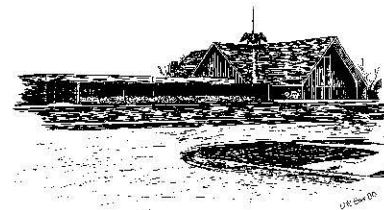


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From the desk of Vicar Ann Bjorklund

April

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*****SCAM ALERT*****

Attention People of Faith:

Some individuals have received emails that appear to be from me. The individual requests that you purchase iTunes gift cards and that I will reimburse you. Please know, I would NEVER, EVER ask you to make a purchase like that. Donations and offerings are always made through the church and church-approved methods.

Another clue to the scam: my current title is "Vicar" not "Pastor" as some people's emails indicate.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Wow! How the world can change from day to day right now! 2000 years ago, the world was also changing tremendously in a matter of just 3 days...

On Good Friday, Our Lord, Jesus was crucified and placed on a cross to die. And why? Because his idea that all people are worthy of love and forgiveness was such a foreign concept that it put all people on level ground. His ideas challenged the idea that some people are "less than." It challenged the power structure that were in place by..... Jesus rose from the dead, breaking through the ultimate power structure...the one that no one had the power to break through...until then! That's why we celebrate Easter! That's why we have hope. That's why, even in the midst of uncertainty, we know that Jesus has more power than anything that we have ever faced. Yes, we will physically die, but we are made new in Christ through his life, death, and resurrection.

Two things are certain right now...

First, we are living in a time of uncertainty. There is a lot of information being shared. If you're like me, you're trying to sift through it and figure out what is true, what isn't, and if there's a real cause for concern. (A quick note of caution: One news article that I just read was very alarming. An individual died and his wife was hospitalized because they chose to follow the advice of someone that is not a medical professional. Please, please, please don't self-medicate.)

And another question...Is it really necessary to shut down the schools and many businesses, and why can't I come and go as I please? Jesus continually challenged those around him to love their neighbors. He has also asked that we do that as well. Loving our neighbors has many looks, many facets. Some of those things are inconvenient. It might be making a phone call to check on someone. It might be running and errand and picking up some groceries. It might be writing a note of encouragement. It might be visiting someone and just looking through a window or door as you talk on the phone.

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Right now, that looks like physically distancing ourselves from one another in order to protect those around us who are vulnerable, whether they know it or not. We are not called to stop loving our neighbor, but to love in ways that are different than we're used to. I know there are people that need our kindness, and our love as a reminder that they are valued by us and by the God of love.

The second and most important thing we can be certain of is that God is with us! God loves us so much that the power of sin and death is defeated in the Resurrection that we will be celebrating soon... whether in person or in new, different ways. We have the certainty that Jesus is with us, even in our challenges!!

Blessings! Vicar Ann



1 Char Heinzen, Elijah Lowry, Velma Nelson/ 2 Jerry Heinrich / 3 Taylor Loterbauer 4/ Ashtyn Shelstad, MaClay Wollschlager/ 5 Derek Halvorson / 6 John Maatz / 7 Dale Johnson / 8 Anna Hacker, Brendan Hansen / 9 Levi Schellberg / 10 Kenna Mosenden/ 11 Robert Hiepler / 12 Paul Dufrane / 13 Dari Buer / 14 Laney Kallhoff / 16 Alton Arneson, Kendyl Shelstad / 17 Peyton Mortenson / 18 Jody Dahle, Keith Powelson / 19 Aaron Bonn, Janice Kline, Lucille Mortenson / 23 Ethan Miller/24 Zoey Cruz, Kelsey Loterbauer, Deb Meyer, Millie Young / 27 Ryan Bjerke / 28 Zane Kanstrup, Curtis Weber / 30 Tom Daline

Radio, Bulletin, and Altar Flower and other Memorials for March

- 1- Radio/Bulletin/Flowers— In memory of Bob & Delores Bormann's 63rd Wedding Anniversary.
- 8- Radio/Bulletin/Flowers— In memory of Merlyn Hanson's birthday and Shirley & Meryl's Anniversary.
- 15- Radio/Bulletin/Flowers— In memory of Beacky Johnson's birthday.
- 22- Flowers— In memory of 10 years without Carey Bissett.
- 29- Radio/Bulletin/Flowers— In memory of John & Karen Nesvold's 60th Anniversary.

We need sponsors for the Radio Broadcast, Bulletin and Altar Flowers. It can be in honor or memory of a loved one. Stop in the church office for more information

OPERATION STARFISH IS WELL UNDERWAY !!

