



The Banner of Faith

FAITH-LILAC WAY LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2020

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
 ONLINE:

www.faithlilacway.org

PARKING LOT:
 9:30 AM



God's work.

Our hands.

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It's looking different this year... just like everything else. This year, instead of the Wildfire churches gathering together for ONE day of service, we are inviting our members to pick a day (September 1-13) and then use your hands for Christ and then to tell us about it! **Take a picture or a video and send it or bring it to us by Sunday, September 13 and we will share it with Bishop Eaton who is collecting pictures from across the country!**



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Here's some ideas - but you aren't limited to these:

- Help a neighbor with yard work
- Write a letter or call one of our seniors in a care center or who is quarantined at home (let us know if you need a name)
- Buy groceries for NEAR food shelf and bringing to church on Sunday;
- Write a check for ELCA Disaster Relief (our mission of the month)
- Bake cookies and deliver (safely) to a neighbor
- Volunteer for NEAR or what was formerly Dinner at Your Door (now Meals on Wheels)
- Knit/ crochet a prayer shawl (or a mini- prayer shawl)
- Send a Thank you card to one of our frontline doctors or nurses on a Covid floor at North Memorial or Abbott (Bring to church on Sept 13)

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. As Lutherans we believe that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.



A WORD FROM VICAR KRISTIN

Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you for a warm welcome into this wonderful congregation, even in these strange times. I am doing my best to learn your names, and they will come, but I'm finding that face masks make name recollection that much harder! I know you will give me grace over the coming weeks as I try. Needless to say, I'm finding the picture wall outside my office extremely helpful right now.

I am generally in the office on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and of course Sundays, and working from home on Wednesdays and Fridays. I am trying to keep Monday as my Sabbath day. I have set up a nice "corner" in our finished basement at home for my desk that is all mine. I consider it a huge coup as my husband is currently working out of the laundry room! I am certain many of you can relate to negotiating new schedules and spaces, and figuring out new ways of working and being together during the pandemic.

When I entered the process at the seminary to become an intern, I never imagined that my first interactions with you all would be primarily on-line or with masks and physical distancing in the parking lot. I expected to "be with you" in all the ways I was accustomed to: shaking hands after worship, swapping stories over coffee, meeting in small groups for Bible study, and maybe even accompanying younger members at camp.

Even as I confess to being disappointed that this way of "being together" is not for right now, I am reminded to be present, open to learning, and grateful for each moment at FLW. Beginning in September, I hope you will tune into an on-line meditation time with me on Facebook on Tuesday mornings, where I will be lighting a candle and sharing prayers that speak into uncertainty and ground us in God's presence.

I am reminded of a blessing written long ago by Julian of Norwich (1342-1416), a female Christian mystic, who was no stranger to pandemics, war, and other trials. She writes, in *To Greet a New Day*:

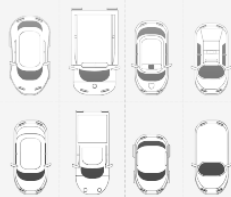
May I await this day – not as I hope,
expect, or imagine – but just as it is in the moment.
May I let this day come and be what it is, without meeting my expectation.
May I accept it as a gift, whatever comes or does not come; accept that I am not in
charge; accept the infinity of the Holy to be present whether or not I am aware.
And may I attend to this day with actions the Holy invites me to take from this stance
of openness.

Praise be to God for light and life in every new day,

Vicar Kristin

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP OPTIONS

PARKING LOT WORSHIP!



PARKING LOT WORSHIP

PARKING LOT WORSHIP SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

Bring your own bread/cracker and grape juice /wine (safest) or pick up a prepackaged communion cup/wafer.

Bring the bulletin if you received it in the mail or are able to print it from the website (extra copies are available).

Park your car facing the church building and tune your FM radio to the station listed on the white board by the parking lot entrance. Or bring a lawn chair and listen through the speakers.

ONLINE WORSHIP

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

PASTORAL CARE

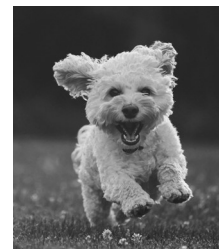
Have a prayer request? Need a visit or a call?
Contact: Pastor Pam Stalheim Lane at pastorpam@faithlilacway.org

We will continue offering several worship options in September due to the pandemic and the results of the worship survey. The Safe Return Team will continue to work on safe indoor options.

