



Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church



2023

November Banner

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Pastor's Article

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
His steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 118:1

November is a time of year that my mind turns to thanksgiving. Of course, this is the month that we celebrate the Thanksgiving Day holiday, but also, as we near the end of the year, it is good to take time to take stock of the year, and give thanks to God for the many blessings that we have received.

What are you thankful for? Loved ones? Health? "Enough" for daily needs? Opportunities? To be on the "right" side of the grass?

These are some of the things people mention when I ask. It is good to give God thanks for all these things – and more. Specifically, I want to give thanks this year for a few things that I sometimes take for granted.

This year, I am giving thanks for the gift of faith – in me and in you. Faith is a gift that affects how I live my life. The gift of faith is what comforts me when I am sad and gives me hope for the future – even when the world starts to look less safe, more challenging and even a bit hopeless. Still, because of faith, we can look forward – and not be afraid.

I also give thanks for living in a country that is at peace – at least for now. Peace is something that I have taken for granted – and yet there are so many places in our world today that are not at peace. So I give thanks for the peace that we share here and pray for peace – a just peace – for people in Ukraine and in Israel and in Palestine and in so many more places.

These are just some of the things for which I am thankful today. As Paul writes to the "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit."

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

So give thanks – and do not quench the Spirit. For God is at work in our world – and for this, we can give great thanks!

Pastor Pam



Vicar's Article

Remembering October 31, 1517

What do Lutherans celebrate every year on October 31st? It's true, most of us celebrate Halloween or at least give out candy to kids who come in cute costumes to our doors and say the magic words, "Trick or Treat!" But hopefully we also celebrate or pause to remember what Martin Luther did on October 31, 1517, when he nailed his 95 theses (statements for theological debate regarding the sale of indulgences by the church) to the doors of his Wittenberg church—he started the Protestant Reformation. His intention was only to reform the Roman Catholic church—to end corrupt and abusive practices such as the sale of indulgences. Little did he know that this reformation would continue for 130 years, splinter the church and endanger his very life.

While historians consider the Reformation to have ended in 1648, the truth is that the church is always being reformed and transformed by the Holy Spirit. For instance, the ordination of women and LGBTQ+ members are recent reforms that were surrounded by controversy. And the church's response to COVID, creating online worship and online community, was both reformation and transformation. Who knows what the Holy Spirit has in store for the church tomorrow?

Lutherans usually celebrate the Reformation on the last Sunday in October, by wearing red, remembering Martin Luther, and singing at least one of his hymns, but Reformation Day coincides with Halloween. So, take a moment that day to remember what happened on that fateful Halloween more than 500 years ago, and maybe consider wearing a red costume. Why red? Because it represents the Holy Spirit at work.

Vicar Karen

All Saints Sunday, November 5th

On this day, we remember those members and others who have died and whose lives we have celebrated since our last All Saints Sunday.

Beverley Maas – December 31, 2022

Helen Barbara (Nee Love) St. Peter – February 26, 2023

Robert (Bob) Carlson – March 8, 2023

Craig T. Carlson – March 10, 2023

Edith Helen Thielmann – June 8, 2023

Mary Margaret O'Neill – June 30, 2023

Lois Helen Anderson – October 2, 2023-funeral was October 13th

Announcements

Join us for Treats and Talk on Sunday Mornings!

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



Fall Gathering: A day retreat for Women

Saturday, November 4, 2023

9:00am-4:00pm

First Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights, MN

The registration fee will be on a sliding scale based on your ability to pay.

MplsWomenOfELCA.org

The Gathering Place Bonfire Wednesday, November 8th at 5:30 - 7 PM

Bundle up and come gather round the bonfire for brats, hot dogs, s'mores (or inside if it is inclement weather) and good conversation. Invite your friends and neighbors and then join us for food and good conversation by the fire.

Property Update!

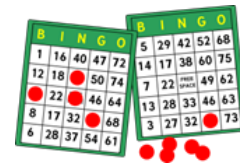
Someone once said: "Patience is a virtue." This is especially true when working on property issues.

- Waiting on metal parts that are only made by one company, the roof will not be able to be begun until Spring. In the meantime, the roofing company, Perfect Exteriors of Minnesota, will be patching our roof to avoid leaking.
- The Parking Lot Doors will be installed in late November.

Bingo at Robbins Way!

November 8th 4:00pm

**Come join your
Neighbors for
prizes, snacks, & fun!**



Prayers

Healing God, we give you thanks for your presence with us always. We lift up those in our congregation with ongoing health concerns including: David Bjorkquist, Helen Brandon, Carol Brown, Jacqueline Butkowski, Larry Geer, Carolyn Lageson, Joyce Merkel, Betty Schmidt, Linda St. John, Jackie Woolgar and Vic Woolgar. Surround these and all who are in need of health and healing with your loving care. Comfort those who have lost loved ones, including the family of Lois Anderson. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Mission of the Month: NEAR



What is NEAR? A non-profit volunteer organization, NEAR provides food relief to residents in our community. Established in 1974, they are supported through a cooperative effort of area churches, businesses and civic organizations.

Who Is Eligible?

Anyone from our community with a need for food is eligible.

NEAR partners with Second Harvest Heartland, The Food Group, and Hunger Solutions.

Thank you!

Thank you for your recent gift to Community Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP)!

