



# Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church

## The Big Band Bash!

September Banner 2022

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# Pastoral Article



“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” *Lamentations 3: 22-23*

We have been singing these verses from the book of Lamentations as our Gospel acclamation this summer - and I find myself humming them at stoplights and singing them in my car on my way home. The rest of the book of Lamentations is just that - a lament at the state of the world, his community, and his own life. But then... in the midst of it all, he remembers that God is loving - and God's grace and mercy are new every single morning. And those words always bring a sense of hope to me.

I love the month of September because it signals the start of new things. Fall marks the beginning of a new church program year. The choir comes back after its summer recess Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson is inviting you to join them this year! *See page 3.* Education programs begin. *See page 3 for the adult options.* If you have Sunday School age children or grandchildren - see Linda Fernelius. And, if you have confirmation age children or neighbors, see me. No matter your age - it's time to learn something new!

September marks the beginning of school. This year, I will join the ranks of students returning to school. However, I won't be getting on a school bus. Instead, as my continuing education this year, I'll be taking a course called *Tending the Holy at the Christos Center for Spiritual Formation*. Tending the Holy is a Christian ecumenical program that “rests on the premise that we receive the gift to be present and listen to another's story in a healthy way through our own prayerful practices and contemplative experiences of God.” It is based on prayer and contemplative prayer practices.

When you are learning to ride a bike - or swim - or pray in a new way - the best way to learn is to practice it. In October, after having spent a little time learning, I plan to schedule a time for contemplative prayer at Faith-Lilac Way some time during the week. Let me know if you are interested and what times might work best for you - either in person or online.

In September, I am also going to try a new way of getting out into the community. On Thursday, September 8 and September 22 I'll be holding “Office Hours” on the patio (weather permitting) between the Wicked Wort and the Coffee Bean in Robbinsdale on from 4-5:30 PM Stop in with a prayer request, share a beverage of your choice or just to say hi!

God's mercies are new every morning so let us explore what God has in store for us!



*Pastor Paul*

# Vicar Article

Hello and grace and peace to you, Faith Lilac Way!

Several years ago I was going through a trying time in my life and I was struggling to see where God was at work in me and in my life. I imagine many of us may have experienced moments like this in our own lives. A friend suggested I start keeping a journal and each night before bed I would simply write down a list of where I saw God that day. I decided to give it a try and it was a transformative experience for me and my faith. What I learned was that God shows up in a multitude of ways—sometimes in clear gestures—but most often in small, subtle ways that we can often miss. God can be present and sustain us in moments as simple as a smile, a good meal, the warmth of the sun or even a good night's rest.

One of my passions in ministry is to help people find ways that they personally connect to God or experience God in their lives, so don't be surprised if I eventually ask you where you experience God. Do you feel connected to God when you are in nature? When you hear music that touches your heart? In the moments of quiet after a busy day? For the next few weeks I encourage you to keep a journal of your own. At the end of each day take a simple moment to reflect on the events of your day and where you think God was present. I imagine you will find God in more places than you think, and I would love to hear some of your God moments!

Blessings,

*Vicar Joanna Kathol*



## Welcome Rev. Linda S. Campbell Sunday, September 25

The Synod's Faith Practices Neighboring Practices Team has asked all of the Faith Practicing and Neighboring Practices Team members to gather for a planning retreat on the weekend of September 24-25. And, realizing that Pastor Pam and Vicar Joanna couldn't be in two places at one time, they are sending FLW a guest preacher for the Sunday worship. Please welcome Rev. Linda Campbell to Faith-Lilac way! See her introduction below.

Rev. Linda Campbell was ordained in 1981 in the Lutheran Church of America, a predecessor body of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She served as pastor of a congregation and as a campus pastor in Wisconsin, prior to returning to Minnesota where she completed training and certification as a Chaplain and a Certified Educator in Clinical Pastoral Care. She served as Associate Director of Chaplains at the University of Minnesota Hospital and Clinic; Director of Chaplaincy and CPE at Regions Hospital; and as Clinical Pastoral Educator and Chaplain Supervisor (Chief) at the St. Cloud Veterans Affairs Health Care System prior to retiring in 2020.

