



The Banner of Faith

FAITH-LILAC WAY LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2020

SUNDAY WORSHIP
ONLINE:

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PARKING LOT:
9:30 AM

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GROWING IN GOD'S CARE

WELCOME VICAR KRISTIN!

Greetings, good people of Faith-Lilac Way!

I am so pleased and honored to be your next intern pastor. It will be a gift to begin getting to know each of you and the body of Christ that is Faith-Lilac Way.

A little bit about me, by way of introduction. I am 48 years old and live in Edina, MN with my husband, Dave, my two rambunctious kiddos, Jacob (age 9) and Anja (age 6), and a puppy named Hazel. Several years ago, we bought the 1950's split-level house my husband grew up in, which feels like home after many moves in the area during our adult years. Dave and I met for the first time on a run around Lake Harriet with a Twin Cities' running club. Little did I know that Dave was not a runner – actually, he hasn't run since! Dave and I met later in life, relatively speaking, and the blessings of marriage and children have been unexpected and particularly joyful.

I grew up in White Bear Lake, Minnesota, and my parents still live there. I attended Carleton College where I studied economics, and Princeton University where I studied public affairs. Going into ministry is a second career for me. Prior to seminary, I worked for 20 years on Medicaid and other health and human service programs and I continue to be a (self-described) “public policy nerd”. My heart has always been drawn to wherever there is vulnerability – eventually, I heard God calling me to ministry. I will complete my Master of Divinity degree at Luther Seminary next spring.

My greatest joy in ministry is helping to create safe and open spaces for people to encounter God, and to be a compassionate witness to those encounters. I love Jesus. I am amazed by how the Bible continues to speak into our lives. I am passionate about pastoral care, social justice, and finding a way to be a community of Christ that extends beyond the walls of the church. I love relaxing, enjoying my husband's far-superior cooking, giggling and snuggling with my kiddos, jogging slowly, reading, and having a nice glass of wine with my girlfriends.

I can't wait to get to know YOU better!
Peace be upon you,
Vicar Kristin



SUMMER WORSHIP OPTIONS



PARKING LOT WORSHIP

PARKING LOT WORSHIP FOR AUGUST SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM!

On Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM, worship with us in our parking lot! We will be celebrating communion - you can either: Bring your own bread/cracker and grape juice /wine (safest) or pick up a prepackaged communion cup/wafer. Park your car facing the church building and tune your FM radio to 104.9 FM. (If you have a taller vehicle, please park in the second row so people in shorter cars can see.) We also have speakers during Parking Lot worship. So, if you prefer, you can bring a lawn chair, set up the chair(s) outside (family groups 6 feet apart) and join the service that way! Listed on the white board by the parking lot entrance. The service can also be heard through the speakers that we set up, so if you prefer, bring a lawn chair (or use one of our chairs) and enjoy the fresh air.

The bulletin for the service is online. Please print out, bring, and use it for the worship service. You can also look at it on your phone during the time of Parking Lot Worship. A few copies will be available for pick-up but it is safest to print it out at home.

104.9 FM is currently the best channel for us to use. However, we do not own it so please check the instructions on the whiteboard as you enter the parking lot.

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.

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.

WORSHIPPING ONLINE WITH FLW

August 9: Chaplain Austin Krohnke will give the Homily.

August 16: Special Guest Preacher Former Vicar Becca returns to lead worship with Vicar Kristin while Pastor Pam takes a summer vacation.

We will continue to offer online worship services complete with liturgy, scripture, a message and music. To access, go to our website: www.faithlilacway.org/online-worship

HOLY COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION BY ZOOM!

Zoom Mini-Communion Services:

August 2, 9, 23, and 30 at 10:30 AM
(No Zoom Communion on Sunday, August 16)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98882846617?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98882846617?pwd=eVV0TWIveTluN1pZWdN4L3ZkMnNHQT09)
[pwd=eVV0TWIveTluN1pZWdN4L3ZkMnNHQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98882846617?pwd=eVV0TWIveTluN1pZWdN4L3ZkMnNHQT09)

Meeting ID: 988 8284 6617

Password: 335870

Or by phone: +1 312 626 6799

PASTORAL CARE

Have a prayer request? Need a visit or a call?

