

# Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church

August Banner 2022

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## Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico!

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# Pastoral Article

## **It's Summertime! A time for rest, relaxation and renewal.**

Summertime is a great time to relax, to refresh, and to be renewed. This is a time when much of Minnesota heads north to cabins or lakes. It's a good time to take time away. I encourage it!

Last year when I was backpacking in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, we were far beyond the reach of any online services. It was Sunday morning and we had gotten up early to avoid hiking in the heat (the nights and early mornings were cold, the noon and afternoon were unbearably hot). As I started trudging up the side of the mountain that had been burned and left devastated, I was not inspired. I kept thinking about worship - and was missing it. And then I heard a voice behind me singing, "This is my Father's World..." I joined in. Suddenly my pack felt lighter and path was easier. We sang praise hymns all the way up the mountain trail and I was refreshed.

The Holy Spirit is not on vacation! So, while you are away, enjoy the time. If you have access, check us out for online worship - even while sitting by the lake on the deck of your cabin. If you don't have signal, try singing a song of praise, pray the Lord's Prayer and give thanks to God for the gift of creation.

AND... when you are in town, summertime is a great time to come to church to be refreshed and renewed. After all...the pavement is never icy or slippery and even if it is hot outside - it's comfortable inside the church. The sermons are never too long (promise!) and the fellowship time is great. It is a good place to hear God's good news. (We need to hear Good News more than ever right now!) Be filled with God's love and grace and be renewed for the week to come.

If you are worried about coming back to church, please know that, yes, we will still be monitoring the Hennepin County covid infection rate and applying the standards set by the FLW Council. However, even when Hennepin County is at "medium risk," there is plenty of room inside the church to spread out. You also have the option of coming forward for communion - or taking it in your pew. And... you can still join us online or in the parking lot (yes we are still offering radio worship!).

It's summertime - so rest, renew and be re-energized by the Holy Spirit wherever you are. And when you are able, I'd love to see you in church!



## **Come and Invite Your Friends to the Big Band Bash!**

**Wednesday, August 24**

**6 PM Food & Fellowship  
7-9 PM Brooklyn Big Band**

**Join us for grilled brats, and  
beer/rootbeer and great music!  
Bring your friends!**



# Vicar Article

I want to thank the people of Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church for all of your support of my ministry. I have enjoyed the opportunity to get to know the members of this congregation. The warmth and the hospitality that this faith community displays is phenomenal. For me internship has been a time of significant transition and personal growth as I resigned from my corporate job and pursued ministry on a full-time basis. The encouragement that I have received from this congregation has helped me develop many essential skills which will help me as I go on to serve other faith communities. After completing this internship I feel much more confident about my abilities particularly in the areas of preaching and leading worship. I would not have been able to make these strides without the encouragement and feedback which I have received from my internship committee, Pastor Pam, and all of the members of Faith-Lilac Way. I feel that I have gained significant experience in all areas of ministry which I believe will prepare me well for my first call.

After completing my internship I am planning to spend five days visiting my family in Illinois before I focus on completing my Approval essay and my Candidacy paperwork. I will return to Luther Seminary as a full-time student in September and I expect to be done with my coursework in early 2023.

## Youth Trip!

The youth have returned after spending a fun and exciting week serving the community in Puerto Rico. The traveling party included nine youth and three adults representing Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church, First Lutheran Church of Crystal, and Valley of Peace Lutheran Church. We departed MSP Airport on Saturday July 16 and spent that night at Iglesia Evangelica Luterana San Pablo. On the following day we worshiped with the members of this Lutheran congregation which was founded in 1916. After worship we walked through Old San Juan and then headed to Arecibo.

In Arecibo we worked on three different projects. We worked with farmers in the community who taught us about sustainable agriculture while we worked alongside them. We also worked with homeowners in assisting them with home maintenance and repair and in particular helping with painting. We also served at Sembry Planet which is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating youth about ecology and sustainable living.

In addition to the service work we also had a cultural experience as we took a guided tour of murals in Arecibo. We spent one afternoon at the beach, we enjoyed a salsa dancing lesson, and we also played soccer and basketball with community members. Finally, we ended the week touring a coastal site where *Pirates of the Caribbean* was filmed and we went to the festival that celebrated the 500th anniversary of San Juan.

