

THE BANNER OF FAITH

Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church (ELCA)



All are welcome!

Worship at 8:15am & 10:30am

Free breakfast: 8:30 - 10:00am

Living Baptized! Wednesday Evenings in Lent

through MARCH 16

5:30PM Soup Supper

6:00 Confirmation/Living Baptized Conversations

7:00PM Living Baptized Lenten Worship

Living Baptized, we promise:

- March 2: **to live among God's faithful people;** (Pastor Gretchen Rode, House of Hope)
- March 9: **to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper;** (Pastor Ashley Updegraff-Balow, Holy Nativity)
- March 16: **to serve all people, following the example of Jesus.** (Pastor David Folkerts, First Lutheran)

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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 20

8:15 & 10:30am: Join us for a jubilant festival worship as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The Passion Story from the book of Luke begins on Palm Sunday...but it's not over...



Maundy Thursday, March 24

Noon (Robbins Way), 7:00pm (FLW): The story from the Gospel of Luke continues on Maundy Thursday with powerful music by our Chancel choir. Receive Holy Communion after you hear Jesus' words at the Last Supper. Hear Jesus' call to service with an anointing of hands. Watch as the altar is stripped after Jesus is betrayed. But the story is not over...

Good Friday, March 25

Noon & 7:00PM (FLW): The story from Luke continues on Good Friday with the Tenebrae service. Tenebrae means "darkness" or "shadows." Join us as we sing hymns, pray and extinguish the light from candles. This is a powerful service – but don't forget to come back on Easter Sunday, March 27, to hear the glorious end of the story of Jesus' passion and the beginning of the new story of Jesus' resurrection!

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FROM THE PASTOR

Easter is coming! It may not look or feel like it when I look out my window to fresh snow and arctic temperatures. I always associate Easter with Spring flowers. Yet despite the frigid temperatures today, Easter is coming. Spring is too.

During the children's sermon on Transfiguration Sunday, we "buried our Alleluias" in the dirt – and planted paperwhite narcissus bulbs on top of them. Watch throughout this Lenten season to see the growth and change in the paperwhite bulbs (west windows). They are signs of hope. Spring is coming – and Easter too!

Lent is a time for growth for us too. Every week we are sent out to: Go in Grace, Grow in Faith, Serve the Lord. But Lent offers a special time to focus on our growth in faith. This year we are focusing on the Covenant of Baptism. Each Wednesday evening you will be challenged, encouraged and hopefully inspired to live into this baptismal covenant. (See page 1 for the upcoming sessions). You will have a chance to reflect each week. The challenge to each of us is: How are we growing in faith? How are we living our baptism?

One of the new opportunities that we have this month is to grow in hospitality. We will be welcoming another congregation to share space. **Greater St. John Missionary Baptist** will be renting space from us beginning this month. They have been worshipping in the basement of the Minneapolis Urban League for the past three years. However, they were seeking a sanctuary in which to worship God. The council entered into a trial three-month contract with them from March- May. They will be paying a monthly rent for their regular schedule. (See page 3.) Additional services and space will be arranged through the office for an additional fee.

Why is Faith-Lilac Way entering into a contract with another church? If there is blame to be had – blame the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has been nudging me. I have regularly (about once a month) been receiving calls from new congregations that are seeking space to worship God. Likewise, the council has recognized that we have a beautiful space that is not fully utilized and have wondered whether an ELCA partner church that we would support

or an established church that we would rent to would be the best fit for us at this time. At this time, Greater St. John Missionary Baptist seems like the best fit. They share some common values with us: in addition to being a main-line Christian congregation, their piety (their understanding of reverence) for the church sanctuary is similar to ours, and they are an established congregation. This is one way that we can share the gifts that God has entrusted to us – by sharing space with our neighbor. This is hospitality. As we read in the book of Hebrews: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Throughout Scripture, God encourages his people to show hospitality to others – and those who do, are blessed by God.

