



the Banner of Faith
Faith Lilac Way Lutheran Church
October

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Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 3 at 9:30 AM

Parking Lot Worship

*Bring your furry, feathery, or finny
friends for a blessing!*



Pastor's Article

Just before school started, a mother shared with me an exchange she had with her Kindergarten-to-be daughter:

Daughter: "I've decided. I'm not going to go to Kindergarten after all."

Mother: "Why not? I thought you were excited to get to go to school."

Daughter: "Why should I go? I don't think I need to learn anything more."

The mother told me that it was all that she could do to not laugh after this exchange. Of course, the little girl *did start school this year... and she is thriving.*



Trying something new is always a risk. But it also presents an opportunity. Here are some FAQ (frequently asked questions):

- *How is this new learning community different from what we have done in the past?*

This program is being run by the Minneapolis Area Synod, in conjunction with Augsburg University and is funded by a grant through the Lilly Endowment which is interested in helping congregations thrive. We will be in a cohort with other Wildfire congregations - Cross of Glory, First Lutheran, and Holy Nativity and with Christ Memorial in Plymouth.

- *Why are we doing this? What is our goal?*

Our big goal is to learn and teach faith practices that help us to tell our story and God's story in our everyday lives and to practice what it means to be a good neighbor.

- *Who is going to be on the FLW Faith-Practices and Neighboring Practices team?*

Four of our members: Sue Ferkingstand, Rory Joygaard, Heather Lane, and Tommy Thompson have joined Vicar Kyle Anderson and myself as the FLW team

- *How much does it cost?*

The financial costs are completely paid for by the grant.

- *What does this mean for the congregation?*

You, as a congregation, are asked to pray for the team, the cohort and the congregation. The team will be learning and then teaching two "keystone habits", one-to-ones and intentional prayer. These practices will ground us in our learning throughout the two years and help us to discern where God is at work both within our congregation and our surrounding community.

You, as a congregation, are asked to help the team listen for how God is calling us to grow in faith, be open to learning and trying new faith practices and neighboring practices so that we can share God's Good News with our neighbor.

In some ways, it is nothing new. Jesus called us to love God and love our neighbor. I am hopeful that engaging in Faith-Practices, Neighboring Practices with the Synod may challenge us, equip us and inspire us to live out the mission that God has for us in our neighborhoods and in our lives.

But it involves a risk. We may be made a little uncomfortable by some of the ideas and questions presented. At times you may be out of your comfort zone. But as Nick Tangen, director of Faith Practices and Neighboring Practices, says, **“One community’s faith practices and neighboring practices will not look the same as the congregation next door.”** Each congregation is a distinct community with their own gifts, talents and challenges. And yet, one of the benefits of being a part of a cohort of congregations, is that we will be able to learn together and from one another’s experiences.

Together we will be exploring new ways to pray, to engage God’s story and to listen to our neighbors. We - the team, the cohort, and the whole congregation --will be encouraged to ask questions, to wonder and to pray about where God is leading us and how we can authentically practice our faith and be the neighbors that Christ asks us to be.

Thank you, in advance, for your prayers and your care.



As part of our Faith Practices/ Neighboring Practices cohort, you will be invited to try some new faith practices. Here’s one way to pray - using a journal or notebook. Write:

P - Praise and thank:

- + Start with an adjective of praise: Awesome, Mighty, Wonderful
- + Add one of the ways we think about God: God/ C Creator/ Redeemer/ Son of God/ Spirit
- + Add a sentence or two of things/people/ experiences for whom you are thankful.
Thank you God for...

R - Repent: saying sorry for things you/ we have done or left undone.

A - Ask for everything that you need/ worry about/ hope for/ dream for

Y - Yes. We pray that it may be so.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Tangen'.

We pray...

Healer of our every ill, may your healing hand upon those in need of care including: Donna Benson, Craig Blackman, Carol Brown, Jacqueline Butkowski, Bob Fernelius, Larry Geer, Brad Hesselund, Carolyn Lageson, Joyce Merkel, Margaret Pendzimus, Herb Schelk, Linda St. John, Lucas Wiste, and Vic Woolgar. Be with all who are hurting, especially those with the coronavirus and those who are caring for all who are ill.

Redeemer, we give you thanks for those saints who have gone before us including Jane Bork and Ramona Anderson. Comfort their families with the knowledge of your presence and the assurance of eternal life.

Creator, we give you thanks for the gift of animals, both those who live with us and those who live in the wild. Help us to be good stewards of the land and water so that all creatures may thrive.

You who makes all things new: we give you thanks for Martin Luther and all of the reformers who were not afraid to trust in your Word and your Way.

All this we offer to you, dear Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Vicar Article

As summer turns into fall we all are starting to settle into new routines. On Sunday mornings our worship is now accompanied by educational opportunities for all ages. I am looking forward to engaging with both adult learners as well as our Sunday School children and Confirmation youth in the year ahead.

