



# Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church

## **Big Band Bash Wednesday, August 23rd!**

**Join us for our annual Big Band Bash event on August 23rd starting at 6pm! There will be food, music, community and fun! All are invited, and be sure to invite your friends and family too! We can't wait to see you there!**

## **2023**

## **August Banner**

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## Pastor Article

**It's summertime.**

**For me, summertime is a time to take a deep breath and enjoy the outdoors (without having to bundle up!). Summertime is when I like to take long walks, camp in the woods with my family, eat ice cream and wiggle my toes in the sand.**

**As I write this, I'm packed and ready to go to Holden Village with a group from FLW and First Lutheran. Holden is a Lutheran retreat center nestled in the mountains of the beautiful Glacier Peak Wilderness; Holden Village welcomes all people into the wilderness to form and renew their relationships with God, the earth, and each other. The teaching staff of Holden changes weekly. For our week, we will have an opportunity to take a class with an ecologist, learn about what Lutherans are doing about Immigration and Refugee programs, explore, improve, write poetry, create art, hike, fish or enjoy the mountain view in an Adirondack chair. Holden is a special place – they also have an amazing set-your own pins bowling alley and a hard to resist ice cream parlor.**

**What is your favorite part of summer? Is it a time you head “up North” to the cabin or go fishing? Is it a time for long lazy naps in the shade or on the beach? Is it time you enjoy running or biking or spending time on the golf course? There are many things we can only do in the summer. Enjoy them. After all, summertime is God's gift for us to enjoy. Summertime can be a wonderful time to renew the practice of taking “sabbath time”.**

**Sabbath is a time in which we set aside the work that we do (and work is not just what we are paid to do) and instead take time to rest, to thank God for the blessings that we have received, and to enjoy God's good creation.**

**Summer is an excellent time to take an extended Sabbath because summer has its own rhythm. The days are longer and schedules are often more relaxed. As a result, summer is both a great time to relax and to reconnect. It's August now, and the days are already beginning to shorten a bit – but summer is not over! Take time to relax and enjoy God's creation in the ways that fill your spirit – whether that is gardening, walking, swimming, golfing, biking or simply sitting in the sun or shade and enjoying the flowers.**

**And, take time to reconnect with friends at church. Join us at The Gathering on Wednesday, August 9 for treats (s'mores or ice cream?) and then at the Big Band Bash on Wednesday, August 23. See picture on page the back page.**

**May your summer be sabbath for you both in finding ways to relax and rejuvenate your spirit and in your reconnection with friends and neighbors. For the summer is God's gift to us. Enjoy.**

**Blessings!**

*Pastor Pam*



## Vicar Article

**Hello Faith Lilac Way!**

**I can't believe how quickly this internship year has flown by! My time at Faith Lilac Way is coming to a close and my last day will be Sunday, August 13th. Over this past year I have loved worshipping with you, doing service projects together, and working together to grow in relationship with one another and our neighbors.**

**Faith Lilac Way has been such a blessing in my life and I will be taking a lot of memories with me as I go. Some of my favorite memories at FLW include dressing up for Halloween in Downtown Robbinsdale, tying blankets for Camp Noah, worshipping together on Christmas Eve and enjoying a fun week of VBS this summer.**

**I will also be taking memories of the wonderful people I have met. This year I have appreciated your welcoming spirit, the laughter we have shared, and the prayers and encouragement you have given. Thank you for letting me be a part of your community. I feel honored to have had the opportunity to know each of you.**

**At the end of August I will be moving back to Nebraska and hope to begin interviewing with congregations there in September. I look forward to where God will lead me and I ask that you pray for me during the first call process. I'll be sure to keep you updated!**

**Because August 13th will be my last day, we will be having a send off in worship, and after church I will be sharing a video to celebrate our year together. I would love to see you if you can come!**

**Thank you for being wonderful, Faith Lilac Way! I look forward to hearing about your future ministry, and welcome to intern #15, Karen Peterson! I know you will love and care for her as you did me!**



*Vicar Joanna*



**Thank you for helping us to collect birthday supplies! With your help the kids at Vacation Bible School were able to assemble more than 20 birthday kits that were donated to the NEAR Food Shelf.**

## Announcements

### **Join us for Treats and Talk on Sunday Mornings!**

Join us in the library after worship on Sunday mornings for treats and conversation. All are welcome! Sign up sheet to host one of the Sunday's is by the office.



### **Vicar Joanna Kathol Farewell on Sunday, August 13**

**This month we will not send our current vicar, Joanna Kathol, off empty handed, but with prayers, gifts and blessings we will celebrate her time with us and give thanks to God for her. Donations for gifts for Vicar Joanna can be made to FLW (be sure to write Internship gift in the memo or on the envelope). The internship committee will host the treats and talk time in her honor.**

### **Prayers**

Healer of our every ill, bring health and healing to all who suffer sickness or on-going illnesses and pain, including those in our congregation:

**Lois Anderson, Donna Benson, David Bjorkquist, Helen Brandon, Carol Brown, Jacqueline Butkowski, Kris Duffin, Larry Geer, Carolyn Lageson, Jim Lyons, Joyce Merkel, Betty Schmidt, Linda St. John, Jackie Woolgar, and Vic Woolgar.**



Holy God, bless the church communities and ministries of Faith Lilac Way, Greater St. John, and our Wildfire partners as we seek to share your word and your way. Help us to welcome the stranger, serve our neighbor in need, and grow ever closer to you. Generous God, we give you thanks for the beauty of the world around us and for the abundance of gifts you have given each of us, including life, time, skills, and treasures. Help us to use our gifts wisely. We praise you for all of your gifts, including the gift of Sabbath time so that we may rest and rejoice in you. Amen.

