



The Herald Faith Lutheran

September, 2020

Sunday Worship Livestreamed at 10 a.m.

**Access with the Facebook or YouTube links on FLC's website
FaithLutheranAustin.org.**

**A phone-in option is also available for those
without internet access.**

**Tribute to Sam Bauer
Celebrating 50 Years at Faith
September 6, during worship
See pages 2 & 3.**

**Sunday Bible Study
11:15 a.m.—12 p.m.
with Zoom
See page 3.**

**Wednesday Prayer Service
12—12:30p.m.
with Zoom
See page 3.**

**GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD;
HIS
LOVE endures
forever.**

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At this time, no date has been set to resume in-person worship at Faith. Our Church Council continues to monitor the situation. Meanwhile, our Worship & Music Committee has prepared guidelines for resuming worship when the Church Council considers it safe to do so. Those guidelines are included with this newsletter for your review, either as an emailed attachment or as an insert.

From Pastor Tom

“Let ev’ry instrument be tuned for praise;
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise;
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

*ELW 850 “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”
Text: Fred Pratt Green, c.1972, Hope Publishing Company*

For the past several months the pandemic has prohibited us from gathering at church for worship. What have you missed the most? I have missed sharing the Lord’s Supper. I am sure those of you reading this newsletter would say the same. I have missed seeing and visiting with brothers and sisters in Christ. Lutherans understand the “mutual consolation” of Christian friends to be one way God’s grace comes to us. I miss the sense of God’s presence when we gather, though I know the Spirit unites our hearts and prayers even when we gather online.

And, I miss singing with all of you! By definition, liturgy is the work of the people. Our collective psalms and hymns and spiritual songs unite our hearts and prayers in thanks and praise. For fifty years, the liturgy of God’s people at Faith Lutheran Church has been led by Sam Bauer. What an amazing lifetime of service, what an amazing talent, what an amazing gift by faith, through faith, with faith. Thanks be to God!

I am blessed that I, at least, can still hear Sam play and sing with him live each week! Months before the onslaught of Covid-19, Faith’s Church Council determined to plan a special celebration on September 6, to honor Sam and thank God for his service. The congregational celebration has been postponed until we can gather in person, but Sam will be recognized during our online worship on the 6th. Please join me in thanks to God for this wonderful musician, and as you are able, extend your thanks to Sam for his fifty years of leadership at Faith Lutheran Church.



Notes for Sam Bauer

Since we are unable to gather together at this time and honor Sam with an in-person celebration for his 50 years of faithful service to our congregation, the Church Council asks that you write a note telling him how his musical gifts and ministry have touched your lives and enhanced your worship experience. Please send your notes to the church office via email or postal mail; we will make sure Sam gets them.

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR FAITH FAMILY

through Adult Bible Study, Noon Prayer Time, and Sunday Worship Services:

You can join **Adult Bible Study** (Sundays 11:15 a.m. - Noon) and **Noon Prayer Time** (Wednesdays Noon-12:30 p.m.) from your computer, cell phone, or landline telephone. Also, you can **LISTEN** to our **LIVE Sunday Worship Services** (10:00 a.m.) via your cell phone or landline telephone. For instructions, contact Cathy Zwernemann.



Council Highlights from July 27, 2020:

- Worship & Music Committee is reviewing new guidelines from the Synod regarding a return to in-person worship.
- Council approved modifications to remove the upper portion of the wall separating classrooms in the Oliver House, so that supervision of children in both areas will be enhanced. Studs will remain in place.
- 2021 budget planning has begun.
- CDC's enrollment remains around 30, about half its previous enrollment; funds from the federal PPP loan will keep it going for the next couple of months.

God's Work. Our Hands.
Food & Funds



=== *Drive-Thru* ===

Supporting:

Austin City Lutherans Bread for All Food Pantry

AND

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Truck Ministry

Sunday, September 13 1:30-3:30 pm

Donate without leaving your vehicle!

Place your donations in your trunk
and masked volunteers will remove them for you.

Items Needed:

Non-Perishable Food:

Canned Veggies & Fruit
Cereals & Pasta
Canned Meats & Tuna
Ramen Noodles
Boxed Mixes
Empty Egg Cartons
Sturdy Reusable Bags

Travel-Sized:

Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Shampoo
Lotion
Razor
Deodorant
Body Wash

Monetary Donations:

Make checks payable to
Faith Lutheran Church
notating "GWOH" at the
bottom. Donations will be
split 50/50 between the
two organizations. **Either
mail them to the
church OR drop them
off on Sept. 13.**

Come see REAL HUMANS (at a safe distance)!!

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Hi, ladies. Well, here we are with September upon us and the coronavirus pandemic (or COVID-19) is still with us. Regretfully, it keeps us from being able to come together for our monthly circle meetings and other scheduled events, such as Coordinating Board meetings and September's Brunch/Unit Meeting, as well as our Friday Sewing Group and monthly Quilting Group.

September Bible Study: Although we are not meeting for our monthly Bible study and circle meetings, I do encourage all of you to read *Gather* magazine's September Bible study entitled "Holy Memory: What we remember and how God re-members us," which is a series of 3 sessions focusing on the theme of "holy time." Holy time is God's time and is also how we "live and move and have our being" in God as we live out our faith in relationship to the times of our lives: through acts of memory that re-member ourselves as God's people. The theme verses for the lesson are: 1 Corinthians 11: 17-34, Luke 22: 7-23, Exodus 16: 1-3, and Numbers 11: 4-6. Don't forget to read all the other stories in the *Gather* magazine, which I always enjoy reading.

