



Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church



2023

September Banner

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Pastor Article

September Beginnings

For me, the year starts in September. Even though seasonally it feels like the harvest, the end of the year, September always feels to me like a time for new beginnings. The choir begins to practice and sing - see page 4. Classes start up again - see page 6. We have a new intern, Vicar Karen Peterson - see page 3. This Fall, you are invited to return to favorite program-year activities or to try something new!

Summer reflections.

But before we move into September, I want to take a little time to reflect on the summer ministry blessings that I witnessed both at Faith-Lilac Way and in the surrounding neighborhood and beyond because of the ministry we support.

- We reached out to children in our neighborhood through an Ice Cream social with Greater St. John. Great fun! We also ended up with a plethora of Butter Pecan ice cream. (I'm personally enjoying the leftovers - and there's enough for you too!)
- Partnering with Wildfire churches we hosted a VBS. We had lots of kids and lots of volunteers and lots of fun! We enjoyed: eating together, learning about God's abundance by studying the Word, creating art projects and engaging in service projects such as assembling birthday bags for children - to be distributed by NEAR and making care kits for the families of children in the NICU at North Memorial hospital. We ended each evening singing God's praise with loud and joyful voices!
- Gathering with friends and neighbors around the firepit (or if it was too hot, enjoying ice cream inside) at Wednesday night Gatherings (these are going to continue - so it's not too late!)
- And there's more... As I write this, the temperature is pushing towards 100 degrees and we are planning to move our Big Band Bash indoors rather than in the sweltering heat. But regardless of the weather or the location (ask me about Camp Wapo and Holden Village!), the ministry of FLW is vibrant in the summer and is steadfast in the Fall.

We are still in the "Green" growing season of the church year and so I invite you to come and grow in faith, go in grace and serve the Lord! And together we can proclaim, "Thanks be to God!"

Pastor Pam

Vicar Article

Greetings, everyone!

I'm just finishing up my first week as your new Vicar, and wow, has it gone by fast! Of course, you know what that means—I'm having great fun. I'm still settling into my office space and into the weekly rhythms of pastoral duties, but I already love it here. I've already had the pleasure of meeting a few of you. However, I'm really looking forward to worshiping together so that I can meet many more of you. I hope you will be patient with me as I try to learn names and connect them to the right faces. After all, I have many faces and names to learn, and names have never been my strong suit. So, I may have to ask your name a few times (and maybe say it a few times too) in order to make it stick in my brain.



I will be at the church Tuesday through Friday most weeks, so feel free to stop in and say, "Hello," if you're in the neighborhood. It would make my day.

Shalom,
Vicar Karen

2023 Holden Village



Announcements

Join us for Treats and Talk on Sunday Mornings!

Join us in the library after worship on Sunday mornings for treats and conversation. All are welcome! Sign up sheet to host one of the Sunday's is by the office.

Welcome back Chancel Choir!

After the summer break, the Chancel Choir will have it's first rehearsal on **Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00pm** and provide music for our worship service starting on **Sunday, September 10th**. Have questions or interested in joining Chancel Choir? Please contact Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson at annmsa@icloud.com



The Gathering Place Bonfire Continues! -New TIME - 2nd Wednesdays 5:30 - 7 PM

The "dog days of August" will end soon and it will be time to gather round the bonfire for s'mores (or inside for icecream if it is inclement weather). Invite your friends and neighbors and then join us for a hot dog or a sloppy joe and good conversation by the fire on: **2nd Wednesdays: September 13; October 11; November 8**

Save the Date: Baking bread with Clint Hughes!
Sunday, October 1st after worship



Prayers

God, our creator, help us care for the world you made and the neighborhoods in which we live.

+ Jesus, our teacher, be with students returning to school and guide us in our learning about you. Teach us to love one another as you love us.

Holy Spirit healer, comfort all who grieve and embrace with your loving care all

who are suffering from pain: Lois Anderson, David Bjorkquist, Helen Brandon, Carol Brown, Jacqueline Butkowski, Kris Duffin, Larry Geer, Carolyn Lageson, Joyce Merkel, Betty Schmidt, Linda St. John, Jackie Woolgar, Vic Woolgar, and those you know who need love and care.

For all of this, and whatever else you know that we need, in your name we pray, Amen.



Treasurer's Report to the Faith Lilac Way Congregation

This is a quick summary of how we are doing financially as a generous, faith-filled congregation. These are the numbers (actual and budgeted) for January-July for this year.

INCOME

Actual Budgeted

\$156,878 \$163,748

Our giving is down by **only 4%** from what was budgeted.

EXPENSES

Actual Budgeted

\$170,678 \$166,329

Then expenses are slightly over budget **by 3%**.

We had a large payroll tax refund from the federal government for \$45,000.

As part of our mission to always look outside our doors, the council approved a tithed amount of \$4,500 to be given to Every Meal to assist with their work helping feed children in our neighborhoods. The remainder was put into a new investment fund - ELCA MISSION INVESTMENT FUND.

