

THE BANNER OF FAITH

Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church (ELCA)



Join Us for FLW's Summer Carnival! Wednesday, August 24 (6pm)

Join Faith-Lilac Way & Greater St. John's Missionary Baptist Church
for fellowship & fun!

Games & fun will include an inflatable jumpy house, a dunk tank, minnow races, duck pond, cupcake walk and more with prizes for all ages. Come hungry! We will serve hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream and lemonade as well as other carnival treats. Invite your friends & neighbors! The carnival is free and open to the community. (Watch for a volunteer sign-up sheet in the narthex. Consider helping with set-up, food, a game or clean-up.)

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Special Happenings in August & September Join us!

Thursday, August 11: Interested in serving the community?

You're invited to the Community Task Force meeting (7pm in the library).

Sunday, August 14: Celebrate Vicar Katelyn. Following 9:30am worship, celebrate the close of Vicar Katelyn's chapter at FLW with cake and punch.

Sunday, August 28: Welcome Pastoral Intern James Anderson.

Join us for worship (9:30am) and celebration as we welcome James Anderson to FLW for the coming year.

Wednesday, August 31: Respectful Conversations Project: - Guns in Minnesota . Join us for supper and conversation (6:30pm) at Valley of Peace Lutheran. (Find more information on page 5.)

Saturday, September 10: God's Work. Our Hands. This dedicated day of service celebrates who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA): one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. Watch the bulletin for more information about service events.

Sunday, September 11: Rally Day. Worship services will return to regular hours: 8:15am & 10:30am. Starting September 11, Education Hour gets back in gear for all ages Sundays at 9:30am.

Monday, September 12: Main Street Meet & Greet. Faith-Lilac Way will have a table at this event, which goes from 5:30 - 8:30pm in downtown Robbinsdale (on Broadway between 41st & 42nd Avenues). Sign up to help greet — or just stop by to meet local merchants and other Robbinsdale neighbors.

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FROM THE PASTOR

Gifts. God gives us amazing gifts every day.

Sunshine. Rain. Birds in the trees. Flowers in the field. Butterflies. Eagles. Warm days. Cool nights. Lakes to catch walleyes (or at least to fish for walleye). Summer in Minnesota. It's a gift.

Coming back from vacation up north, these gifts of creation come to mind, but that doesn't even scratch the surface of God's generosity. God gives us life! And God gives us relationships with one another to live life fully by giving us the gift of love.

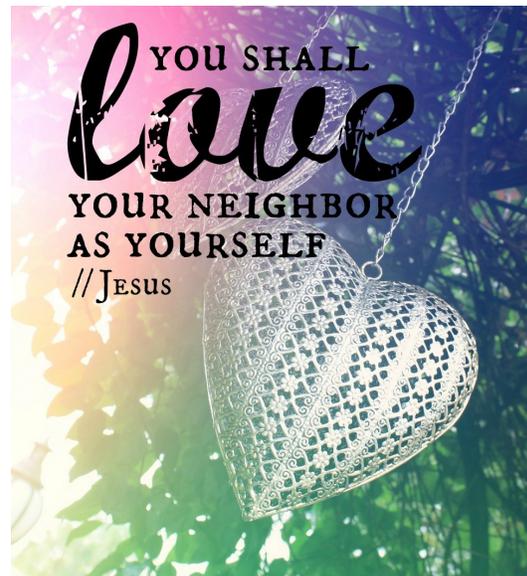
If we were to compile a list of everything that we are thankful for, the list would be long. We have much to be thankful for – and so, as our first response, we give thanks to God for God's amazing generosity. Today, let's remember to pause to say "Thanks God!"

Giving thanks to God is the best, first response because it reminds us, that all that we have, all that we "own" and all that we are is simply entrusted to us. And so our second response is "Care". From the very beginning, God has given us the world and everything in it to care for, to tend.

For without care – the water becomes dirty, polluted. The fish die in the water. The hawks and eagles have nothing to eat. Without care, crops wither. Animals go hungry – people too. And people need more than just food, for without care, relationships suffer and people get hurt. The whole creation needs care.

Our world right now is in need of care. Refugees flee from war-torn countries. Violence is on the rise – and not only in other places. It is present in our country, in our state and in our communities. It is close to home.

God entrusted us with a wonderful world – but also a duty to care for this world. It is our responsibility, our duty, our calling to speak up for those who are oppressed. How can we make a difference for those who feel and are treated as "outsiders" or as "less than" or as "other?" God has many children – children who are from different ethnic, cultural, racial and religious backgrounds. How do we care for them – for us? After all, "God made us different – on purpose." At the very same time, it is our responsibility, our duty, our calling to care for the caregivers – including our police officers and our military. How can we lift up those



who serve, insisting that they be treated with respect and that they treat those that they encounter with respect and care. These are the challenges of our day.

This fall we will be delving deeper into these questions.

