



# *the Banner of Faith*

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

**MAY 2020**

**SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP**

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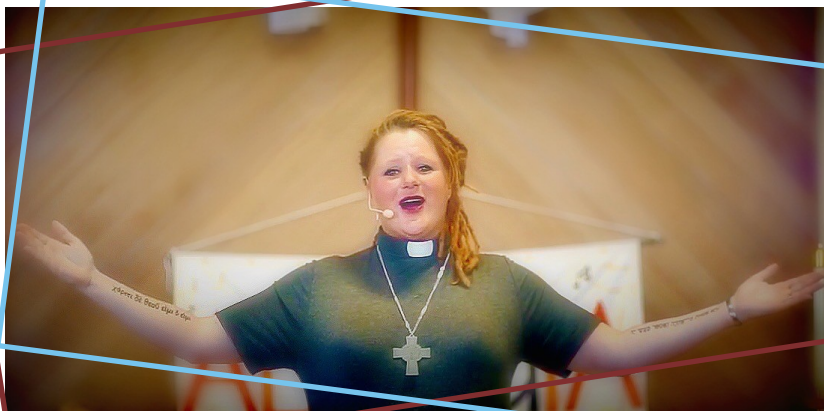
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# FAITH-LILAC WAY LOVES OUR INTERNS!

## JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

Vicar Becca Holland on Sunday, June 14 at 9:30 AM! If we can't have worship on that day, we invite you to a drive-by celebration in front of the Parking Lot door! Vicar Becca and Pastor Pam will be there and hope that you can drive by, honk and wave!!! Drop off a card and a note. We will have a special gift for Vicar Becca for her to unwrap. (If you would like to be part of the gift, please send a check to FLW marked Vicar Becca's gift).



## MEET KARSTEN SKOGLUND-ANDERSON OUR VIDEOGRAPHER

Karsten Skoglund-Anderson is studying music composition and cinema arts at Bethel University. Apart from his studies, he plays double bass and performs with the Bethel Chamber Orchestra and Bethel Jazz Ensemble. In his free time he enjoys cycling, listening to baroque harpsichord pieces and - of course - watching movies. Karsten became interested in cinema arts after diving into the works of directors such as Yasujiro Ozu, Akira Kurosawa, Andrei Tarkovsky and Victor Erice to name a few. He hopes to one day make a career out of directing, writing and composing for films.



## WELCOME OUR NEXT INTERN, VICAR KRISTIN DYBDAL IN AUGUST

Kristen Dybdal will be joining us for the 2020-2021 school year as our 12<sup>th</sup> intern! Look for more information from her in the summer Banner.



Connect with  
Faith-Lilac Way!

## STAYING CONNECTED ONLINE

While we are in this pandemic, we still want to help you worship with us. Here is what we have to help you:

- Worship Online
- Holy communion by Zoom or at Your Doorstep
- Zoom Buddy

### WORSHIPPING ONLINE WITH FLW

You can go to our website at [www.faithlilacway.org/online-worship](http://www.faithlilacway.org/online-worship)

This is where you will find the worship videos that we have recorded for the Sunday services.

Our bulletins are also on the website.

### GATHERING IN PERSON AGAIN

It is not clear when we will be able to gather again for in-person worship, but we will have online worship at least through the month of May. (When it is prudent and wise, we will also have in-person worship for those for whom it is safe to meet. Please see our website for the latest information.)

We will let you know when In-Person Worship will resume. We will communicate this by - The Website, through email or you can call the church office for the latest updates.

## HOLY COMMUNION BY ZOOM OR AT YOUR DOORSTEP!

### Holy Communion at your Doorstep

Contact us to arrange a time. (church office at 763-537-4523 or [office@faithlilacway.org](mailto:office@faithlilacway.org).)

