

Faith & Rives



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From the Vicar...

Hello People of Faith!

I've been working on this newsletter for days, trying to think of what to write. I don't know about you, but I'm exhausted.

All the uncertainty of the coronavirus and COVID-19 has been challenging. We've been trying to navigate what it looks like to best care for each other. We want to see each other. We want to keep each other safe. We miss things the way they used to be before the coronavirus.

I'm heartbroken for the family of George Floyd and all who cared for him. I'm also fearful for my family and friends who are people of color. I'm fearful of family, friends, and other people getting hurt due to the violence that's taking place, too.

We're taught to love God and love our neighbors. How can we love our neighbors each and every day? Sometimes that requires that we step out of our comfort zone. As we seek to carry out God's mandate that we love one another, let us also remember that we, too, are recipients of God's great love and forgiveness.

I invite you to pray with me...
God,

You know the struggles we have been having. You know the things that we don't even know how to express. We lift our weariness to you and ask that you help us to see opportunities to love and care for our neighbors. Help us to share the hope you offer with those who so desperately need it. Help us to recognize the needs of our neighbor as and ways we might help meet those needs. Remind us of the joy we have in you and help us to share that with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Blessings!
Vicar Ann

1 Connie Bacon
 4 Debbie Borstad
 4 Allan Thompson
 5 Gary Hansen
 6 Scott Asfeld
 6 Brantley Bendel
 6 Jace Kells
 6 Brantley Weber
 7 Raelyn Engesmoe
 7 Brock Shelstad
 8 Mallory Fernholz
 9 Dane Nicholson
 9 Cooper Olson
 9 Dale Pillatzke
 9 Cooper Schmidt
 9 Eric Shelstad
 10 Margaret Davis
 10 Carter Olson
 10 Brandon Weber
 11 Cameron Avelsgard
 11 Delores Bormann
 11 Sandra Borstad
 11 Brian Croatt
 11 Brian Kennedy

11 Missy Oie
 13 Chase Hatfield
 13 Ches Kibler
 13 Kya Kranz
 13 Addisyn Oie
 13 Jake Streich
 14 James Cruz
 14 Tyler Tebben
 15 Richard Olson
 16 Dale Mortenson
 16 Kari Pearson
 16 Annika Trygestad
 19 Kevin Redepenning
 19 Virginia Spiry
 20 Jessica Borstad
 20 Brandon Hill

20 Jodi Kallhoff
 20 Adam Weber
 21 Austin Roggenbuck
 22 Eleanora Collins
 22 Alice Morken
 22 Blake Trygestad
 23 Daytona Bissett
 25 McKegn Giles
 26 Austin Kallhoff
 26 Dustin Mork
 27 Taylor Larson
 28 Sadie Hacker
 28 Kayla Monson
 29 Dean Arends
 30 Delores Michaelson



FUNERALS Z **Carole Carlson**, died May 9 and whose funeral was May 22. (non-member)

Z **Randy Peterson**, died May 6 and whose funeral was May 15. (non-member)

WEDDING M **Justin Lee & Mikaela DuFrane**, united in marriage on May 30. (members)

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

3– Bulletins & Radio Broadcast: in Honor of Curt Shelstad's 80th Birthday.

17– Flowers, Bulletins & Radio Broadcast: in Loving Memory of Carole (Dolman) Behl by Gerda Dolman, Carole's Birthday would have been May 7th.

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.

***If you are in need of Pastoral Care
Please call Vicar Ann at 763-447-7664***

All Church activities are cancelled for June

For the safety of us and others we will not gather until it is safe to do so. We know that it can be hard not visiting with others, but we are following the state guidelines.

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. In these times of challenge, 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?

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.

Faith Lutheran Church website:

There have been a lot of changes taking place on our website as we've been trying to make sure people are getting updated information about our worshipping community and how we can best serve one another.

www.faithlutheranmadison.org

From LQP Food Shelf:

Faith Lutheran Congregation-

Thank you so very much for your continued support & donations to the LQP food shelf, especially during this time of uncertainty and challenge for many. Because of COVID-19, our March campaign was extended to the end of April and we were able to collect almost 1,500 pounds of food & other items. It is so reassuring to know that our community is taking care of each other, especially during this time. God bless you all and stay safe & well until we can be together again.

Take care—The LQP Community Food Shelf

****Music Director**

I don't even know where to begin to thank our singers/musicians for assisting us in the Sunday worship services that we are taping. Angie Young, Julie Hill, and Devyn Fernholz are leading us in our hymns and special music. Words cannot express how much appreciation and gratitude we have for you.

