



FAITH-LILAC WAY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY

2021

Sunday, 9:30 AM Parking Lot and In-Sanctuary Worship  
Online Worship at [Faithlilacway.org](http://Faithlilacway.org)

**"ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED  
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT"**

**PENTECOST**



# the Banner of Faith

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## Sunday Mornings

9:30am - Worship both inside the Sanctuary\*  
and outside in the parking Lot via radio

*\*Please register for our in-Sanctuary worship. We are asking people to practice Covid19 protocols including: wearing masks (if they are able), spread out 6 feet from one another, and sign up for a seat on our website at [faithlilacway.org](http://faithlilacway.org) to help us plan ahead.*

10:30am - Short Communion service via Zoom

11:00am - Bible Study on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting Link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98882846617?  
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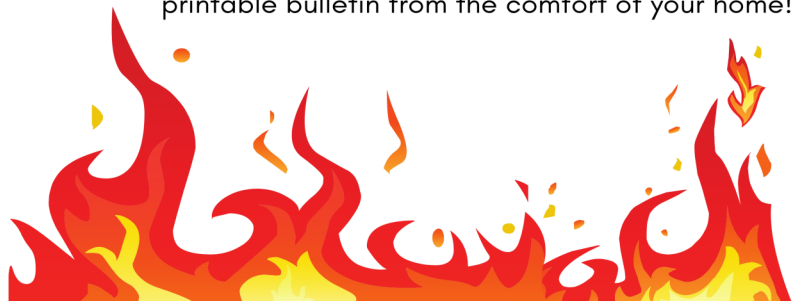
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Or call: +1 312.626.6799

11:00am - After Worship, join a Sunday morning  
Bible Study (See link above)



Join us on our website at [faithlilacway.org](http://faithlilacway.org) where you can watch our sermons and follow along with a complete printable bulletin from the comfort of your home!



# Faith Lilac Way News

## THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous gifts to our many mission partners! Here are some up dates on what some of our partners are doing.

**Church Anew** and the **Minneapolis Area Synod** recently hosted the second Sunday after Easter online worship service.

We are blessed to have the opportunity to help out families in need through supporting **Lutheran Social Services**. Every day, more than 300 communities across Minnesota are served with love because of their effort and care.

**Community Emergency Assistance Programs** (CEAP) - formerly Dinner at Your Door - continues to provide nutritious food, housing assistance, and other resources.

**NEAR** thanked us for our financial support during this time of critical need.

**Luther Seminary** provides Jubilee Scholarships so seminarians can graduate without debt. Their new Faith+Lead platform has reached almost 200,000 church leaders, helping them respond to the pandemic.



## WELCOME

Meet our new Communications Coordinator/ Administrative Assistant, Rachael Lange. She will be working ½ time for us with hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and posting worship from home on Fridays. Rachael has an Associate's degree in Graphic Design and Biblical Studies and has already shown great skills in publishing online and print communications. We are pleased to welcome Rachael to our staff.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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



## PLANT SALE

### May 10

7:00pm - The Hennepin County Horticulture Society Plant and Silent Auction in the FLW parking lot. All are welcome!





A NOTE FROM

# Pastor Pam

The church is on fire!

I'm not referring to the Easter Sunday that FLW caught on fire. The story, as it has been told to me, is that the whole building would have burned down if it wasn't for the choir and other members who came early to rehearse and make the Easter breakfast. That was a destructive fire - although I'm told that services happened anyway. The ushers just opened the windows.

As you may have guessed by the cover of our Banner, I'm referring to the fire of the Holy Spirit that came on that first Pentecost. This was an empowering fire. The disciples and other faithful people were gathered for worship for this minor festival when suddenly, "Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them." (Acts 2:3). Suddenly everyone - men and women - were able to proclaim and hear the Good News of Jesus - in their own language. Peter, who was still ashamed of denying Jesus at Jesus' crucifixion, was suddenly on fire with the Holy Spirit - preaching his first sermon on that day.

The Holy Spirit enters with fire and the sound of a rush of wind. And everything is changed.

We have had a lot of change in the last year due to the pandemic. And, now, as we begin to reopen, the question becomes, "What will be 'the same' and what will be different? What new things do we want to keep? What things ended - and won't be started again? How can we use what we have learned to share God's way in a new way?"

