



# The Banner of Faith

## FAITH-LILAC WAY LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2020

SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP

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Out of the  
believer's heart  
shall flow  
rivers of living  
water.  
John 7:38

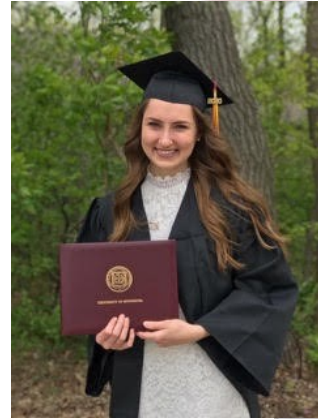
# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



**Joey  
Bahnenman**



College:  
South Dakota  
State University



**Lexie Hanneman**



College: University of Minnesota  
Degree: Biomedical Engineering

**Garrett  
Lane**



**Joe Thompson**

College: North Dakota  
State University  
Degree: Communications



College: Wartburg College  
Degree: Neuroscience



**Merideth  
Foster**



College:  
Gustavus Adolphus College



**Jessica  
Swanson**

College:  
South West State



# SUMMER WORSHIP OPTIONS

This summer we will be offering lots of worship options due to the constraints of the pandemic. We hope that you will find an option that works for you! Check out our website or call the office for updates.

## PARKING LOT WORSHIP

**NEW: PARKING LOT WORSHIP  
JUNE SUNDAYS BEGINNING  
JUNE 14 AT 9:30 AM!**

Come for this safe way to worship together! Beginning on June 14, we will be holding a short Sunday morning worship service via FM radio in our parking lot. You will be invited to stay in your cars (windows rolled up) and listen and participate in the worship service. Simply drive in front of the parking lot door to pick up a worship bag for the day and then park facing the church building and tune your FM radio to: 104.9 FM.

- 104.9 FM is currently the best channel for us to use. However, we do not own it so please check the instructions in your worship bag for the day.

\*\* The FM transmitter that we are able to use extends only a short distance - Robbinsway residents may be able to listen from home - but that's about the extent of the listening area.

## 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.

## HOLY COMMUNION

**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)).

**Zoom Mini-Communion Services: June 7 and 21 at 10:30 AM**

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6393510721>

Meeting ID: 639 351 0721

Password: 335870

Or by phone: +1 312 626 6799

## BIBLE STUDY: SUMMER PSALMS SERIES

Where can you turn when you are really mad or sad or lonely or afraid? The Psalms are full of songs of praise, lament, inspiration and comfort. Join Pastor Pam on Facebook or sign up for her Summer Psalms Series by email every Wednesday through the summer, beginning June 3. Pastor Pam will share a few of her favorite Psalms for such a time as this. To sign up for the emailed Psalms, contact [pastorpam@faithlilacway.org](mailto:pastorpam@faithlilacway.org). To view the Faith Lilac Way Facebook page, click this link: <https://www.facebook.com/faithlilacway/>

# DEVOTION FROM PASTOR PAM

Friends in Christ,

We live in troubling times. Not only are our people suffering from a pandemic but we are also suffering from a host of other problems including: racism, injustice, inequity, abuse of power and lawlessness.

The week of Memorial day, I was horrified at the video of a police officer callously abusing his power, kneeling on the neck of a black man, George Floyd, who died in police custody after begging for release because he couldn't breathe. You probably saw it – or at least read about it. Not all police officers in Minneapolis act as this one did – or the three that stood by – and yet... it wasn't the first time or the second or the third time. Police brutality, especially to people of color, has happened too often in my city of Minneapolis.

Many people went out to peacefully protest. But that night, after the peaceful protestors went home, a mob took over, looting, burning and destroying the surrounding businesses and the neighborhood, a school, the police station and an affordable housing project. This was not the Holy Spirit blowing in justice. This was chaos. We live in troubled times. In Jesus' day, the Roman soldiers "kept the peace" – but they did it through power, intimidation and cruelty. We want peace, but that is not the peace we want.

In Leviticus, the peace was kept through the law. You may have heard the phrase, "an eye for an eye." That seems a bit harsh, but at the time, it was actually helpful. Because what it meant was that if you killed my ox, that meant that I owed you one ox – not an ox and a donkey but one ox. It was meant to establish a system that was fair and equal and one that did not allow revenge or "one-upping".

The system works with property. But it doesn't work when it comes to things that are not-replaceable. If your son killed my son, it would not restore my son if I was then to kill your son. It would just cause more pain – for me and for you.