If we want to share – why are we charging rent? We are entering a rental contract because while God's grace is free – church is not. The rent that Greater St. John will be paying us will help us to: a) pay the bills for maintaining the building; b) allow us to pay for our ministry to our church and the neighborhood. For example, the cost for hosting an intern is going up significantly for the next year. Looking back, it has almost doubled in the last four years. It's still a great program – and an important part of our ministry for us and for the wider church – but it is becoming more expensive to maintain.

This does not mean that hosting another congregation takes care of our need to share God's Good News with our neighbors. Jesus in the Great Commission urges us to Go and Tell. Go out into all the world. This includes YOUR neighborhood whether you live in: Robbinsdale, Crystal, New Hope, Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center, Plymouth or somewhere else – all of our neighborhoods are a part of the world that Jesus wants to reach. And Jesus has commissioned YOU to do just that: Share the Good News.

As we anticipate the Alleluias of Easter, may we share God's Good News so that all may Grow in faith, Go in Grace and Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

In Jesus' name,
Pastor Pam

Spring and summer will be here ... eventually! Slowly, the days are gaining more sunlight, and temperatures will rise. Sometimes it's hard to wait for what you know is coming, especially if you're looking forward to it! While it's good to be excited for warmer weather among other things, we don't want to get so caught up in looking towards the future that we rob today of its meaning. In other words, we should be careful not to get ahead of ourselves and miss out on what current times have to offer.

As winter nears its end, we can still enjoy cups of hot chocolate, fireplaces, warm sweaters, outdoor winter activities, and delicious crockpot stews. Having to stay indoors more may grant us more time for reading, sewing, or other hobbies. There are gifts to each day, each season, each year.

I think this is true for our personal lives as well. Perhaps your children or grandchildren "can't wait" be done with middle school and "are so ready" for high school. Perhaps you are anxious for your new puppy to finally be grown and behave better. Perhaps you just can't wait for this final semester of college to be over. There certainly are difficult

times in life when we can hardly do more than just get through. But with the things I've mentioned here, where we're simply just caught up in the next thing even though the current situation is good, we need to take a step back and appreciate where we are in life. We need to notice its benefits and joys. We need to give thanks for life *right now*.

And so I encourage you to not jump ahead to Easter just yet. Yes, we know it is coming, and what good news it is! But I invite you to continue your Lenten journey through Holy Week, and receive all that this time of reflection and change has to offer. Examine your relationship with God. Become more aware of what distracts and tempts you. Reflect on changes you can make for the better in your life. Notice who comes to worship each Sunday and get to know new people. Thank God for a blessing each day. I know it is a real cliché, but the only day you know you have for certain is today, so don't rob today of its worth by trying to hurry up to tomorrow.

Peace,
Vicar Katelyn

Welcome Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Congregation to Faith-Lilac Way!

A welcome for the Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Congregation will be held on Sunday, **March 6** at the close of the 10:30 am worship service. Greater St. John will be renting space from us for worshipping, learning and praising God.

This is an opportunity for FLW to share the gift of space that God has entrusted to us. As with Abraham and Sarah, and the disciples on the road to Emmaus, blessings can come to us from sharing hospitality. If you have questions or concerns, please contact one of your council members or Pastor Pam.

Great St. John Missionary Baptist Church's schedule:

Sundays

noon- 1:00p.m. Sunday school in basement classroom/ community room*
12:30-3:30 Worship in the Sanctuary (includes set-up and take-down)
1:00-3:00pm (twice/ month) Youth Ministry in basement classroom/ community room

Tuesdays

7:00-9:00pm Choir rehearsal in the Community Room

Wednesdays

7:00-9:00pm ** Bible Study in the Community Room

* Community Room is the former Choir Room; Classroom is room #110.

** In April- May the Bible Study will be from 6:00-8:00pm

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SERVING



Mission of the Month: NEAR/Minnesota FoodShare A Different Kind of Food Fight

During the month of March, groups across Minnesota will be collecting food and monetary donations to help stamp out hunger. There will be collections in schools, businesses, restaurants, grocery stores, and of course churches. At Faith-Lilac Way on March 13, our youth will distribute bags to be filled with food and returned to church for *Pack the Pews Sunday*, March 20. Our congregation has always been very generous in the past; let's continue this tradition of giving and sharing. Greater Council of Churches will offer limited matching. All donations will be given to the NEAR Food Shelf. Monetary gifts are also appreciated!

