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FAITH-LILAC WAY LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 2020

NEW LENTEN WORSHIP

- WITH SOUP SUPPER FOR ALL! -

Come enjoy a soup supper with us in the Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays during Lent (March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1) at 6-7
p.m. See more on page 4!

*“Whenever you share this bread and cup, I will
be with you, feeding you, loving you, forgiving you.”*



YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER SPAGHETTI BUFFET

Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 11 a.m.—2 p.m. at Nonna Rosa's
Ristorante Italiano. Enjoy an all you can eat spaghetti buffet,
served by Faith-Lilac Way youth, at Nonna Rosa's in Robbinsdale!
See more on page 5!

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EASTER SUNDAY FESTIVAL WORSHIP

Sunday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m.
Continental Easter Breakfast to
follow!

FROM THE PASTOR

The journey from Lent to Easter...

The time between Ash Wednesday and Easter morning coincides with the coming of Spring, longer days and hopefully warmer weather. (Unless we get an April blizzard!) This is the season of Lent. The word “Lent” came from the word “lengthen” referring to the increased sunlight for the Spring season, but it has come to mean more for us. In the church, we mark these days of Lent, the forty days between Ash Wednesday and Easter morning (not counting Sundays since every Sunday is considered as little Easter), as a time for discipleship. We hold onto this tradition as a time for Spiritual growth.

Some people choose a “Lenten Discipline” for the season. Lenten disciplines can range from food oriented disciplines such as not eating desserts or abstaining from alcohol or fasting for a part of the day. (Check with your doctor if you want to try fasting -- unless of course you are simply cutting out snacks. I call that fasting from one meal to another.) Other people try adding a Spiritual discipline such as joining the prayer chain, reading a daily devotional, trying a new type of prayer or spiritual journaling). I’ve tried a number of things. Some of them were helpful - some not. The time I tried to give up cheese was disastrous! This year I’m going to try a new prayer journaling discipline. If any of you are interested in that - or in a Contemplative prayer time in the morning before the workday, please let me know.

Lent can be a time to try something new. Six weeks is enough time to try something without feeling like you are committed to it forever. It’s a good time to experiment. We are trying something new with our Soup Supper and Midweek Worship service. Vicar Becca and I and three of the Wildfire clergy will be leading a series of Bible stories during “Dinner Church” - which is basically a combination of our soup supper and Lenten Worship service. We hope to make worship more accessible to those who have a hard time sitting in the pew and to build community. We hope you will come - and invite others.

In Lent we are reminded of Christ’s life and death and we look forward to the celebration of Christ’s resurrection on Easter morning. We are reminded that God’s love is great and that faith is a gift from God - and a blessing to share.

Let your light shine!

Pastor Pam



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FAITH-LILAC WAY
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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 April Banner deadline
is March 15.

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WORSHIP

SAVE THE DATE:

EASTER SUNDAY FESTIVAL WORSHIP

Sunday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m.

Continental Easter Breakfast to follow!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m. Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Grow in Faith (for all ages)

GROW IN FAITH

BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

We are studying the Gospel of John. No preparation required. You are invited!

GROW IN FAITH

Sundays 10:45 a.m.

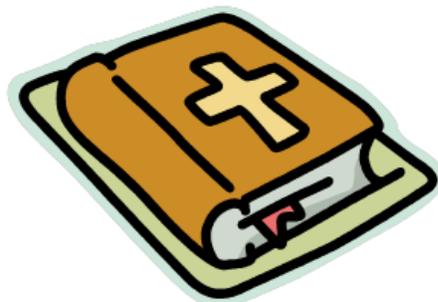
March 1: "Lenten Journey" Devotions and Practices led by Vicar Becca

March 8: Jan Monroe, director of NEAR Food Shelf, will share what NEAR Food Shelf is doing, who they serve and answer all of your questions about the work of NEAR.

March 15: Robbinsdale Mayor Regan Murphy speaks about the city of Robbinsdale. Regan Murphy became Mayor in 2013. He had previously served on the Planning Commission, the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission and was a founding member of the Heart of Robbinsdale Community Foundation. He was born and raised in Robbinsdale and loves raising his three children here with his wife Kris.

March 22: Prayer Beads with Vicar Becca - all ages are welcome!