### **Pastoral Acts:**

- Edith Thielmann (March 24, 1933-June 8, 2023 ) Funeral was June 15, 2023
- Mary O'Neill (December 18, 1921 - June 30, 2023) Memorial service will be Friday, August 11 at 11 AM with visitation beginning at 10 AM.

### **Join Us for the Gathering Place on August 9th!**

We are gathering around the bonfire one more time this summer! Join us at 6:30pm on FLW's lawn for hotdogs, smores and community time. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!





## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

We apologize if your name is missing. Please call the office, we are probably missing your birthday in our system.

**Bingo at Robbins Way!**  
**Wednesday, August 23**  
**5:00pm**  
**Come join the fun!**



## Welcome our 15th Vicar: Karen Peterson on Sunday, August 20!

Hello! My name is Karen Peterson. I am so excited to be your new Vicar, and to spend this last year of my seminary education learning from and alongside you! I was born and raised in North Dakota and I have been a Lutheran all my life. I currently live in Dodge Center, MN with my husband,

Kevin, kids and a ridiculous assortment of pets. I have six children, three of which still live at home at present, the youngest of which will be a senior in high school this fall.

I have a B.S. in secondary education, and I spent seven years teaching high school science (chemistry, biology, physics and earth science) before going into research. My first research experience was in wheat breeding at the University of Idaho. I spent the last thirteen years prior to entering Luther Seminary working in a cardiovascular research lab at Mayo Clinic.

My hobbies include gardening (vegetables and flowers), crocheting, embroidering and writing poetry (which I sometimes set to music). In my spare time I enjoy camping, hiking and generally spending time outdoors when weather permits, and playing games with my family whenever we can get together.

## Interested in a card-writing ministry?

When I was young, my cousin and I were pen-pals, writing back and forth to one another. And, when I went to college, I loved checking my post box to see if I had any mail. Getting a letter made my day.

One member suggested that people still enjoy getting non-junk mail and wondered if we could develop a card ministry - not just for birthdays but just to check in with one another. Interested? Let the office know if you are interested in getting together with other people to make cards and/ or to write cards. Also let us know if you would like a new directory to send cards out.

**Ice Cream Social:**

**Our Ice Cream Social on June 24th with Greater St. John! It was great to spend time with GSJ and meet some of our neighbors too!**



**Vacation Bible School Fun!**

**Vacation Bible School with FLW, House of Hope, Valley of Peace and Cross of Glory! It was a great week learning about God's Love with some great kids!**



## Thank You!



From Amanda White, Director of Congregational Generosity:

Thank you for your fit to Lutheran Disaster Response. Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future. Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.



**Lutheran  
Social Service**  
of Minnesota

Thank you for your generous gift to support the services of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS). From adoption and foster care to shelter and safety for youth experiencing homelessness to support for people with disabilities to nutritious, home-delivered meals for older adults, LSS impacts 1 in every 65 Minnesotans. Together, we are neighbors helping neighbors.

### Welcome back Chancel Choir!

After the summer break, the Chancel Choir will have its first rehearsal on **Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00pm** and provide music for our worship service starting on **Sunday, September 10th**. Have questions or interested in joining Chancel Choir? Please contact Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson at [annmsa@icloud.com](mailto:annmsa@icloud.com)

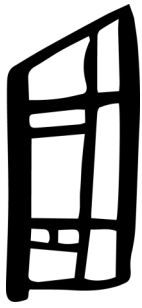


### August Mission of the Month: Luther Seminary

#### Luther Seminary is our Mission of the Month

Luther Seminary's President writes, "the word "seminary" comes from the Latin for "seed bed." The metaphor is perhaps particularly appropriate in this season of green abundance here in Minnesota, but it has deep roots...Jesus knew a thing or two about seeds and used them often in his parables. I love this connection to our work at the seminary, where we have the privilege of seeing our students take root in new contexts and grow into confident leaders. It's also a powerful reminder that as with all growing things, it's not our effort but God's abundance that calls forth life."

Faith-Lilac Way's connection to Luther Seminary is through the internship program - this month we will have a sending service for Vicar Joanna Kathol on August 13 and will welcome Karen Peterson as our 15th Pastoral intern on August 20th. We support the work of the Seminary not only through our internship program but also through our prayers and financial support. Donations for Luther Seminary can be made to FLW with a note on the memo or envelope that says "Luther Seminary, mission of the month."



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

**Wednesday, August 23**

**6:00 PM Food & Fellowship**

**7:00-9:00 PM Brooklyn Big Band**

**Join us for grilled brats, and beer/root beer and great music!**



**Bring your friends!**