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Learn About Automatic Giving

On **Sunday, March 13**, check out Simply Giving and BillPay at the table in the narthex in-between services and after 10:30 worship. Both of these automatic donation methods allow you the certainty of knowing that you are up to date on your pledge and the freedom from writing checks! Would one of these methods be helpful to you? Check it out!

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LEARNING

March Reading Ideas from Our Library

Written by Brenda Iliff (pictured), the director of the Hazelden Women's Recovery Center, **A Woman's Guide to Recovery** is filled with expert advice, caring support and personal stories of women who have found their way out of addiction.



Some of the issues covered: What's different about women and addiction? Addiction as a disease, What causes addictions? Why do we need Spirituality? Recovery changes relationships, cross addictions, Relapse. The lifeline of hope is offered in this book, the knowledge that recovery is possible.

We also carry several copies of the **Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous** [self help section] and **Daily Readings from Hazelden** [prayer and devotion section].

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Hospitality Opportunity

Would you like to be a part of the FLW team that meets with the leadership of The Greater St. John Missionary Baptist church, the congregation that will be renting space from us? We will be meeting monthly during the interim time of March-May on the first Sunday of the month. Please contact Pastor Pam.

Planners, come join us!

FLW's 75th Anniversary is in 2018, but the planning starts now. A brainstorming and planning meeting is set for **Tuesday, April 12** at 6:45pm. What does this celebration look like to you? Come share your thoughts. Contact Rebecca Crass or Linda St. John with questions or ideas.

Robbinsdale EGGstravaganza

Join Pastor Pam and the FLW Team on **Saturday, March 19** (noon - 3pm) for the Robbinsdale EGGstravaganza! We'll meet at FLW at 11:45 a.m. and carpool to Robbinsdale City Hall. Volunteers are needed to greet guests, help children as they pick eggs from baskets, and help gather prizes for the children. There are some jobs for those who need to be seated. Sign up by **Wednesday, March 9**. See Pastor Pam for more information.

Do you have a Thrivent account?

If so, you may be able to help FLW in two ways!

1) **Thrivent Choice.** Check to see if you are eligible to direct funds to a charity of your choice – Faith-Lilac Way counts; choose us! You can do this online or by phone. **Online:** Visit tinyurl.com/thrivent-FLW. If you don't already have an online login, you will need your Thrivent member ID number to register. Can't remember your member ID number? Call them. **By phone:** Call Thrivent Customer service (800-847-4836) and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted. They will walk you through the process. **Remember: 2015 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2016.** Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent Financial should distribute some of its charitable outreach funds

2) **Thrivent Action Teams.** For qualified Thrivent members, Thrivent will provide volunteer team funds (\$250 per team, up to twice annually per member) for education and service projects. See Pastor Pam for more information.

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March Sunday Adult Education: Many Perspectives 9:15am in the library



March 6: Missionaries, families, and churches around the world. Sitraka (Vicar Katelyn's husband) will speak about his experiences growing up in a missionary family, south-to-south missionaries (non-Western missionaries), and his experiences with churches in Cameroon, Madagascar, and the United States. Sitraka is a youth director at St. Stephen's Lutheran

Church in West Saint Paul and does freelance work in audio, video, and photography. He was born in Madagascar and grew up mostly in Cameroon, with a couple years in the United States while his dad studied at Luther Seminary.

March 13: Expanding our imagery for God. We know God is not just a Gandalf-looking figure, an old white man with a beard. And yet that is most often how we picture God and how children draw God. We will think

about how we describe and depict God, and how that affects our faith and faith community. To do this, we will use our own stories and understandings, watch a NOOMA video with Rob Bell, and consider the many different ways God is described in Scripture.

