



# September 2021



## Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church



**Wildfire | God's Work, Our Hands**  
Gather in the Parking Lot at Holy Nativity

Sat. Sept 11 | 9 - 11 AM  
3900 Winnetka Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55427

9 AM Breakfast  
9:30 AM Worship  
10 – 11 Service projects:

- Food and Fund drive for Every Meal  
Sort and bag meals (*see page 4*)
- Make birthday cards for kids at Camp Noah
- Write letters for Bread for the World
- Lutheran World Relief baby kits

### All Are Welcome!

Worship Online, in the sanctuary, parking lot or at home.

9:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary and Parking Lot - Simultaneously  
10:30 Coffee and treats

Online worship available at [Faithlilacway.org](http://Faithlilacway.org)

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Robbinsdale MN  
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# Pastor's Article

Dear friends in Christ,

Have you ever noticed that while there are lots of stories about sheep in the Bible, there aren't so many about goats. Usually goats are just lumped in with the rest of the cattle. Except once. In Matthew, Jesus tells the story of the last judgment and says: *"All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left."*



No offense to any left-handers, but those at the right hand (the sheep) are preferred and the goats at the left are not. I never thought it was quite fair. After all, while both sheep and goats are a source of meat and wool, goats provide excellent milk and amazing cheese!

But this summer, as I was hiking in the mountains in Montana, I saw a herd of Mountain goats. They were munching on grass in the alpine grove near where we had set up camp. I tried to be quiet so as to not startle them. But one of them was clearly on the lookout. I assumed that he was wondering if we were going to hurt them. So, I said in a gentle voice, "It's ok. We won't hurt you."

It was as if I rang the dinner bell. They all came towards me – and our tent. My knowledge of goats is not vast, but I did know that they will eat just about anything. So we shooed them away. And they came back. Just like kids playing a game of capture the flag, they tried every way imaginable to try to get to our tent. They were so pesky!

But they were also absolutely adorable. So on that day, I understood why they maybe had a bad reputation. But I also gave thanks to God for pesky Mountain goats - a delight to the eyes --- as long as I kept my eye on them so they didn't get into my tent!

Blessings to you as you look for delight in unusual places!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Dan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# Vicar's Article

I could not have had a better start to my ministry at Faith-Lilac Way. I appreciate the very warm welcome that I have received from the congregation and I am looking forward to getting to know the members of this faith community. During my first week I particularly enjoyed assisting with Sunday worship and also assisting with the funeral service for Gloria Voeltz. I have been a lay worship leader many times previously but this is the first time since the start of the pandemic that I had the privilege of reading prayers and lessons.

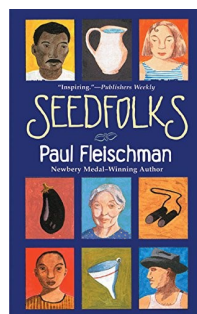
I am beginning to think about my first sermon which will be preached on August 29. I am also looking ahead to September and the start of the program year. I am cautiously optimistic that we will be able to enjoy a "normal" schedule of worship, Christian education, and fellowship. As we have learned during the pandemic it is best to take things one day at a time and appreciate the opportunities that we have to gather together safely.

*Kyle Anderson*

## Book Club!

Book Club reads a short but inspiring book!

**Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman**  
September 9 at 7 PM



A Vietnamese girl plants six lima beans in a Cleveland vacant lot and then...find out what happens. Join us! We will be meeting outside at a member's home. Please contact Pastor Pam for more information and directions!

## Youth & Families Pizza Party Kickoff!

Wednesday, September  
8 at 6:30 PM

On the FLW lawn  
*(Fellowship Hall in case of rain)*



# Mission of the Month:



**EVERY MEAL**  
FIGHTING CHILD HUNGER

**Did you know: more than 300,000 children in Minnesota live with food insecurity.** When these children don't have access to the free and reduced meal programs at school, they don't have access to reliable food and the risk of hunger is very real. **Every Meal** works to fight hunger in our community by filling the gaps in food access that children face during weekends, summers, and extended breaks.

## Items to bring for Food and Fund Drive for EVERY MEAL

*With Every Meal, Wildfire churches provide nutritious meals for school children's families.*

- **Fruits:** Pineapple, peaches, mango, pears, applesauce, mandarin oranges, mango, prunes/raisins
- **Vegetables:** Carrots, Corn, mixed veggies, green beans, peas, bamboo shoots, baby corn
- **Entrées:** Chili, chicken noodle soup, pasta sauce, mac and cheese, ravioli, enchilada sauce, chipotle in adobo, diced chiles, diced tomato, tomato paste, fava beans, curry soup, coconut milk, curry paste, tomato soup
- **Base/Grain:** Rice, spaghetti, macaroni, oatmeal, corn flour, fideo noodle, rice noodle, bean thread noodle
- **Protein:** Tuna, chicken, black bean



