

THE BANNER OF FAITH

Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church (ELCA)



Come for Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 23 (7pm)
Stay for FLW's
Anniversary Celebration
conversation & pie.

DON'T FORGET

October 30 (9:15am):
Reformation Breakfast
November 6
Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 13 (11:30am)
Congregational Meeting

NOVEMBER 2016

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WHOLLY CREATION CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

10am - 4pm

- unique gifts • pottery • jewelry
- handmade soap • fresh eggs
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- and much more

* baked goods and lunch available for purchase

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WORSHIP + SERVING + GIVING + PRAYING + LEARNING + ENCOURAGING + INVITING

FROM THE PASTOR



Dear friends in Christ,

Give Thanks. Today and tomorrow: Give Thanks!

Give thanks for Reforming and Renewing the Church of Christ

We give thanks on Reformation Sunday, October 30th as we begin a year of celebration of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting 95 theses on the church door in 1517. We will be celebrating not just our Lutheran heritage but also our future life as a church of Christ. We belong to a church that is continuing to lean into the promises of God, willing to continue to reform and renew so that we follow Jesus.

In Germany, the "Lutheran" church is called the Evangelical church. "Lutheran" was a tagline put on the reformers by their opponents. The name did not stick in Germany – but somehow crossed the ocean to identify reformers in Luther's tradition. In November, in the adult ed classes on Sundays we will be exploring our Lutheran heritage and ways in which the church is seeking to renew and reform. This will include looking back and remembering, rejoicing and claiming the best gifts of Martin Luther to the people of God. We will share our Lutheran understanding of "Law and Gospel" and our reliance on the grace of God through Jesus Christ rather than our own actions or words. We happily declare: "Faith Alone. Word Alone. Christ Alone." (We'll talk about what that means).

We will celebrate the gifts Luther and Lutherans have to offer. But we will also acknowledge and repent of the sins of Luther and Lutherans. The most harmful words of Luther were anti-Semitic writings. These writings not only encouraged the anti-Semitism of the time, but were used later by Hitler and others in Nazi Germany to fuel anti-Semitism in Germany and elsewhere. Lutherans have officially apologized for these statements and actions – but have we reformed? As Luther's own words remind us, we are both saints and sinners. We are sinners by our own failings to be the people that God made us but, by the grace of God through Christ, we have been made saints.

The Reformation brought freedom for the Gospel – but it also came at the cost of our relationship with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters. As we move into this anniversary year, Lutheran and Catholic leaders are working on joint prayers and declarations. We will remember and share the best gifts of Martin Luther while acknowledging and repenting of the sins of Luther and Lutherans

towards others. We will remember and rejoice that we are one in Christ and look forward to the day in which we can eat and drink at the Lord's table – together.

Give Thanks for the Gifts and Mission of God at Faith-Lilac Way.

We give thanks for the gifts and the mission God has entrusted to *this* congregation, Faith-Lilac Way. We will continue to explore the mission God has for us in our congregation and in the neighborhood. How is God calling us to reform? How is God calling us to renew? How is God calling us to reach out and be the real presence of Christ to and for our neighbors? These are the questions and the challenges that we as a congregation face – gladly and joyfully.

We live in a world, in neighborhoods, that needs God's Good News more than ever before. But we also live in a world that contains diverse cultures, faiths and values. Our world appears less receptive to "the church." Yet into that world, God calls you and me. We are called to listen to our neighbors; to pray with and for our neighbors and to invite our neighbors to hear God's Good news for them and to welcome them into the community of Christ. This takes courage. As Paul writes, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." If Paul were writing today, perhaps he would say, "to the Christian first and also to the neighbor, the unchurched, the "spiritual but not religious," the "none-of the above," our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters who are not captivated by the church as it has been. Maybe it's time for renewal. Maybe it's time to be BOLD! Be Bold for Christ. "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel." For the Gospel, the Good News of Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow but, and at the same time, is made new and renewed each day

Thanks be to God!





That Thing I Don't Like to Talk About

Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also

Ecclesiastes 5:10

Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless

Before I begin, I would like to say two things: the first being that I don't like talking about money. Stewardship months were always the hardest for me at church, and I often wondered how in the world would I deal with money issues as a pastor. The other thing I want to say is that if a pastor talks too much about money, they are nothing more than a mercenary. But if a pastor doesn't talk about money, they are not properly equipping and teaching their congregation. Leaders always walk a fine line when it comes to funds, especially when it comes to how essential, and how potentially devastating that money can be.

So, now that I have that out of the way, I can properly address the issues.

Money is an uncomfortable topic for many, including me. It's not easy to talk about budgeting, planning, and spending, which is why I love my wife's talent and experience. But part of what we did in order to communicate better with one another was take a faith-based financial class. During this time, I learned a few things that I would like to share with you all that might benefit your financial health.