We end our worship with the tag line, "Go in grace, Grow in Faith, Serve the Lord!" Our response is "Thanks be to God!" And that is the best first response. Our second response is care. Jesus gave but two commandments: Love God and love the neighbor as yourself. I invite you to ponder and to join the prayerful conversation on how we as a congregation can best do that – paying special attention to how we can love and care for the neighbor.

God has given us many gifts. We give thanks for all of them. Recently we have received some large financial gifts as memorials. We give thanks! And, remembering that all that we have and all that we receive are gifts entrusted to our care, the council will be praying and discerning how to best use these gifts for God's work. Our second response is care. I ask for your prayers for discernment both for the council and the congregation as we move forward with faith to be good stewards of all that has been entrusted to our care.

Thanks be to God!

In Jesus' name,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Dan".

Farewell Vicar Katelyn

It's hard to believe my time here as vicar is nearly over! It has been a wonderful year, and I will carry memories with me from this community for years to come. Thank you to each and every one of you for your support, prayers, conversations, and ministry. I have learned so much here at Faith Lilac Way, and am grateful to have new skills and a deepened faith to bring into future ministry. I will miss you! Be sure to welcome the new vicar -- I know he will appreciate you all just as much as I do. May God bless you and keep you always.

Peace,
Vicar Katelyn



Welcome, James Anderson!

Hello there!
My name is James Anderson, and I am proud to say that I will be joining Faith-Lilac Way church this August as the new Intern! I feel very blessed

by this opportunity to grow and develop alongside this congregation, as I have heard nothing but great things about it. A little bit about myself, my wife, Ana and I are about to celebrate our two year anniversary of marriage. The two of us are originally from Nebraska, where we met in undergraduate college. The two of us and our puppy, Luther, live just off of the Luther Seminary campus. I am currently working on a Master of Divinity degree, and Ana is working on her Doctorate of Spanish Linguistics, and wishes to be a Spanish professor one day. Outside of class, I enjoying running outdoors, cooking and reading. I look forward to meeting you all when the time comes, and getting to know you better in person!

Thank you again for this incredible opportunity, and I will see you all soon.

Peace and blessings,
James Anderson

P.S. James will begin the week of August 22. Come meet him at the Carnival **Wednesday, August 24** (6pm) and at worship **Sunday, August 28**.

August Mission of the Month NEAR Food Shelf Back-to-School Supplies



Thank you for helping students in our community feel ready for and welcome at school this fall! The following items are needed:

- Inexpensive 2-pocket folders (red, yellow, blue, green)
- Erasers (blocks & pencil-top)
- Pencils
- Sharpeners with closed container for shavings
- Colored pencils
- Markers (thick- & fine-tip)
- Highlighters
- Scissors (blunt tip)
- Pencil boxes or pouches
- Loose-leaf paper
- 2-inch heavy-duty 3-ring binders
- Backpacks

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Corrections Needed for New Directory Coming Soon

Watch for a draft of a Member Directory printout; in the coming weeks there will be a printout available in the narthex where you can mark:

- additions (cell phone numbers, email addresses),
- corrections (have you dropped your landline?), and
- preferences (make note of any information you would like omitted from printed directories).

Once corrections are complete later this fall, new directories will be available for members.

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August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30pm GSM Saints in Motion (CR) 7pm BSA Troop 67 (FH)	2 7:00pm W/ELCA (L) 7:00pm Faith First Men (S) 7:00pm GSJ (110/CR)	3 12pm Text Study (L) 6pm GSJ (CR/110) 6:30pm Movie Night (L)	4 11:15am Staff Meeting 6:30pm GSJ (110/CR)	5 Camp Wapo (gr 2/3) 10:30am Dinner at Your Door (CCC)	6 Camp Wapo (gr 2/3)
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21 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 11:00am GSJ (CR/110) 11:30am GSJ (S) 4:00pm GSJ (S/CR/110)	22 6:30pm GSM Saints in Motion (CR) September Banner deadline	23 10:30am Dinner at Your Door (CCC) 7:00pm GSJ (110/CR)	24 12pm Text Study (L) 6pm Summer Carnival 6pm GSJ (CR/110)	25 11:15am Staff Meeting 6:30pm GSJ (110/CR)	26 6:30pm GSJ (110/CR)	27 12:00pm GSJ (110/CR)
28 9:30am Worship 11:00am GSJ (CR/110) 11:30am GSJ (S) 4:00pm GSJ (K/FH/CR/110)	29 6:30pm GSM Saints in Motion (CR)	30 1:30pm Banner Crew (L) 7:00pm GSJ (110/CR)	31 12pm Text Study (L) 6pm GSJ (CR/110)		Abbreviation Key: L: FLW Library FH: FLW Fellowship Hall K: FLW Kitchen CR: FLW Community Rm RWV: Robbins Way S: FLW Sanctuary	110: Craft Room CCC: Crystal Community Ctr DAYD: Dinner At Your Door GSJ: Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church RL: River of Life Lutheran

INVITING

Join a Respectful Conversation about Guns in MN

Gun violence has been part of our public life all summer long. On **Wednesday, August 31 (6:30 to 9:30pm)** Valley of Peace (4735 Basset Creek Drive, Golden Valley) is inviting the broader community into a Respectful Conversation on Guns in Minnesota. (Supper will be provided.) Over 80% of Respectful Conversation participants say they have more empathy for those with whom they disagree. Learn more about Respectful Conversations at <http://tinyurl.com/MCC-respect>.

