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FAITH-LILAC WAY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2020

Ash Wednesday Services

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**Daytime Service: 12 p.m. at RobbinsWay
(Senior building next to FLW)**

Worship including Holy Communion, the imposition of an ashen cross and a word of grace

Evening Service: 7 p.m. in FLW Sanctuary

Worship including Holy Communion, music led by the Senior choir, the imposition of an ashen cross, and a word of grace

Midweek Lenten Soup, Conversation, & Worship

WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 26,
MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25, AND APRIL 1

5:30 p.m. Soup supper in the Fellowship Hall

6:15 p.m. Congregational Conversations
Confirmation Student/Mentor
Conversations

7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship



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SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, March 1 at 11 a.m.—2 p.m. Spaghetti
Benefit for FLW Youth Mission Trip at Nonna Rosa's

WILDFIRE KIDPACK ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Friday, February 21 from
4-8 p.m. at St. James
Lutheran Church

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*"It takes the whole community to
address a problem as
significant as child hunger."*

FROM THE VICAR

The month of February is the “Season of Love” with February 14th, Valentine’s Day as its apex. Stores, signs, houses, greeting cards, and more—all filled with colors and images of love. Usually, those images appear in the form of red and pink roses, pastel heart-shaped candy, and cutesy cutouts of Cupid. This year, in addition to those familiar love images, I encourage you to add-in the image of the cross.



Valentine’s Day and this whole “Season of Love” is a wonderful way to celebrate the beloved people and relationships in your life, and it’s also a perfect time to remember and celebrate the love that God has for you. A symbol of God’s unconditional love for you is seen on the cross. The Apostle Paul epitomizes this in his letter to the Romans, “God proves God’s love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” [Romans 5:8].

February 26th is Ash Wednesday. That date marks the start of the 40-day journey through the season of Lent, bringing us to the foot of the cross, the ultimate symbol of God’s love for us. Ash Wednesday reminds us of our fragility, mortality, and brokenness. It reminds us why we need the cross, and why we need God’s love, why we so desperately need Jesus. Through the cross God frees you from the grip of sin, claims you as God’s own, and calls you beloved. You are precious and honored in God’s eyes. God will always love you. What a wonderful reason to celebrate! May the God of Love be with you in abundance during this “Season of Love.”



Peace,
Vicar Becca

Vicar Becca



FAITH-LILAC WAY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Come join us!

BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

WORSHIP

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion services
monthly on the first, third,
and festival Sundays.

EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

The March Banner deadline
is February 15.

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Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church is a community called to make disciples of Christ through
WORSHIP + SERVING + GIVING + PRAYING + LEARNING + ENCOURAGING + INVITING

YOUTH CORNER

SAVE THE DATES

Palm Sunday: April 5

Maundy Thursday: April 9

Good Friday: April 10

Easter Sunday: April 12

YOUTH & CONFIRMATION

Stay after worship Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

CONFIRMATION WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

- Feb 5** WILDFIRE Confirmation at Elim Lutheran
Cherish All Children with Joy McElroy for students and parents
- Feb 12** Class for Confirmation students
- Feb 19** Class for Confirmation students
- Feb 26** Ash Wednesday Soup, Mentor Conversations, Worship

WILDFIRE YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY JUNE 25-29

“Welcoming the Stranger” is our theme for this faith-formation trip to NYC, the perfect place to learn about and explore issues related to immigration and refugee resettlement. Throughout Scripture we are called to welcome the stranger. Jesus even says that each time we welcome the stranger, we welcome Jesus himself! We’ll do some volunteer work, learn about what it means to be a sanctuary church, and explore the city—especially places like Ellis Island and the Tenement House Museum. We’ll examine our country’s incredible history of welcoming the stranger, and have honest conversation about the ways we have failed to do this well. We’ll bring it all back to the promises made in Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation!)—to work for justice and peace in all the world. We will be doing this trip with other Wildfire congregations (First, House of Hope, Holy Nativity, and Valley of Peace).

NEW YORK CITY 2020: PRE-MISSION TRIP MEETINGS

Sunday, February 23 at 1 p.m.—2:30 p.m. | Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Students will learn about what it means to be a Sanctuary Church—an idea we will be exploring more during our time in New York.