LWR In-Gathering of Kits and Quilts: LWR's April Kit and Quilt In-Gathering had been postponed until the fall; however, I learned online that all LWR In-Gatherings for the fall of 2020 have been canceled and they will have drop-off locations only, no big in-gathering; therefore, the kits and quilts that have already been assembled and gathered at Faith Lutheran (but not yet packed) will be held until the next regional LWR In-Gathering is scheduled that includes our church's area. I signed up to receive e-mail updates from LWR to keep us posted and will pass along information as I receive it. Please continue watching for school supply sales and help gather supplies for the LWR School Kits. School Kit supplies that Faith needs the most are: crayons (12 or 24 count); scissors (**blunt**); pencil sharpeners; erasers (2-1/2"), and rulers (12 inch). Also, to help our LWR quilters, if you have the time and quilt-suitable material from which to cut quilt squares, it would be much appreciated if you could do so. The size squares needed are: 9 inch, 6-1/2 inch, and 5-1/2 inch. All you need to do is cut a pattern from a piece of cardboard or paper and start snipping those squares! The school supplies and quilt squares you accumulate in your homes can be deposited in the church's narthex when we again meet for in-church services.

The Corona Virus Pandemic (Covid-19): Most of us have been very blessed and not affected by the terrible outcomes of the virus resulting in the loss of loved ones, the loss of businesses, the loss of jobs with no income to put food on the table for many families, and so much more. That's why you are encouraged, if you can, to financially help support The Bread for All Pantry. Faith Lutheran Church volunteers meet monthly to put together food items for families in need. Your personal checks can be made payable to "The Bread for All Pantry" and mailed to Abiding Love Lutheran Church in Austin. The food pantry also needs sturdy bags and egg cartons, which Cathy Zwernemann will pick up from the church office if you will call her to let her know you have taken them there.

We are all in this together: I miss seeing all of you and look forward to the day when we can get together in person again and share Christian fellowship. Do not hesitate to call me if you have any question relating to any WELCA issue. God bless each and everyone of you. Stay safe; take care of yourselves.

Charleen Schneider,
WELCA President



Upbring Golf Tournament

It is time once again for the annual Upbring Golf tournament to raise money for the children of God who are part of Foster in Texas, The New Life Children's Center, and the Be Real Programs run by Upbring.

Faith Lutheran will once again sponsor a team, even in these trying times, because the children's needs do not stop. Special arrangements have been made to enable the golf tournament to be played safely on Monday, September 21.

You can mail your check to the church office, made out to "Upbring Golf," or include a donation on your regular contribution envelope. Just add "Upbring Golf" on the memo line so it can be included in the team's fundraising amount (if you include the Upbring gift with your regular donation, please mail it by Monday, September 14).

Contact Lynn or Mike Davidson if you have any questions.

Thank you Fore the Children at Upbring.

From the Altar Guild

If you signed up for flowers late March through September and have not heard from me, you are on my to-contact list. Thanks for your patience. I am still looking for a new florist.

I enjoyed providing the bouquets for our August online services. The August 2 bouquet was placed in the CDC office to remind the staff and teachers they are in our thoughts and prayers. The bouquet for August 9 was given to Renee Kesselring in appreciation for sharing her beautiful piano playing with us and filling in for Sam on the organ in the past. Karen Noyes accepted the August 16 bouquet to remind her how much we appreciate all she does and for keeping FLC functioning during this pandemic. The bouquet from this past Sunday, August 23, was delivered to Dorothy and Johnnie with condolences for the recent passing of the two cats that adopted the Mogonyes and also with prayers for family members dealing with health challenges.

Continued prayers for you and your family. Take care.

Mary Beth Meiske
Altar Guild Chair





MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

August, 2020

CDC Scholarship Fund

Mike & Lynn Davidson

In Honor of Lucian Morrison's 90th Birthday

Emergency Reserve Fund

Joe & Suzette Kump

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Ben & Karen Noyes

Brenda Sakewitz

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Luella Weber

In Memory of Linda Brown

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In Memory of Howard Lowrance

In Memory of Katherine Sakewitz

In Memory of Flo & Bill Thompson

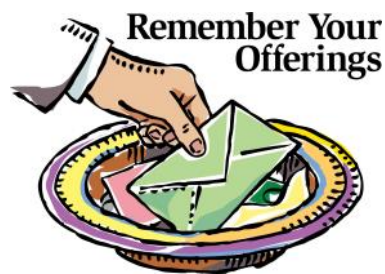


Dear Faith Friends,

Thank you so much for the wealth of birthday greetings on my dad's 90th birthday. His day was filled with surprises, calls, cards, and well wishes. We both feel blessed and grateful for your love and prayers. All of you made this birthday extra special for him.

God's blessings to all,

Miriam Corey on behalf of
Lucian Morrison



MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
Jan.	\$ 18,167	\$ 13,368	+\$ 4,799
Feb.	\$ 16,452	\$ 14,748	+\$ 1,704
Mar.	\$ 14,550	\$ 10,777	+\$ 3,773
Apr.	\$ 16,118	\$ 8,679	+\$ 7,439
May	\$ 10,256	\$ 7,240	+\$ 3,016
June	\$ 12,022	\$ 7,712	+\$ 4,310
July	\$ 14,143	\$ 9,612	+\$ 4,531
YTD	\$102,965	\$ 73,392	+\$ 29,573

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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

Transition Pastor: Tom Kesselring

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 worshipping, caring, learning community.**

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