Contact: Pastor Pam Stalheim Lane at pastorpam@faithlilacway.org

PASTOR PAM'S PAGE

A NOTE FROM PASTOR PAM:

Hellos and Goodbyes. This August we welcome a new intern, Kristin Dybdal on August 3, say farewell to our Summer Clinical Pastoral Care Chaplain Austin Krohnke (catch his sermon online or in the Parking lot on August 9), welcome back former Vicar Becca for pulpit supply (August 16 in the Parking Lot). As a congregation, we have been blessed by and have been a blessing to Seminary students who serve and learn here at Faith-Lilac Way.

Some things will remain the same... and some things will be different this year as we learn to live with the ongoing threat of the pandemic and figure out how and when to return to worship in our sanctuary. Be sure to fill out the survey about Returning to Worship in the Sanctuary Safely. Didn't get it? See Page 5 of your Banner mail and return before August 4.

Returning to worship in the Sanctuary. We have a task force that is looking into the safety issues of returning to inside worship. If you haven't had the opportunity to fill out the survey regarding returning to worship inside the sanctuary, please do so (there is a copy on page 5). We are learning how to live safely with the ongoing threat of the coronavirus Covid-19. When we do return to worship, some things will be different - and some will remain the same. We probably will not be able to sing as a congregation or enjoy the music of our choir. We will need to take offering differently. We will need to celebrate the Lord's supper differently. We are getting some experience in this from our Parking Lot Radio worship. As health experts continue to learn more about this virus, we will be paying attention so that we can be as safe as possible when we gather. What will remain the same? We will continue to praise and worship God - whether in our homes, in the parking lot and... one day, in the sanctuary. In the meantime, join us for worship: online, at the parking lot by radio or speaker, using zoom or with the at home mailed bulletins. We are learning to adapt. And that is good!

DEVOTION FROM PASTOR PAM:

Psalms Devotions from Pastor Pam

Psalms, the prayer book of the church, is a good place to turn whether you seek wisdom (Ps 1), lament (Ps 13), forgiveness (Ps 51), help (Ps 121), trust (Ps 23) or thanks and praise (Ps 100). These are just examples.

The shortest Psalm is a call to Worship, a reminder that whatever our circumstances, we can praise God:

Psalm 117: Praise the Lord, all you nations!

Worship him, all you peoples!

Because God's faithful love toward us is strong,
the Lord's faithfulness lasts forever!

Praise the Lord! (Common English Bible)

The message is clear: God loves you and is faithful. This is why our response can be praise and thanksgiving. God is with us - no matter what. So rest in God's love and grace. God's love and faithfulness are FOR YOU - and last forever.

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Pam

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AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH: KIDPACK



KidPack, is the August 2020 mission of the month. The mission of KidPack is to help stock students and their families

that are in need with non-perishable, healthy yet fun and yummy food items on the weekend at no cost to the parents or to the school.

In 2019 KidPacks hit the half million mark delivering to students in the area. Many of these students are on free reduced meal programs from the school during the week, and then they receive the KidPack on the

weekends. During the summer months, KidPacks are offered to the kids that attend Summer School through the district.

A typical KidPack would include a breakfast item, mac & cheese, meat and cheese stick, a juice box, granola bar, applesauce and fruit snack. They are careful to not include items where allergies might affect the students. **Because of your generosity with donating to KidPack you are helping save children one meal at a time.**

***Right now every dollar you donate will be matched up to \$200,000.**

WORSHIP SURVEY

We want to be both as prepared as possible and we want to be safe. The coronavirus looks like it is going to be with us for some time. Consider your own health and safety. Would you feel safe worshipping in the sanctuary with wearing masks, sanitizing your hands and physically spacing apart? Or would you rather wait until there is a vaccine? Or somewhere in-between? Please specify where your comfort zone is.

In addition to answering the questions, please let us know: How are you doing in this pandemic? How are you coping with the challenges? Do you want a pastoral call or visit? Do you have a prayer concern? Let us know!



Your name is helpful but not required: _____

What would need to happen for you to feel comfortable to return to worship in the sanctuary? _____



What arrangements could we make that would allow you to feel more comfortable returning to worship in the sanctuary? _____



For the foreseeable future would you prefer service online, in the parking lot or in the sanctuary? _____



Other Concerns? _____



NEAR FOOD SHELF

Once again this year NEAR food shelf will be distributing school supplies to families with children in grades K-12 during the last week of August. Last year we were able to help 244 area students with many of the supplies on their school lists. Because of the overwhelming generosity of area churches in previous years, we are blessed with an abundance of supplies this year. However we could definitely use help with back packs. The more that are donated the fewer we have to purchase. We understand this is a pricy item, but if you are able to donate one, it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

CEAP MEALS ON WHEELS AND NORTHWEST SUBURBAN DINNER AT YOUR DOOR JOIN FORCES!

