

# Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church



**March 2024**

## **Banner of Faith**

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# Pastor 's Article

We have only begun our Lenten journey - but already I am looking forward to Holy week, beginning with Palm Sunday and continuing on Maundy Thursday and then Good Friday and finally - the joy of Easter! It's a lot of worship for one week - but here is why I don't want to miss any of it (and I hope you want to be a part of all of it too!)

We begin with Palm Sunday/ Passion Sunday. Palm Sunday begins with a Gospel reading of the joyous celebration of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a borrowed colt. The tone is victorious. The crowd shouts "Hosanna!" and proclaims blessings. It is a festive day celebrating Jesus as the anointed one, the Messiah. " But "Hosanna!" means "Save us"! And this is just what Jesus intends to do. By the end of the worship service, the tone changes as we anticipate Jesus' "Passion" - which means suffering - and the journey to the cross.

Maundy Thursday is an essential part of the story - you don't want to miss it! On Maundy Thursday, we remember three important parts of Jesus' journey to the cross. The day takes its name, "Maundy" from the word "Mandatum" which means "commandment." We remember the commandment of Jesus to his disciples then and followers now to "Love one another as I have loved you."

Jesus gives this commandment as he celebrates the Passover, his last supper with his disciples in an upper room. We remember this last supper on this night and every time we celebrate Holy Communion/the Eucharist. We also remember the betrayal of Jesus by Judas and the journey to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. Finally, we remember that the day takes its name, "Maundy" from the word "Mandatum" which means "commandment."

Good Friday is the day that Jesus is crucified. On this day, we tell the story, we sing the songs. It is a crucial part of the story. You don't want to miss it.

Easter Sunday - this is the joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection! I know you know the story already - so it is not a surprise in that way. But as we walk the journey of Jesus again, and hear the story - as if for the first time - we are blessed with new insights and a deepening understanding of God's great love for us. We come with open hands and hearts ready to receive God's great gifts of love and mercy.

I hope you got the message that I don't want to miss and I hope that you don't want to miss even one part of the story. See the schedule on page #7. Our musicians and worship leaders are preparing beautiful, meaningful worship. You are invited to not only come, but also invite friends, neighbors and family to join us too. We will be streaming these worship services so if you cannot attend, please join us online.

You are invited. I hope you will journey with us through Lent, Holy week and then celebrate with us on Easter morning!

In hopeful anticipation,

*Pastor Pam*

## Prayers: Changing the Way We Pray

We are still praying! But we wanted you to know that we will be making a change in March in the way that we lift up people in prayer during worship services. We will have all the names of people who are in care facilities, have on-going health concerns and who have requested prayer listed in the bulletin and in our newsletter. However, we will only be speaking the names of the people who have a new need or a change in their status such as a hospitalization, a new diagnosis or when someone is entering hospice care. We still encourage ongoing prayers for these - and all - people.

### Let us pray;

We pray for those in our congregation who have on-going health care concerns including: *David Bjorkquist, Helen Brandon, Carol Brown, Jacqueline Butkowski, Larry Geer, Carolyn Lageson, Joyce Merkel, Jackie Mueller, Betty Schmidt, Linda St. John, Jackie Woolgar, and Vic Woolgar.*

Be with those who are in war-torn nations. Surround them with your grace and mercy and bring a just peace to the nations. **Amen.**

# Vicar's Article

As we embark on our Lenten journey toward the Cross and the Empty Tomb, I find myself reflecting on what it means to confess that I am dust. For me, it means confessing and repenting for all the ways that I, as a finite being, am sometimes tempted to impose finite, human limits and boundaries on God. It means confessing that God is always greater and more than anything I can imagine or understand, to accept my creaturely status and rejoice in God's infinite capacity to love, forgive and bless unconditionally. "i am dust" is a song that arose from reflecting on what it means to be dust.

*Vicar Karen*

i am dust

By Karen M. Wedman Peterson

i will not stuff You in a box. i will not put chains on You.  
i won't pretend that there are limits to what You can and cannot do.  
i won't declare that You can't cross the lines that men draw in the sand,  
For all that is, will be, and ever was is fashioned by Your hand.

For i am mortal...and You are God.  
By Your Majesty i am awed.  
In Your Sovereignty i will trust,  
For You are Love. You are Life...i am dust.

i will not build a wall around You and stand as guard outside the door  
Deciding who gets in to see You, when and why and wheretofore.  
i won't set limits on Your Love. i will not proclaim or preach  
That there are some Your Grace and Mercy cannot save or cannot reach,

For i am mortal...and You are God.  
By Your Immanence i am awed.  
In Your Preeminence i will trust.  
For You are Love, You are Life... i am dust.