Faith plans to build a new home for a very deserving Haitian family by collecting \$3,800 which will then be matched by Food for the Poor, to build a double family dwelling at a cost of \$7,600. We have a long path ahead but are confident we can do this once again as in past years! How can you get involved with this mission?? PRAY !!! See what God is asking you to step out and give and then fill up a collection box (grab one from around church) or simply write a check to Faith Lutheran Church with Operation Starfish on the Memo line and put this in the offering plate or bring to the church office. EVERY CENT adds up! Our theme is "change for CHANGE!" If you need more inspiration, please check the wall across from Vicar Ann's office to see those beautiful smiling faces on the families that our congregation has built homes for in past years! Our collection will run thru Easter Sunday. LET'S DO THIS! Thanks everyone! Global Missions Committee.

HOLY WEEK **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

PENDING

Palm Sunday

April 5th at 9:00 AM
Palms will be passed out to wave.

Special Services

April 9th : Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM

April 10th: Good Friday 7:00 PM

April 11th : Sign up in the Narthex for the Prayer Vigil every
1/2 hour from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

April 1st: Easter Sunday
7:00 AM and 10:00 AM Worship Services

8:30 AM- 9:30 AM Easter Breakfast served by the Youth
Consisting of baked ham, scrambled eggs, fruit, coffee cake,

To Faith Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation totaling \$223.18 from your "Noisy Offering" on March 24th. Last year 566 households (1366 individuals) were served by the food shelf taking in 33,700 pounds of food plus garden produced donated by our area gardeners. All food purchased are from Second Harvest Heartland in St. Paul and Jubilee Foods in town.

LQP Community Food Shelf

Usher Teams

Team 1 – Stan Olson, Curtis Seefeld, Deb/Maynard Meyer, Ardis/Keith Christensen

Team 2 – Dan Wahl, Gene Koosmann, Paul Zahrbock, Steve Dahle, Jon Daline, Justin Weber, Eric Nygard

Team 3 – Jerome Kallhoff, Craig Kanstrup, Judy/Darrell Maasjo, Jeanene/Merle Munsterman

Team 4 – Brent/Connie Bacon, Allan Thompson, Dave Berg, Bob Hiepler, Gary Boraas

Team 5 – Ed Olson Jr., Bart Hill, Kevin Tollefson, Warren Trygestad, Richard Zahnow. Patrick Miller, Ron Toenien

Team 6 – Dan Larson, Paul Struck, Graylen Carlson, Steve Helgemo, Paul Engesmoe, Tyler Struck

Team 7 – Jerry Osteraas, Joel Churness, Chuck Ronglien, Eileen Trelstad, Tamara Bissett

WELCA News

April 8: Lydia/Hannah Circle-9:30-at Church

April 21: WELCA Spring Gathering

April 29: Senior Girl Recognition-7:00 p.m. Faith Fellowship Hall

May 2: SWMN WELCA Convention

The WELCA Spring Gathering will be April 21, 2020 at the Big Bend Lutheran Church. Speaker will be Jeri Popma "Walking with Jesus".

Send registration to Bernice Oellien, 2570 80th Street, Madison, MN 56256 by April 15th.

Coffee and registration from 8:30-9:00 am.

The 2020 WELCA Convention will be Saturday, May 2, 2020 at the

Redwood Area Community Center to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ordination of Women in the ELCA. Come join your sisters in Christ for worship, singing, sharing, learning, and fellowship. In-Kind offerings include personal care kits, christian literature, walker bags and rolled bandages.

If interested contact Kathy Harwick by April 1st.

Kathy Harwick, President



PENDING

Do you have a Pastoral Care need? Call Vicar Ann at 763-447-7664

People of Faith:

The coronavirus and COVID-19 have brought about a time of unprecedented uncertainty, but it also presents us with the opportunity to think in new ways that we, as people of God, can be in community even though we're physically apart.

We want to know what you need...

What challenges are you having?

Do you need groceries or prescriptions?

Do you need to go to appointments?

Do you need to have someone to talk with?

Do you need to be able to figure out how to connect with your faith community?

We need your feedback. Please call the church office, Vicar Ann, or one of the Council Members so we can make sure that we are living in community as Christ calls us to.

Ways to connect with Faith Lutheran Church ...

Our Website: www.faithlutheranmadison.org

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/MadisonFaithLutheranChurch/>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2519716434935030/>

Confirmation Students and Parents:

Watch for updates from Vicar Ann or Ronda regarding confirmation lessons. One addition to our website is that sermon notes are now available and can be submitted electronically.

Website Updates:

We've made many updates to our website. Some of them include information on the coronavirus, updates here at Faith, Synod updates, and resources for all: Worship, ordering Easter Flowers, signing up or the Easter Prayer Vigil, Resources for young people and adults while they shelter-in-place, or anytime. Check it out! Let the team know if there are other things you would like to see and also let the team know you appreciate them.