Conversations about divisive issues can sometimes be emotional, pick-a-side and fight-it-out discussions that leave us feeling worse about the people we disagree with, and sometimes worse about ourselves. But there is a way to talk that feels open, honest and impartial, where you can actually be heard and learn about the people with whom you disagree. Respectful Conversations are designed not to change minds, but soften hearts.

Experience this for yourself. Find the sign-up sheet in the narthex and we will register you – or self-register at <http://tinyurl.com/MCC-respect-register>. FLW

August Library Suggestions

The Book of Ruth by Jane Hamilton is a novel about humble people and the decisions they make and eventually are able to pull themselves together.

Do we really reap what we sow? This is the question that is discussed between a disillusioned young man and Mark Herringshaw, pastor, teacher and speaker in his engrossing book, *The Karma of Jesus*.

Are you a Civil War “buff?” **The Widow of the South**, a novel by Robert Hicks is the moving tale of Carrie McGavock and her gift of the use of her plantation and home as a hospital and burial grounds for the many Confederate soldiers from the Battle of Franklin. It is based on a true story.

Dream House, a novel written by Catherine Armsden, describes an architect’s ties to her childhood home and the many memories, good and not so good, that surround this house and how it has affected her and her extended family. FLW

Youth & Friends & Parents Pizza & Planning Party

All Youth & Friends & Parents are invited to join us for pizza & planning on **Wednesday, September 14 (6:00pm)**! Join us as we meet to plan and prepare for the 2016-2017 school year. Help plan our Service, Mission Trip 2017 and FUN! This is for ALL parents and youth. Interested adults and friends are invited too! FLW

Readers Are Welcome to Join Tuesday Morning Bookclub

Starting on **Tuesday, September 13**, a bookclub will begin meeting weekly at 10:30am in the library - and you are invited! Our first book will be *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty. Copies are available in the church office for \$5, and copies are also available at the public library. Based on the true story of silent movie star Louise Brooks, the novel tells the story of five weeks when a chaperone accompanies Louise to New York City. FLW

Is Your Group Preparing to Resume Regular Meetings this Fall at FLW?

Please contact Heather in the office (763-537-4523 or office@faithlilacway.org) to reserve time and space here at Faith-Lilac Way. Many groups—FLW Committees, Greater St. John’s groups, Scouts—meet at FLW in the library, fellowship hall and other spaces. If your meeting is not on the FLW calendar, your space is not reserved.

You can find FLW’s monthly calendar in each newsletter, posted in the narthex and online. (To view the calendar online, visit faithlilacway.org and either scroll down or click “calendar” from the top menu bar.) You will find FLW’s weekly calendar posted on the main entrance door and printed in each week’s bulletin announcements.

Thank you for your part in serving as a steward of this well-used facility! FLW

Sunday School Enrolling Now

Are you interested in enrolling your child, grandchild or neighbor (preschool through grade 5) in Sunday School, which meets Sunday mornings at 9:30am? Contact the office (763-537-4523 or office@faithlilacway.org) or find an enrollment form on the children & youth bulletin board in the narthex. FLW

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September Banner deadline is

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New Members will be received this summer!

If you are interested in finding out more about Faith-Lilac Way and the ministry we share, please contact Pastor Pam.

Robbinsdale Chamber News

Pastor Pam has been reelected to the board of the Robbinsdale Chamber of Commerce. Her new 3-year term begins in September.

Thank You!

Thanks to the Wildfire Men's Fellowship group whose dinner in late May raised \$257 for the KidPack Program! KidPack helps provide weekend meals to school-age kids.

Church Council

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Cori Vallis	Community Task Force
Valerie Wietzke	Congregational Life
Brenda Thompson	Stewardship

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Summer Worship Schedule

May 29 - September 4 Sundays at 9:30am
Holy Communion celebrated twice monthly.

Come join us!

Church Staff

<i>Pamela Stalheim Lane</i>	<i>Pastor</i>
<i>Katelyn Rakotoarivelo</i>	<i>Outgoing Pastoral Intern/Vicar</i>
<i>James Anderson</i>	<i>Incoming Pastoral Intern/Vicar</i>
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<i>Alyssa Anderson</i>	<i>Custodians</i>
<i>Lisa Jordan</i>	
<i>Nancy Goodwin</i>	<i>Sunday Morning Host</i>