# What's Happening in September!

## Sunday Morning Adult Class Series

### Lesser Known Women of the Old Testament

Many of us may recall from Sunday School the story of Abraham's wife, Sarah, but have you heard the story about her servant girl, Hagar? How about Shiphrah and Puah? The Old Testament is full of stories of unique and powerful women who have a lot to teach us about bravery, overcoming challenges, and faith. During September and October we will be exploring the stories of some of the lesser known women of the Old Testament during our 10:30am Adult Class time on Sunday mornings. Bring your Bibles and your questions and join us for some interesting study and conversation. We hope to see you there!



#### **Schedule for Sunday Morning Adult Time:**

September 11th—Get to Know Vicar Joanna

September 18th—The Story of Hagar

September 25th—Fellowship Time

October 2nd—The Bravery of Shiphrah,  
Puah & Mariam

October 9th—Rahab the Unlikely Hero

## Robbinsdale Meet & Greet!

Monday, September 12th from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

Faith-Lilac Way will host a booth at the Robbinsdale Meet & Greet in downtown Robbinsdale on Monday, September 12th from 5:30-7:30 PM. Join us as we meet and greet our neighbors! There are prizes to win, food to eat and friends to meet! Bring family and friends!



## Lift Every Voice and Sing!

Join the choir!! Our first choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 PM.

Come and sing songs and stay for a sweet treat. We will get to know each other, talk about plans for the Fall, Advent and Christmas seasons and answer any questions you may have. Everyone is welcome - whether you have sung in the choir for years or you want to try it out for the first time.



# Save the date! Wildfire God's Work Our Hands

**Saturday, September 10 | Holy Nativity Lutheran Church**

**3900 Winnetka Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55427, In the parking lot  
(weather permitting)**



9:30 AM: Breakfast  
10:00 AM: Worship  
10:30 AM: Service activities

- Pack a meal or school supplies
- Tie a Blanket and a dog toy!
- Make plastic mats for homeless people
- Write a letter for Bread for the World
- Decorate and sign a birthday card for Camp Noah Kits



**Join our Wildfire partners in doing God's Work with your hands!**

## Mission of the Month: Wildfire Every Meal

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. 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.

Wildfire Churches, including FLW, provide nutritious and culturally appropriate food bags to children's backpacks at Lakeview, Forest and Meadowlake Elementary schools every week. Your donation helps provide the food for the bags our volunteers put in the children's backpacks. Thank you for your support. Please make checks payable to Faith Lilac Way with a note that says Mission of the Month: EveryMeal



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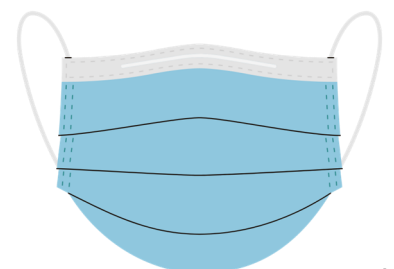


**EVERY MEAL**  
FIGHTING CHILD HUNGER

## Covid Recommendations

Please refer to the website or search the link below to check the current risk level.

<https://www.hennepin.us/residents/emergencies/covid-public-dashboard>



# Organizations to help our Neighbors

## Shoe Away Hunger

A single pair of new or gently used shoes, for someone in need, can have a big impact. How can you help? It's easy. Simply collect your new or gently used footwear including sneakers, casual shoes, winter boots, sandals, and heels. Encourage your friends, relatives and neighbors to do the same. Tie or band them together to avoid "shoe orphans" and please place them in a plastic bag to keep them dry. Your shoes can be dropped off at any of these 9 Schuler Shoe Store locations: <https://www.schulershoes.com/stores> or the Fridley warehouse. See <https://www.goodinthehood.org/our-programs/shoe-away-hunger/> for more information.



