



### Greetings from your Pastor

Greetings People of Faith,

I share with you the biblical reference that has been dancing through my head at the beginning of June: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (I, of course, hear this in my head in this way: Turn, Turn, Turn The Byrds)

There is a time for social distancing, and a time for Zooming; a time for no corporate singing, and a time for obsessive hand-sanitizing. AND NOW THERE IS A TIME FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP, and gathering, and singing (with masks indoors).

But always, it is a time for worshipping the Lord in spirit and truth! Amen? Amen!

I am so grateful for the ways you, Faith Lutheran folks, "showed up" on Zoom, and Facebook and/or waited patiently for this time when in-person worship would again be feasible for many.

The month of June will bring opportunities to rejoice in the Lord in a VARIETY of styles, helping us realize that no matter what season it is, or what platform we're using, it is a season for moving with the Spirit as we are called and guided. This month, we will receive the Word from our youth and children on June 6th, followed by a fun time at QPride (noon-4pm Pageant Field). We get to worship with the New England Synod on June 13th using the Synod Assembly worship video. THEN, on June 20th, we will come together in-person and celebrate Pride Sunday,

living more fully into our identity as a Reconciling in Christ congregation. And on June 27th, weather permitting, we will be invited into Faith's gorgeous garden for worship.

There are still unknowns about how we will continue to adjust, and adapt in a society altered by pandemic, and remote opportunities. But we know now that seasons of change can be weathered with Christ at the center. Seasons marked by unknowns and liminal "in-between" experiences are holy, and the season now is the season after Pentecost when we are called to dig deep into our relationship with Christ, strengthened for whatever the season brings.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13, NRSV)

In Christ,

*Pr. Heidi Johnston*

<u>Regathering</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Note</u>
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Happy June to All!

The Regathering Team is happy to announce, in partnership with the Worship and Music Team, that Faith Lutheran Church, Quincy will return to in-person worship services beginning June 20th, 9am, with a Pride Sunday celebration.

We at Faith Lutheran have joined many other houses of worship, organizations, and workplaces in the exercise in flexibility and adaptability that this covid-19 pandemic has required. We value the new online presence Faith has established during the pandemic (Zoom, Facebook, YouTube), and are working to determine the best way to maintain some ongoing online offerings. Our top priority is offering safe,

quality in-person worship when possible. Therefore, in light of the recent lifting of many covid restrictions, the Regathering Team reached the decision to transition from remote-only worship services after our 10am Zoom service on June 13th, 2021. We will move to an in-person worship option on June 20th, with a garden service on June 27th, weather permitting. Details regarding live streaming to Facebook and/or other platforms will be forthcoming as coordination continues.

When you come to worship in-person during the summer, you may expect the following:

*(All protocols are subject to change in accordance with the Regathering Team's assessment of the latest CDC and local government recommendations and restrictions).*

\*Masks will be required for indoor worship until further notice

\*Congregational singing will be permitted while masked indoors

\*Masks will NOT be required for outdoor worship (last Sunday of June, July, and August, weather permitting).

\*Masks will NOT be required for congregational singing for outdoor worship

\*The presiding minister will NOT wear a mask when socially distanced from the congregation during preaching and worship leadership.

\*The presiding minister WILL wear a mask when handling communion elements and during distribution.

\*Hymnals WILL be used for indoor worship.

\*Offering plates WILL be passed between worshipers.

\*No restriction to building capacity currently in place.

\*Contact tracing information will be collected from each family unit entering the worship space.

\*When masked indoors, all pews will be available for seating.

We are excited to worship together in person! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Regathering Team:

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Peace to all! See you IN worship!

Pastor Heidi and the Regathering Team

Volunteers for in person services are needed. If you are interested, please let us know by signing up at the link below or calling the office.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0445AEA829A6F58-volunteers>



Beginning **June 20<sup>th</sup>** we will be going to **In Person Services** at 9am! We'll be worshipping in our beautiful **garden** on June 27<sup>th</sup> as well as the **last** Sunday in July and August.

## Sunday School Happenings

### Children's Sunday

Children's Sunday is **June 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please come and join us at the 10:00 service as we celebrate our students, our teachers and our graduates.





Pictures from the Pentecost Sunday School Lesson

- Understand how to act on their faith
- Celebrate God's work in their lives
- Be reminded to share God's hope

Register online:

<https://faithlutheranquincy.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>

## Stewardship

### Special Offerings

We will be collecting the following special offerings in **June**;

6<sup>th</sup> – Flowers

*The Social Ministries team gathered May 16th via Zoom, after church and discussed the following topics:*

The **Interfaith Social Services Pantry** collection for the second quarter of 2021 occurred on May 1. It was a success, thanks to the efforts of all who donated goods and sundries. Kudos to our coordinators, Larry Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Jodi Coyne and Bill Swanson for helping to set it up and make it happen. We are tentatively planning the next collection (for Q3) to occur on August 21 -- if ISS is amenable to that timeframe, and our volunteers are available. More to come.

