

Faith Notes

Mission Statement: "We are a welcoming people of God, striving to reflect Jesus Christ's love and grace, and open to the work of the Holy Spirit."

May 2021



Friends in Christ,

The word love is one of the most powerful words in the entire English language. Yet, it's also one that gets thrown around an awful lot in this society. People say that they love the food they're eating, their household appliances, pieces of technology, and even sports teams. Don't mishear me, there's nothing wrong with enjoying any of these things, I know that I certainly enjoy many of them 😊, but I think that using the word love in relation to these things is just a little strong.

Earlier this year I read the book *Love is the Way* by Bishop Michael Curry. As the name implies, love is a central theme in this book and if you haven't read it yet it's a good one to add on your summer reading list. In this book, Bishop Curry describes how other cultures have many different words for love to nuance and distinguish its different meanings and uses. Some of these different terms for love revolve around enjoyment, like what I mentioned at the beginning of this article. There's also words for romantic kinds of love. However, what Bishop Curry spends most of his time discussing in this book is the kind of love that seeks to give something to its object. This is the kind of love that God has for the world; in the original Greek language in which the New Testament was first written, the word used to describe this kind of love is *agape* and in the original Hebrew language in which the Old Testament was first written the word is *hesed*, and yes, if you were wondering, it does take a lot of phlegm to pronounce that word correctly 😊. This kind of love which God gives to creation is active and does something for the recipients, in other words, it's a love that centers more around what's done instead of just what's said. We as followers of God are called to share and reflect God's active love to the world. That's why as a church we go on mission trips and do local service projects, that's why we contribute to different charities and organizations that do God's work of justice in the world, and finally that's why we end each worship service with the words, "go in peace, Christ is with you". These words remind us that in worship we experience the active love of God, now we're called to go and actively share it with the world around us. So church, let us go and love the world!

Shalom to you in Christ,
Pastor Eric.

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A view of the altar on Easter morning



VBS will be collecting non-perishable food items to create their own food pantry for an activity that week. Please bring your items and place them in the cart in the entry way. We appreciate your help and look forward to showing you how it will be used!

The Garden Committee will begin to meet Saturday mornings at 8am starting in May through September. Anyone is encouraged to join them! It is a community garden and many hands make light work!



The Chimes Choir played at the 7am service



Beautiful daffodils greeting members on Easter morning



Online giving is now available!
Go to our website,
flcandoveria.com
and click the donate button!

Faith Lutheran Church Women (FLCW) News & Events for May 2021

May 2: Quilt Dedication and Senior Recognition during worship

May 3: Fold/Pack quilts 9 am

May 4: Sharing/Caring circle 6:30 pm

Hostess: (at the church) Tricia Perron

Bible Study: Kathy Harmsen

May 9: Mother's Day – Recognition

May: Area High School Graduations

Chocolate Chip Cheesecake Dip

1 8oz pk cream cheese

1 stick butter

4 tbsp brown sugar

$\frac{3}{4}$ c powdered sugar

1 tsp vanilla

$\frac{1}{2}$ bag mini chocolate chips

Combine all ingredients, chill about an hour, serve with graham cracker sticks, yummy!!

Prepare and prevent instead of repair and repent.

Happy Mother's Day – "May God continue to bless all women of faith with strength, courage, hope, love and peace"



Spring flowers decorated the altar



You can now listen to Pastor's sermon on the phone! If you call the church office and choose option 3, you will be able to hear the weekly sermon.



Daffodils sit in the window



Congratulations to our High School seniors graduating this month!

Alexis Ehlers, Emma Garien, Joe Hasken,
Owen Luckritz and Val Spooner

Bring your chairs and sunglasses! We will hold summer worship outdoors again this summer!

- ♦ Begin OUTDOORS on Sunday, May 30th, (Memorial Day weekend) and continue to Sunday, September 5th, (Labor Day weekend)
- ♦ Worship time will stay at 9am during the summer
- ♦ In case of rain, worship will be moved indoors
- ♦ Masks are not required for OUTDOOR worship but are required when indoor
- ♦ We will continue to sing
- ♦ Fellowship will resume with bars and coffee available following worship
- ♦ Streaming will still take place while we are outdoors



Latest VBS Update!

Date: Tuesday, June 8th-Friday June 11th

Time: 8:45am-11:45am

Theme: God at Work

Our focus will be on service for others. It will be a week filled with various activities from various area and global agencies. On Thursday of that week, we plan to take a field trip to The Benevolent Society and Share Our Sandwich for a hands on service experience!

Pre-registration information and a field trip permission slip will be available soon! It is important for us to have registration and permission slips completed and sent in ahead of time to help up prepare for the week better.

We are so excited to be together again this year!



More spring flowers by the altar



Congratulations to Corbin Peters and Caleb Petersen who received their First Communion on Maundy Thursday.

1. Ben Luckritz, Scott Banker
2. Marilyn Peters, Jay Slater
3. Harold Smith
4. Louis Cram
5. Brad Peters
7. Nancy Cram
8. Brent Wilson, Kelly Gluesing, Mark Neblung
9. Dennis Eggers, Makyla Cram
13. Marcus Jacobs, Joshua Krogman
16. Jamie Luckritz
20. Willis Greve
23. Gage Harris
24. Bryan Feddersen, Shelby Eickert
26. Sharon Jepsen
27. Marlene Bott
29. Layla Zingre
31. Marcia Naeve



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Do you have a special event or announcement? Please contact Jamie in the office if you would like the announcement in the weekly announcements or newsletter. Due to policies set in place, you must contact the office.



Faith Lutheran Church has a prayer chain that sends prayer requests to a list of people for those who invite prayers upon themselves or others. In respect of people's privacy, we ask that you get permission from them before adding their name to the prayer chain. If you would like to be added to the list to pray, please contact Jamie in the office.

7. Harold & Judy Smith
16. Louis & Emily Vogt
17. Kevin & Hollie Johnson
19. David & Jeanette Bennett
22. Larry & Sharon Jepsen
25. Denis & Judy Friedrichsen, Adam & Tamarra Friedrichsen
29. Steve & Stephanie Eickert, Dan & Laurel Randolph



Copies of the council minutes are available in the overflow room on the white turnaround. Things happening at Faith and our financials can be found in the minutes. If you would like to know the amount of donations you have given so far this year, please let Jamie in the office know.

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 9am Quilt Dedication/ Sr Recognition VBS mtg	3 Counting Team 3 Fold/Pack quilts 9am	4 Sharing/Caring Circle 6:30pm	5	6 Bible Study 10am	7 Fellowship reserved 3:30-5:30pm	8
9 Worship 9am Happy Mother's Day	10 Counting Team 1	11	12	13 Bible Study 10am	14	15
16 Worship 9am	17 Counting Team 2	18	19	20 Bible Study 10am	21 Virtual Synod Assembly Fellowship reserved 3:30-5:30pm	22 Virtual Synod Assembly
23 Worship 9am	24 Counting Team 3	25	26	27 Bible Study 10am	28	29
30 Outdoor Worship 9am	31 Memorial Day Office Closed Counting Team 1					