



The Herald Faith Lutheran

May, 2021

May Events



**Installation of Pastor Mamy Ranaivoson
In-Person Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m., in the Sanctuary
Masks & social distancing required
Service also live streamed on Facebook**

**Spring Congregation Meeting
Sunday, May 2, 12:00 p.m.
Meeting will be remote using Zoom
See page 3 for more information**

**In-Person Praise Service & Graduate Recognition
Sunday, May 16, 10 a.m.
Activity Center
Masks & social distancing required
Followed by sandwiches & light refreshments**



**Weekly Sunday worship services are live streamed
Access with the Facebook link on FLC's website, FaithLutheranAustin.org.
A Facebook account is not needed to view the live streamed services
A phone-in option is also available for those without internet access**

**Wednesday Prayer Service with Zoom
12—12:30 p.m.**

If any FLC member needs help with getting a COVID-19 vaccination, including making an appointment or transportation to the vaccination site, please contact the church office at 512-451-1116 or flcoffice@att.net. We will arrange for someone to assist you.

Dear Faith members,

One thing that happens in the month of May is graduation. Indeed, we parents, families, and friends are very proud of our daughters and our sons who are graduating! We thank God for their achievements and we continue to pray for them every day! That is our duty and I am sure that each parent and each family is eager to do that.

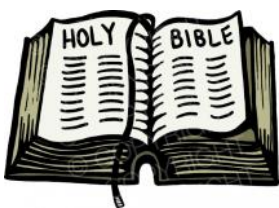
We have three wonderful young people graduating from high school and moving toward their independence: Destani, Emily, and Felix. Congratulations!

We continue our prayers for them and their journeys. May God take care of them wherever they go and whatever they do. We wish them well.

Looking forward, May 23rd is Pentecost Sunday where we celebrate and thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit to all of us during our baptisms. We will remember our baptisms and the Holy Spirit particularly on that Pentecost Sunday. May we all be renewed and transformed everyday, as long as we breathe, to share God's mission to this world, that God loves it so much.

Peace!

Pastor Mamy



Scripture Readings for May

Pastor Mamy encourages you to read Sunday's scriptures in advance of worship:

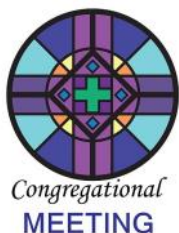
May 2: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

May 9: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

May 16: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

May 23: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 30: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17



Spring Congregation Meeting May 2, 12 p.m., with Zoom

Faith's spring congregation meeting to elect council representatives and receive annual reports will be held after worship Sunday, May 2, at 12 p.m. The meeting will again be held using Zoom, in order to include those who are not comfortable meeting in-person. Since in-person worship is planned for that Sunday, the meeting will be delayed until noon in order to allow those in attendance at worship to travel home. See names of nominees below.

Eligible voters are defined in our constitution as confirmed members of Faith who have both communed and made a contribution of record to this congregation at least once during the current or preceding calendar year (2020 or 2021). A contribution of record means one to which your name or envelope number is attached. If you put cash in the offering plate without your name or envelope number, that is **not** considered a contribution of record. This rule (C8.02) is required by the ELCA of all its affiliated congregations.

Eligible voters will receive instructions on how to attend the meeting either by email or postal mail the week prior to May 2. Questions may be directed to the church office by email or phone.

Nominating COMMITTEE

Nominees for Council:

Vice-President:	Dennis Diedrick
Secretary:	Mary Beth Meiske
Outreach:	Carol Roberts
Property:	Don Kuempel



Nominees for 2022 Nominating Committee:

Congregation:	Jo Redding, Sue Saathoff; one more nominee needed
Outgoing Council:	Austin Gaskamp

Many thanks to all these folks for agreeing to serve and to the members of our 2021 Nominating Committee: Don Kuempel, chair; Misty Dush; Jo Ann Jones; and Rachel Harmon.

Regretfully, we will not be gathering to have our annual Mother/Daughter Banquet again this year, but I want to wish each of you a "Happy Mother's Day" and hopefully next year we will be able to meet for this special annual WELCA event. A positive thought: At least, this year perhaps you can plan to safely get together with a few of your family members to celebrate Mother's Day. Please keep in mind, ladies, Mother's Day is for **all** women because most likely **all women** have at some point in their lives "**mothered**" someone who needed that special tender loving care that women know how to give. Have a safe and happy Mother's Day!

In the May issue of ELCA's *Gather* magazine, on page 20 a devotional, rather than the usual Bible study, entitled "The Journey of Generations," has been included which looks at shared blessings that can be developed into inter-generational relationships, which are among God's greatest gifts. Scripture passages to guide you through the devotional are: Luke 1:46-49; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; Ephesians 2:19; and Acts 2:4-6. Please take the time to read the devotional and all the other enlightening articles in the issue.

