



Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church

June Banner 2022

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WILDFIRE

MIDSUMMER PIG ROAST



Benefitting:



EVERY MEAL
FIGHTING CHILD HUNGER

Raffle/Worship/Music

The Fleshpots of Egypt and the Peggy Bartunek Band

Raffle includes a 4-day stay at the Clamshell Beach Resort -

Cabin sleeps 12, October 14-17

Also a Smoker, Solo Stove, Wild Boar hams and other meat packages plus assorted small items.

June 22, 2022 6:00 - 9:00pm

House of Hope Lutheran Church

4800 Boone Ave N

New Hope, MN 55428

Age 0-5 Free

Age 6-12 \$10

Age 13 and over \$25.00

Help Fight Childhood Hunger

Tickets available from:


Faith-Lilac Way

Pastoral Article

Blow Spirit Blow!

We begin the month of June with the festival of Pentecost on Sunday, June 5th! This is the dramatic sending of the Holy Spirit to all believers recounted in the book of Acts chapter 2. We will be celebrating on that day - so come if you can or catch us online!

Have you noticed the wind? We have had a windy spring and that has been a good thing for wind power energy. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, an agency that collects energy statistics for the government, wind power in the United States, on March 29, wind turbines produced more electricity than either coal and nuclear sources (Natural gas is still the largest source of electricity generation). ¹



This is good news for clean energy. God has provided so many ways for us to produce energy that are clean and renew the earth. It is my hope and prayer that we can work together to make these sustainable – and provide good and healthy sustainable jobs for the people who work in this field.

But I'm even more excited about the Holy Spirit wind that is blowing in our congregation and our neighborhood. Be sure to meet and greet our new members (pictured on page 3). The Spirit is also helping us work together with our Wildfire partners to support the Every Meal program. A really fun fundraiser is planned for June 22. Join us if you can! And/or check out the raffle items (page 5). As part of the Faith-Practices, Neighboring Practices synod program, we are also engaging in Neighborhood Listening. The council is beginning by sharing a meal and one-on-one conversations with their leadership team on June 5th. In turn, they have invited our choir to Greater St. John's anniversary event. We will be planning an event for both congregations. And, we are also looking to strengthen our connections with RobbinsWay. Save the date for our Big Band Bash on **Wednesday, August 24!**

The Holy Spirit is blowing in our community! Hang onto your hats and let the Spirit blow!

¹<https://media.npr.org/assets/img/2022/04/14/ap22055617825181-1f3af10d64f261856c0455717d89997243fb3e61-s1600-c85.webp>



Vicar Article

This is the time of year where students, faculty and staff are thankful for the end of the school year. Summer starts and the pace slows down as there is now time for things which were ignored during the academic year. This summer I am actually heading in the opposite direction of most students. In June I will be returning to the Luther Seminary campus for my first in-person class since the start of the pandemic. I know that taking a class during internship will cause me to be really busy because of the time commitment involved, however the seminary is offering a course on ministering to people with mental illness during the summer term and this was too good of an opportunity to miss.

In our society there is a stigma attached to mental illness. People often do not seek out the necessary treatment because they don't want to be viewed as either weak or crazy. Some people who are close to me live with mental illness each day and these individuals are able to live full lives with meaning and purpose due to the help that they receive from mental health professionals. I also know that many people in our society don't have access to treatment which significantly impacts a great number of people since mental illness impacts the entire family and not just the individual being treated.

I know that in a one week class I will not acquire the knowledge possessed by a trained mental health professional. However, as I start to prepare for the course I have become acquainted with the fact that clergy are likely to be the first people sought out by those suffering from depression or their families. I am looking forward to learning more about mental health resources and the theological and pastoral care issues involved these areas of ministry.

Vicar Kyle
Anderson

Faith-Lilac Way Activities by CDC* County Covid-19 Risk Level

Hennepin County Risk*	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Activity			
Masking	Optional	Recommended	Required
Distancing	Optional	Recommended	Distanced
Food and beverages	Yes	Yes /some restrictions	Limited/ Restrictions
Musical Ensembles	Yes	Yes	Limited
Holy Communion	At the rail or communion kits	At stations or communion kits	Distanced with communion kits
Sharing the Peace	Yes	Yes - distanced	Distanced - gesture

*Center for Disease Control

Welcome Our New Members!