Bible Study Opportunities:

Are you interested in Bible Study? Contact Vicar Ann or the church office if you're interested.

Volunteers Needed:

We need volunteers that can help run occasional errands & make some phone calls to neighbors. Let us know if you can help.

Updated Contact Information Needed:

Please take 2 minutes to call or email the office to make sure we have your updated contact information. Let us know your name and the names of those in your household, address, current email address(es), and phone number(s) so we can make sure you're in the loop.

You can reach the church office at 320-598-3630 or faithluthsecretary@gmail.com.

****The Stewardship Committee** - Bart, Brian, Josh and Warren

Please continue to support our mission here at Faith Lutheran with your time, talents and offerings. Feelings aside, remember the church is just one meeting place, but God's work brings us all around. Here are a couple of thoughts for you:

When money realizes that it is in good hands, it wants to stay and multiply in those hands.

The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship.

Remember, we are stewards of what God has provided us, not the owners.

The Stewardship committee

**** From the Treasurer—** Please remember that even though we do not have church services, we still have bills to pay. Please send your contributions to the church office.

URGENT PLEA !!!

People of God. Faith Lutheran Church is calling you to HELP
support our continued Mission in Faith.

March Income-	\$14,000.00
March Expenses	\$18,000.00
Checkbook -	-0-

and we still have \$8,000.00 in bills pending plus Payroll.

Please send Tithes, Offering and support as soon as possible.

"Do not be afraid People of God. This is our time to Shine"

Thank you for your continued support through out the year by helping us
Move Forward in Faith by providing Spiritual and Physical Nourishment

Faith Lutheran Church Council and Stewardship

*Ways to give are by drop-off, mail,, or by clicking the Give Online tab on our website:

<https://www.faithlutheranmadison.org>

*PayPal: Click "Send Money" and enter email- faithluthsecretary@gmail.com

**** Worship committee** - Gail Smith

It is hard to believe Lent is here.

Once again the Worship Committee will be helping you shop for your Easter flowers. We'll be taking orders after church services during Lent. You simply place your order with us, and we will pick them up for you. You will be able to take your flowers home after the 10:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service. Prayer Vigil will be on April 11th from 6:00AM to 6:00PM. Watch for the sign-up sheet.

****Music** - Linda Anderson

The Joyful Noise members have been having a great time exchanging notes/items with their Lenten Partners. On April 8, we will conclude this event with a Lenten Partner Party at 3:30 pm.

Our Senior Boys' Breakfast will be held Wednesday, April 29.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in sharing their musical talents with the congregation this past month.

Tune in to our worship service in a variety of ways:

We will be recording the Sunday Worship Services, which will be available to view on Sundays on our website [Worship Videos Page](#) and our [Facebook Page](#) at 9:00 am.

The regular broadcast on Sundays will continue as normal on KLQP 92.1 FM Radio at 11:30 am. and on Cable Channel 8 (Madison, MN) or Mediacom Channel 70 at 3:30 pm.

Lenten Worship Services will be available on the Website and Facebook Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

*** If you would like a copy of the service mailed or emailed, please contact the church office.

We will soon have information on our annual "Spring Splash" women's retreat. This year's event will be held at Faith Lutheran in the evening only.



Faith Lutheran Church is continually trying to assist others. We often do that through fundraisers. As a reminder, Thrivent Financial offers grants to certain policyholders to assist with fundraisers. Do you have a policy and a passion for a particular area of ministry? Let's join forces and maximize our efforts. Contact Vicar Ann, a council or committee member, and we'll see how we can work together.

From Bishop Jon Anderson:

Ann Bjorklund is not a pastor. But, at the request of our congregational leadership, she has been authorized by the synodical bishop to preside at the sacrament of Holy Communion in our congregation this weekend. For this ministry, she will be in consultation with an ELCA pastor. The authorization is granted in accord with the ELCA's guiding statement, The Use of Means of Grace, which says, "In witness that this sacrament is a celebration of the Church, serving its unity, an ordained minister presides in the service of Holy Communion and proclaims the Great Thanksgiving. Where it is not possible for an extended period of time to provide ordained pastoral leadership, a synodical bishop may authorize a properly trained lay person to preside for a specified period of time and in a given location only."

April - Website Corner

There is now an official Technical Committee for Faith Lutheran.

Tech Committee: Maynard Meyer, Lorrie Ehrenberg, Theresa Jones, & Judy Kriese.

Some of the youth have also shown some interest in this committee so we will be including them in the near future.

If you would like to be a part of this committee please let us know. You can contact us through the Faith website using the Contact Tech Committee Form.