Jesus gave us a new law, one that is rooted in the Old Testament laws from Leviticus chapter 19: "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord." Leviticus 19:18 And, "The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your nativeborn. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God" Leviticus 19:34 But Jesus raises the commandment to greater status, second only to the command to love the Lord your God, and simplifying it to include **all** people: "You shall love your neighbor as I have loved you." And, we remember from the parable of the Good Samaritan, your neighbor is **all people**.

Beloved children of God – God loves you and wants you and me and all of God's people to live peace and in justice based on those two laws, the laws of love.

In this troubled time, my prayers are with you. I pray for your health and safety and that you remember always that God loves you, forgives you and has empowered you, through the Holy Spirit to live and work and act as God's people. May the Holy Spirit blow love into and through you. In Jesus' name. Amen.



# WILDFIRE VBS AND SERMON SERIES

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS FOR EVERYONE!

Summer 2020: HOPE FULL!

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13



Join us this summer to learn about the hope we have in Jesus Christ! Wildfire Churches (including us) are partnering with Camp Wapo to bring you VBS for everyone! It's: **Summer 2020: God's Unwavering Promise of HOPE!** VBS will run for 5 weeks July 12-August 9 and be at your house! A sermon series will accompany the theme and activities of the week. We will learn to be: **Hope-full, Joy-Full, Peace-Full, Faith-Full and Power- FULL!** More info will be coming soon but there will be something for everyone!

## WILDFIRE CHURCHES HOST CPE STUDENT AUSTIN KROHNKE

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is a time for seminary students to learn about, practice and reflect on pastoral care with a Supervisor and a cohort of other students. The pastoral care work is often done in a hospital or nursing home or other care facility. However, because of the pandemic, seminary students are looking to congregations as sites to gain pastoral care experience.

Together, Wildfire churches will be sharing pastoral care opportunities with Luther Seminary student Austin Krohnke during the summer from May 27- August 14, 2020. Austin's CPE supervisor is Shawn Mai from Methodist Hospital and

he will meet electronically with him and a cohort of students. Pastor Pam will be his coordinator of Wildfire pastoral care experiences and he will use office space at Faith-Lilac Way. However, he will be engaged with the worship and pastoral care of all of the participating Wildfire churches so he may be at our worship just a time or two. His introduction to you is below. Welcome Austin!

"Greetings siblings in Christ! My name is Austin Krohnke, and I am an mDiv student at Luther Seminary. I grew up in the suburbs of Des Moines, then completed my Bachelor's Degree at Augustana University (Sioux Falls), where I studied biology, religion, and Spanish, while also running track. I grew in faith tremendously throughout college, and eventually discerned God's call to ministry that landed me in the ELCA. I love connecting people and witnessing growth in their relationships with God.

After teaching middle school science and religion at a Catholic school in Chicago for a year, I moved to the cities last fall to continue my seminary education as a full-time student. Outside of ministry, I love just being outside, from backpacking to bike riding and all adventures in-between! I also love learning to cook, especially during quarantine. In such uncertain times as these, I am grateful for peace from the Holy Spirit that I am where God wants me to be, at least for now, and I am eager to work alongside you all this summer."

In Christ,

Austin

# YOUTH



## LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT REQUESTED FOR NEW YORK CITY IMMIGRANTS.

Our high schoolers were planning a Wildfire summer trip to New York City (NYC) this summer to reflect on and learn about how our ELCA church has supported immigrants and refugees throughout our history. Metro New York Synod defines being a sanctuary church as not only offering shelter but also a **RESPONSE** to the unfair treatment and criminalization of immigrants and refugees and a **STRATEGY** to fight wrongful cases of deportation, to **ADVOCATE** for an end of mass detention, a **VISION** for what our communities and world can be and a moral imperative to take **PROPHETIC** action of **RADICAL HOSPITALITY**, rooted in the tradition of our faith. We were eager to learn and grow.

But New York City has been hit especially hard by the pandemic. While the number and density of people in NYC contributes to its excitement, it also makes it a dangerous place to be in a pandemic. After hearing the extent of the challenges in NYC and the likelihood of another spike in the coronavirus infections in the Fall, we decided to cancel our current plans for the trip. We will wait until it is safe to go.

