience in business, education, and church organizations. Joy is passionate about supporting children and youth, raising up individuals to reach their full God-given potential.



### SEEING 2020: FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

Seeing 20/ 20 is our theme for 2020. As we begin a new decade, we will first look back at the ministry we have done over the past year, ten years and 76 years. And we will give thanks for the work that God has done in, with and through the people of Faith-Lilac Way. But then, we can ask: where is God at work in our community of faith and the community outside our walls today? And how do we think that we can be a part of what God is doing in the future?

Pastors and leaders in the Wildfire churches (Cross of Glory, Elim, First, FLW, Holy Nativity, House of Hope, St. James, Valley of Peace) have been asking these questions. We don't have all the answers. But we do think that we, as churches, could do God's work better if we do it together. We have discovered that this is true with our

## STEWARDSHIP

Confirmation program, VBS, youth mission trips and with joint worship and with our God's Work Our Hands mission in the Fall.

As we focus on the future, we believe that working together gives energy and vision for the mission we share. This is why, in 2020, Wildfire churches are seeking to jointly hire a full time Community Organizer. Other churches have found that a Community Organizer helps them reach out more intentionally to the neighborhood. But we are the first collection of churches that has sought to do this together. This is something new. Certainly, there are risks and challenges. Hiring a person together requires a leap of faith as well as your love, prayers and support. But, together, we believe we can make this vision a reality. And that's exciting.

### ESTIMATE OF GIVING

Have you turned in your "Estimate of Giving Card?" It's not too late! These "best guesses" of your anticipated giving help us to stay in the "black" and reach out to our neighbors in new ways. Thank you for your generous support!

#### CHURCH COUNCIL

Jeananne Aanerud	President/Worship & Music
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Kim Ipsen	Community Outreach
Tommy Thompson	Comm Outreach
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Emma Weilage	Youth

#### CHURCH STAFF

Pamela Stalheim Lane	Pastor
Rebecca Holland	Vicar
Anne Ng	Choir Director
Ann Marie Skogland-Anderson	Organist/Accompanist
Katie Lintelmann	Admin/Communications
Lisa Jordan	Custodian
Nancy Goodwin	Sunday Host

**FEBRUARY BANNER DEADLINE JANUARY 15**

# JANUARY 2020

This calendar was last updated Dec 19. Please visit [faithlilaeway.org](http://faithlilaeway.org) for the most up-to-date calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9:30am Worship (S) 12pm GSJ (CR/110/S) 4pm GSJ Christmas Program (S)	30 7pm GSJ (CR/110)	31 2019 Contribution Deadline 10:30am DAVID (@CCC) 7pm GSJ (CR/110)	1 <b>Happy New Year!</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	2 11am Staff Mtg (L)	3 10:30am DAVID (@CCC)	4
5 8:30am Bible Study (L) 9:30am Worship— Celebration of Epiphany! (S) 10:45am Cherish All Children Forum with Joy McElroy (L) 12pm GSJ (CR/110/S)	6 <b>Epiphany</b> 6:30pm BSA Troop 67 (FH) 7pm GSJ (CR/110) 7pm Ladies Ensemble (S)	7 10am Contemplative Prayer (ch) 10:30am Book Club (L) 2pm WELCA Mtg (L) 6:30pm KidPack Bringso (@SLP) 7pm GSJ (CR/10)	8 1pm Lunch Bunch @50's Grill 6pm GSJ (CR/110) 6:30pm WILD/FIRE Confirmation (@Bowlero) 7pm Chancel Choir Re-hearsal (S)	9 11am Staff Mtg (L)	10 10:30am Martha Circle (L)	11
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26 8:30am Bible Study (L) 9:30am Worship (S) 10:30am EggBake Cookoff (FH) 11:30am Annual Meeting (FH) 12pm GSJ (CR/110/S)	27 6:30pm BSA Troop 67 (FH) 7pm GSJ (CR/110)	28 10am Contemplative Prayer (ch) 10:30am Book Club (L) 10:30am DAVID (@CCC) 2pm Banner Crew (L) 7pm GSJ (CR/10)	29 6pm GSJ (CR/110) 6:30pm Confirmation (FH) 7pm Chancel Choir Re-hearsal (S)	30 11am Staff Mtg (L)	31	1