March 20: Latin American Liberation theology. Join Vicar Katelyn for an introduction to themes in liberation theology, particularly from the perspectives of Latin American theologians. Liberation theology arose especially in the late 20th century in Catholicism and sought to apply faith by aiding the poor and oppressed through involvement in political and civic affairs. She will use experiences from a short-term study-abroad course in El Salvador to frame some of the learning and discussion.

March 27: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Join us for a free Easter breakfast, served by youth and their families from 8:30 - 10am.

Wildfire Movie Series & Speaker

Our country and world, our brothers and sisters, experience ongoing issues around race, including oppression, biases, micro-aggressions, and systemic problems. As Christians we are called to love our neighbor -- which includes listening, striving for justice, and educating ourselves. As one avenue for raising awareness and action, the Wildfire congregations will watch the same four movies as individual congregations during March and April, then gather for a potluck and to hear Luther Seminary professor Michael Chan. A short discussion will follow each movie viewing to heighten our awareness around issues of race and privilege. FLW will provide lunch and show these movies at church after worship (start time by 12pm) the following Sundays (movie descriptions from imdb.com):

March 6: "42" - The story of Jackie Robinson from his signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers organization in 1945 to his historic 1947 rookie season when he broke the color barrier in Major League baseball.

March 13: "Rabbit-Proof Fence" - In 1931, three aboriginal girls are plucked from their homes to be trained as domestic staff; they escape and trek across the Outback.

March 20: "Fruitvale Station" - Based on the true story of Oscar Grant III, a 22-year old Bay Area resident whose final encounter with police officers in 2008 would shake the Bay Area to its very core.

April 3: "Selma" - A chronicle of Martin Luther King Jr.'s campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march in 1965.

April 10: Gather at Valley of Peace Lutheran Church at 12:30pm for a potluck with all Wildfire churches and to hear Luther Seminary professor Michael Chan.

Even if you can't see all the movies, you are encouraged to attend the April 10 event. Please come to the showings at FLW on Sundays as often as you can -- lunch will be provided! If you miss FLW movie dates, you are encouraged to watch them at home using Netflix, Amazon, and/or by checking them out from your local library if they're available. You could even invite your fellow FLW members over for a movie night! If you'd be willing to host a movie night in your home with an invitation to other FLW members, let Vicar Katelyn know.



March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6 8:15am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion 12pm GSJMB (110/CR) 12pm lunch/movie (FH) 12:30pm GSJMB (S)</p>	<p>7 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Ladies Ensemble</p>	<p>8 10am contemplative prayer (S) 10:30am Book Club (L) 2pm Bible Study (RW) 7pm Faith First Men 7pm GSJMB (110/CR) <i>Banner deadline</i></p>	<p>9 1pm Lunch Bunch (Country Kitchen) 5:30 Soup Supper (FH) 6pm Confirmation + Conversations 7pm Worship 7pm GSJMB (110/CR) 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 11:15am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>11 10:30am Martha Circle</p>	<p>12 8:30am God & Me Retreat (Multi-Purpose Rm) 10am Thirivent Social Security Seminar (L) 12pm FH reserved</p>
<p>13 <i>Dusklight Savings Begins</i> 8:15am Worship 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship 12pm GSJMB (110/CR) 12pm lunch/movie (FH) 12:30pm GSJMB (S)</p>	<p>14 6pm Hennepin County Horticultural Society (L)</p>	<p>15 10am contemplative prayer (S) 10:30am Book Club (L) 2pm Bible Study (RW) 6:30pm Ruth Circle (L) 7pm GSJMB (110/CR)</p>	<p>16 5:30pm Soup Supper (FH) 6pm Confirmation + Conversations 7pm Worship 7pm GSJMB (110/CR) 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 10:30am DAYD (CCC) 11:15am Staff Meeting 12:30pm DAYD Board Meeting (L) 6pm Cub Scout Pack 289 (FH) 7pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>18 8pm Youth Lock-In (until 7:30am Saturday)</p>	<p>19 Cub Scouts/Venturing FLW clean-up 9:30 Prayer Shawl (110) 11:45 Robbinsdale EGG-stravaganza (meet @ FLW)</p>
<p>20 PALM SUNDAY 8:15am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion 12pm GSJMB (110/CR) 12pm lunch/movie (FH) 12:30pm GSJMB (S)</p>	<p>21 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Ladies Ensemble</p>	<p>22 10am contemplative prayer (S) 10:30am Book Club (L) 10:30am DAYD (CCC) 2pm Bible Study (RW) 7pm Faith First Men 7pm GSJMB (110/CR)</p>	<p>23 6pm GSJMB (110/CR) 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24 Maundy Thursday 11:15am Staff Meeting 12pm Worship (RW) 7pm Worship (S)</p>	<p>25 Good Friday 12pm Worship (S) 7pm Worship (S)</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 EASTER SUNDAY 8:15am Worship with Holy Communion 8:30 Community/Easter Breakfast 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion 12pm GSJMB (110/CR) 12:30pm GSJMB (S)</p>		<p>29 10am contemplative prayer (S) 10:30am Book Club (L) 10:30am DAYD (CCC) 1:30pm Banner Crew (L) 2pm Bible Study (RW) 7pm GSJMB (110/CR)</p>	<p>30 6:15pm Confirmation 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>31 11:15am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>Abbreviation Key: L: FLW Library FH: FLW Fellowship Hall CR: FLW Community Rm RW: Robbins Way S: FLW Sanctuary</p>	<p>110: Craft Room CCC: Crystal Community Cr DAYD: Dinner At Your Door GSJMB: Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church</p>