March 29: Tool Kit "Recap" - Pastor and Vicar and several council members attended a "Tool Kit" put on by the Minneapolis Area Synod. Find out about Mission in the Minneapolis Area Synod.



DINNER CHURCH

WHAT: DINNER CHURCH - SOUP SUPPER AND WILDFIRE LENTEN WORSHIP

When: March 4, 11,18, 25, April 1 Wednesday Nights 6 p.m.

Where: Faith-Lilac Way Fellowship Hall

We are doing an experiment of combining our Lenten Soup Supper with a new Wildfire Lenten Worship in the Fellowship Hall in a new "Dinner Church!" Our goal is to create a relaxed atmosphere - but still provide a time for worship, song, communion and a message of God's love for us and our response in faith and action. Those who don't want to go out after dark will have an earlier worship/ meal time. Families with young children will find a more relaxed atmosphere. And we will feature **Extraordinary Stories of Faith and Action from the Bible that you don't usually hear.**

Our worship will explore Bible stories that you may not have heard of before - but each one is an extraordinary story of faith and action. We will welcome back Deacon Kirsten from First Lutheran and Pastor Mark Vinge and Pastor Gretchen Rode from House of Hope as guest preachers. They, along with Vicar Becca and Pastor Pam, will preach on one of the stories listed below. The clergy will move between churches. The stories we have chosen might be Bible characters that you haven't heard much about before. But, they are all ordinary people who make a difference for their community - because of their faith. They could be considered the "community organizers" of their day.

March 4: Abigail with Pastor Pam

In 1 Samuel, Abigail's clever resourcefulness transforms a dangerous situation into a happy ending. How does Abigail use resources to address a person with a lot of power? What does Abigail's story teach us about responding in faith rather than fear?

March 11: Daughters of Zelophehad with Pastor Gretchen

In the book of Numbers, the Daughters of Zelophehad dare to question the system that would exclude them. The daughters of Zelophehad show us the importance of questioning the system. How does their story empower us?

March 18: Esther with Pastor Mark

In the book of Esther, Queen Esther risks her own life to address the King and represent her people, the Jews, to stop their persecution. What does Esther's story teach us about courage and advocacy? How does Esther show us the importance of stepping into our own power for the sake of ourselves and others? How is faith proclaimed?

March 25: Lydia with Deacon Kirsten

In the book of Acts, Lydia leads a small community of worshippers and is baptized with the whole community. What does Lydia's story teach us about building community? How is the Good News proclaimed?

April 1: Mary Magdalene with Vicar Becca

In the Gospel of Luke, Mary Magdalene is cured of 7 spirits by Jesus, she then becomes one of his most dedicated disciples. Mary shows us the importance of owning and using your own story. How does her story proclaim Christ? What does her story teach us?

As Wildfire churches prepare to launch a shared Faith-based Community Organizer, perhaps you have questions about what faith-based organizing is or why we as churches would want to work with a faith-based community organizer. As we explore the stories of these women in the Bible - stories that are not often told - we will also notice how these ordinary women exhibit the traits of faith-based community organizers. This series is based on stories and principles identified by Rev. Susan L Engh in her book, *A Women's Work; The Transformational Power of Faith-Based Community Organizing*.



YOUTH CORNER

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER SPAGHETTI BUFFET

Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 11 a.m.—2 p.m.

Nonna Rosa's Ristorante Italiano (4168 W Broadway Ave, Robbinsdale, Minnesota 55422)

Enjoy an all you can eat spaghetti buffet, served by Faith-Lilac Way youth, at Nonna Rosa's in Robbinsdale! We are asking \$15/adult and \$8/child. Tickets will be sold at the door. Youth will be serving spaghetti with meat/marinara sauce and meatballs/sausage. Salad, bread, and dessert will also be provided. A cash bar will be available.

WILDFIRE YOUTH SERVICE EVENT AND FUN! MARCH 6

Please join us for an evening of service and fun Friday, March 6th. We will meet at 5:45 p.m. at Feed My Starving Children (401 93rd Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN). After the service project, we will head over to Grand Slam (2941 Coon Rapids Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN)! Pickup is at 10 p.m. Cost is \$13 which covers admission to Grand Slam, bumper cars, laser tag, mini-golf, ninja warrior course, and an arcade game card. If you want to do something extra, please bring your own spending money! Please note that chaperones and parent drivers are needed for this event. Contact Vicar Becca at vicar@faithlilacway.org for more details and to RSVP.