Though in the image of Your Love all human beings were created,  
It's an image we've distorted, corrupted, blurred and faded.  
Yet in Your boundless Generosity You've claimed all of humanity  
As beloved children of Your very own.  
And in Your Steadfast Love and Faithfulness  
i trust that you will never rest  
Until everyone who's lost is found  
and every wand'ring heart turns 'round...  
Until every wayward prodigal makes his way back home.

i'll make no effort to define You. i will leave You unrestrained,  
For there is naught can circumscribe You. Your Love cannot be contained.  
i will openly acknowledge Your Absolute Supremacy,  
And never doubt Your right to offer universal clemency.

For i am mortal...and You are God  
You are Perfect, but i am flawed.  
i am sinful, but You are Just.  
For You are Love. You are Life...i am dust.  
You are the One and Only Source of Life.  
Without you, all is dust...merely dust... lifeless dust.

## Looking for a wedding venue?

Look no further! Faith Lilac Way has hosted numerous weddings in our beautiful sanctuary for both member and non-member events. The Fellowship Hall seats approximately 200 people; a great space for a reception.

Contact the office for further information.  
office@faithlilacway.org or 763.537.4523

The Wildfire churches met on January 20, 2024 at Mt. Olivet Church in Plymouth to further explore opportunities to gather, work, and have fun together. Ideas flourished and a Wildfire Planning Committee was formed. Members from FLW include Dave Fernelius and Sue Ferkingstad. The first planning session is scheduled for February 29th, 6:00pm at FLW. Watch for updates!

## Announcements

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

Join us in the library after worship on Sunday mornings for treats and conversation.

**The parking lot doors are officially fixed! Thanks to our property committee members for making sure that the doors are fully functional and the handicapped option is now restored.**

### **RESCHEDULED: Baking Bread Part 2!**

Join us for a deeper dive into bread making.

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

9am-2pm Fellowship Hall

The dough will be a master sweet dough that can be used for loaves, sweet rolls, caramel rolls, elephant ears, bierock/peroshkis, dinner rolls, etc. The process will take us from making the dough to a baked final product. If you are able, please bring a bowl, spoon, and sheet/loaf/cake pans. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.



**The Every Meal team wishes to thank all those who contributed so generously to the Marty Gras Every Meal fundraiser. Approximately \$4,500 was raised. The bake sale doubled its sales from last year. The day was a real blessing for those who experience food insecurity. And it was fun to share the day with our Wildfire friends.**



### **Reminder: It's Time To Turn Your Clocks Ahead!**

Before you go to bed Saturday night, March 9th, don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour. You don't want to be late for service on Sunday morning!

### **WELCA Planning Meeting**

**March 7, 2024**

**6:30pm**

**Sue Ferkingstad's Home**

All female members of FLW are automatically members of WELCA. Join us for food, fun, and planning for the upcoming year. Please contact Sue if you have questions or are interested in attending. 763.226.5833 or [sueferk@msn.com](mailto:sueferk@msn.com)

**Just Deeds Event**— The city of Plymouth recently joined the Just Deeds coalition, which enables Plymouth residents to remove discriminatory covenants from property deeds at no cost to the property owner. A free Just Deeds informational event is set for 6-8 pm, Monday, April 29 at the Plymouth Community Center, 14800 34th Avenue North. For more information, visit [plymouthmn.gov/justdeeds](http://plymouthmn.gov/justdeeds)



**2024 Empty Bowls Event**  
**Tuesday, March 19, 2024,**  
**5:00-7:30 pm**  
**Robbinsdale Cooper High School 8320 47th Avenue North,**  
**New Hope, MN**

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

Please join us for a free bowl, soup, bread, and local entertainment.

**Donations appreciated!**

**Mission of the Month: NEAR Food Shelf**

NEAR, North-Suburban Emergency Assistance Response, responds to the food insecurity needs of individuals and families in our community by distributing food every afternoon - Monday through Friday. NEAR receives donated food from our Second Harvest Heartland food rescue partners that include Cub, Target, HyVee and Aldi's. We also pick up food rescue donations from Almsted's, individuals, churches, and local farmers markets. Our administrative costs are approximately 8% of our the value of the food and products that we distribute to our clients. This is less than the target of 10% for charitable organizations.

To support this ministry, please make a donation to our March Mission of the Month. If writing a check, make the check out to FLW and write NEAR in the memo line. If donating online,

**Online Live Streaming and Recorded Worship**

For those who prefer at home and online worship and have wondered how to access it, we're here to help! Start by going to [www.faithlilacway.org](http://www.faithlilacway.org) On our main web page, click on Worship Online With Us, this will take you to the ONLINE WORSHIP page. Click on the LIVESTREAMS button to watch worship services. If you log on shortly before 9:30am, you will most likely see the date of the service displayed. When service begins you will be able to hear and see Sunday's worship service. If you wish to take communion, please have your elements of bread and wine or juice gathered prior to the start of service.