This is a time for discernment - and for leaning into the creative power of the Holy Spirit. We have a banner that hangs in church during the Pentecost season that proclaims both "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow" and also proclaims, "Behold I make all things new!" As Lutherans, we affirm both of these seemingly paradoxical Biblical claims.

As we enter into our Pentecost season (May 23), let us be open to the power of the Holy Spirit to transform us to be the people and the congregation that God has made us to be. This is a time to be open to the Holy Spirit. So let our hearts be on fire and our words reveal God's love and grace to everyone we meet.



A NOTE FROM

# Vicar Kristin

In the midst of all the heaviness that surrounds us and our community this month, our Faith-Lilac Way book club met to talk about a silly, quirky little novel called *Miss Benson's Beetle*, by Rachel Joyce. I relish picking up this book at the end of a long day, laughing out loud at the characters and their exploits, and joining up with others on Wednesday nights to share in some levity.

To me, laughter is a sacred act.

I have this memory of belly laughing with one of my best friends, Jill. We were on vacation together as teenagers, just sitting in a store eating ice cream. Something (I can't remember what) struck us as funny, and soon we were laughing so hard that we couldn't stop. We got kicked out of the store for being too loud, which made us laugh all the more. As we walked home, our laughter stopped and started so many times that we fell down on the sidewalk together and just sat there until we finally recovered. Now, several decades later, we still laugh together when we remember the time we couldn't stop laughing!

When I laugh, I experience joy. Somehow, laughing transports me to a place where all is well. It helps me create connections and nurturing relationships with others. It also seems like a good laugh has emotional benefits, even after some time has passed.

Have you ever experienced laughter to be healing during hard times? Has laughter helped you connect with others, or even connect with God?

Anne Lamott once said that "laughter is carbonated holiness." I suspect laughter might disrupt our rational minds and allow, perhaps for just a moment, a space for the sacred to enter. A space for reclaiming love and joy and relationship, even in the midst of difficult circumstances.

It is true that laughter is not going to fix the big problems we face together. On the other hand, I believe God gives us laughter to take us to a place that is closer to others, closer to home, and closer to God. All for the sake of love.

Thanks be to God for laughter. I hope to share a laugh with you in person (or on Zoom!) soon.

Vicar Kristin



## FLW BOOK CLUB ON ZOOM

Our last discussion of *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce will be held on Zoom on Wednesday, May 5th at 7:30pm. Please join us for some laughs, even if you haven't read the book! Contact Vicar Kristin for her Zoom link at [vicar@faithlilacway.org](mailto:vicar@faithlilacway.org). Also, stay tuned for potential book club meetings this summer...outside!

# FLW COVID PREPAREDNESS PLAN

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*Based on the MN Department of Health:  
COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PLAN Requirements  
for Faith-Based Communities, Places of  
Worship, Weddings, and Funerals*

+ Limit indoor occupancy to allow for 6 feet of distance between people from different households or groups at all times.

We have space for 22 household groups.

+This guidance does not permit food and beverage service or consumption unless is an indispensable part ... (e.g., communion).

+ Stay home when sick: Staff, workers, and attendees are required to stay home if they have COVID-19 symptoms, tested positive, or have been exposed to COVID-19.

+ Music is an integral part of many faith-based services, weddings, and funerals.

+Live music performances are allowed but performers must maintain physical distancing of 6 feet between musicians and 12 feet from congregation

+Congregational singing may occur if participants wear face coverings.

+ Faith-Lilac Way welcomes everyone. You are the judge of when you feel comfortable coming back inside the Sanctuary for worship. If you aren't sure, check out the parking lot - it's the same service. Simultaneously, the sound from inside the sanctuary is on the radio in the parking lot. One pastor is inside and one is in the parking lot.

# ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP

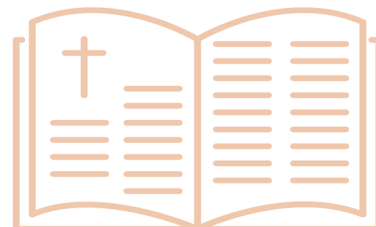
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At FLW, we want to make it clear that all are welcome to worship - and we have four different ways from which you can choose. We want you to feel welcome - and we want you to feel safe.

We encourage everyone who can get vaccinated to do so. However, we know that there are some in our midst who cannot get vaccinated. As a result, out of Christian love for the neighbor, we encourage those of us who are able to get vaccinated to do so as soon as possible.