1. Money is not the root of all evil.

We've heard the old adage that *Money is the Root of all Evil*, and I must respectfully disagree. Rather, I think that money is a tool, and just like a shovel or ax, it will go where you tell it to, if you are intentional about it. Sin, in my opinion, is the root of evil, which causes all the heartbreak and hurt related to money and finances. In greed, we take more than we need, in jealousy we covet more than what we have. And yes, there are times when we need more than what we have, but I'm getting to that (see #2), but what we do have, if we use it wisely and correctly, will last us longer when we use it properly and intentionally. My wife and I use what is called an "every dollar" budget, in which we plan out where each bit of our paychecks go each month. This means that we have a plan for our money that it doesn't slip away unplanned.

2. Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be also.

It's a well known idea that what a person values can be seen in how much they spend on it each month. If it's fine dining and coffee that is most important to someone, it will show up on their expenses. What I recommend when making a budget is to cover the four necessities first: food, home (and utilities), basic clothing, and transportation. These will get you through your day-to-day, month-to-month living, and will allow you to do the next bullet point. But after the necessities, prioritize your spending, making sure that the important things come first, and the less important come later. Also, I would recommend allowing yourself a little bit of spending money each month. This means have a little bit of money to spend, or save for a bigger purchase down the line, without feeling the need to splurge.

3. Give within your means

Okay, this one is a little bit more difficult for me, because telling people to give is often a sore spot, so let me say this: Your gifts are welcome and needed, in the church and in the world. It takes money to keep the church running, keeping the building open and clean with the lights on, and this congregation has been very generous in that regard. We have also been blessed by memorial gifts that have helped enrich the lives of the congregation, as well as take care of some of the needed funding. But for some, after taking care of necessities, there isn't much left, so what I would recommend is this: Give to God everything that you can, and not just money. Give your time and talents to worthy causes. Volunteer when you are able. Use what God has given, because your gifts are needed. You are needed in this world.

Peace and blessings,
Vicar James Anderson

November Sunday Adult Education: 9:15am in the library

Adult Sunday classes on **November 6, 13** and **20** will explore then and now: Lutheran Reformation 1517-2017. What needs reforming now?! Topics will include: Worship & Music; Lutheran-Catholic dialogue; and new reforming ideas for a new day.

Advent Series begins Sunday, **November 27.** 

November Is Hymn Month for the FLW Library

In our Library in November we will have a display of old hymnals. Take a look – do any seem familiar, perhaps to your childhood? Did you grow up with the JUNIOR HYMNAL in Sunday School?

HYMNS OF FAITH AND INSPIRATION {Ideals} is our featured book from our Library this month, and we have some trivia questions from it for you. The book tells the stories behind many of our favorite hymns. The circumstances in which the hymn was written, the stories of the authors of the lyrics [often poems] and the tunes. Very often the lyric writer and the composer are not the same person and the lyrics and tunes were even written years apart.

Here are the questions. The answers can be found elsewhere in this issue.

- A] What hymn did the band on the Titanic play (and did hundreds sing along as they got into lifeboats) as the ship sunk?
- B] What march was written for Sunday School students to process from village to village?
- C] What carol was composed for a Christmas Eve service to be accompanied by guitar because the organ was being repaired?
- D] Whenever Queen Victoria heard this hymn she removed her crown.
- E] The lyrics to All Creatures Great and Small were written by what monk known for his love of animals?

Find answers on page 6.

The Worship and Music Committee welcomes your hymn suggestions for a Hymn Sing scheduled for **Sunday, January 1**. You can write them on the green *Contact Me* sheets in the bulletin and put them in the collection plate. Sometimes copyright laws restrict the use of hymns not in our hymnal. 

Youth Lock-In

Looking to get the kids out of the house for a night? Want them to have fun, be social, and maybe even learn something? Coming **Friday, November 18** at Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran, we are having a youth Lock-In! Games, activities, and other fun things to come! A sign-up for kids and chaperones will be passed around early in November, so please keep your eyes peeled! We want to make this as fun and safe as possible, so we hope to see you there! 

Wildfire Youth Birthday Bash!

To all Youth and High School youth, Happy Birthday! You are invited to a party! Not your birthday just yet? Not a problem! On **November 2** (6:30-7:45) the Wildfire Churches will be having a birthday party at Holy Nativity. We will be eating cake and playing games. AND! This is also a service event. We ask that students and families attending would bring a gift they'd like to receive that will be donated to PRISM. The teenager gift shelves at PRISM are embarrassingly low. This is a chance for us to fill them up! Since teenagers know what teenagers like, this is an opportunity for our students to be generous by giving away something they'd like to receive. There's no need to go over-board. A \$15-\$20 gift is perfect. Please do NOT wrap them, otherwise the people picking up the gift at PRISM will not know what it is. If bringing a gift is prohibitive, don't worry, you're still invited. Youth and High Schoolers are invited, so please come! 