The return to school also has me excited to work with the Every Meal program. Every Meal provides kids with grocery items that they can take home so that young learners have enough food to eat on the weekends. Helping to meet the nutritional needs of all school children provides these students the opportunity to thrive academically and to achieve their potential. The Every Meal program is looking for volunteers to distribute food at grade schools in the Robbinsdale school district. Generally volunteers are needed on Fridays so if you interested and available we would love to have the help. Depending on the site, shifts are between one hour and an hour and a half. Please contact either Linda Fernelius or me for more information about this volunteer opportunity.



Creation Care

According to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres the recently released Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report was nothing less than a “code red for humanity.” The need for immediate action is clear. As a Christian community how do we faithfully respond to this crisis?

Humans are unique creatures. In Psalm 8 the psalmist proclaims that humans have been given dominion over God’s creation and that God has put all things under our control. For far too long we have misused our powers and we have exploited our natural environment. Texts like Philippians 2:7 attest that living in the way of Christ is to live as a servant leader. The natural world is crying out in distress and now is the time for us to act as advocates for all of creation and to protect the environment which God has entrusted to us.

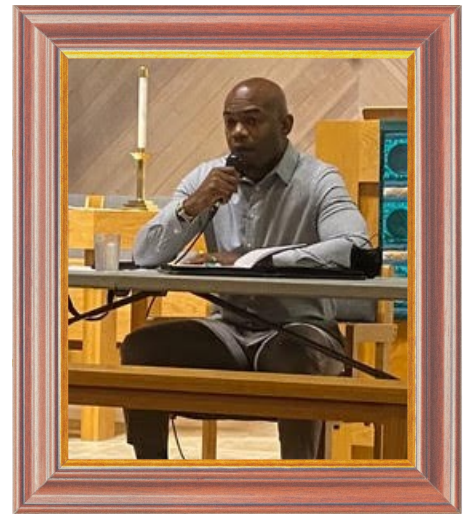
The news is definitely dire but as Christians we live in hope. God has a way of providing salvation in unlikely circumstances going all the way back to the deliverance of the Israelites at the Red Sea. Our seemingly small actions like driving and flying less, eating less meat, and using less plastic add up and do make a difference. As a Christian who lives in the promise of the Resurrection I have hope that our small actions will inspire the larger actions that are required to live sustainably and in harmony with the earth.

Our October 3 worship service will involve a blessing of the animals and this will be a time to give thanks for God’s creation. Our adult education hour on that day will include a discussion of the ELCA’s social statement *Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice*. The social statement is available on the ELCA’s website and I invite you all to read it. If you cannot find it online please feel free to reach out to Vicar Kyle who will provide you with a copy of it.

- Vicar Kyle Anderson

Wildfire Community Voices Event with Senate District 45 State Legislators

On Tuesday evening, September 21, Faith-Lilac Way hosted a forum with the state legislators representing Senate District 45. The forum had a live audience and was also livestreamed on the Wildfire Facebook page. The participating legislators were State Senator Ann Rest of New Hope, State Representative Cedrick Frazier of New Hope from District 45A, and State Representative Mike Freiberg of Golden Valley from District 45B.



The legislators each made an opening statement where they discussed what they think are the most serious challenges facing our community and what gives them hope for our community. The legislators addressed a wide variety of issues including COVID-19, affordable housing, multi-modal transportation, racial inequities, climate change, and voting rights. All of the legislators said that they were optimistic about the future because of the children in our community.

Each legislator then talked about how individuals and congregations can help create solutions. The legislators emphasized that churches are valuable in building community. They recognized that churches are essential for helping those who need charitable assistance. In addition, the legislators acknowledged that the church can be a powerful voice in helping to shape public policy.

After their presentations the legislators answered questions which were submitted by audience members. The questions presented gave the legislators an opportunity to talk about additional topics including bonuses for frontline workers, education, college affordability, redistricting, and police reform.

This event was a great opportunity to interact with our elected officials about issues that are very important to our community. We thank our legislators for participating in this event and we also thank all community members who participated both in person and online.

Education Classes & Opportunities

- Sunday School: Sundays after worship
- Confirmation: Wed. afternoons/Sr. High: Wed. night at 6:30 PM
- Adult Classes: Sundays after worship
- Please let us know if you would like an online or weekday option. We are exploring other times and topics. Let us know!



By the grace of God and the call of the Church

Rebecca Lynn Richardson Holland

will be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament
in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church

on Saturday, the sixteenth day of October
in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty one
at one o' clock in the afternoon

at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
8211 Red Oak Drive
Mounds View, Minnesota



Your prayers and presence are requested.

The color of the day is red.

Ministers and seminarians are invited to vest and process.

Reception to follow the service.

Becca has been called to serve as Associate Pastor at
Spirit Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin

The service will also be available virtually:
<http://www.youtube.com/c/SpiritLutheran>

Masks are required. Red masks will be available as you enter.