We will continue to offer worship in four different ways. You can worship:

- 1) **Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM** in the **Parking Lot** via 104.9FM radio
- 2) **Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM** inside the **Sanctuary**
- 3) **Online** from your home any time:  
<http://www.faithlilacway.org/online-worship>
- 4) At home with a mailed bulletin, sermon and prayers.
- 5) **Sundays On Zoom short Communion Service** for those who worship from home or online.



## MISSION OF THE MONTH

### Luther Seminary

Luther Seminary has been our partner in ministry for the internship program. Kristin Dybdal is our 12th Intern. And while we are sad to see her go in August, our ministry partnership with Luther Seminary will continue; we will receive our next intern, Kyle Anderson, in August.

Luther Seminary's mission statement is: Luther Seminary educates leaders for Christian communities called and sent by the Holy Spirit to witness to salvation through Jesus Christ and to serve in God's world. Luther Seminary's vision statement is: The Holy Spirit calls Luther Seminary to lead faithful innovation for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ in a rapidly changing world. But they can't do it without the support of Synods, congregations, alumni and ordinary faithful people.

Our support of Luther Seminary as our mission of the month helps them support their students. Did you know that Luther Seminary now offers all qualified M.A. and M.Div. students a Jubilee Scholarship covering 100 percent of tuition at the time of admission. This ensures that graduates are able to live out their vocations unburdened by excessive student loan debt. Your gift helps make this possible. You can give online or mail or bring to the church your donation. Designate it for: Luther Seminary, May Mission of the month.



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God, surround all who are hurting with your healing love and care. Be with those in our community with ongoing health concerns, including: Bob, Brad, Craig, David, Donna, Herb, Jacqueline, Joyce, Larry, Lucas, Margaret, Ramona, and Vic. Grant healing and wholeness to all in need of care. We name silently or aloud those who are in our hearts..... We entrust to you, healer of our every ill, all who You know who feel isolated and alone and all who need healing and wholeness restored.

Healer of our every ill. Comfort those in our midst and our neighbors near and far who hurt. We lament and grieve with the family of Daunte Wright and all who have died tragically. Be with his family, the police officer and her family and our community. We lament and grieve the death of still more people who have died in a mass shooting. How long, O Lord must we suffer these shootings and unnecessary deaths? Grant us your wisdom and guidance for our country, for our legislators, our leaders and our police officers so that, by your help, we can create a system that ensures public safety and the wellbeing for all people.

All this, and whatever else you know that we need, we lift up to you in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.





A NOTE FROM

# Nina Joygaard

I saw the article “These Minnesotans renounced the racial covenants for their homes” in the April 6, 2021 issue of the Star Tribune. Racial covenants were used by developers to ban people who were not white or Christian from owning or occupying homes in certain neighborhoods. It was a form of systematized discrimination and racism to keep neighborhoods white.

There are currently 11 cities that have joined a partnership between the Just Deeds Coalition and the University of Minnesota Mapping Prejudice Project. These include Robbinsdale, Crystal, New Hope, and Golden Valley (among others). I learned through the article that we could easily look up if our property had a racial covenant on records and that pro bono attorneys help discharge these covenants.

I was livid when I discovered that our property had a racial covenant on it! I filled out the online form asking for basic information like our names, address, and contact information, though you can also fill out a paper form. Someone from the city of Crystal emailed us back (almost immediately) and we were referred to an attorney working with Just Deeds. Within 24 hours, we received a response that the racial covenant had expired on our property in 1940. I was so grateful for this process to take steps to work towards a more equitable and anti-racist community.

In a world of so much division and in need of so much racial healing, I encourage you to take this small step to renounce the structures of racism built into our communities. Find out if your property has a racial covenant on file and take steps to renounce it. You can also watch the powerful Jim Crow of the North documentary on TPT to learn more about the history of racial covenants.

- Nina Joygaard -

Nina Joygaard is an Associate Member of FLW, and is a member and serves as a Deacon at Faith Lutheran in Forest Lake, MN

## Resources

Mapping Prejudice - <https://mappingprejudice.umn.edu/>

Just Deeds - <https://justdeeds.org/>

Star Tribune, April 6 by Erica Pearson

These Minnesotans renounced

the racial covenants for their homes