CEAP continues to see an increase in need for our Food Market and an increased demand for Meals on Wheels as winter weather approaches. **Your gift ensures that we can nourish every neighbor.** Because of you, families, children, seniors, and all of our neighbors have access to our community safety net. Together, we are growing a **stronger, healthier, and more connected community!** Clare Brumback CEAP President

From the Wildfire Every Meal Board:

Thank you Faith Lilac Way for the very generous donation to Every Meal. This gift will help us continue to do the important work of providing meals to families that experience food insecurity. You are a blessing!

It's time to clean out the Lost & Found Trunk! The trunk in the Narthex is overflowing with items lost that need to be found. On Sunday, November 5th and again on November 12th items will be displayed in the Narthex. On November 5th reclaim an item you misplaced, and/or on November 12th shop for an item you could use. After the 12th, all remaining goods will be donated.

Baking Bread Part 2!

Join Clint Hughes for a deeper dive into bread making.
Saturday, November 18th from 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.



Clint Hughes led a quick bread making class on Sunday, October 1st. Attendees took their bread dough home and baked it at a later time. Here are some of the results! Yum!



Stuart Lane



Pastor Pam Stalheim Lane



Vicar Karen Peterson



Dave Peloquin



Linda Fernelius



November

Dennis Engquist	1
Rol Flom	1
Colleen Foster	1
Scott Edstrom	3
Clinton Grev	4
Dave Peloquin	4
David Wietzke	6
Peter Reutiman	7
Jessica Swanson	7
Vicar Karen Peterson	11
Josephine Lindgren	12
Brianna Overman	12
Grant Galarneau-Becker	13
Evan Kuder	13
Thea Pease	19
Heather Davis	24
Zachary Evans	25
Jacqueline Mueller	28
Brendan Shaw	28
Trevor Shaw	28
Joey Bahneman	29

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

Treasurer's Report to FLW

This is a quick summary of how we are doing financially. These are the numbers (actual and budgeted) for January-September for this year.

INCOME

Actual	Budgeted
\$193,139	\$205,834

Our giving is down by **6%** from what was budgeted.

EXPENSES

Actual	Budgeted
\$221,624	\$214,088

Then expenses are slightly over budget **by 4%**.

Feel free to ask me any questions.

Paula Lindgren, FLW Treasurer

Online Live Streaming and Recorded Worship Service

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 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

Be a part of the Snow Team!

This year we are creating a "Snow Team" of dedicated volunteers to take care of snow-blowing the sidewalks around the church. Sign up in the church Narthex or call the church office to sign up for a week at a time to keep the sidewalks clear and safe. 763.537.4523





(SUN photo by Anja Wuolu)

FLW member and NEAR Food Shelf volunteer Sandy Blackman and fellow volunteer Linda Omark are showing off their face painting at the Faith & Blue Fall Festival. NEAR partnered with the Crystal Police Department to collect donations and raise awareness for the need of items many take for granted every day. The most needed items include pasta, cereal, cooking oil, peanut butter, boxed or canned meals, canned or pouched tuna and chicken, canned soup, vegetables, and pasta sauce. Personal items needed include shampoo, deodorant, baby wipes, and facial tissues. Donated items can be left in the bin in the entryway of the church.

All Saints Sunday – Sunday, November 5

You are invited.

On All Saints Sunday, we celebrate all who have been baptized. For as Martin Luther declared, we are all “Saints and Sinners.” We are sinners because we all fall short of being the people that God made us to be. We are all in need of forgiveness. Yet, at the same time, Jesus has made us all “Saints,” taking our sin upon Himself and restoring us to wholeness with God. We also remember and give thanks for those who have died and been redeemed by Christ. They have been forgiven and made Saints by Christ.

On All Saints Sunday, November 5th, we will be lighting candles on the altar in remembrance of those members who have died within the past year. We will also have candles available in the windows so that worshippers may light a candle in remembrance of a loved one (whether or not they died this past year or were a member of FLW). **If you know someone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, please extend the invitation to them to come and light a candle for their loved one and be bathed in prayers for healing and wholeness.**

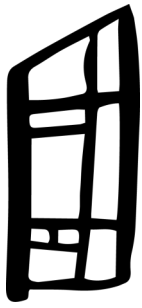
Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 22 at 7 PM Followed by....80th Anniversary Pie Party!



You are invited to our Annual FLW Anniversary Pie Party following Thanksgiving eve worship! Bring a pie if you are able (homemade or store-bought). Whether you can bring a pie or not, please come and celebrate with us!

Sunday, November 26 First Sunday of Advent!

If you – or your family – would like to light the Advent candles this year, please contact the church office 763-537-4523 or office@faithlilacway.org.



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Celebrate Faith-Lilac Way's 80 Years and Commitment to the Future Sunday, November 19

9:30 AM Worship

10:30 Congregational and Community Potluck

Celebrate with us as we announce the results of our ingathering of commitments to support Faith-Lilac Way in the upcoming year and celebrate the 80th anniversary of Faith-Lilac Way. Donations of egg bakes, muffins, fruit, desserts, or funds are happily received – however – no donation is required. After all, Jesus fed all 5,000 plus people on the hilltop and not just the boy who brought 5 loaves and 2 fish. Sign up, if you are able, in the narthex or by calling (763-537-4523) or emailing (office@faithlilacway.org) the church office.