### Holy Communion Mini-service Every Sunday at 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting Every Sunday at 9:30 AM or 10:30 AM

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**HQT09**

Meeting ID: 988 8284 6617

Password: 335870

Or by phone: +1 312 626 6799

Can't access online? Find a Zoom buddy! Here's how this would work: Find (or ask us to find) a person who has access to Zoom. Then call your zoom buddy at Worship time and your buddy can put your phone on speaker so that you can hear and be a part of the Communion service too. You won't be able to see it, but you will be able to hear everything and we could hear you! Contact the office if you want us to find you a Zoom buddy!

Contact the office: 763-537-4523 or [office@faithlilacway.org](mailto:office@faithlilacway.org)

Or contact Pastor Pam:

[pastorpam@faithlilacway.org](mailto:pastorpam@faithlilacway.org)



To join the meeting:  
download the Zoon app on your phone  
open the camera on your phone  
Scan this QR code by placing your camera over it

# DEVOTION FROM PASTOR PAM

*“For such a time as this...”*

These words come from the book of Esther. We rarely read the book of Esther in church – primarily because the version that is in the Old Testament doesn’t even mention God! So you may wonder... how did this story get in the Bible? But it is a great story of reversals and shows that God works through seemingly ordinary people who have no power to accomplish God’s good purposes.

Spoiler alert! Skip this summary if you want to read the story in the Bible first! *The king threw a banquet for all his (male) friends and, on the seventh day of the banquet (they partied heartily), he asked Queen Vashti to come so he could show off her beauty. She refused. Outraged, the king, on the advice of his officials, banishes the queen. These officials then suggest a beauty pageant to replace the queen. They gather the young women of the kingdom, including Esther, an orphan who had been raised by her cousin Mordecai. Esther won and became queen. But Mordecai warned her not to tell anyone that she was Jewish.*

*Esther proves to be a faithful wife and queen, including revealing a plot to assassinate the king - and she gave the credit to Mordecai for discovering it. All seems to be well in the kingdom. But...here comes the conflict: the king promotes a man named Haman and commands everyone to bow down before him. Mordecai would not because he was Jewish. Haman became furious and determines to destroy Mordecai and all Jewish people. Mordecai appeals to Esther saying: “Do not think that in the king’s palace you will escape...If you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter but you and your father’s family will perish, Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for such a time as this.” Mordecai was confident that God would save the people. But this was the time for Esther (which means star) to shine. She replies: “I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.”*

*Esther appeals for her life and for the life of her people and after two banquets and plot twists – she prevails. The reversals continue - Haman is hung on the very gallows he had constructed for Mordecai. The day, Purim, that was meant for the*

*extinction of the Jewish people becomes a day of celebration.*

In the midst of a pandemic that may last much longer than I, at least, had imagined, it’s natural to feel rather helpless. But I began to ask the question,

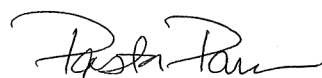
*“For such a time as this... what are we called to do?”*

Some are called to serve as medical people in hospitals or as caregivers in nursing facilities that are over-run with illness. Some are called to staff the grocery stores and delivery trucks. None of those jobs are easy or without personal risk. We give thanks to God for these ordinary heroes. But some of us – more of us - are called to shelter at home. It may not seem like much, but it is the support and patience of ordinary people (like many of us) staying home, refraining from gathering together for worship and other events – that is preventing the hospitals from being over-run with sick people.

While the most important thing may be to simply stay put, there are things that we can do at such a time as this. We can pray both for those who are working and for those who are sick; we can support those who are working and those who are lonely by writing letters and making phone calls. We can care for ourselves and one another by engaging on zoom and online worship and Bible study. Even as we tire of wearing masks and of not being able to do all the things we want to do, we are called to persevere – even if it takes all summer... even if it takes 6 months, a year, 18 months... And... instead of simply “doing” we can take this time to reflect on what is most important.

As the order to stay-at-home becomes gradually lifted, let us remember that... for such a time as this... our resolve to pray for one another and care for the neighbor is incredibly important and is urgently needed.

My prayers and God’s presence are with you “for such a time as this.”