Although a number of us have not yet returned to church for in-person services, a number of the women of the church have continued to work throughout the past year during the pandemic on various WELCA projects, such as helping to fill the collection boxes for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) School Kits and Personal Care Kits, collecting used canceled stamps, cutting quilt squares, and piecing together quilt tops along with other ways they have chosen to help others. We are all looking forward to getting back together for in-person church services, our monthly Lydia and Rebecca Circle meetings with Bible study, and our annually scheduled WELCA special events. The Sewing Group members are looking forward to the weekly Friday morning gatherings to work on various church and bazaar projects, and Quilting Group members are busy cutting quilt squares and piecing together quilt tops in their homes in order to have more quilts ready to tack once we are can meet together again.

The pandemic has interrupted our lives in many ways, but it was **not** able to keep the women of the church from showing the love in their hearts that encourages them to help others in need. The Women of the ELCA have seven marks of discipleship which its members are encouraged to follow: Praying, Studying, Worshiping, Inviting, Encouraging, Serving, and Giving; these marks or characteristics are based upon Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8. As members of the WELCA, we women are encouraged to practice these marks, individually and as a group, so that our faith may continue to grow, and become bold enough to share our faith in Jesus Christ with friends, family, and even strangers. Another applicable scripture verse for WELCA members is Hebrews 13:16: *And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

As more and more of us are getting our COVID-19 vaccinations, we should become more hopeful that before too long we may be able to get together in person for our various events; however, until then we must be patient and continue to do God's will by doing good and helping others in need in whatever ways we are able to do so.

A Very Happy Mother's Day to You,
Charleen Schneider, WELCA Unit President



- Council Highlights from March 22, 2021:

- Easter worship will be held outdoors on April 4, with Holy Communion; it will also be live streamed as usual.
- Food will be collected for Bread for All before and after worship on Easter Sunday.
- The spring congregation meeting to elect council representatives will be held using Zoom on May 2, at noon.
- CDC enrollment is increasing and plans are being made for the Summer Youth Program.



"Housing alone will never solve homelessness, but community will."

Alan Graham, Founder & CEO

Austin's homeless "problem" has been in the news a lot lately. With numbers seeming to increase daily, the situation can seem overwhelming. However, there is hope.

In a new video available on their website www.mlf.org, titled "Mustard Seed of an Idea Blooms into Home and Community for Homeless Neighbors," Mr. Graham explains that "the single greatest cause to homelessness is a profound catastrophic loss of family." MLF's movement is to transform that loss into community.

Community First! Village was founded in 2005 when they purchased their first slightly used RV and lifted one man off the streets of Austin. Sixteen years later MLF has almost completed Phase 2, which will bring the total number of homes (RVs and micro-homes) to 500+. The Village also includes an outdoor cinema, an art house, concessions and catering, an iron forge, a market, an organic farm, a screen-printing shop, a car care shop, and other opportunities for neighbors to live and work in community.

You can support the village through monetary donations; by purchasing MLF apparel; by purchasing beautiful neighbor-made crafts; through prayer; and by volunteering on the property. You can also arrange for a tour of the property.

We are all part of one community – a community where Faith is Active in Love.

When you attend monthly outdoor worship
(first Sunday of each month)
consider bringing food for
ACL Bread for All Pantry

(Folks will be on hand to help carry your donations, if needed.)

Suggested Shopping List

*Dried Beans, Rice, Peanut Butter, Canned Vegetables (any kind), Canned Fruit,
 Cereal, Pasta, Canned Meats and Tuna, Ramen Noodles, Boxed Mixes*

New Request

Diapers (most popular sizes are 4 to 6, but any size is acceptable, including newborn)

Also Accepted

Plastic "sleeve" bags (from newspapers)

Altar Guild News

It was a pleasure to work again with Down Home Ranch (DHR) - this time for the Easter lilies. We purchased 24 plants and were able to donate \$80.16 to DHR, thanks to the generosity of those who ordered plants. While the lilies were not abundantly blooming for our Easter service, there were so many buds on each plant that the beauty of Easter could be enjoyed with lily flowers for weeks.

Just a reminder, if you would like to sponsor a bouquet for our online/livestream or monthly outdoor Sunday services, please give me a call, send me a text, or email. You can even call the church office and leave a message for me to call you.

Thank you.