EQUIPPING PARENTS: NAVIGATING TOUGH TERRAIN

Equipping Parents is a new initiative at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church, aimed at helping parents navigate the ups and downs of raising children in today's world. We are committed to bringing in experts to talk about topics of interest to parents at no charge. Childcare is provided, and no matter what age your children are or what your parenting style is or who constitutes your family, you are welcome here. We firmly believe that the church is called to help in the work of raising thoughtful, grounded children. We know

parenting is hard, and hope to create a space where we can learn from one another and empower each other in this important work.

RAISING CHILDREN IN A POLARIZED WORLD

Monday, April 20 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Recognizing the Early Warning Signs of Mental Illness in Children and Adolescents

Today's toxic political divisions are the most severe since the Civil War. Many parents, conservative and liberal alike, are feeling anxious, stressed, and angry with people on the other political side. These negative emotions can easily spill onto children who look to parents as anchors in a troubled time. How can parents be intentional and values-based while raising children in this polarized political environment? How can we discern what is helpful-and not helpful - to say in our children's presence about those political "others?" How can we engage our children in conversations about public issues in ways that are sensitive to their developmental levels?

This interactive presentation will offer a needed perspective on parenting in a turbulent time, along with practical strategies for protecting and engaging children.

Our presenter will be Bill Doherty, PhD, a Professor of Family Social Science at the University of Minnesota. He is also the co-founder of Better Angels, an organization committed to uniting red and blue Americans.

CONFIRMATION

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Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

March 1: Join Vicar Becca in the Library for Lenten Journey Devotions & Practices

March 8, 15, 22, 29:

Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Wednesdays at 6 - 7 p.m.

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1
Fellowship Hall

It's Soup Supper, conversation, and Lenten worship all wrapped into one!

See article on page 4.

MARCH 2020

This calendar was last updated **Feb 22**. Please visit faithlilacway.org for the most up-to-date calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am Bible Study (L) 9:30am Worship (S) 10:45am Grow in Faith (FH/YR/L) 11am Youth Mission Fund (@NonnaRosa's) 12pm GSJ (CR/110/)	2 6:30pm BSA Troop 67 (FH) 6:30pm GSJ (CR/110) 7pm Ladies Ensemble (S)	3 10am Contemplative Prayer (Ch) 10:30am Book Club (Heathers) 2pm WELCA Mtg (L) 6:30pm KidPack Bingo (@SLPamerican Legion) 7pm GSJ (CR/110)	4 6pm Lenten Soup & Worship (FH) 6pm GSJ (CR/110) 7pm Chancel Choir	5 11am Staff Meeting (L) 7pm KidPack SC Mtg (@FLC)	6 10:30am DAYD (@Crystal Community Center) 5pm Wildfire Confr- mation Service & Fun	7
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15 Banner Deadline 8:30am Bible Study (L) 9:30am Worship (S) 10:45am Grow in Faith (FH/YR/L) 12pm GSJ (CR/110/S) 3pm Caritas Benefit (@VOP)	16 6:30pm BSA Troop 67 (FH) 7pm GSJ (CR/110) 7pm Council Meeting (L) 12pm Ladies Ensemble (S)	17 10am Contemplative Prayer (Ch) 10:30am Book Club (L) 4pm Empty Bowls (RCHS) 6:15pm Rdale Diggs (FH) 7pm GSJ (CR/110)	18 6pm Lenten Soup & Worship (FH) 6pm GSJ (CR/110) 7pm Chancel Choir	19 10:30am DAYD (@Crystal Community Center) 11am Staff Meeting (L) 12:30am DAYD (L)	20	21 12pm GSJ (CR/110)
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INVITING

FAREWELL FROM OUR COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Faith-Lilac Way Friends,

I am writing to let you know that my time working here at Faith-Lilac Way has come to an end. An opportunity arose at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Eagan and I've accepted a position there as their communications manager. My last day working at Faith-Lilac Way was Wednesday, February 12.