WITH SAVE THE DATE!

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 4

October 4th is the commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi, who called all animals his brothers and sisters. It was said that he even preached to them!



We want to recognize the animals too. But we need your help!

Send us* a picture of your pet or a wild creature that you enjoy that has feet, fur, fins, feathers, or even scales! We will feature your pictures in our online worship. **If you are able, please bring your pet to the parking lot worship on Sunday, October 4 at 9:30 a.m. for a blessing and certificate.**

Send pictures of your scaly, furry, footed, finny, or feathered friends or wild creatures by mail or email office@faithlilacway.org or through our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/faithlilacway>

HOLY COMMUNION BY ZOOM!

Mini-Services with Communion available via Zoom Sundays at 10:30 AM

Use the link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98882846617?pwd=eVV0TWIveTluN1pZWdN4L3ZkMnNHQT09>

OR Dial by phone
Or by phone: +1 312 626 6799
Meeting ID: 988 8284 6617
Password: 335870

A WORD FROM PASTOR PAM

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Weary. Wonder. These two words seem to have little in common with one another. And yet, I have been feeling and experiencing both of these since the beginning of the pandemic.

Like many of you, I'm weary of Covid19 and the destruction that this virus has caused on the whole world. And it is hard not to get discouraged – this virus is lasting much longer than any of us anticipated. I'm weary of seeing police brutality, gun violence, looting and destruction in the streets, floods, wildfires and arson. And if I'm weary – I can only imagine how others feel who have not been able to leave their homes or who have experienced police brutality or who have had their business looted or their park occupied or their house flooded or their community burned by wildfires or by arson. Our world is a mess.

And yet, I refuse to let my weariness with the world have the last word. Instead, I turn, and I invite you to turn, to “wonder.” Wonder is a good thing to have for such a time as this – for this is a “liminal” time.

A liminal time is that time when we are not able to operate as we have in the past (pre-pandemic) and we are not yet to a time of “normalcy” (after the pandemic) but we are in a space and time that is “betwixt and between.” The word “liminal” comes from the word limen – the threshold of the doorway. When you reach the doorway, you have to step over the threshold before you are in the new space. Think of the old tradition of brides being carried over the threshold of the doorway – it was a movement from an old way to a new way of living and being.

Liminal times, these “in-between” times when the old ways don't work, necessitate innovation and experimentation. At church, your staff has been busy experimenting and providing many different ways to help you worship. It has kept us really busy.

But I don't want to be so caught up in the busy-ness of experimenting that we miss this opportunity to wonder how God can use this time and us, God's people, to bring God's redemptive love to all people. Because as crazy as it may seem to us, God has done this before – in the midst of pandemics, famines, fires and war, God's love breaks through. And it will again. That's a promise. It's God's promise. As Paul writes, “there is nothing that can separate us – or our neighbor - from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

So let us wonder together and with God how we can share God's love with our neighbor (using Jesus' expansive definition of neighbor). Together, we can move from weariness to wonder to “WOW! That's what happens when we do God's work with our hands, hearts, lives. Let's do it!



YOUTH CORNER

CONFIRMATION CLASSES START WEDNESDAY, SEPT 9 @ 6:30PM

Like school, we will probably be having a hybrid program this year. But, weather permitting, plan to begin with outside, in-person classes from 6:30-7:00 PM on Wednesday nights on the FLW church lawn.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY STARTS WEDNESDAY, SEPT 16 AT 6:30 PM

We will begin in person, outside if we are able. We will take time for highs and lows, reflecting on "The Simple Truth Bible," a youth Bible devotional with daily verses, devos, and prayer starters and your questions and challenges of reconciling contemporary pop culture with the Christian life.

TUESDAY MORNING MEDITATION ON FACEBOOK WITH VICAR KRISTIN

Tuesday Morning
Facebook Meditation



You are invited to make space in your week for a brief online time of meditation with Vicar Kristin. She will light a candle and share prayers that speak into our current uncertainties and ground us in God's presence. Look for a video link on our Facebook page on Tuesday mornings. Here is the QR code for Facebook. Take your phone out, open your camera, scan the code, and click the link. Here is the link to our Facebook also:
<https://www.facebook.com/faithlilacway>



THANK YOU

Lutheran Social Service Thank you for your generous gift of \$760. Every child deserves to be loved and protected from harm. Congregations like you make it possible for CAC to train youth as well as adults to recognize red flags and common tactics predators use. Your support affirms our vision that all people have the opportunity to live and work in a community with full and abundant lives.