Each night we worshiped as a community and we also had time to gather with our church group. During this time of worship and community building we took a deep dive into scripture and wrestled with our theological questions while also singing some great songs and sharing our thoughts and feelings with each other.

The week resulted in significant personal growth as all participants experienced new things and made new friends.

*See cover image and next page for pictures!*

*Vicar Kyle Anderson*

# Youth Mission Trip!



# Welcome to Our New Intern!

Hello and Blessings to You!



My name is Joanna Kathol and I will be Faith Lilac Way's new seminary intern beginning in mid-August. I just finished my third year of seminary at Luther and I am looking forward to beginning my culminating internship.

I was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska with my mother, Julie, and my older sister, Shelby. I grew up in a ELCA congregation that was very supportive of its youth and I was encouraged to help serve and participate in worship from a young age. I always loved going to church and learning about God, and I knew I wanted to be a pastor when I was 10 years old.

For the last few years I have worked in a local congregation in South Minneapolis and have learned a lot about hands on ministry. Some of my passions for ministry are preaching, teaching/spiritual growth, pastoral care, working with youth and supporting mental health. My hope in ministry is to build relationships with others and encourage people as they grow in their faith and find God present in their daily lives.

In my free time I like to read books, do jigsaw puzzles and play board games. I enjoy being outside in nature and spending time with my boyfriend, Derek, who is currently a student at the University of Minnesota. I also have a two year old long-hair Calico kitty named Willow. She is sweet and feisty and I am always happy to share a picture of her!

I am very excited to be a part of Faith Lilac Way's community and ministry for the upcoming year! I am hoping to learn a lot, try new things, and most importantly build relationships as we serve Christ, community and one another. I look forward to meeting you all soon!

Joanna Kathol

## Congratulations to our Grads!

**Alex Jirik:** Graduated from Armstrong High School and headed to Carlson School of Management at the U of MN.

**Emma Weilage** Graduated from Armstrong High School and headed to University of Minnesota, Duluth to study political science with a pre law focus.

**Bryce Tiber:** Graduated from Maple Grove High School and will be pursuing mechanical engineering at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

**Brenna Vierzba:** Graduated from Cooper High School and will be attending Bemidji State University in August for a Bachelors in Aquatic Biology.

**Ellen Wood:** Graduated from Cooper High School and she is taking a gap year.

**David Lindgren:** Graduated from Concordia, Moorhead, and going to University of Minnesota Law School.

**Daniel Stalheim Lane:** Graduated from St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN and going to Baltimore MD, working as a systems engineer for Northrup Grumman.

**Brooke Tiber:** Graduated from University of Minnesota, Duluth and moved to Boston, MA and working at *By Appointment Only* in marketing.

# What's Happening in August!

## Mission of the Month

Luther Seminary is our August Mission of the Month

In August, we will receive our 14th intern, Joanna Kathol (see article). We will also give back to Luther Seminary through our Mission of the Month. Why give to Luther Seminary?

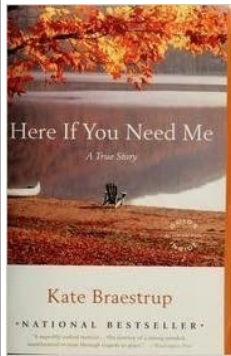
According to the Luther Seminary website, "Your financial gifts help support students as they pursue their next step in ministry, allow us to hire educators that are the best in their fields and, most importantly, share God's love in the world. One-hundred percent of eligible students receive scholarships in order to attend Luther Seminary. Many of these students would not be able to afford seminary on their own. Your generosity allows future church leaders to follow their call into ministry and proclaim the gospel."

## NEAR Foodshelf ~ How you can help!

**Back to School Supplies;** We are collecting money and school supplies now through the end of August for this annual program. We accept ALL donations, but we especially need spiral notebooks, both wide and college ruled, glue sticks, thin marker sets, and thin highlighters. We have a good resource to get good backpacks for about \$5.00 each, so money is also very appreciated. Thanks for all you do to make the school supply drive so successful for our families!!



**Donate!!** Your financial and food contributions to NEAR through your church continue to serve those in need in our community.



## Book Clubs

**We are reading: *Here If You Need Me* by Kate Braestrup**

**Join us! Tuesday, August 30 at 2 PM or Wednesday, August 31 at 7 PM**

*Here if You Need Me* is the story of Kate Braestrup's remarkable journey from grief to faith to happiness. It is dramatic, funny, deeply moving, and simply unforgettable, an uplifting account about finding God through helping others, and the tale of the small miracles that occur every day when life and love are restored.