<https://www.faithlutheranmadison.org/tech-committee.html>

We have been working diligently to improve the website, sound, video, projection, and communication processes for our congregation.

Some of the things we have been working on:

Improving the projection of the screens on the front screen. This may require a new projector or replacing the screen with a television. We are researching the options.

Improving the sound on the worship service videos.

Improving the website and adding the worship service videos to Facebook and also creating a YouTube channel which provides the videos to a worldwide audience.

Check out the new look and all of the menu updates: www.faithlutheranmadison.org

Since Corvid-19 has affected our way of life; we have been working with Vicar Ann to help keep the congregation informed. Vicar Ann is posting videos on the Website, Facebook and YouTube to keep the congregation updated. She will be posting updates and more videos as needed.

The other things in development are online & teleconference bible studies, online council meetings, online committee meetings and more. We will be using ZOOM to do these things as needed.

We are super grateful to have Zoom sponsored by a member of Faith to make all these online meetings possible!

Please download Zoom <https://zoom.us/download> on your smartphones.

No smartphone? That's okay! We will have a link you can use to join from your computer, laptop, iPad or tablet! No internet? You can dial in from your regular phone, too!

To view the updates and videos go to the website "Resources" menu or to go there directly: <https://www.faithlutheranmadison.org/faith-updates.html>

The new "Resources" menu that has been added to the website provides the Faith updates, Local Resources, Home Activities for Kids, Synod Updates, & Covid-19 updates & resources,

We have also added a **PayPal** account for Faith Lutheran to add another way to send Offerings to the church.

To send your Offering through PayPal follow these steps:

Login to your PayPal account at <https://www.paypal.com/us/home>

If you do not have one you can set one up very easily.

- 1) Click "Send Money"
- 2) Enter the following email: faithluthsecretary@gmail.com and click next. This will send the notice directly to the Faith Lutheran's Financial Secretary.
- 3) Enter the amount you want to send and then enter a note describing what it is for. Example: March 29th Offering
- 4) Click "Friends and Family" (Using this setting does not charge a fee to the church, but it does require the funds to come from a checking account rather than a credit card.)
- 5) Click "Continue"
- 6) Choose to pay using your "Checking Account" in order to avoid fees.
- 7) Click "Next"
- 8) Your Offering will be sent to Faith Lutheran with your Name and the notation you provided will direct how you want your money recorded. (Offering or one of the other funds.)

If you need help with this please contact the Faith Lutheran office or one of the Technical Committee members.

We are posting the Worship Services, both the Wednesday night Lenten Service and Sunday services on Facebook and our Website:

<https://www.faithlutheranmadison.org/worship-service-videos.html>

If you have any **ideas, additions or changes** that need to be made please contact a member of the Technical Committee by phone, text or email.

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12 EASTER 7:00 Sunrise Worship 8:30-9:30 Easter Breakfast 10:00 Worship	13 7:00 AA & Al-Anon	14	15 9:00 Exercise Group 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Faith Ringers	16	17	18
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Dear Friends at Faith,

It is with fondness that I remember my visit to your church last spring. I was staying in the Twin Cities and got up early on Sunday morning to drive to Madison to worship with you. I will never forget that morning, as the roads were eerily dark and the early spring fog was thicker than anything this Florida girl has ever experienced. There were moments in that drive when I could only see a few feet ahead of my car, and I felt nervous, surrounded by the darkness and unknown.

But there was light at the end of the drive. The fog cleared as I rolled into Madison, and what a blessing it was to worship and fellowship with your bright spirits that day. The thought of your Operation Starfish wall, lined with photos of families who have received homes as a result of your generosity each Lent, fills my heart with joy.

Today feels more than a bit foggy and dark. There are so many unknowns, and it is impossible to see what lies ahead. But I do know that there is great light that will see us through this time. God is graceful and good, and His promises are true for us all. And each and every one of us can continue to shine with the Light of Christ, making this pathway a little bit brighter and easier for our neighbors near and far.

While cases of the coronavirus continue to increase here in the United States, Please remember that the same is happening in Latin America and the Caribbean. These countries, which lack basic medical care and hygiene supplies, are particularly vulnerable to the effects of this devastating disease. Faith's Lenten project, fundraising for a house for a family in need in Haiti, is such a beautiful way to let your light shine in the darkness. In the midst of fear and uncertainty, imagine what a safe new home will mean for a family.

Every dollar makes a difference and there is no contribution too small. Even though life looks a bit different for us all these days, thank you for continuing this special Lenten tradition. Together, we will continue to bring Light to the darkness.

Looking forward to celebrating with you when the fog clears,

Cydney Hartner
Church Alliances