An Apology and an Invitation

Hello all, Vicar James here, I just wanted to take a moment to correct a mistake on my part. During the past few months at FLW, I have neglected to invite the high school and other youth to activities, such as service and fun nights. I apologize for this oversight. To correct it promptly, I would formally like to invite the Youth and High Schoolers to any and all of the upcoming Service and Fun Events. You are all a wanted and needed in the life of the congregation, and I would be proud to help give you opportunities to continue growing and having fun. For your consideration, we have two great events coming up, one being the November 2 Wildfire Birthday Bash (see above), and the other being November 16 at NEAR Food shelf where we will go do sorting and cleanup. Thank you for bearing with me during this learning processes, and I hope to see you all in the future! 

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Abbreviation Key: L: FLW Library FH: FLW Fellowship Hall K: FLW Kitchen CR: FLW Community Rm 110: Craft Room RW: Robbins Way S: FLW Sanctuary</p>	<p>CCC: Crystal Community Cr DAVD: Dinner At Your Door GSJ: Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church HNL: Holy Nativity Lutheran Mia: Mpls Institute of Arts RL: River of Life Lutheran Sj: St. James Lutheran</p>	<p>1 10am contemplative prayer (S) 10:30am Book Club (L) 2pm Bible Study (@RW) 7pm W/ELCA Meeting (L) 7pm Faith First Men (S) 7pm GSJ Choir (CR)</p>	<p>2 11:15am Staff Meeting (L) 6pm GSJ (CR/110) 6:15pm LifeGroups (L & 218) 6:30pm W/Idfire Confirmation (@HNL) 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>3 6:30pm GSJ (CR/110)</p>	<p>4 10:30am DAYD (@CCC)</p>	<p>5 9:30am Music Together (218)</p>
<p>6 All Saints Day 8:15am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion 12pm FLW + GSJ mtg (L) 12pm GSJ (110/CR) 12:30pm GSJ (S)</p>	<p>7 6:30pm GSJ Saints in Motion (CR) 7pm Ladies Ensemble (S)</p>	<p>8 10am contemplative prayer (S) 10:30am Book Club (L) 2pm Bible Study (@RW) 7pm GSJ Choir (CR)</p>	<p>9 11:15am Staff Meeting (L) 1pm Lunch Bunch (@50s) 6pm GSJ (CR/110) 6:15pm LifeGroups (L & 218) 6:30pm Confirmation 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>10 9am MSP Synod CYF welcome breakfast (FH) 6:30pm GSJ (CR/110)</p>	<p>11 10:30am Martha Circle (L) 5:00pm craft fair setup (FH)</p>	<p>12 9:30am Music Together (218) 10:00am Wholly Creation Craft Fair (K/FH) 5:30pm Bingo with light supper (FH)</p>
<p>13 8:15am Worship 9:15am Education Hour 10:30 Worship 12pm GSJ (110/CR) 12:30pm GSJ (S) 3:30pm R2 (Reformation Remix) Tour (@SJ)</p>	<p>14 9:00am MAS Communicators Gathering (FH) 6:00pm Henn Cy Horticultural Society (FH) 6:30pm GSJ Saints in Motion (CR) Banner Deadline</p>	<p>15 10am contemplative prayer (S) 10:30am Book Club (L) 2pm Bible Study (@RW) 6:00pm Community Outreach Meeting (218) 6:30pm Ruth Circle (L) 7pm GSJ Choir (CR)</p>	<p>16 11:15am Staff Meeting (L) 6pm GSJ (CR/110) 6:15pm LifeGroups (L & 218) 6:30pm Confirmation (confirmation room) 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>17 10:30am DAYD (@CCC) 12:30pm DAYD board meeting (L) 6:00pm Pack 289 (FH) 6:30pm GSJ (CR/110) 7pm Council Mtg (L)</p>	<p>18 6:30pm GSJ (CR/110)</p>	<p>19 9:30am Music Together (218) 9:30am Prayer Shawl (L) 12pm GSJ (S/CR/110) 12pm GSJ Event (S/K/FH) 3pm Martin Luther Art of the Reformation (@Mia)</p>
<p>20 8:15am Worship with Holy Communion 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion 12pm GSJ (110/CR) 12:30pm GSJ (S)</p>	<p>21 6:30pm GSJ Saints in Motion (CR) 7pm Ladies Ensemble (S)</p>	<p>22 10am contemplative prayer (S) 10:30am Book Club (L) 10:30am DAYD (@CCC) 2pm Bible Study (@RW) 7pm GSJ Choir (CR)</p>	<p>23 11:15am Staff Meeting (L) 6pm GSJ (CR/110) 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship followed with Pie Social 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>24 6:30pm GSJ (CR/110) Happy Thanksgiving! <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>25 6:30pm GSJ (CR/110)</p>	<p>26 12pm GSJ (S/CR/110)</p>
<p>27 First Sunday of Advent 8:15am Worship 9:15am Education Hour 10:30 Worship 12pm GSJ (110/CR) 12:30pm GSJ (S)</p>	<p>28 6:30pm GSJ Saints in Motion (CR)</p>	<p>29 10am contemplative prayer (S) 10:30am Book Club (L) 12:30pm Art tour (@Mia) 1:30pm Banner Crew (L) 2pm Bible Study (@RW) 4pm KidPack (@FoodGrip) 7pm Faith First Men (S) 7pm GSJ Choir (CR)</p>	<p>30 11:15am Staff Meeting (L) 6pm GSJ (CR/110) 6:30pm Confirmation (confirmation room) 7:00pm Mid-Week Advent Worship 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>31 Trivia Answers: A= Nearer My God To Thee. B= Onward Christian Soldiers. C=Silent Night Holy Night D] All Hail The Power of Jesus Name [and CROWN Him Lord of all] E] St. Francis of Assisi.</p>		

Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting has been called for **Sunday November 13** following 10:30am worship. Based on the feedback received from the October 9 congregational meeting, the following motions from the FLW Council will be brought before the congregation:

1. Motion to have a congregational meeting and recommend paying off the mortgage based on the feedback received from congregational meeting on October 9th, 2016.
2. Motion to have a congregational meeting and recommend spending up to \$20,000 dollars from the memorial funds to bring all doors up to fire code. 2016.
3. Motion to have a congregational meeting to recommend having \$70,000 of the memorial fund designated for the Budget Reserve.
4. Motion to have a congregational meeting to recommend having \$15,000 of the memorial fund designated for First Fruits Donation mission partner to be determined at the annual meeting. Suggestions for the designation of the Mission Partner will be gathered through 1/1/2017.

FLW

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 **Ann Nowak, Brad Hesselund, Marilyn Stalheim, Emily Wood, Beverly Evans, Ruth Kuder, Margaret Pendzimas, George Bork, Louise Kranz, Joyce Merkel, Beverly Halbrooks, Nicole Lettau, Al Anderson, Herb Scheelk, Linda Swanson, Gerti Dumont, CoriVallis, Jacqueline Butkowski,** and for those who are at a care facility or assisted living: **Bee Loechler and Bob Borg.** Let your Holy Spirit be present with these and all for whom we pray. In Jesus' name. Amen



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Mark your calendar for FLW's 75th Anniversary Celebration: **October 13-14, 2018!**

November 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	Dennis Engquist, Rol Flom, Colleen Foster	12 th	Josephine Lindgren, Brianna Overman
2 nd	Alexandra Olson	13 th	Evan Kuder
3 rd	Brent Clark, Scott Edstrom	16 th	Julie Hayes
4 th	Clint Grev, David Peloquin	19 th	Arnold Clark
6 th	David Weitzke	24 th	Heather Davis
7 th	Sue Irwin, Peter Reutiman, Jessica Swanson	25 th	Zachary Evans
9 th	Lionel Charboneau	26 th	Diane Hesselund
11 th	Gerti Dumont, Brooklyn Lee	28 th	Elaine Schmidt, Jackie Mueller, Brendan Shaw, Trevor Shaw
		29 th	Joseph Bahneman

FLW

Devote yourself to prayer,
keeping alert
in it
with
thanksgiving.

Colossians 4:2

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Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray You to protect me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

From Martin Luther's [Small Catechism](#)

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Congregational meeting
Sunday, November 13 (11:30).
Find more information on page 7.

**November Banner deadline is
November 15**
office@faithlilacway.org

Thank You from...

- NEAR for donation of school supplies & backpacks.
- Lutheran Social Services for the “true bounty of donations” that resulted from the Gods Work, Our Hands event.
- Lutheran World Relief: monetary and personal care kit donations.
- Dinner at Your Door for a financial gift of \$300.
- Lake Wapo for sending campers for a great experience and for financial gifts.

R2 (Reformation Remix) Tour

You and your friends are invited to the R2 (Reformation Remix) Tour event, a Christian Hip Hop concert with poetry taking place on **Sunday, November 13** at 3:30pm at St. James Lutheran in Crystal.

Church Council

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Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Worship Service Times

Sunday at 8:15 am and 10:30am.
Holy Communion services are monthly on the first & third Sundays.

Come join us!

Education for All Ages

Sundays at 9:15 am

Church Staff

<i>Pamela Stalheim Lane</i>	<i>Pastor</i>
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