## Vacation Bible School

The dates are **July 23<sup>rd</sup> & July 24<sup>th</sup>** as well as a **celebration during worship on Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>**, ages Pre-K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade.



Cokesbury's exciting 2021 VBS program invites everyone to explore the ways God's great light shines in the world and shows them

how they can reflect that light in their own lives. From a whimsical lighthouse on an enchanted island, Explorers are guided by a Lighthouse Keeper and Beacon the Puffin on an exciting quest to find five mysterious Infinity Lanterns to help light their way. Using map coordinates from their Reference Book (the Bible), children discover clues to finding each Lantern while learning how God's light shines in the lives of familiar biblical characters in Old and New Testament stories.

Participants will:

- Learn about God's creation and strive to care for it
- Be encouraged to trust God even when fearful

1. **Neighbors at the Table:** There was a Swedish meatball dinner delivered to the Neighbor House on April 22, 2021. Many thanks to Nancy Lembke and Pastor for coordinating the meal! Our next chefs for the Neighbors House will be Dan Leone on May 19 and Jodi Coyne on June 16th (date to be confirmed). We discussed hosting an outdoor summer BBQ meal sometime in either July or August (i.e. combine the two months), at which Brian Danaher has agreed to relish Connecticut's finest hot dogs. Donna Mayo said that Mike Ford might be persuaded to be the grill master, if there is a lot of peer pressure. More info to come, after our ambassador Donna Flynn clears the deck and sets a date with the House manager.
2. **Father Bill's Homeless Shelter:** It was reported that the Congregation Council

agreed to the committee's recommendation last month to continue monthly \$200 donations through the end of 2021. The task force looking at God's Work Our Hands Sunday (September 12) will be meeting on May 20 to continue planning for a special collection of goods to help some of Father Bill's clients to transition to more permanent housing arrangements. The Social Ministries team also endorsed recommending to Council that any remaining King Trust funds be used to help Quincy homeless youth (as Social Ministries did last month with \$1,000 of the SM funding) and/or for Father Bill's shelter fundraising effort.

- Social Ministries Funds:** During the April meeting, we initiated a conversation of how to invest approximately \$9,000 in interest earnings designated for Social Ministries which accrued from a church account during 2020. We are blessed to be able to use these funds for something consistent with our & the church's mission during 2021. At the suggestion of Bill Swanson during last month's meeting, we agreed to look into Ascentria Care Alliance (formerly known as Lutheran Social Services of New England) and its programs as a possible designee for the funds. The current chair of Ascentria's Board of Directors, Bill Mayo (who is a Faith Lutheran member) was invited to today's meeting. Chairman Mayo briefly summarized how Ascentria provides a broad array of social services ranging from senior care to programs for the developmentally disabled, and the Ruth House for teen parenting support. The Chairman described that refugee resettlement is a project which Ascentria has done in the past, in conjunction with the national LIRS organization, and is being re-started as a result of changes in government policies. The participants in today's meeting

expressed particular interest in learning more about the refugee programs and what might be a target funding level to help start support a refugee being placed in an Ascentria-guided program. The Chairman agreed to gather more information, report back, and possibly invite an Ascentria staff member to speak with our group next time.

It was noted that there will be a QPride festival on June 6, at Pageant Field in Quincy. Faith Lutheran will have a booth. All are welcome.

It was agreed that our next meeting will be June 13, after church.



Dan Leone made lasagna, meatballs and sausages for the residents at the Father McCarthy House this month.

### WELCA

The WELCA picnic scheduled for June 8th has been canceled and will be held at the first meeting in the fall (Tuesday, September 14th.) You will receive further details in August. Hold on to your Scavenger Hunt items. See you all then.



## Congratulations Graduates!

### High School:

**Ben Hansen** is graduating from Braintree High School. He will be attending the University of Connecticut in the fall to study Chemical Engineering.

**Cassie Johnson** is graduating from East Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School with Honors and will be going to Salem State University. Cassie is majoring in History and minoring in Museum Studies, and she looks forward to working in a museum setting.

### College

**Brittany Coyne** graduated Summa Cum Laude from Sacred Heart University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She's currently working at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston and will be taking the NCLEX exam this summer.

**Samantha Enbär-Salo** is graduating with a Master's degree in statistics from Georgia Tech. She has been very busy working full-time and doing her Master's program at the same time. She is very successful as a Data Scientist at Liberty Mutual and will continue there. She is also planning her wedding in June!