Sunday, April 26 at 1—3 p.m. | Holy Nativity Lutheran Church

LEARNING

BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 8:30 a.m. | FLW Library

We will be reading through and discussing the Gospel of John. The Gospel of John tells the Good News story of Jesus in a unique way. All are welcome. Each week stands on its own. No preparation is required.

ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

- Feb 2** “Let us Run the Race/In the Big-Inning: Faith and Sports” with Vicar Becca
- Feb 9** “Faith Tech Time” FLW Mission Trip Youth will be your technology advisor! Bring in your portable devices (phones, tablets or laptops) and learn new skills (Free-will Donations for Mission trip accepted).
- Feb 16** “The Sheridan Story: Every Child. Every Meal.” with Nate Youngblood
- Feb 23** “The Robbinsdale Community” The Robbinsdale Chief of Police, Jim Franzen, will speak about the Robbinsdale community, how we can partner and his vocation as a police officer

INVITING

KATIE IS SEEKING AN ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUNTEER!

Katie, our Communications Coordinator & Administrative Assistant, is seeking help in the office to assist with a variety of administrative tasks. If you enjoy organizing and creating, we'd love your help! Computer savviness is a plus but not needed! Tasks can be brought home or done in the office. This would be about an hour or two commitment each week. Can't give every week? Coordinate with a friend to alternate weeks! All volunteer help is very much appreciated!

GRIEF SHARE AT ELIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesdays through April 1 at 5:30—7:00 p.m. | Elim Lutheran Church's Fireside Room

One of our WILDFIRE partners, Elim Lutheran Church, is hosting a Grief Share. In this support group, you'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. A meal will be served at 5 p.m. in the Parlor, and you may bring your food to the group, or bring your own snacks.

ROBBINSDALE FIRE ON ICE EVENT

Friday, January 31 at 6:30—8:30 p.m. | Sanborn Park, Robbinsdale, MN

Robbinsdale Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission members invite you to join them for a fun Friday evening at Sanborn Park on January 31. Night Life DJ services will be providing music from 6:30-8:30 pm. Light refreshments will be available and, if the weather permits, skating along with a bonfire will add to the fun. For more information, please check the Recreation pages of the City website.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER!

Friday, February 14 from 5—8 p.m.

FLW's Mission Trip Youth will be hosting a parents night out on Friday, February 14 from 5-8 p.m. RSVP's to the church office are appreciated. Pizza and snacks provided. \$10/child, family max of \$25.



KIDPACK ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: MANY GRACES FESTIVAL

Friday, February 21, 2020 at 4:00-8:00 p.m. | St. James Lutheran Church (Crystal, MN)

Our goal is to raise \$39,500 to cover the cost of food for children in three Robbinsdale area schools so they don't go hungry over the weekends! Enjoy an all you can eat Spaghetti dinner, silent auction and raffle, and Mardi Gras games. Hosted by our Wildfire partner church, St. James Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$5/child. We are also asking for donations for raffle items. Some suggestions include: gift cards to restaurants, movie theaters, or stores, new household items, themed gift baskets, and outdoor experiences. Please bring raffle donations to the office by February 16. Thank you!

TOOL KIT AND CONFERENCE ASSEMBLIES

Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. | St. Andrew Lutheran Church (13600 Technology Dr. Eden Prairie, MN 55344)

Join us for a morning of engaging workshops, fellowship, time with Bishop Ann Svennungsen, and conference meetings.



BIBLES & BREWS

Sunday, February 23 at 12:00 p.m. | Wicked Wort Brewing Company

Do as Martin Luther did and join us in great conversation of Bible and faith over some local beer! We meet at Wicked Wort Brewing Company on the last Sunday of the month at noon. This month: Sunday, February 23. Contact Vicar Becca at vicar@faithlilacway.org with any questions. All people 21 and older are invited. See you there! Save the dates for future Bibles & Brews: March 29, April 26, & May 17.