Mary Beth Meiske

Altar Guild Chair and Flower Coordinator



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

April 2021

Altar Guild Fund*Heidi Prather**In Memory of Lucian Morrison*Bread for All*Suzanne & Justin Flasowski**In Memory of Lucian Morrison**Pastor Gary & Maxine Goodson**In Memory of Lucian Morrison**Joe & Suzette Kump**In Memory of Lucian Morrison**Joe & Suzette Kump**In Memory of Iris Wieland**Byron & Ella Rode**In Memory of Lee Roy Itz**Byron & Ella Rode**In Memory of Lucian Morrison**Clare Seagraves**In Memory of Lucian Morrison*CDC*Anonymous**In Memory of Iris Wieland**Johnnie, Dorothy, & Jon Mogonye**In Memory of Lucian Morrison*CDC Playground*Gil & Marianne Garcia**In Memory of Lucian Morrison**Gil & Marianne Garcia**In Memory of Iris Wieland*CDC Scholarship*Pastor Gary & Maxine Goodson**In Memory of Iris Wieland*Emergency Reserve*Tom & Janet Becker**In Memory of Anna Bell Zwernemann**Dennis & Helen Diedrick**In Memory of Lucian Morrison**Dennis & Helen Diedrick**In Memory of Iris Wieland**Gladys Hill**In Memory of Lucian Morrison**Gladys Hill**In Memory of Iris Wieland**Linda & Sissie Jackson, Alma Schmidt**In Memory of Iris Wieland**Jo Ann Jones & Family**In Memory of Lucian Morrison**Jo Ann Jones & Family**In Memory of Iris Wieland**Carolyn King**In Memory of Lucian Morrison**Anne Kuempel**In Memory of Barbara Nelle**Anne Kuempel**In Memory of Lucian Morrison**Anne Kuempel**In Memory of Iris Wieland**Anne Kuempel**In Memory of Anna Bell Zwernemann**Pat Meiske**In Memory of Lucian Morrison**Johnnie, Dorothy, & Jon Mogonye**In Memory of Anna Bell Zwernemann**Jo Redding**In Memory of Lucian Morrison**Donny, Terry, & Shelley Redding**In Memory of Mary Ann Morrison**Theresa Rode, Timon Keller, Kandis Pyka**& Families**In Memory of Lee Roy Itz**Melvin & Helen Rose**In Memory of Lee Roy Itz**Melvin & Helen Rose**In Memory of Lucian Morrison**Melvin & Helen Rose**In Memory of Iris Wieland*

Emergency Reserve, continued

Kent & Sue Saathoff
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Lillie Mae Warmoth
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In Memory of Lucian Morrison
In Memory of Charles Schiller
In Memory of Iris Wieland
In Memory of Gloria Ferrell
In Memory of Iris Wieland

Media & Technology Fund

Neal & Jennie Pennington

In Memory of Lucian Morrison

Music & Handbell Fund

Johnnie & Dorothy Mogonye

In Memory of Iris Wieland

Organ Fund

Charles Beutnagel

In Memory of Lucian Morrison

Property Reserve

Neal & Jennie Pennington

In Memory of Lee Roy Itz

Unified Budget

Jean & John Dory
Bertha Emshoff
Nathalie Engeling
Myron & Kathryn Fischer
James & Margaret Seagraves
Ed & Sandra Sowell
Alan & Shelly Van Dyke
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Seth & Janet Willis

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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Figures are approximate, since multiple people may attend via each Facebook connection.

March 24	11
March 28	70
April 1	44
April 2	44
April 4	131
April 11	62
April 18	42
April 25	60

Member Death

Anna Bell Zwernemann died April 2.
 A graveside service was held on April 8,
 at Capital Parks Cemetery in Pflugerville.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

<u>Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Jan.	\$ 17,345	\$ 8,470	+\$ 8,875
Feb.	\$ 11,475	\$ 8,185	+\$ 3,290
Mar	\$ 14,011	\$ 12,869	+\$ 1,142
YTD	\$ 42,831	\$ 29,524	+\$ 13,307

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
6600 Woodrow Avenue
Austin, Texas 78757
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Website: *FaithLutheranAustin.org*

Faith is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Worship & Bible Study

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study (all ages) 11:15 a.m.

3rd Sunday Praise Service 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Day of Prayer

12:00 p.m. - Noon Prayer

Pastor: Manny Ranaivoson

Organist/Choir Director: Sam Bauer

Director of Handbells: Karen McGuire

Accountant: Lynn Davidson

Administrative Assistant: Karen Noyes

CDC Director: Melissa McCoy

Sexton: Norbert Gardner

**MISSION STATEMENT OF
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**We at Faith Lutheran Church believe in Jesus Christ
as Lord and Savior of all life and creation.
In response to His grace and love toward us,
we are called to share His love by reaching out to all people.
We are called to be a worshiping, caring, learning community.**

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