October Birthdays

Jack Wilson	1st
Donna Helder	2nd
Marjorie Lane	2nd
Grace Stobbs	2nd
Linda St. John	4th
Joseph Bahneman	5th
Preston Stevens	7th
Evan Shallcross	8th
Daniel Shaw	9th
Tim Brausen	10th
Lynn Hillestad	12th
David Bjorkquist	19th
Eric J Olson	19th
Lauren Lynum	22nd
Jacob Edstrom	23rd
Jonathan Lindgren	24th
Rose Nwoko	24th
Everett Love	25th
Autumn Wiste	25th
Robert Fernelius	26th
Lauren Helder	27th
Cyndi Lettau	28th
Joseph Luoma	28th
Lucille Nelson	29th
George West	31st

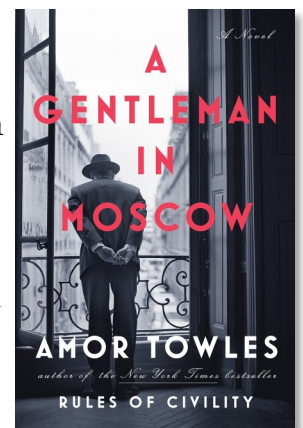
(If your birthday is not listed,
please let us know!)

Book Club

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

October 14 at 7

A historical fiction, *A Gentleman in Moscow*, tells the story of Count Alexander Rostov, a Russian nobleman who, after the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, is sentenced to lifelong imprisonment in Moscow's Metropol Hotel. The Count must adjust not only to his new circumstances in a small room in the hotel's belfry but also to the knowledge that his way of life is disappearing under the Bolshevik regime. The Count witnesses his country changing outside his window, and he must learn to reconcile these changes with the past he holds dear. In the process he learns some life lessons... Join us! We will be reading the first half - Ch 1 - chapter entitled 1938. We will be meeting outside at Mary Peloquin's home. Please contact her or Pastor Pam for more information and directions!



Near Food Shelf Needs Volunteers!

- NEAR serves clients who live in the cities of Crystal, New Hope and Robbinsdale, Monday through Friday.
- Daily volunteer opportunities are available: Drivers - pick up from donor stores; Morning Shift - sort, pack, store food/supplies; Afternoon Shift - distribute food/supplies to clients; Phone Volunteer - schedule client appts. (Work remotely).
- We encourage you to volunteer at NEAR! We would appreciate your help on a daily, weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis.
- Please contact our Food Shelf Manager for more details, Monday - Friday 9AM to 4PM: Call Thea at (763) 231-3020 or Email: manager.nearfoodshelf@gmail.com
- NEAR adheres to COVID-19 safety practices / must be 18 or older.

Covid-19 Updates



Following CDC guidelines, Faith-Lilac Way's policy is that unvaccinated people wear a mask and be socially distant while in the church building. Also, in keeping with the CDC guidelines, Faith-Lilac Way Council recommends that all people masks and be physically distanced from one another while in the building because of the increased spread of the Delta variant even from vaccinated people. We will continue to offer in-sanctuary worship, parking lot radio worship and online worship. However, if none of these options work for you, please let us know because we also mail bulletins, prayers and the sermon out to those who would like to receive it. This policy is subject to change based on updates from the CDC and the church council.

Acknowledgments

Every Meal

Thank you again for the food drive you held for Every Meal. The food weighed out at 850 lbs! That contribution makes a tremendous impact on our work to fight child hunger. If you or your colleagues, friends, or family are interested in learning about more ways to get involved at Every Meal, such as volunteering or fundraising opportunities, please don't hesitate to reach out.

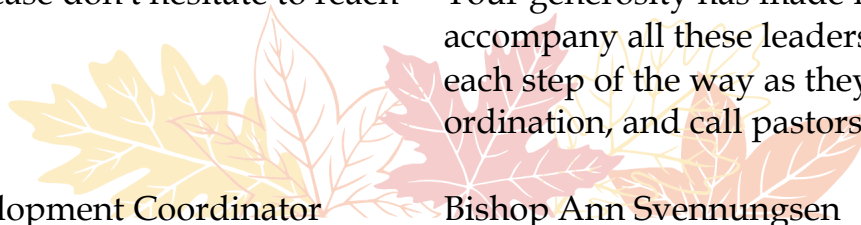
With gratitude,
Charlie Dornfeld
Every Meal Development Coordinator

Minneapolis Area Synod

On behalf of the Synod Council and the entire Minneapolis Area Synod, thank you for your generosity and your support of God's work in this place across the globe. Through these challenging times, mission support has remained fairly steady. We have been able to maintain our commitment to the congregations of the synod thanks to the generosity your congregation has shown.

Your generosity has made it possible to accompany all these leaders and congregations at each step of the way as they learn, grow, seek ordination, and call pastors and deacons.

Bishop Ann Svennungsen





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Worship Schedule All Are Welcome!

Online at faithlilacway.org, in-sanctuary, parking lot, or at home!

9:30 AM: Worship in Sanctuary and Parking Lot -
Simultaneously

10:30 AM: Coffee and treats in the Parking Lot!

10:30 AM: Education Hour - Adults and Kids
outside if the weather permits



Mission of the Month for October

Luther Seminary educates leaders for Christian communities called and sent to serve in God's world. Faith-Lilac Way partners with Luther Seminary as an Internship site. Our donations help Luther Seminary provide quality education and scholarships for students. You can give online, mail in your offering or bring your donation to church. Please mark your envelope "Mission of the Month: Luther Seminary."