INVITING

Savvy Social Security Planning

Join local representative Tyler Cook on **Saturday, March 12** at 10:00am for a free session on Social Security options for those in or nearing retirement, including timely updates on the new law. Thrivent Financial guest speaker Anne Kersten will cover the basics of Social Security and reveal strategies for maximizing your benefits. **To RSVP** contact Debra Teske (Debra.Teske@thrivent.com or 952.658.6221) or register online at thrivent.com/findaworkshop.



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Clean Out Your Closets & Help FLW!

Faith-Lilac Way will host a White Elephant Sale and more... (no craft fair at this time) on **Saturday, April 30** (9am to 3pm). Here's how you can help:

Donate items for the sale: kitchen, garage, household, home décor, bicycles, small appliances, shoes, accessories, media items, children's ... almost everything you can think of. Please NO clothing. Collecting begins **April 1** in the Sunday School Room by the women's restroom downstairs.

Donate your time: W/ELCA ladies will organize a bake sale, raffle, and Hotdog Café. There are small jobs and large ones for 100% participation, from baking for the bake sale to setting up to working the day of the sale. Many hands make light work! It will be a time of fun and community for our congregation.

Contact the office (office@faithlilacway.org or 763.537.4523) to indicate your interest. We will meet the end of March. We are hoping someone or team could help right away with a quilt donation for raffle and help with our advertisement {flyers, Post announcement, Community Channel} Connect with Cori Vallis (612.348.6962) for more information.

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YOUTH CORNER

Register for Camp Wapo!

Camp Wapo is holding a spot FOR YOU! Please register by March 15. (After March 15, camp registration will be on a first-come basis.) We are attending this year at the same time as the other Wildfire churches. Students can attend other weeks if the designated time doesn't work out.

Wapo Seeds (2nd/ 3rd grade*) August 5-7: \$150, \$50 non-refundable/non-transferable deposit due with registration. Balance is due two weeks prior to arrival. *FLW will pay \$50; total cost to you \$100.*

Youth (grades 4 to 9) August 7-12 : \$410, \$100 non-refundable/non-transferable deposit due with registration. Balance is due two weeks prior to arrival. *FLW will pay \$100; total cost to you \$310.*

Tim Team (grades 9 to 12) August 7-12: \$420, \$100 non-refundable/non-transferable deposit due with registration. Balance is due two weeks prior to arrival. *FLW will pay \$320; total cost to you \$100. Part of Tim Team is making a commitment to active leadership at FLW for the upcoming year.*

Register online at campwapo.org, select "Wildfire - Faith Lilac Way." Friends are welcome and FLW scholarships apply to them as well.