Jessica &
Clint Hughes



Ashley Galarneau &
Grant Becker



Mark Silerud



Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson becomes Interim Music Director

Congratulate and thank Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson, our organist/pianist, as she becomes the interim Music Director at Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran on June 1. Ann Marie has agreed to expand her role at FLW to include directing the choir, teaching music to Sunday School students, administering the copyright licensure and overseeing and managing the sound and video streaming equipment. It's a big job - but Ann Marie has the skills and grace to do all of it. Please congratulate and thank Ann Marie for being willing to do all of these things!

Youth Mission Trip

We are getting closer to the youth mission trip to Arecibo, Puerto Rico. The group will be departing on July 16 and then return on July 23. The trip is with Youthworks and FLW has traveled with Youthworks in the past most recently in 2018. We have now booked our flights and paid the fee to Youthworks so we are now officially registered for the trip. Three different churches will be represented on the trip and we recently had a meeting so that the participants from the different churches could begin getting to know each other better. The youth are looking forward to growing in their faith and forming closer bonds with each other. The youth appreciate the generous financial contributions of the FLW congregation in support of our fundraising efforts and if anyone would like to make an additional donation to support the trip please contact Vicar Kyle.

Prayers

We pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus:

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. We ask that you pour out your blessings upon our faith partners, Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church and the Wildfire churches as we work together to hear your voice and answer your call.

We give thanks for those who share their talents in the music ministry of this congregation, and in particular, the dedication and leadership of Anne Ng who retired in May.

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. We also pray for peace in our own nation. Give comfort, and hope to victims of gun violence and give our leaders the courage to take the actions required to deal with this issue.

Liberate those who have been oppressed by systemic racism and help us to build a beloved community. God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress and bring comfort and care for all who are in need of healing including Lois Anderson, Donna Benson, David Bjorkquist, Carol Brown, Jacqueline Butkowski, Larry Geer, Carolyn Lageson, Joyce Merkel, Margaret Pendzimus, Edith Thielmann, Lucas Wiste, Vic Woolgar and all those you know who need your care.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Acknowledgments

Thank you from the American Red Cross who uses our Fellowship Hall four times a year.

Dear Pastor Pam and Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church, 39 units of lifesaving blood were collected yesterday! This is phenomenal as we were aiming for 23 units!!! 37 donors presented to donate, 2 donors were deferred, and 2 were first time donors. All in all, an amazing, lifesaving blood collection event!

Thank you for your dedication and passion to the blood program. We truly could not provide blood to patients in need without volunteer sponsors and host sites. From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU for being such wonderful partners!

Bethany Pederson [she/her/hers]
Account Manager III, Donor Recruitment
Minnesota/Dakotas Region
American Red Cross Biomedical Services

June Birthdays!

Robert Nelson.....4th
Kaitlyn Bahneman.....9th
Melanie Bahneman.....14th
Aili Evens.....16th
Drake Davis.....18th
Stuart Lane.....22nd
Pamela Engquist.....23rd
Renee Kalberg.....23rd
Marty Moores.....24th
Jacqueline Butkowski.....25th

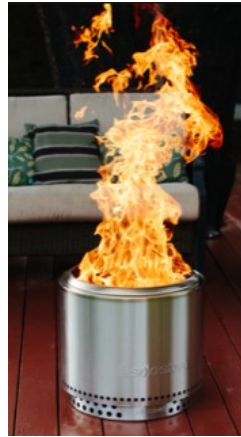
What's Happening in June!

Wildfire Pig Roast!

Get your raffle tickets and discounted tickets for the WILDFIRE Pig Roast!

Raffle items include:

- Fall Get Away 4 nights at Clamsheel Beach Resort Brainerd Lakes area
- Friday-Tuesday Oct 14-17 sleeps up to 12 people 4 BR/5 Bathrooms
- Pit Boss 820 CSI Competition Series 820 Wood Pellet Grill
- Large Handmade Quilt
- Hackenmueller's Meat Assortment and Area Brewery Package
- Solo Stove



Raffle tickets for \$20 are available at church for these five items.