SAVE THE DATE: SPAGHETTI BENEFIT FOR FLW YOUTH MISSION TRIP AT NONNA ROSA'S

Sunday, March 1 at 11 a.m.—2 p.m. | Nonna Rosa's Ristorante Italiano (4168 West Broadway Avenue, Robbinsdale)

Buy tickets for a spaghetti buffet at Nonna Rosa's from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to support our Youth Mission Trip to New York City with the theme: "Welcoming the Stranger." They will also learn about and explore issues related to immigration and refugee resettlement. See more information about their mission trip on page 3. Tickets available now and at the door: \$15/Adult; \$8/ Child



LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m. | Country Kitchen (7849 42nd Ave N, New Hope, MN 55427)

Lunch Bunch will not be meeting in February and will meet again in March. Lunch Bunch meets the second Wednesday of the month for good conversation and food. All are invited to join in the fun!

SIGN UP FOR FAITH-LILAC WAY'S WEEKLY E-NEWS!

Stay in touch with Faith-Lilac Way throughout the week by signing up for Faith-Lilac Way E-News. We share photos, event changes, and Wildfire events via email! Opt-in by completing the green contact sheet or emailing office@faithlilacway.org.

THANK YOU

WELCA THANKS OUR FLW FAMILY for their generous support for the annual Christmas bake sale. Funds raised will help send our youth to New York City for their mission trip.

THANK YOU for your generous gift of \$75.00. Your gift helps make a difference in the faith lives of thousands of campers each summer! We value your partnership in ministry.—The team at Lake Wapo

THANK YOU for your recent gift of \$400.00 on behalf of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS). Your generosity makes it possible to offer services in all 87 counties of our state.—Lutheran Social Services

THANK YOU for your recent gift of \$250.00 to Luther Seminary. Through the support of donors like you, over the past year, 129 students graduated, over 3,000 pastors received continued education, we've added several new faculty positions, and all incoming M.A. and M.Div. students received the 100% tuition Jubilee Scholarship. This community of Christian leaders is making a difference in the



FEBRUARY 2020

This calendar was last updated **January 21**. Please visit faithlilaacway.org for the most up-to-date calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>26 8:30am Bible Study (L) 9:30am Worship (S) 10:30am Egg Bake Cook-Off (FH) 11:30am Annual Meeting (FH) 12pm GSJ (CR/110/ N/S)</p>	<p>27 6:30pm BSA Troop 67 (FH) 7pm GSJ (CR/110)</p>	<p>28 10am Contemplative Prayer (Ch) 10:30am Book Club (L) 2pm Banner Crew (L) 7pm GSJ (CR/110)</p>	<p>29 6pm GSJ (CR/110) 6:30pm Confirmation (YR) 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>30 11am Staff Meeting (L)</p>	<p>31 6:30pm Robbinsdale Fire on Ice (@Sanborn Park)</p>	<p>1 8</p>
<p>2 8:30am Bible Study (L) 9:30am Worship (S) 10:45am Growing in Faith (FH/YR/L) 11:30am Worship Meeting (L) 12pm GSJ (CR/110/ N/S)</p>	<p>3 6:30pm BSA Troop 67 (FH) 7pm GSJ (CR/110) 7pm Ladies Ensemble (S)</p>	<p>4 10am Contemplative Prayer (Ch) 10:30am Book Club (L) 2pm FLW/WELCA Meeting (L) 6:30pm KidPack Bingo (@SLP American Legion) 7pm GSJ (CR/110)</p>	<p>5 6pm GSJ (CR/110) 6:30pm Wildfire Confirmation (@Elim) 6:30pm Mission Trip Fund Mtg (L) 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>6 11am Staff Meeting (L) 7pm KidPack SC Mtg (@FLC)</p>	<p>7 10:30am DAYD (@Crystal Community Center)</p>	<p>8 15 Banner Deadline 12pm GSJ (CR/110)</p>
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<p>16 8:30am Bible Study (L) 9:30am Worship (S) 10:45am Growing in Faith (FH/YR/L) 12pm GSJ (CR/110/ N/S)</p>	<p>17 6:30pm BSA Troop 67 (FH) 7pm GSJ (CR/110) 7pm Ladies Ensemble (S)</p>	<p>18 10am Contemplative Prayer (Ch) 10:30am Book Club (L) 6:15pm Robbinsdale Diggers (FH) 7pm GSJ (CR/110)</p>	<p>19 6pm GSJ (CR/110) 6:30pm Confirmation (YR) 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>20 10:30am DAYD (@Crystal Community Center) 11am Staff Meeting (L) 12:30pm DAYD Board Mtg (L) 2pm Blood Drive (FH)</p>	<p>21 4pm KidPack Annual Fundraiser (@St James)</p>	<p>22 8:30am Tool Kit and Conference Assemblies (@St Andrew) 12pm GSJ (CR/110) 7pm Council Meeting (offsite)</p>
<p>23 8:30am Bible Study (L) 9:30am Worship (S) 10:45am Growing in Faith (FH/YR/L) 12pm GSJ (CR/110/N/S) 12pm Bibles & Brews (@Wicked Wort) 1pm Pre-Mission Trip Meeting (@VoP)</p>	<p>24 6:30pm BSA Troop 67 (FH) 7pm GSJ (CR/110)</p>	<p>25 10am Contemplative Prayer (Ch) 10:30am Book Club (L) 10:30am DAYD (@CCC) 2pm Banner Crew (L) 7pm GSJ (CR/110)</p>	<p>26 12pm Ash Wednesday Service (@RobinsWay) 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper (FH) 6pm GSJ (CR/110) 6:15pm Conversations (FH) 7pm Ash Wednesday Service (S) 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>27 11am Staff Meeting (L)</p>	<p>28 6:30pm GSJ (CR/110)</p>	<p>29 11am Funeral for Eleanor Bjorkquist (FH/S)</p>