When we reached out to our partners in the Metro New York Synod to ask what they needed from partner churches in this time, they mentioned that writing letters of encouragement and solidarity would be helpful. These letters will be distributed to people, especially the immigrants that the synod works with, to let them know that we are thinking and praying for them during this time. If you are able to write a short letter of encouragement to our neighbors in NYC, please write to “dear friend” and mail them to:

Christopher Vergara,  
64 E 119th St. #3  
New York, NY 10035

## THANK YOU



**Red Cross** On Thursday, May 21st the Red Cross was here at Faith-Lilac Way. They collected 29 units of lifesaving blood at the blood drive that day. 27 donors presented to donate, 2 donors were deferred, and they saw 4 first time donors! Each donation can save up to 3 lives meaning 87 lives can be positively impacted from just this one blood drive! Thank you all for the work you put into organizing and executing blood drives. They know it is not always an easy task, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. They truly thank you and appreciate all you do to help save lives through blood donation!

**Luther Seminary** Thank you for the generous gift of \$1,000 to Luther Seminary. Through your giving and the giving of other 129 graduates last May were sent to do God’s work in the world; 48% of them graduated with no seminary debt; and all incoming M.A. and M.Div. Students received the 100% tuition Jubilee Scholarship. We deeply appreciate your support! — Luther Seminary

## PARKING LOT FAREWELL FOR VICAR BECCA

**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING VICAR BECCA HOLLAND ON SUNDAY, JUNE 14 AT 9:30 AM!**

- Parking Lot Worship at 9:30 AM
- Celebration for Vicar Becca following worship including a drive by wave

After worship, there will be a short celebration with 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). People will be invited to drive by for a virtual hug and a wave.

Can't make it June 14? No worries. Vicar Becca will be preaching at Faith-Lilac Way on June 28 while Pator Pam is on vacation. She will also return after we are able to return to in-person worship in our Sanctuary.

### **WATCH VICAR BECCA'S GRADUATION FROM LUTHER SEMINARY - VIRTUALLY**

Becca graduates from Luther Seminary this year and here is the link to see her graduation! <https://www.luthersem.edu/commencement/>

### **GRACIOUS GOD**

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

**Donna Benson, David Bjorkquist, JoAnn Bloom, 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. Remember Ramona Anderson and family on the death of her sister Barb. 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.

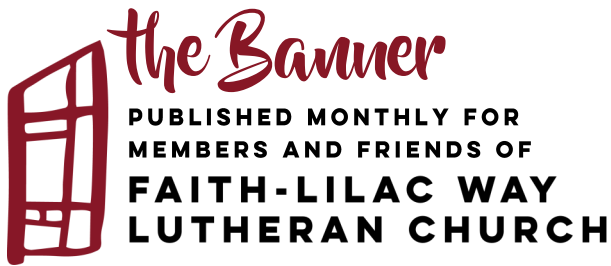
*Amen.*

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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>	Laurie Schumacher
4 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Nelson
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ramona Anderson
9 <sup>th</sup>	Kaitlyn Bahneman Lazarus Holland
14 <sup>th</sup>	Melanie Bahneman
16 <sup>th</sup>	Aili Evans
17 <sup>th</sup>	David Lindgren
18 <sup>th</sup>	Drake Davis
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Stuart Lane Jordon Luoma
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pam Engquist Tom Evans Renee Kalberg
24 <sup>th</sup>	Marty Moores
25 <sup>th</sup>	Jacqueline Butkowski
27 <sup>th</sup>	Bradley Hesselund
28 <sup>th</sup>	Erin Pithan
30 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Kuntz





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## JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH: CHERISH ALL CHILDREN



Cherish All Children, is our mission of the month for June of 2020. It is an ELCA ministry that equips congregations to help prevent child sexual trafficking and exploitation. The love of this ministry lies in congregations, where staff, leaders, and members pray, educate, and connect with others and act on behalf of children within and outside of their congregations. June 26 -28 Cherish All Children will be hosting a 5K in our very own neighborhood! You can safely run or walk by yourself, you can safely run or walk with your family, or you can sponsor a team member . It is up to you! All of the proceeds from the 5K will go towards Cherish all Children, allowing them

to continue the engagement of communities to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and youth, this includes keeping them safe online too. If you would like to learn more or if you would like to sign up for the race go to the link provided. <https://www.lssmn.org/event/cherish-all-children-5k> You will receive a sweet t-shirt as a member of the fundraising team! If you have any questions you can reach out to Joy McElroy at [joy.mcelroy@cherishallchildren.org](mailto:joy.mcelroy@cherishallchildren.org). Our faith community can make a difference in keeping these kids and youth safe! Help to create social change, and join Cherish all Children is raising a healthy generation of kids and youth.