# YOUTH CORNER

## UPDATE ON NEW YORK YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Youth from FLW and other Wildfire churches were primed to go to New York City (NYC) this summer on a Faith-Formation experience focused on “Welcoming the Stranger.” But, NYC has been hit incredibly hard by the corona virus, Covid-19 and so, both for safety sake and because some of the things that we want to do will not be available in June, the Wildfire leaders have decided to postpone until at least October 15-19, MEA weekend. Some of the Wildfire churches have decided to cancel. We, at FLW, will be deciding by Wednesday, May 13 whether we as a church will cancel or postpone.

## WANTED: GRADUATE INFORMATION!

We want to honor and celebrate our graduates! We won't be able to do this in the way that we have in the past, but in our June edition of the Banner, we are collecting the pictures and plans of all of our grads (high school, college, others?). Please send to Celeste at the church office by May 15: [church@faithlilacway.org](mailto:church@faithlilacway.org). Thanks for helping us to celebrate them!

## BIBLE STUDY: BOOK OF ROMANS - ON ZOOM!

Available on Tuesday evenings May 5 and 12 at 7 PM? Join us for an online Bible study!

Here's how to connect: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/698811058?pwd=OXNocW1lSEFzdklRV0krVTFBZDk4UT09>

Meeting ID: 698 811 058  
Password: 167052

If you are having problems accessing the Bible study contact Vicar Becca at [vicar@faithlilacway.org](mailto:vicar@faithlilacway.org)



At Wapo, Ox and Wilderness Canoe Base, the staff and counselors would normally be counting down the days until staff training and the arrival of our campers. But, we have had to adjust our plans.. COVID-19 has had a significant impact on just about everything that once seemed normal. The health and safety of our campers, staff, and the communities we serve has always been of utmost importance and is a responsibility we don't take lightly. Because of the unknown risk and the important role in keeping as many people healthy and safe as possible, we have decided to cancel all currently scheduled summer camp sessions at Wapo and Ox Lake. We are going to miss our campers and staff so much. As soon as it's safe to gather, we are going to celebrate in a big way!

A new plan for summer 2020. Our staff is actively planning ways to engage with you this summer and provide a wide variety of outstanding camp activities in several different ways including: camp-in-a-box, canteen items on-line, tuning in for creative digital resources. We want to be a part of your summer. It's just going to look and feel a bit different this year. If it is deemed safe by local and state authorities, we will invite you to in-person programming later this summer. We will stay in touch - you'll be the first to know!

- Heather Eggert, Executive Director

# CONFIRMATION

## CONFIRMATION CLASS BY ZOOM!

Confirmation students have been meeting with Pastor Pam or Vicar Becca via Zoom this past month. It's a good way for us to connect, share scripture, reflections and cares and concerns. Our youth are very capable of connecting and engaging on-line. They do it for school and now they are doing it for confirmation too!

## SHEPHERD GROUPS CONNECT

Many (but not all) of you are in “Shepherd Groups” - groups that, during this time of sheltering in place, reach out and call/contact one another. If you haven’t already, here are a few questions to ask:

1. Do you have any prayer requests? Do you or do any of your family or friends have needs or concerns?(If yes, also ask if you can share these things with Pastor Pam);
2. Do you have access to worship - online or through the mailed bulletins? If not, please let us know and we will add them to the list.
3. Have you been able to receive communion - or would you like to receive communion either through the zoom, zoom-buddy or at your doorstep?
4. What is something that you lament/ miss/ yearn for?
5. Have you noticed any surprising blessing despite the sheltering in place?

If you are not yet a part of a Shepherd Group, please contact Pastor Pam.

## THANK YOU

**ELCA** Dear people of Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran, Thank you! Through you, God is calling fourth new hope, abundance, the end to hunger! In Christ, Rev. Robin Brown

**NEAR** Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran, we wanted to thank each and everyone that helped us to have enough food to make sure that our people did not go without. We are praying that you or your families did not contract this horrible virus. We wanted to especially thank you for being especially generous during this very trying time in our lives. Thank you for your very generous donation of \$3,950. May God Bless, Jan Monroe.