I want you all to know that this is a bittersweet transition as I've enjoyed my time and service with Faith-Lilac Way's staff, volunteers, and community. It has been a wonderful place to spend the last couple years. I have loved getting to know you, learning with you, and being part of this community. I am extremely thankful for my time here and I thank each and every one of you for helping to have made my time here such a blessing. I will miss all of you very much, and I hope to keep in touch with you. I am working with staff and volunteers to ensure a smooth transition of my responsibilities over the next few weeks. You are an amazing congregation, and I look forward to seeing all the ministry you will continue.

Peace be with you, *Katie*
Katie Lintelmann

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

The **March 2** meeting will be held at The Heathers Manor (3000 N. Douglas Dr. Crystal) at 10:30 a.m. For more information please contact Carol Flom.

MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE MONTH

Fill a bag for NEAR Food Shelf. Respond to food insecurity in our community by filling a grocery bag with much needed food and household items for our local food shelf. Often needed items include: canned proteins, dried herbs and spices, white, while, and brown rice varieties, flower blends (ex. Coconut, gluten-free, chickpea, tapioca, rice, etc.), personal care items such as shampoo and soap, household supplies including laundry detergent, cleaners, and paper towels.



KIDPACK FUNDRAISER: DESIGNER PURSE BINGO!

Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m.

**St. Louis Park American Legion Post
282: 6509 Walker Street, St. Louis Park, MN**

Come play BINGO for fun, maybe win a DESIGNER PURSE, and support a great cause: providing a weekend meal to kids struggling with food insecurity, so they can reach their best potential physically, cognitively, socially, spiritually, and academically. Every child, every meal!



BACKYARD BIRDING FOR GARDENERS

Hennepin County Horticultural Society-Garden Club invites you to attend the **Monday, March 9th meeting at 6:45 p.m.** to hear Stan Tekiela's presentation "Backyard Birding for Gardeners". He is a naturalist, photographer and writer of state-specific field guides for birds, trees, animals and wildflowers. It should be a lot of fun and well attended, so come early. Also, if you have seeds to share, bring them as the group will be sharing these. All are invited. Questions? Ask Linda Fernelius or Carolyn Lageson.

LUNCH BUNCH

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

Lunch Bunch meets the second Wednesday of the month for good conversation and food. All are invited to join in the fun! AND mark your calendars: **Wednesday, May 13th, 2020** the lunch bunch has invited Vicar Becca to join them for lunch at Pub 42. We will meet at 12:30 p.m.

CHERISH ALL CHILDREN: CARITAS BENEFIT CONCERT "LISTEN TO THE VOICE"

Sunday, March 15 at 3 p.m.

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church (4735 Bassett Creek Dr. Golden Valley, MN 55422)

Since it's inception, Caritas has raised over \$180,000 for diverse, local, charitable organizations! A free will offering will be taken for Cherish All Children. Reception to follow.

INVITING

2020 EMPTY BOWLS EVENT

**Tuesday, March 17 4-7 p.m. | Robbinsdale
Cooper High School 8230 47th Avenue North,
New Hope**

Community meal and fundraiser to benefit PRISM & NEAR Food Shelves through an effort of volunteers, local businesses, and Robbinsdale Area Schools/Community Education

To sponsor, donate, or volunteer, call 763-504-6990, or go to: www.emptybowlsrobbinsdale.org.



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Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars®. Notice: Your 2018 Choice Dollars® expire on March 31, so be sure to use them before you lose them! Please consider directing them to Faith-Lilac Way! You can do this electronically at:

<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>

Or, you can call 800-THRIVENT (800.847.4836) to direct Choice Dollars® to Faith-Lilac Way. Thank you in advance!

SNOW EMERGENCY REMINDER

Parking is prohibited on all public streets, highways and alleys after a snowfall of 2 or more inches. Call 763-531-1275 for a recorded message stating the SNOW Emergency STATUS for the City. All property owners are required to keep the boulevard walkways reasonably clear of snow and ice. Help out the Fire Department and maintenance personnel by shoveling around fire hydrants immediately after a snowfall.

A ROBBINSDALE RECREATION FOR SPRING AND SUMMER IS OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT

Spring is just around the corner and we got big news!!! Robbinsdale Recreation's Spring and Summer programming is open for enrollment! We have several exciting new programs for youth and adults. We hope you take a look and sign up early to guarantee your spot. Have a question or need assistance? Contact Recreation Services at

763-531-1278 or email recreationservices@ci.robbinsdale.mn.us. To view Robbinsdale Recreation programming, please follow the link: <https://www.robbinsdalemn.com/services/recreation-parks-facilities>. Thank you and we hope you enjoy your spring and summer programs.