**grade completed as of summer 2016*

Youth Lock-In!

Friday March 18– Saturday March 19: Grades 7-12 (and friends) are invited to a lock-in beginning Friday evening and ending at 7:30am Saturday. There will be an outing (like bowling or laser tag) followed by a movie and games at the church. Let Vicar Katelyn know if you and any friends are coming!

Mission Trip & Fundraisers

July 9 through 16, ten of us from FLW will head to Hammond, Indiana, for a mission trip with a few of the other Wildfire churches. (For more information, contact Vicar Katelyn.)

To help with funding the cost of this trip, we will host:

• **Youth bake sale.** Youth will continue to sell baked items on Sunday mornings

• **Spaghetti Supper** (Thursday, April 14, 6:00 to 8:00pm). Youth will host a spaghetti supper and raffle. We hope to get many people from the surrounding community, so please invite others! (See page 8 for details.)

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Sacred Sites Tour with Wildfire Churches

As an additional opportunity to follow-up the movie series and speaker (see page 5), Vicar Katelyn is coordinating a Sacred Sites tour for Wildfire lay members and clergy (and friends of either!). Please join us even if you didn't attend the other events. These tours are guided by MN Healing Stories. We will carpool/caravan together along the route.

"The tours center around the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, what the Dakota refer to as Bdote, or 'meeting place of rivers.' Tour stops include Fort Snelling, the site of the Dakota internment camp following the Dakota-U.S. War, and Pilot Knob Hill, a traditional burial ground. The tours give you an opportunity to learn parts of Minnesota history that have too long been ignored, and to learn about them from a Native perspective through story telling. There is no charge for the tour, but a freewill

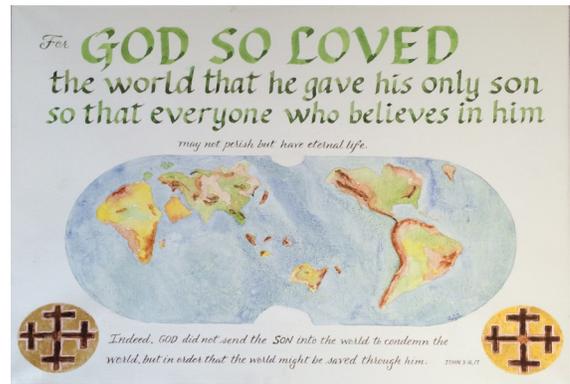
offering is appreciated [to support] Healing Minnesota Stories' mission to create understanding and healing between Minnesota's Native peoples and non-Native people, particularly those from communities of faith. We call ourselves Healing Minnesota Stories because we believe in the healing power of stories, such as those you will hear on this tour." (Visit spinterfaith.org/healing-minnesota-stories/educational-events.html for more information.)

If you are interested, let Vicar Katelyn know. Right now she is gauging interest levels, and a tour would likely be scheduled for a time in May. If we have 12 or more people all together among the churches, we can schedule our own tour date; otherwise we can join a pre-scheduled date (these haven't been published yet). We hope you will consider this great opportunity!

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Sing for Easter!

Come to four rehearsals in March and join the choir for the big, festive services on Easter. The choir practices Wednesday nights, after the Lenten Service (7:45pm) on March 2, 9 and 16 and on March 23 at 7pm. Want to test drive singing in choir? Or want to commit to rehearsals for just a few weeks at a time? Join us! Contact Anne Ng (952.933.4007 or abjorkng@yahoo.com) for more information.



Artwork by Gary Feyen

Enjoy a FREE Easter Breakfast!

Join us for a free Easter Breakfast on **Easter Sunday, March 27** from 8:30am to 10:00am. All are Welcome! This year's Easter breakfast will merge with the free community breakfast held monthly on the last Sunday. FLW's 2016 Easter Breakfast is free, and it's open to you and the whole community. Join us!