# PRAYING

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Pray for, call, email, send a note to these members as they celebrate their birthdays this month. If your birthday is this month and you don't see your name here, call the office (763.537.4523) so we can update our records. Thank you.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rick Anderson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Deborah Barland
4 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Bren,
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Tiber
6 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Weilage
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Lindgren
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ellen Wood, Charles Meredith
9 <sup>th</sup>	Brooke Tiber
11 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Benson
12 <sup>th</sup>	Merideth Foster
13 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Lyons
14 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis Davis
18 <sup>th</sup>	Beverly Halbrooks
21 <sup>st</sup>	Gary Feyen, Nancy Shallcross
25 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Swanson
28 <sup>th</sup>	Ella Evans, Terri Hyduke, Joe Thompson
29 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Halos
30 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Kurki
31 <sup>st</sup>	James Ng, Cole Stobbs

### COME HOLY SPIRIT

... and put your healing hand upon those in need of your care. Comfort those who are suffering from on-going illnesses or are hospitalized including:

**David Bjorkquist, Helen Brandon, Jacqueline Butkowski, Rebecca Crass, Brandy Day, Sandy Dolence, Beverly Evans, Marge Flor, Brad Hessler, Margaret Pendzimas, Linda Prizza, Herb Scheelk, and Cori Vallis.**

and for those who are at a care facility or assisted living:

**George & Jane Bork, Don Emmons, Bob Fernelius, and Beverly Halbrooks.**

Let your Holy Spirit be present with these and all for whom we pray. In Jesus' name.

*Amen.*

## THANK YOU

Dear Pastor Pam and congregation,

I want to thank you again for taking such good care of my mother Luella Larson. She always said you would bring her a plant and come to visit with her often. That was very much appreciated!

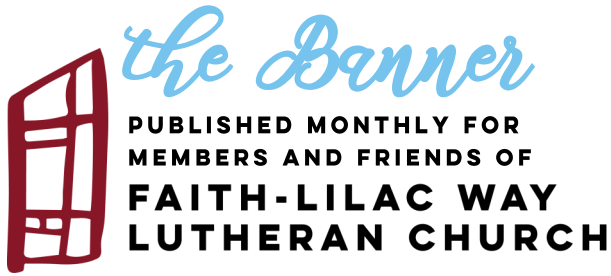
The service you provided for her funeral was so well done and once again thank you so much!

Best wishes,  
Deborah Hager

Pastor Pam and friends at Faith-Lilac Way,

Thank you for your dedication and partnership in the mission of Cherish All Children! Your continued gifts and actions to protect children from exploitation are truly making a difference in the lives of young people. I look forward to joining with your community on January 5th.

Blessings and peace,  
Joy McElroy



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**Annual Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, January 26 at 11:30 a.m.**

## JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH: CHERISH ALL CHILDREN



Cherish All Children, our mission of the Month for January, is an ELCA ministry that equips congregations to prevent child sexual exploitation. The heart of this ministry lies in congregations, where staff, leaders, and members pray, educate, connect with others, and act on behalf of children within and outside their congregations. It begins with prayer. On **January 12** we as a congregation will renew our pledge to pray for all children and youth ages 1 day to 25 years old. We believe that prayer makes a difference for children. Prayer is the beginning but preventing child sexual exploitation requires a multifaceted effort to raise awareness as well as change attitudes and behaviors. Cherish All Children also works with

churches to educate youth, parents, and other congregation members about sexual exploitation, prevention, and social media safety. Cherish All Children helps Connect churches with other networks or organizations that work to prevent child sexual exploitation so that we can partner with their work. This sends a message to the community that the church takes seriously its role as a protector of children. Finally, Cherish All Children promotes action both inside and outside of the church walls. Churches can get involved in updating their own safe church policies, advocating for legislation, organizing a service project for victims or letter-writing campaigns to stop advertisements or corporate practices that sexually exploit children. If you don't have a child to pray for, contact the office or Sue Ferkingstad, our Cherish All Children liaison.