**NEAR Food Shelf** - Our local food shelf provides school supplies in the fall and food for those in our neighborhood. Their number is (763) 533-2836.

**PRISM** - In addition to providing food for those in need, Prism has a housing program with rental and utility assistance to help families stay in their homes, a thrift store for clothing and other government resources. Their number is (763) 529-1350.



## Prayers

Holy Spirit, Comfort all who are grieving or in pain. Be with all from our congregation who are in need of your care including: Lois Anderson, David Bjorkquist, Helen Brandon, Carol Brown, Jacqueline Butkowski, Larry Geer, Carolyn Lageson, Joyce Merkel, Edith Thielmann, Lucas Wiste, Jackie Woolgar, and Vic Woolgar.

## Weddings

August 5: Meredith Foster & Conner Distad - Congratulations Meredith and Conner Distad!

August 27: Ashley Galarneau & Grant Becker - Congratulations Grant and Ashley Galarneau-Becker!

## Funerals

We give those for the saints who have gone before us:

July 27, 2022: Elaine Schmidt

August 25, 2022: Jean Chapman (sister of Linda Christensen)

## September Birthdays!

Daniel Stalheim Lane....1st	Garrett Lane.....11th	Ethan Lane.....7th
Jay Wood.....1st	Devin Rambow.....11th	Jonah Blackman.....18th
Chad Rambow.....3rd	Alex Ipsen.....12th	Jessica Hughes.....18th
Casey Swanson.....5th	Rob Nowak.....14th	Grace Lawson.....19th
Kim Weilage.....5th	Jayce Goodwin.....15th	Barret Lane.....20th
Ruth Kuder.....6th	Jayden Goodwin.....15th	Casey Weilage.....20th
Kira Li Hinz.....7th	Ziva Mae Joygaard....15th	Justin Anderson.....22nd
Joe Bahneman.....11th	Nickolas Olson.....16th	Joanna Kathol.....29th

# Acknowledgments

## **NEAR Foodshelf Says Thank you!**

NEAR has been very busy this summer... Food prices are going up, but we were still able to serve many people. In June, we served 459 households (May was 398) with 62, 804 pounds of food (52,550 pounds in May). On average in June, 21 households were served per day. Thank you for your support!

## **Thanks to our VBS Cooking Crew!**

L-R Marge Lane, Stuart Lane, Heather Lane, Lynn Hillestad, Mary Weilage —>



## **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

Thank you for your gift of \$250 to ELCA World Hunger. As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, you are sharing this amazing grace with others. You are helping people around the world feel the transformational power of God's Love.

Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries including the US. It provides access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Through your gifts, you are joining with the whole church as we work toward a just world where all are fed.



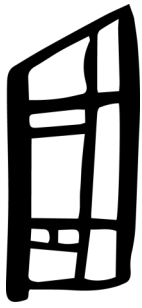
## **Thank you from Kyle Anderson**

I appreciate all of the support that I received from the FLW community during my internship year. I am especially thankful for the alb, stole, Communion kit, occasional services book, and prayer shawl all of which I will use in the course of my future ministry.

## **Thanks Volunteers!**

Thank you volunteers for all your work at the FLW Rummage sale and at the Big Band Bash! In both cases - many hands made light work. The rummage sale raised almost \$2,000. Thank you!

The Big Band Bash was our best attended ever! Despite the threat of rain in the afternoon it turned into a beautiful evening with lots of FLW members and friends and neighbors gathered together. Thanks to all who served and all who invited people and to the Brooklyn Big Band! If you missed it - make sure you put it on your calendar for next year! *See cover for pictures!*



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## FLW Gets a New Little Library

Did you notice our new “Little Library?” Stop by and check it out! Thanks go to Dave Fernelius and his good friend and neighbor Bill.

## Remember these Dates!

September Education & Music Options

### **Sundays!**

8:30 AM: Sunday School

10:30 AM: Adults and Confirmation

### **Wednesdays**

6:30 PM: Confirmation

7:00 PM: Choir