I also want to thank Tom Fernholz and Maynard Meyer for assisting us in the May 17 contemporary service.

Cooper Smith provided our Special Music for the May 24 service. You are also very much appreciated.

Special Music is needed throughout the summer whether we are taping the services or having actual worship service—please contact me if you are interested. Linda

****Little Blessings**

There is still one opening left for the 2020-2021 academic year. Please contact the church office to sign up.

****Ronda, Education Coordinator**

Thank you to the Sunday School Teachers for all of their hard work and commitment. We will inform you about VBS as we know more information.

****Global Missions**

We pray that all are healthy and following guidelines to stay well! Our Global Missions annual pilgrimage to Watertown SD to serve The Watertown Banquet is actually still ON!! We have been in contact with Heidi, the banquet coordinator, and the format has changed some but they are still supplying nourishment to the banquet attendees! We will serve a sack lunch to the crowd that just walks through a line (socially distanced of course) and no seconds are allowed so we will pack the bags full They have been serving about 80 people now. We already have a few volunteers to attend and help serve that day so if you are available and would like to assist, please call Kris Hanson at 598-7863. The Pantry will assist us with this endeavor and we will add fruit, carrots, etc. to make it a well-rounded lunch. We will do no baking this year due to the pandemic. Monday, June 29, is our serving date. We usually leave Madison about 3:30. Global Missions will meet on Wednesday, June 17, at 7PM (if all is safe to meet) and finalize details. God is good and we trust that he will continue to see us through this most difficult time.

Blessings! Global Missions Committee.

****Women of ELCA**

A few comments from Chrys Daniel and the Sampler.

And it came to pass... Who knows what is going to happen? One thing for sure, there was Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday and following with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday leading to the climax of Easter Sunday. That is the way it has been. Same thing every year. Until now with everyone in a fog. How can we be alone together? We found out that Technology has made it possible. Different but the same. Services were on-line . Easter would not be cancelled. Just as a banner says, "A sign of God is we will be led where we did not plan to go," We still are not sure where we are going with covid-19, but we are not alone together with people stepping up helping others in many ways.

This saying from an old birthday card seems to fit. "Sunshine in the morning, moonlight at night, the fragrance of gardens, the deep silence of harvest fields, the laughter of happy children, the familiar tread of approaching feet, a dream, a kind thought, a joke, a new song (new or old), a kindness received or given....these are things that cost us nothing but enrich us beyond telling."

Kathy Harwick

****Worship Committee**

The Agape Singers will not be coming June 10th. They hope to see us next year.

Gail Smith

****We thank you for your generous tithes and ask for your continued support in meeting our financial needs. Your offering can be either mailed to the church, made online at www.faithlutheranmadison.org or through PayPal (to faithluthsecretary@gmail.com).**

People of Faith:

Some people have expressed a desire to have communion. As we seek to fulfill your desires to participate in the sacrament, as well as tend the safety and well-being of each of you, we will be offering Holy Communion as follows:

Holy Communion Service: We are *tentatively* planning to hold 2 *brief* Holy Communion services on **Wednesday, June 17 at 4:00pm and 6:30pm.**

Some things you should know:

- 1) Being mindful of loving and caring for our neighbors, we will practice *physical distancing* upon entering, upon exiting, as well as during the service. This means that you will be ushered to your seat., ushered out, and there will be no lingering following the service.
- 2) *Masks* are encouraged. If you don't have one, there will be some available for use. We will wash them upon their return. You are encouraged not to touch them or your face during this time.
- 3) *Hand sanitizer* will be used. We will have someone dispensing sanitizer to each individual to limit contact.
- 4) *All hard surfaces will be cleaned* before and after the use of our space.
- 5) *We encourage only communion age individuals attend as we try to limit contact and promote distancing. We also suggest that older individuals consider attending the earlier service to allow families the ability to attend together in the evening.*
- 6) *We request that you leave personal items in your vehicle or at home.*
- 7) If you are *at risk*, we encourage you not to attend. The things that might inform your decision would be not feeling well, age, weakened immune system, underlying health issues including issues breathing, cancer treatment, etc.
- 8) Watch for a *sign-up* sheet online or call the office to give your time preference. We will be limiting attendance to 30 people per service.