Feel free to ask me any questions.

Paula Lindgren, FLW Treasurer

Bingo at Robbins Way!

Day and Time TBD

**Come meet
your
Neighbors!**



Pastoral Acts in August, 2023

+ Mary O'Neill Celebration of Life - August 11, 2023
+ Wedding of Emma and Zac Thomas—August 26, 2023

Robbinsdale Meet & Greet

Tuesday, September 11, 2023

5:30-7:30pm

On West Broadway between 41st & 42nd

**Visit booths from local businesses & organizations as you walk up & down the
sidewalks on West Broadway!**

Win Prizes

Enjoy Food Samples

Strolling Entertainment

A NIGHT FULL OF FUN!!

(Stop by and say hi at our FLW booth!)

Happy Birthday!



September Birthdays	
Jay Wood	1
Chad Rambow	3
Casey Swanson	5
Kim Weilage	5
Ruth Kuder	6
Joe Bahneman	11
Devin Rambow	11
Alex Ipsen	12
Rob Nowak	14
Ziva Joygaard	15
Jonah Blackman	18
Jessica Hughes	18
Grace Lawson	19
Barret Lane	20
Craig Lewis	20
Pastor Adam Morton	20
Casey Weilage	20
Justin Anderson	22
Kathi Evans	27
Joanna Kathol	29

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

Book Club

**Tuesday, September 19th - 7 :00PM
At Grace Lawson's Home in Crystal**



A charming, clever, and quietly moving debut novel of endless possibilities and joyful discoveries that explores the promises we make and break, losing and finding ourselves, the objects that hold magic and meaning for our lives, and the surprising connections that bind us. For more information see: <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/30363088-the-keeper-of-lost-things>



Fall Kickoff Sunday: Sunday, September 10

- Sunday School begins at 8:30 AM
- Confirmation begins (see Pastor Pam for schedule)
- Treats & Talk after worship

If you know a child of God who is age 3- 99 who is eager to learn more about God and the way of Jesus, we have a plan for you!

Thank You!

From Amanda White, Director of Congregational Generosity:



Thank you for your gift to Lutheran Disaster Response. Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future. Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

Prayer in the Chapel - Wednesdays at 10 AM

Our prayer time begins by lighting a candle, reminding us that this is holy time. We then begin either with a prayer meditation or with intercessory prayers. Intercessory prayers are prayers for ourselves and our neighbor. We cry out - "Oh Lord hear my prayer" as we share our cares and concerns with God. Then we spend time together in Contemplative prayer. Contemplative prayer is the prayer of waiting in silence, trusting God to hear the prayers of our hearts. We spend this time listening, saying, "Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening." We conclude with the Lord's prayer, the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray. You are invited to join us for this time of prayer. Interested but the time doesn't work? See Pastor Pam. If there is interest we will begin a second group in the evening and/ or on zoom.

Bible Study "Eat this Book" - Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

Rev. Eugene Peterson challenges us to read the Scriptures on their own terms, as God's revelation, and to live them as we read them. We will explore Bible passages using Eugene Peterson's book: *Eat this Book: A Conversation in the Art of Spiritual Reading* as a guide (the book is not required reading). With warmth and wisdom, Peterson offers greatly needed, down-to-earth counsel on spiritual reading and draws readers into a fascinating conversation on the nature of language, the ancient practice of lectio divina, and the role of Scripture translations. Hear the "inside story" behind Peterson's own popular Bible translation, The Message.

September Mission of the Month: Wildfire Every Meal

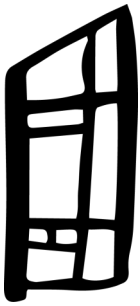


EVERY MEAL
FIGHTING CHILD HUNGER

Faith-Lilac Way volunteers partner with other Wildfire church volunteers to put food bags in students' backpacks every week in our local schools (Forest, Lakeview, and Meadow Lake Elementary Schools). Hunger is a problem for kids in our neighborhoods. And they are not alone. Every Meal reports that, "More than 300,000 children in Minnesota live with food insecurity."

But, in partnering with Every Meal, we're on a mission to change that. We partner with Every Meal to fight child hunger by focusing on filling the food gaps children face on weekends, extended breaks, and summer when they're not able to access school meal programs. When they don't have consistent access to enough food, the risk of hunger is very real. Through Every Meal's multiple food gap programs, children and families experiencing food insecurity receive access to good food.

Right now, Every Meal has a match! Right now, not only will your gift to Every Meal provide good food to neighborhood children, but your gift will also be doubled (or tripled!) thanks to a \$1,000,000 match challenge.



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God's Work Our Hands

Saturday, September 9th 9:00-11:00 AM

Holy Nativity Lutheran Church

3900 Winnetka Avenue North, New Hope, MN

9 AM Breakfast and Blessing of Hands

9:30 - 11 AM Service projects including tying blankets for NEAR food shelf,
writing cards and more!

