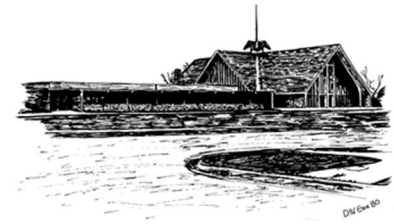


# FaithLives



From the desk of Vicar Ann Bjorklund

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**Sunday Worship at Faith**  
9:00 a.m.

**Broadcast on KLQP 92.1 FM**  
Sundays 11:30 a.m.  
and  
Cable Channel 8  
Sundays 3:30 p.m.

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## *From the Vicar...*

Hello People of Faith!

What a journey it has been the last couple of months. It certainly isn't what any of us expected! There are so many things that we've never had to navigate before, or could even imagine. We may be having a lot of mixed emotions that we're not sure how to express, and so many happening at once. We may be experiencing fear and frustration. We may be experiencing concern for ourselves and others. We may be scared. We may be grateful for family, friends, jobs, etc. We may be unsure of what our economy may look like. We may be afraid and concerned over the mental and physical health of loved ones or ourselves. We may be concerned about our financial positions. And we don't know when we'll be able to gather again for worship. I am pained by this. And what pains me even more would be to think that any of you would become ill. I want you to know that I've been praying for all of you in the various challenges we are facing with so many variables and unknowns. I ask for your prayers, too, as I work with the leadership here at Faith as we consider the things we will be trying to face together and move forward as a congregation and as people who love our neighbors.

I find comfort in following scripture:

"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20b

Even though it's challenging and we may feel that we don't know where to turn, we can trust that God is with us even in the most challenging circumstances.

If there's anything I can do for you or pray about, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings!  
Vicar Ann



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God's work. Our hands.

- 1 Diana Smith, Drew Borstad
- 2 Doris Monson
- 3 Curtis Shelstad
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- 5 Susan Clark, Scott Croatt, Zander Campbell
- 8 Tori Zahrbock
- 9 Bernice Oellien, Terri Leeseberg
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- 11 Sylvia Halvorson, Dan Croatt, Brady Kemen
- 12 Sandra Hoium
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- 15 Judy Maasjo, Ashley McFarland
- 16 Kiyoko Dolman
- 17 Janice Novak, Kris Hanson, Pamela Jacobson, Landry Streich
- 18 Casey Chester, Kaytlin Avelsgard
- 20 Norma Knopp, Sarah Hanson, McKenzie Long, Lucas Mortenson
- 21 Lester Boraas, Morgan Schmidt, Julie Geerdes, Alexis Nygard
- 22 Carol Olson, Grant Bjerke
- 23 Jodi Streich, Randy Mortenson, Katrina Cook, Connor Croatt, Alyana Skillings
- 24 Kylee Asfeld, Parker Kallhoff
- 25 Mac Buer, Mya Mortenson
- 26 Elizabeth Schulz, Brianna Kanstrup, Teagan Conroy
- 27 Eric Nygard
- 28 Tyler Struck, Malachi Schulz
- 29 Eugene Isfeld, Axel Nicholson
- 30 Robert Goerger, Jax Engesmoe



**Radio, Bulletin, and Altar Flower and other Memorials for April**

**12- Easter Bulletins in Memory of Loved ones.-Ed Olson**

**26- Radio Broadcast in Memory of Clayton & Jean Halverson**

***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***



We will be honoring our Graduates during the May 17th Online service.

Austin Bonn  
Anna Hacker  
Regan Johnson  
Jade Martin  
Austin Roggenbuck  
Annika Trygestad

Devyn Fernholz  
Rachel Halverson  
Austin Kallhoff  
Addisyn Oie  
Brock Shelstad

**All Church activities are cancelled for May.** 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.

The May 10th Online Worship service will be hosted by our Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA.

#### **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?

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.

#### **Jesus Trip:**

Due to the coronavirus and COVID-19, the Jesus Trip for this summer has been cancelled. Students are encouraged to continue to find ways to serve in our local community and elsewhere.

#### **Little Blessings:**

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

### **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](http://www.faithlutheranmadison.org)

**\*\* 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.

### **\*\*From Ronda, Education Coordinator**

Hi! Faith Lutheran families,

Spark House Sunday School has family Sunday School that you can do from home. It's on the Faith Lutheran Facebook page and a link on the website. Check it out!

[www.faithlutheranmadison.org/ss-lessons.html](http://www.faithlutheranmadison.org/ss-lessons.html)

If anyone has ideas about how we can do physical distancing for VBS, please contact me.

Thank you for being great Faith Lutheran Families.

### **\*\*From Global Missions**

Alleluia ! THANK YOU people of Faith !! Our Operation Starfish is complete and we DID meet our goal of raising \$3,800 ! This will now be matched by Food For the Poor and we will be building a home for a family in desperate need in the poorest country in the world...Haiti. Thanks be to God for his provision and the ability of our members to give support at this most difficult time in our world. Due to COVID 19, our home may be a bit slower to actually get built ( usually about 2 months from the time our donation arrives) but rest assured, God will see it through to the end and another family will be blessed with the gift of a new safe and sanitary home. Our support person Cydney Hartner at Food for the Poor, will keep us posted on the progress and we will receive the fulfillment package and a picture of our new family in their home when it is completed. Thanks Faith Lutheran !                      Global Missions Committee

### **\*\*Thanks from the Worship Committee**

The Worship Committee is so thankful for those who are helping bring the Sunday morning worship services to us. Thank you all for your time, and thanks to everyone who shared their Easter flowers with us for Easter Sunday. Keep safe and we hope we can worship together again soon.                      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](http://www.faithlutheranmadison.org) or through PayPal (to [faithluthsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:faithluthsecretary@gmail.com)).**