SAVE THE DATE!

Robbinsdale Chamber Eggstravaganza – April 4 Doors open at 1 p.m.

Robbinsdale Whiz Bang Days – July 9-12

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, the ELCA’s dedicated day of service. - September 13

Since 2013, “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday has inspired people of all ages to put their faith in action through service projects that share God’s love with all of God’s people. As we gather together in service to our neighbors, we are reminded of one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: All of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.



**American
Red Cross**

*Civil Air Patrol
Blood Drive
at Faith-Lilac Way*

Thursday, May 21, 2—8 p.m.

Faith-Lilac Way is partnering with the Civil Air Patrol to offer an American Red Cross Blood Drive. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make our previous blood drives a success! Please consider coming to donate at the next drive! The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

We need your help to either donate blood or be on the Welcoming Committee. Go online or call the church office at 763-537-4523 to register to donate or help out.

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, Margaret Pendzimas, Linda Prizzia, Herb Scheelk, & Cori Vallis.

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

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

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

Amen.

THANK YOU

Dear FLW,

Sincere thanks for your recent gift of \$330 to the Northwest Suburban Dinner At Your Door program. As you know, we are a non-profit organization and rely on donations such as yours so we can continue to provide hot meals to shut-ins or people unable to cook for themselves.

Sincerely, Dinner At Your Door

The Hennepin County Horticultural Society-Garden Club members donated \$163.00 and toys to NEAR food shelf at their annual Christmas potluck in December. We thank them for their generous support of this ministry.

Dear FLW,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,632.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response. With your spirit-filled generosity you bring help and hope to families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. Thank you for sharing the gifts God has activated in you!

In Christ, ELCA

*Thank
you*

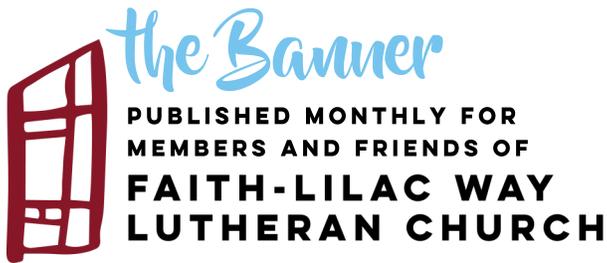
PRAYING

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Pray for, call, email, send a note to these members as they celebrate their birthdays this month. To correct or add a birthday, call the office (763.537.4523) so we can update our records. Thank you.

- 1st Amanda Vallis
Rylee Vierzba
- 2nd Cindy Brausen
- 5th Julie Stobbs
- 6th Rebecca Holland
Ashley Updegraff
- 7th Michelle Wood
- 8th Mark Wietzke
- 11th Amery Vierzba
Rory Joygaard
- 12th Lydia Foster
- 14th Sally Fuchs
- 15th Mary Peloquin
- 19th Diane Bahneman
Cathy Edstrom
- 20th Alyssa Anderson
Linda Fernelius
- 21st Katie Lintelmann
- 23rd Debbie Overman
- 24th Edith Thielmann
Brenda Thompson
- 29th Taylor Ipsen
- 30th Samantha Swanson
Andrew Wood
- 31st Mary Weilage

*Happy
Birthday!*



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SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:30 A.M.

MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH: NEAR FOOD SHELF

Once again, March is Food Share month. Our church, along with nine additional churches in our area will be asking for food, money and prayers for the March campaign.

NEAR serves approximately 325 registered families per month and over 100 emergency walk-in clients. This totals over 1,000 individuals served monthly.

We depend completely on the generosity of our churches, community, and businesses to fund the operation of the food shelf.

This past year, we distributed additional food boxes at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas adding to over 500,000 pounds of food given in 2019.

Near also gave out school supplies to over 300 students, and donated toys at Christmas to over 200 families and 700 children.

Other ways you can support NEAR include attending the Empty Bowls Fundraiser on **Tuesday, March 17 at 4—7 p.m.** at Robbinsdale Cooper High School and donating clean paper grocery bags that NEAR uses for distribution. (You may leave bags in FLW's entryway donation box.)

We ask that you prayerfully consider donating whatever you are able again this March to help continue this long tradition. Thank you.