GOD'S STORY. OUR STORY. WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 5:00 PM ON FACEBOOK WITH PASTOR PAM

In September, Pastor Pam will be sharing stories of God at Work at Faith-Lilac Way and in the lives of members. She is asking for your stories (and pictures!) Send in a story of faith milestones - baptisms, confirmation, weddings. But also send in stories of mission trips, of service projects, and of joys and sorrows. Let's tell the stories together of how God has worked in our church and neighborhood - and how we are continuing -even in the midst of coronavirus lockdowns - to see the way God's Work can flow through our hands, our feet, our words, our prayers and our lives.

Here's how it will work:

- + Share your stor(ies) by: calling Pastor Pam, mailing, or emailing your story of faith at Faith-Lilac Way. (Let her know if she can share this story).
- + Join Pastor Pam on Facebook Live every Wednesday at 5:00 PM (or check it out later on the Facebook page)
- + Listen for the values that are expressed. How do these stories help us to think about who we want to be in the future?
- + We will close with a prayer that responds to the message that we heard and the values it expresses.

A printed copy will also be available of the stories. Please let us know if you are interested in a mailed copy of Stories of Faith!

GOD OF HEALING,

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

David Bjorkquist, Helen and John Brandon, Jacqueline Butkowski, Sandy Dolence, Beverly Evans, Bob Fernelius, Brad Hesslund, Ruth Kuder, Casey Pendzimas, Herb Scheelk, Cori Vallis, and Lucas Wiste. Surround with your presence all who are in care centers, including: **Ramona, Lois, Jane, George, Herb, Carolyn, and Helen.**

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.

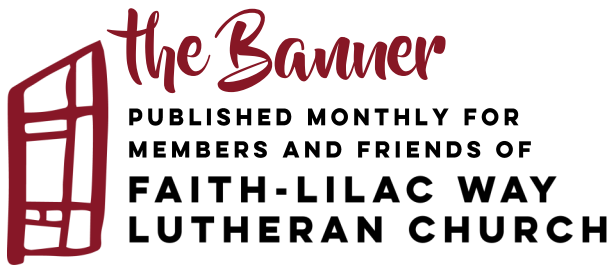
Amen.

SEPTEMBER 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 st	Daniel Stalheim Lane	13 th	Douglas Schuur	20 th	Edmund Hajder
	Jay Wood	14 th	Rob Nowak		Barret Lane
2 nd	Dexter Wiste		Elizabeth Vierzba		Crag Lewis
3 rd	Chad Rambow	15 th	Edith Esposito		Adam Morton
4 th	Richard Hanson		Jayce Goodwin		Casey Weilage
5 th	Casey Swanson		Jayden Goodwin	22 nd	Justin Anderson
	Kim Welage		Ziva Mae Joygaard	27 th	Donald Davis
6 th	Ruth Kuder	16 th	Nickolas Olson		Katherine Evans
7 th	Kira Li Hinz	17 th	Ethan Lane		
11 th	Joe Bahneman	18 th	Jonah Blackman		
	Garrett Lane	19 th	Grace Lawson		
	Devin Rambow				
12 th	Alexander Ipsen				





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Lutheran Disaster Response

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ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response, is the September Mission of the month. They bring God's healing, hope, and renewal to those whose lives have been effected by disasters in the United States and around the world today. The Lutheran Disaster Response stay and help to provide ongoing assistance to those who need it most.

They recognize that every disaster is local. They believe every response is rooted in the community. They work to help accompany that community from immediate relief through long-term recovery.

They strive to help the church continue to be the church in the middle of disaster.

Hurricane Laura, a category 4 storm, is the most recent disaster that has hit the United States, specifically Louisiana and parts of Texas. Hurricane Laura has hit with extremely dangerous wind up to 150 mph. With COVID-19 being a factor right now, helping people get sheltered has been a huge challenge.

Please consider helping those in need in Louisiana and Texas. Your gift will ensure that they can help those whose lives have been uprooted and turned upside down by this hurricane. Gifts designated for "Hurricane Response" will be used entirely for the hurricane response efforts until they have completely helped everyone.