### Campership Awards

Full tuition for 1 week at Camp Calumet has been awarded to the following applicants:

David Krey

James Krey

Oliver Johnston

### Altar Flower Dedications

Altar Flowers dedications are available! Please use the link below to sign up for the months of June, July and

August, or you may contact the church office at [flcquincy@gmail.com](mailto:flcquincy@gmail.com).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0445AEA829A6F58-altarpiano>



Social Ministries is pleased to share the Ascentria Annual Report with the congregation. Please click the link below to access the information.  
<https://u.ascentria.org/annual-report-2020/>



### Garden Update

Thank you to **Donna Chapman, Kevin Johnson, Ray Coughlan and Larry Johnson** who met at the church on Saturday May 8th to remove some invasive plants and plant the bulbs from lilies that had adorned the altar on Easter.

April 29, 2021

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

I want to thank you for your generous gifts of mission support to the New England Synod in 2020.

No doubt 2020 has been a most challenging year for all of us. Yet, even in the midst of all we have faced, much engaging ministry has happened in our congregations and communities.

- Ecumenical Partnership has continued with Episcopal, U.C.C. and Methodist congregations
- Many of you have begun the good but hard work of racial reconciliation
- Our congregations are finding new ways to partner with one another
- We've discovered that Lutherans can indeed change and adjust
- Many are engaging with new groups of people via online groups and worship
- People have been tremendously generous

Once again, I am grateful for your congregations' generosity. God's blessings as we move into a new phase of being the church of Christ in a post-Covid19 world.

Sincerely,



The Rev. James E. Hazelwood, Bishop  
New England Synod

enclosure

P.S. I look forward to connecting with you at our 2021 Synod Assembly on June 12, 2021. Guests are more than welcome to join us for worship, reports, a keynote from United Lutheran Seminary President Dr. Guy Erwin and sermon from Bishop Patricia Davenport, Southeastern PA Synod.

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Many thanks to the Christian education team for continuing to think of creative ways to connect with Faith Lutheran youth. Below is a thank you photo from Wesley to his Sunday school teacher Miss Jodi for sending him a note.



<https://www.qprideday.com/>

### **Sunday June 6th**

Faith Lutheran Church is a congregation which is welcoming and affirming to all. To demonstrate our mission, we are planning to participate once again in the annual "Qpride" Quincy Pride Festival. The event will be June 6, between noon and 4pm, at Pageant Field in Quincy. In prior years, we had various fun-filled activities such as Luther "Nail the Door" demonstrations, a tattoo parlor with a colorful selection of dermatological pigments, and lots of interesting giveaways. What will 2021 hold? You will have to come on down to the park to find out. We will maintain infection safety practices, while showing this City how we "Rock" with Bach. It is fabulous to have Faith! If you are willing to help with set-up, break-down, or "table" please let Pr. Heidi know at [pastor@faithlutheranquincy.com](mailto:pastor@faithlutheranquincy.com)



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| 1. QUIRK, Michael    | 6-3  |
| 2. QUIRK, Ryan       | 6-3  |
| 3. JOHNSTON, Oliver  | 6-4  |
| 4. SCOTTRON, Gail    | 6-14 |
| 5. TUORI, Joan       | 6-15 |
| 6. ECKBLOM, Katerina | 6-21 |
| 7. SJOLIN, Nell      | 6-22 |
| 8. BESTGEN, Bill     | 6-23 |
| 9. FORD, Mike Jr     | 6-24 |
| 10. Toomey, Conor    | 6/24 |
| 11. MACDONALD, Ed    | 6-24 |
| 12. Parker, Abigail  | 6-26 |
| 13. WALSH, Butch     | 6-26 |
| 14. LINDQUIST, Karen | 6-28 |
| 15. LINDGREN, Jean   | 6-30 |

MISSION SUPPORT 2020

THANK YOU

To the members of  
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**Quincy, Massachusetts**  
 from the  
**New England Synod**  
 of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.  
 In grateful appreciation for giving

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Presiding Bishop  
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Due to an error in processing, recorded contributions made in the final month of giving during the fiscal year are not included in the total dollar amount printed on the above certificate.



Please consider **sponsoring** this year’s Feed the Hungry Gala and join us for an evening of fun and fundraising. Interfaith Social Services’ annual **Feed the Hungry Gala** will be on **Friday, December 3, 2021**. We are currently planning for a hybrid event, hosting guests both in-person at Granite Links Golf Club and via a virtual platform. For 20+ years this fundraiser has been the most important night of the year for our organization, accounting for a significant amount of our annual funding. **It is critical that we meet our fundraising goal on December 3.**

**CALUMET WALK THE WALK 2021**

We’re gearing up for another fantastic walking event called **Walk the Walk 2021**. People from all over will **register** for the annual walk, **trek their miles** during the 62 Days – July 1 to August 31 -- and **report their mileage** four times to the TEAM captain.

Each participant (whether two legs or four legs) will pay a **\$25 registration fee** (which ends up being a donation to Calumet). Official T Shirts for each person and official Bandanas for the dogs will be mailed to each participant!



<https://calumet.org/giving/walkthewalk>