**THANK YOU** For your recent gift of \$400.00 on behalf of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS). Your generosity makes it possible to offer services in all 87 counties of our state.— Lutheran Social Service

**DINNER AT YOUR DOOR-** Sincere thanks for your recent gift of \$25 to the Northwest Suburban Dinner at your Door Program. As you know, we are a non-profit organization and rely on donations such as yours so we can continue to provide hot meals to shut-ins or people unable to cook for themselves.—Dinner At Your Door Board

### FAITH-LILAC WAY BUILDING HOURS

Please call 763-537-4523 before you stop by! (Unless of course you have a key). During this period of needing to practice physical distancing, we are trying to have only one person in the church office at a time. As a result, the pastors and staff at Faith-Lilac Way are spending some time at the church building and some time working from home.

MAY  
BIRTHDAYS

**SHEPHERD US O LORD**

... and watch over all in need of healing and care,  
especially

**Donna Benson, David Bjorkquist, Helen and John  
Brandon, Jacqueline Butkowski, Sandy Dolence,  
Beverly Evans, Bob Fernelius, Brad Hesselund, Ruth  
Kuder, Casey/ Margaret Pendzimas, Herb  
Scheelk, Dan Schumacher, Cori Vallis, Lucas Wise.**

**Comfort those who mourn. We lift up to you the  
family of Don Emmans. Surround them and others  
who grieve the loss of loved ones.**

Surround these and those who you know need love  
and care. In Jesus' name.

*Amen.*

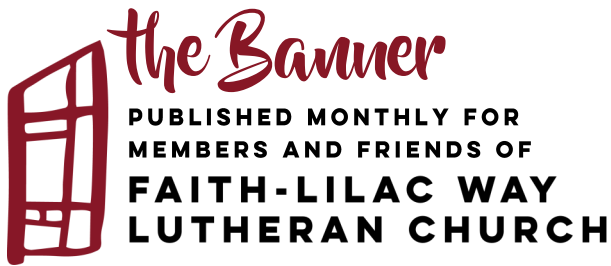
Pray for, call, email, send a note to these members as they celebrate their birthdays this month. To correct or add a birthday, call the office (763.537.4523) so we can update our records. Thank you.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Diane Carlson  
Linda Christensen  
Heather Lane
- 4<sup>th</sup> Lea Hartjen
- 5<sup>th</sup> Paula Lindgren
- 6<sup>th</sup> Thomas Thompson
- 10<sup>th</sup> James Anderson
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sandra Blackman  
Dan Schumacher
- 12<sup>th</sup> Gina Swanson
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nicholas Kuder
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sandra Dolence  
Leif Holland
- 16<sup>th</sup> Wendy Blackman
- 18<sup>th</sup> Natasha Rice
- 19<sup>th</sup> Gayland Halter
- 21<sup>st</sup> Ella Henkels
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Peter Olson
- 24<sup>th</sup> Aliyah Nolan
- 25<sup>th</sup> Gloria Voeltz
- 27<sup>th</sup> Harold Osmundson
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sandy Hanneman
- 31<sup>st</sup> Austin Nelson-Wilson

**PASTORAL CARE NOTES:**

Don Emmans died on April 22, 2020. A memorial service is postponed until it is safe for people to gather.





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## MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH: LUTHER SEMINARY

As we prepare to send-off our 11th intern and prepare to welcome our 12th intern since 2008, we recognize Faith-Lilac Way has a special relationship with Luther Seminary. We have blessed and been blessed in return. Giving to Luther Seminary as one of our missions outside our doors help support students as they pursue seminary education.

**One-hundred percent of eligible students** receive scholarships in order to attend Luther Seminary. Many of

these students would not be able to afford seminary



on their own. Your generosity allows future church leaders to follow their call into ministry and proclaim the gospel.

To support Luther Seminary as our May Mission of the Month, write your check or envelope out to Faith-Lilac Way (FLW) and write Luther Seminary on the memo line (or on the envelope). Thanks in advance!