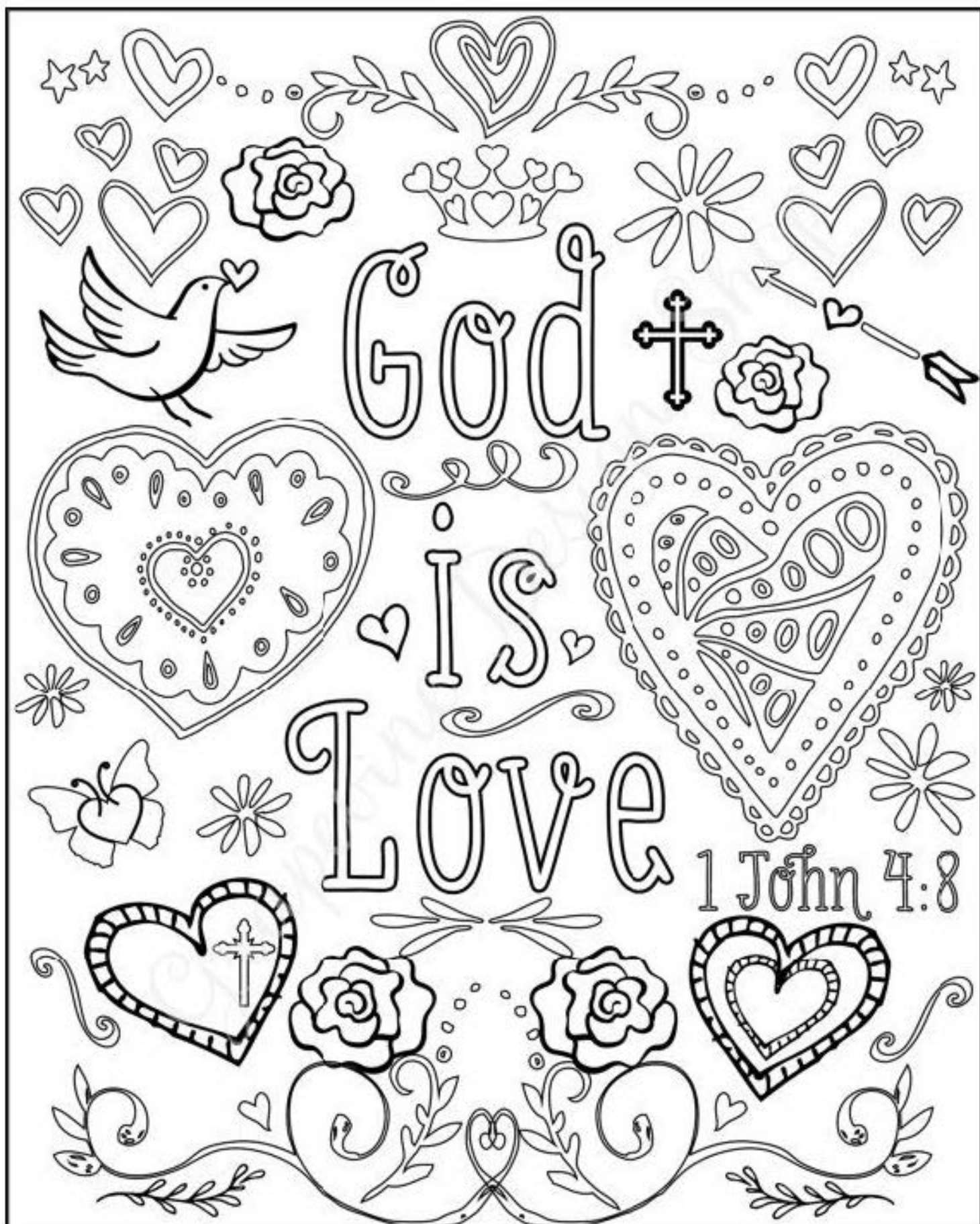
If you desire communion and are not able to participate or choose not to attend, please call Vicar Ann or the church office to make arrangements.

****We are still in need of a Treasurer. Please contact the church office if you are interested.**

****The Stewardship and Lay Ministry Boards are in need of several more members each. Please contact Vicar Ann if interested.**

Confirmation Students

As you know, the Jesus Trip has been canceled. This may change things for some of you regarding service hours. Vicar Ann and Ronda have offered several suggestions for ideas, but if you need ideas, please call either of them. Don't forget to complete your assignments and sermon notes, too. Have a GREAT summer.



BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Acts, Amos, Chronicles, Corinthians, Daniel, Ecclesiastes, Ephesians, Ezekiel, Ezra, Galatians, Genesis, Habakkuk, Haggai, Hosea, Jeremiah, Job, Jonah, Judges, Kings, Lamentations, Leviticus, Luke, Malachi, Matthew, Micah, Nehemiah, Numbers, Obadiah, Philippians, Proverbs, Psalm, Ruth, Song of Solomon, Zechariah, Zephaniah

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