Join the Lunch Bunch

On **Wednesday, March 9** at 1:00pm, meet at the Country Kitchen (7849 42nd Ave N)

Spaghetti Dinner + Entertainment!

Please plan to come **Thursday, April 14** (6:00 - 8:00pm) to support the youth serving on a mission trip this summer! Purchase dinner and raffle tickets in advance or at the door. The evening will also include music/improv from local students. Thanks to Thrivent Action Teams program for its contribution. Contact Vicar Katelyn with any questions.



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PRAYING

Come Holy Spirit and put your healing hand upon those who are in need of your care. Comfort those who are suffering from on-going illnesses or hospitalized including



Helen Brandon, Ann Nowak, Brad Hessler, Julianna Sillman, Marilyn Stalheim, Emily Wood, Beverly Evans, Ruth Kuder, Brandy Day, Jennifer Day, Betty Greenly, Margaret Pendzimas, George Bork, Bob Putnam and for those who are at a care facility or assisted living: **Bee Loechler**, and **Marian & Bob Borg**.

Let your Holy Spirit be present with these and all for whom we pray. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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A Prayer by St. Anselm of Canterbury

O my God, teach my heart where and how to seek You, where and how to find You. You are my God and You are my all and I have never seen You. You have made me and remade me, You have bestowed on me all the good things I possess, Still I do not know You. I have not yet done that for which I was made. Teach me to seek You. I have not yet done that for which I was made. Teach me to seek You. I cannot seek You unless You teach me or find You unless You show Yourself to me. Let me seek You in my desire, let me desire You in my seeking. Let me find You by loving You, let me love You when I find You. Amen

From *Meeting Christ in Prayer* by John Sessani and Mary Ann McLaughlin.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Pray for, call, email, send a note etc. to these members as they celebrate their birthday this month. If your birthday is this month and you don't see your name here, it's because the church office does not have your birth date on file. Please call the office (763.537.4523) so we can update our list. Thank you.

1 st	Fran Lane, Timothy Nolan, Amanda Vallis, Rylee Vierzba	15 th	Mary Peloquin
2 nd	Cindy Brausen, Roger Hanson	18 th	Patricia Barritt
5 th	Cary Armstrong, Julie Stobbs	19 th	Diane Bahneman, Cathy Edstrom
7 th	Michelle Wood	20 th	Alyssa Anderson, Linda Fernelius
8 th	Louise Kranz, Mark Wietzke, Danielle Wright	23 rd	Debbie Overman
11 th	Amery Vierzba	24 th	Edith Thielmann, Brenda Thompson
12 th	Lydia Foster	29 th	Taylor Ipsen,
13 th	Linnea Ng,	30 th	Samantha Swanson, Andrew Wood
14 th	Sally Fuchs	31 st	Katie (Crass) Peterson, Mary Weilage, Tom Glimsdale

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THANK YOU'S

Thank you for your monetary donation to **Urban Home-works**. "[Y]our investment is generating results, redemption, and renewal."

"Sincere thanks for your recent gift of \$300 to the Northwest Suburban **Dinner At Your Door** program. [Donations allow us to] continue to provide hot meals to shut-ins or people unable to cook for themselves."

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Thank you for your contribution to the following ELCA programs: **Malaria Campaign, Good Gifts, Nepal Area Earthquake, World Hunger**.

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"A very special thank you to all of the churches that had Cal and me and our son Kelley on your prayer chains." from **Jan Monroe (NEAR)**

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Calling all groups that use the kitchen: Please be sure to label all items in the refrigerator and freezer with name and date. Many items have been placed there without a label and may be thrown out when the rotating groups clean up. The Health Code requires ALL items to be labeled and dated. If you have leftover food from your event PLEASE take it home or give to a neighbor. It does not get used and becomes wasted. Thank you so much for everyone's help with this matter!

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Sunday at 8:15 am and 10:30am.

Holy Communion services are monthly on the first & third Sundays.

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