At the event, there will be even more raffle items including: wild boar meat; a wine basket; a portable grill, Twins paraphernalia, and more...

Evening Book Club

Wednesday June 15 at 7:00 PM at FLW

The book club will be reading the novel *How to Be Good* by Nick Hornby. The book centers on characters Katie Carr, a doctor, and her husband, David Grant. The story begins when David stops being "The Angriest Man In Holloway" and begins to be "good" with the help of his spiritual healer, DJ GoodNews. In his writing Hornby mixes his perceptive and amusing commentary on modern relationships with an overarching theme of morality and what it means to be "good" in today's world. Please join us at FLW in the evening on Wednesday June 15 to discuss this book.

Can You Crochet or Knit?

If yes, we need you! Some of our knitters and crocheters have retired and our supply of prayer shawls is diminishing. We have special yarn that makes the prayer shawls extra soft. Please see Pastor Pam if you are interested and able to help!



Tuesdays at 2PM in June

- **June 7 - Gather Magazine Bible Study** - Come for Bible study using the ELCA magazine *Gather for Faith & Action*. Some of you may already receive this magazine. If not, FLW has a subscription and we have several copies available in the narthex. No preparation necessary (but you may read it ahead of time if you want to).
- **June 14 - Afternoon Teatime Social** - Come for tea (or coffee or sparkling water), a treat and time to socialize.
- **June 21 - Afternoon Book Club at 2 PM** - *Love Thy Neighbor: A Muslim Doctor's Struggle for Home in Rural America* by Ayaz Virji M.D. (Author), Alan Eisenstock (Author) This is the story of the doctor that Pastor Mandy France befriended. (Pastor Mandy is the wife of our former intern, Pastor Kelly France).
- **June 28** - To be announced.

Wednesday Night Mid-Week Activities Schedule

See article about each event.

June 8 Fleece Tie Blankets at FLW - *See below*

June 15 Book Club 7 PM - *See page 5*

June 22 Every Meal 6-9 PM - *See page 5 and cover*

June 29 No class this week



Camp Noah

June 8 at 7 PM Fleece Tie Blankets for Camp Noah at Faith-Lilac Way

Camp Noah is a day camp program that serves children in communities that have been impacted by disaster. During Camp Noah, a team of certified camp staff accompany campers through a resiliency building curriculum that enables children to process their disaster and trauma experiences. Each camp is customized to the local community and offers children a safe space to tell their stories and build the resiliency skills they need to move forward.

We will be assembling fleece tie blankets for children living in disaster impacted communities that are served by Camp Noah.

Wildfire VBS

August 1 - 4 Save the Dates!

Needed:

- + Neighborhood Children - invite your children, grandchildren and neighbors!
- + Volunteers for making a meal one of the nights, decorating, teaching and helping!
- + Your Prayers for the children!



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Mission of the Month - Cherish All Children

Dear friends at Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church – thank you for your dedicated support through your Mission of the Month gifts! In partnership, we will continue working to keep children and youth safe from sexual exploitation and trafficking, supporting their growth into healthy relationships.

Your generosity allows us to reach youth, most recently with the creation of our new Safe & Healthy Relationships Youth Guide free to download and use with Confirmation classes and youth groups. We continue to believe that having these conversations within the church, with healthy adults, goes a long way in keeping young people safe.

Here are ways you can get involved and make a difference in keeping youth safe!

- Save the dates for our virtual 5K June 24-26! Sign up to walk with a group from church after worship on Sunday June 26. Or, if that doesn't work, think about getting another group of friends and/or neighbors to walk with you. .
- Find more information for both at cherishallchildren.org News & Events.
- Sign up to receive our E-News (6 times/year) or Wednesday Prayers (weekly) to stay connected and engaged in ways you can keep children and youth safe.
- Sign up at cherishallchildren.org Connect & Act.

Blessings & Peace to you!

Joy McElroy - Cherish All Children Executive Director