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- It is best if all canned items are under 16oz.
- Looking for pop tops
- Requesting that items be nut-free
- Not accepting expired food – please make sure the food you are donating will not expire for at least the next 6 months

**Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church and Wildfire's  
Community Voices present:**

***A Conversation with  
SD45 Legislators***



Rep. Cedrick Frazier, 45A

Senator Ann Rest, 45

Rep. Mike Freiberg, 45B

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021    7:00-8:00pm**  
**Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church**

**5530 42nd Ave. N, Robbinsdale, MN 55422**

**Website: [faithlilacway.org](http://faithlilacway.org)**

**This event will also be live-streamed on Facebook and recorded.**

We are honored to have Senator Ann Rest, Rep. Cedrick Frazier, and Rep. Mike Freiberg as our special guests at this event. Join us as they talk about the most serious challenges facing district 45, what gives them hope, and how individuals and congregations can help create solutions. This non-partisan event is part of Wildfire's Community Voices speakers series featuring community leaders. Find out more at [www.wildfirechurches.org](http://www.wildfirechurches.org).



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# Thank You Notes & Birthdays

Dear Members of FLW,  
I was so touched by my sending  
service on August 1st, and I will  
remember that moment always.  
Thanks to the musicians for  
their beautiful blessing at the  
end, and to the congregation  
for the unexpected but  
marvelous out pouring of  
gifts. Unbelievable!

Your Sister in Christ,  
Kristin

Dear friends at FLW,  
Thank you for all the ways  
you support Cherish All  
Children! Your Mission of  
the Month gifts,  
participations and support  
through the 5K, and your  
prayers are so greatly  
appreciated! We are  
excited to be launching a  
new guide for confirmation  
classes and youth groups—  
safe and healthy  
relationships—coming this  
fall. Your partnership helps  
make this happen!

-Joy McElroy

- Daniel Stalheim Lane.....1st
- Jay Wood.....1st
- Dexter Wiste.....2nd
- Chad Rambow.....3rd
- Richard Hanson.....4th
- Casey Swanson.....5th
- Kim Weilage.....5th
- Ruth Kuder.....6th
- Kira Li Hinz.....7th
- Joe Bahneman.....11th
- Garrett Lane.....11th
- Devin Rambow.....11th
- Alexander Ipsen.....12th
- Douglas Schuur.....13th
- Rob Nowak.....14th
- Elizabeth Vierzba.....14th
- Edith Esposito.....15st
- Jayce Goodwin.....15th
- Jayden Goodwin.....15th
- Ziva Mae Joygaard.....15th
- Nickolas Olson.....16th
- Ethan Lane.....17th
- Jonah Blackman.....18th
- Grace Lawson.....19th

- Barret Lane.....20th
- Craig Lewis.....20th
- Adam Morton.....20th
- Casey Weilage.....20th
- Justin Anderson.....22nd
- Donald Davis.....27th
- Katherine Evans.....27th

## Happy Birthday!

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



## Are we there yet?

It's the classic question when you are on the way somewhere - anywhere really - and whoever is asking the question is already ready to be done with the journey. (And it's not just kids).

If we ask the question about the pandemic, I'm afraid that while I was hoping and wanting to be done with covid-everything, it appears that the coronavirus - and its variants and the resulting challenges that come with it - is not done with us.

Following CDC guidelines, Faith-Lilac Way's church council asks unvaccinated people to wear a mask and be socially distant while in the church building. Also, in keeping with the CDC guidelines, we recommend that all people mask 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.

Our Fall programming will be dependent upon how we need to respond to the virus. We are planning to begin in-person classes in September. But the virus has a way of changing our plans. So stay tuned for updates. Contact me with any questions.

As we continue to hope and pray that we will all be able to declare the pandemic "over" soon, let us:

- Trust medical people to be the experts on medicine.
- Help our neighbor who is in need;
- Love one another as Christ loves us.

For if we do this, we will be the community that Christ made us to be. For nothing - not the virus or any other ills - is able to overcome the power of the love of Christ.

Thanks be to God - who continues to work in us and through us.

Pastor Pam





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## Prayers

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### ***We pray...***

Dear God, We give thanks for your presence with us always and for the love and joy you give us each day. We also ask for your healing hand upon those in need of care including: *Ramona Anderson, Donna Benson, Craig Blackman, Jane Bork, Carol Brown, Jacqueline Butkowski, Bob Fernelius, Larry Geer, Brad Hesslund, Carolyn Lageson, Joyce Merkel, Margaret Pendzimus, Herb Scheelk, Linda St. John, Lucas Wiste, and Vic Woolgar.* We also pray for those in need outside of our community. Grant aid to those in Haiti suffering from the earthquake, those in Afghanistan who are attempting to reach safety, those who are fighting wildfires in the BWCA and elsewhere and those who are suffering from drought and yearning for water. All our needs, all our cares we lift up to you in Jesus' name. Amen.