On July 1, 2020 two senior nutrition programs, Community Emergency Assistance Programs (CEAP) Meals on Wheels in Brooklyn Center and Northwest Suburban Dinner At Your Door (DAYD) in Crystal merged into one program. The combined program has been renamed Meals on Wheels – North Suburban Hennepin County.



Both organizations have served seniors hot, nutritious meals and provided at-home connections with friends since the early 1970's. The combined program continues that mission.

As the two programs merge, CEAP will manage the program, but the day to day operations will look the same. Meals are still delivered from Crystal Community Center. The program continues to count on church partners and volunteer drivers to deliver noontime meals.



Thank you to Faith-Lilac Way and the DAYD volunteer drivers for your faithful support through the years and for your continuing support. Thank you also to new volunteers, some who might not usually be able to volunteer during the day, who have come forward to substitute for regular drivers who are sheltering at home. This is community at work.

NEEDED: Volunteer drivers, either monthly or as substitutes. If you are able to deliver meals between 10:30 and 12:00 any weekday, please contact Anne Ng (935-933-4007 or abjorkng@yahoo.com).

THANK YOU

Lutheran Social Service Thank you for your generous gift of \$400. Congregations like you have helped us grow from a church basement near Red Wing to offer services in all 87 counties of our state. Your support affirms our vision that all people have the opportunity to live and work in a community with full and abundant lives.

Blessed are those who work in God's Garden- Thanks go to the Hennepin County Horticultural Club and the Robbinsdale Diggers for the beautiful flower beds and for the community gardens whose produce will go to NEAR food shelf. Be sure to check out the gardens. If you see someone weeding - be sure to thank them! (The flowers pictured on our front page are from our gardens!)

GOD OF HEALING,

let your healing power be with all those who are in need of health, healing, and wholeness, especially:

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

Comfort the family of **JoAnn Bloom** as they mourn her death and celebrate her life. Surround with your loving care the Bork, Ipsen and Shaw families as they mourn the death of Jane Bork's sister **Gail Frost**. Comfort those who mourn with the assurance of your presence and the promise of resurrection.

Surround these and all those who you know need love and care.

Grant wisdom, strength and resilience to the medical and care teams that are caring for people with the coronavirus. Give inspiration to the researchers working on a vaccine.

Guide us as we seek to acknowledge and correct the sin of racism in our country and communities. Help us to create and be the beloved community that you would have us be where everyone is treated as your beloved child.

All of this, and whatever else that you know that we need, we offer in Jesus' name.

Amen.

AUGUST 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.

2 nd	Blake Hortenbach	15 th	Carolyn Lageson	25 th	Jane Bork
3 rd	Alexa Hanneman	16 th	Margaret Pendzimas	27 th	Janis Anderson
	Justin Luoma		Erik Vallis	30 th	Anne Ng
5 th	Lisa Rambow	18 th	Carol Brown		Jacquelin Woolgar
6 th	Lisa Jordan		Susan Shaw	31 st	Megan Kalberg Woods
	Betty Schmidt	19 th	Sue Ferkingstad		
7 th	Blake Tiber	21 th	Zachary Wietzke		
9 th	Bob Christensen	22 nd	Robert Kurki		
	Donald Kyostia	23 rd	Douglas Lynam		
11 th	Avery Nolan	24 th	Bryan Foster		
			Ann Nowak		



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Back Together (While Physically Distancing) Parking Lot Bingo!!

Like Bingo? Want to have some fun with fellow FLW members? Then join us on Tuesday, August 25th from 7:00-8:30 pm for Bingo! We will provide Bingo cards and PRIZES! For everyone's safety we ask that you bring:

- your mask
- family and friends
- a lawn chair
- pen/marker and a hard surface to write on
- beverage and snack if you like



In case of inclement weather, please check the FLW website (tentative alternative date is September 1st).

We hope to see you on August 25th- it will be a lot of fun!