If you weren't able to watch a Sunday service at 9:30am, you would be able to access the recorded service a day or two after the worship service. Follow the instructions above and on the ONLINE WORSHIP page, the video will be accessible by clicking on the forward arrow.

There is no charge for live streaming or recorded services access. Need assistance? Contact the office and we'll be happy to help! 763.537.4523

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

March Birthdays			
Rylee Vierzba	1	Sally Fuchs	14
Cindy Brausen	2	Mary Peloquin	15
Julie Stobbs	5	Catherine Edstrom	19
Pastor Rebecca Holland	6	Alyssa Anderson	20
Pastor Ashley Updegraff	6	Linda Fernelius	20
Michelle Wood	7	Nancy Petersen	20
Mark Wietzke	8	Debbie Overman	23
Rory Joygaard	11	Brenda Thompson	24
Amery Vierzba	11	Taylor Ipsen	29
Lydia Foster	12	Samantha Swanson	30
Clint Hughes	12	Mary Weilage	31

**DUE MARCH 3rd!**



## 2024 EASTER FLOWERS

Order your Easter flowers now to beautify the church and then your home! **Orders with payment due March 3!**

Here are the prices:

		Qty	Total
<b>Easter Lily</b>	<b>\$9.25</b>	_____	_____
<b>Tulips</b>	<b>\$8.75</b>	_____	_____
(choose color: red/purple/yellow/assortment) Assortment is selected by Lynde Greenhouse & Nursery			
<b>Mums</b>	<b>\$9.25</b>	_____	_____
(choose color: purple/yellow/white/assortment) Assortment is selected by Lynde Greenhouse & Nursery			
<b>Hydrangeas</b>	<b>\$16.25</b>	_____	_____
(pink only)			
<b>Pansy Bowl</b>	<b>\$16.50</b>	_____	_____
<b>Total</b>		_____	_____

In memory of:

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In Honor of:

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Given by: (please include your phone number)

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### FLW Staff

- Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane
- Vicar Karen Peterson
- Ann Skoglund-Anderson, Music Director
- Sue Ferkingstad, Admn. Asst./Communications
- Mark Overman, Janitor

### FLW Council & Committees

- Larry Kuder, President & Property
- Dave Fernelius, Vice President & Congregational Life
- Sue Ferkingstad, Secretary, WELCA & Community Connections
- Paula Lindgren, Treasurer
- Jeananne Aenerud, Worship
- Clint Hughes, Community Connections
- Grant Galarneau-Becker, Stewardship
- Natasha Rice, Community Connections
- Lydia Foster, Youth

## Wednesday Midweek Lenten Soup and Services

### Lenten Soup and Supper

February 28, March 6, 13, 20

5:00 PM Soup Supper

6:30 PM Worship

**Come for soup and fellowship and then stay for the service!**

**Soup Supper and Conversation:** Join us Wednesdays during the month of March as we journey through the season of Lent. Come enjoy some soup and bread donated from **Breadsmith bakery** and stay for service! Sign up in the narthex or contact the office to sign up to bring a soup or a salad. Don't like to cook? Come anyway. There's plenty to share. All are welcome!

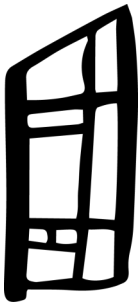


### Wednesday Midweek Lenten Theme: Altered by the Spirit

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, we are going to look at a kaleidoscope of stories from the Book of Acts around this theme: "Altered by the Spirit." As we engage with the Book of Acts, we will explore ways the Spirit alters our perspective, transforms our communities, and consistently blazes a trail ahead of us.

	PASTOR PAMELA STALHEIM LANE <b>Faith-Lilac Way</b>	FEBRUARY 21 ACTS 12:6-17 "Altered Through Stories We Don't Trust"
	PASTOR GRETCHEN RODE <b>House of Hope</b>	FEBRUARY 28 ACTS 9:1-22 "Altered Alongside Our Enemies"
	PASTOR COLIN GRANGAARD <b>First Lutheran Church of Crystal</b>	MARCH 6 ACTS 2:1-13 "Altered Through God's Creativity"
	PASTOR JASON WAHLSTROM <b>Holy Nativity</b>	MARCH 13 ACTS 8:26-40 "Altered on the Edge of Belonging"
	VICAR KAREN PETERSON <b>Faith-Lilac Way</b>	MARCH 20 ACTS 10:1-16, 34-35, 44-47 "Altered by Disruption"

**Curious? Come and see how the Holy Spirit is at work.  
Come and See what God has in store for you!**



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**Holy Week Services**

**Palm Sunday Worship, March 24th**

- 9:30am FLW Sanctuary
- 10:30am Continental Breakfast

**Maundy Thursday Worship, March 28th**

- 12:00noon Robbins Way
- 7:00pm FLW Sanctuary

**Good Friday Worship, March 29th**

- 7:00pm FLW Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday Worship, March 31st**

- 9:30am FLW Sanctuary