**Tuesdays at 2:00 PM Join us for a variety of activities starting Aug 9th!**

August 9 - Gather Bible Study (*No preparation necessary*)

August 16 - Brené Brown: The power of vulnerability | TED Talk and discussion.

August 23 - Come meet our new intern Joanna Kathol and enjoy treats and coffee/ tea/ lemonade.

August 30 - Book Club - *Here If You Need Me* by Kate Braestrup (See article above)

## Congratulations Brenna Vierzba!

Brenna plays on the MN Pride Women's football team. On Saturday, July 16, MN Pride won a championship game over Kansas City Storm 30-18 to become the 2022 United Womens Football Association Champs!! This was Brenna's second season on the team and was a huge part of the defense.

# Wildfire Vacation Bible School ~ BIBLE SUPER HEROES

**When:** Monday - Thursday August 1-4

**Time:** 5PM (including meal) to 8 PM

**Host:** Elim Lutheran Church, 3978 West Broadway Ave., Robbinsdale.

**Who:** Kids 3 years old - Adult helpers

**Cost:** \$25 per child with a \$50 maximum per family.

Scholarships are available. Please contact Pastor Pam or Vicar Kyle

## August Birthdays!

Blake Hortenbach	2nd	Carolyn Lageson	15th	Bryan Foster	24th
Lexi Hanneman	3rd	Erik Vallis	16th	Ann Nowak	24th
Lisa Rambow	5th	Carol Brown	18th	Janis Anderson	27th
Lisa Jordan	6th	Susan Shaw	18th	Anne Ng	30th
Betty Schmidt	6th	Sue Ferkingstad	19th	Jackie Woolgar	30th
Blake Tiber	7th	Zac Wietzke	21st	Megan Kalberg Woods	31st
Bob Christensen	9th	Robert Kurki	22nd		

## Thank you Faith~Lilac Way!!

You did it!!! You made the \$500 match - twice! That means that \$2,000 will be going to Cherish All Children (CAC), our Mission of the Month for June.

CAC Director Joy McElroy writes: "Together, with your support, we have raised \$16,225 so far and we know online donations and checks are coming in yet. We're 81% of the way towards our \$20,000 goal! Your efforts will make a significant difference in our ability to reach out to youth to educate and give them skills to stay safe online and in-person, and with families in healthy ways to support them. If you'd like to learn more about bringing Cherish All Children to your faith community, please reach out! You can also watch our Lunch & Learn: Safe & Healthy Relationships Youth Guide to learn about this new free resource for Confirmation classes and Youth Groups

Thank you for your support!

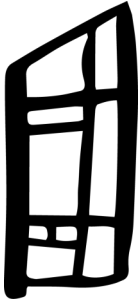
Joy McElroy, Cherish All Children Director, Lutheran Social Services

## Prayers

Healing God, bring assurance of your presence with us always. Care for all those who are caregivers as well as those who are in need of health and healing, especially we remember those from our congregation, including: Lois Anderson, David Bjorkquist, Helen Brandon, Carol Brown, Jacqueline Butkowski, Larry Geer, Carolyn Lageson, Joyce Merkel, Edith Thielmann, Lucas Wiste, Jackie Woolgar, Vic Woolgar and all those who we name with our lips or in our hearts ... as well as all those you know who need your care. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Resurrecting God, be with all who mourn the loss of loved ones. We remember and give thanks for the life of Elaine Schmidt and ask for your loving presence to be with her family as they mourn her death and celebrate her life. Amen.





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## Save the Date! Bring some friends!

### FLW Garage Sale

**When:** Friday, August 19 from 9AM - 5PM

Saturday, August 20, 9AM - 12PM

Where: Faith-Lilac Way

**Why:** Support the Ministries of FLW

*We had been collecting for the Wildfire Garage Sale and when that cancelled, we decided to hold our own.*

#### How Can I Help?

1. Bring Good Items for our Sale
2. Volunteer
3. Bring friends and check out the great items

Questions? Willing to work a shift? Please contact the church office or Linda Fernelius if you would be willing to be a part of the Garage Sale Team or if you have questions about what items we will take. We need *you!*