COME HOLY SPIRIT

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

David Bjorkquist, Helen Brandon, Jacqueline Butkowski, Rebecca Crass, Brandy Day, Sandy Dolence, Beverly Evans, Bob Fernelius, Brad Hesselund, Larry & Ruth Kuder, Margaret Pendzimas, Linda Prizzia, Herb Scheelk, & Cori Vallis.

...and those who are at a care facility for assisted living:

George & Jane Bork, Don Emmans, Bob Fernelius, & Beverly Halbrooks.

For the families and response teams affected by the Australian wildfires, Indonesia's heavy rain and flooding, and Puerto Rico's recent earthquakes.

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

Amen.

PRAYING

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

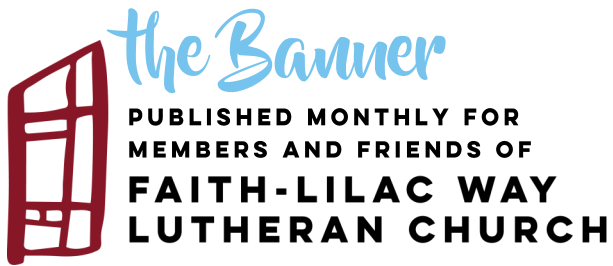
Pray for, call, email, send a note to these members as they celebrate their birthdays this month. If your birthday is this month and you don't see your name here, call the office (763.537.4523) so we can update our records. Thank you.

- 2nd Cori Vallis
- 10th Bill Rosenberg
- 11th Mesa Vierzba
- 13th Brian Blackman
- 14th Brenda Spittle
- 15th Beverly Evans
Wyatt Wiste
- 16th David Fernelius
- 18th Christine
Evenson,
Grace Thompson
- 19th Ruby Johnson
- 20th Joyce Merkel
- 21st JoAnn Bloom,
Miranda
Hortenbach
- 25th Lois Anderson
- 28th Beverly Maas,
Sarah Peloquin

*Above all, love each other deeply,
because love covers over
a multitude of sins.*

— 1 Peter 4:8 (NIV)





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SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 9:30 A.M.
GROW IN FAITH AT 10:45 A.M.

FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH: KIDPACK

EVERY CHILD. EVERY MEAL. FIGHTING CHILD HUNGER.

Wildfire Ministry's KidPack program is a collaborative effort of six Lutheran congregations in the Robbinsdale School District (Elim, Faith-Lilac Way, First of Crystal, Holy Nativity, House of Hope, and St. James) in partnership with The Sheridan Story to provide a weekend meal to any families facing food insecurity (not sure they'll have enough food to feed the family over the weekend) at three elementary schools (Meadow Lake, Lakeview, and Forest). Together, these six congregations distribute 500 meals every Friday during the school year. Wondering why so many families are food insecure? A variety of factors play into it, the primary being lack of affordable housing and wages that are too low to live on. By providing one meal that feeds four people every weekend, KidPack extends peace from our congregations to the local families we serve along with a little peace of mind for those parents whose children will be ready for learning on Monday morning.

