



Easter is one (or one of two) most important holy days of the Christian year. The resurrection of Jesus Christ forms the basis for most of what we do. Why? What are we looking for? I have a hint what some of you are looking for, and I am very certain of what some in our world are looking for.

Some people are looking for a Savior, one who will stand with them in their sorrow and loss. Some look for something to hope for, Someone to make a difference in their day to day lives. Some feel very blessed, and want to know Who to thank for what they have been given. Some want a community to be part of that is centered on something meaningful. Some see our world as totally messed up, and look for Someone who will turn it all around in ways they see as essential. Some want Someone to model their lives on.

On Easter, we will celebrate our Lord's resurrection with joy! We will use music and prayers to help us all focus on the enormous gift of new life we receive in the sacrifice of Jesus. And your pastor, wherever

you are worshipping, will be working & praying to inspire and engage you (and everyone present) in a life that we can live together to give glory to God, and serve God's people. What are your hopes? What do you wait for God to do in your life? What difference will Easter make in our lives, or will Easter make a difference? God's call to us is to pray, to worship, to give, to invite, to study, to serve. Whether you're with us in worship each week, or we've not met yet, we of First Evangelical Lutheran welcome you to worship with us for Holy Week, and on Easter, and whenever you can. We look forward to how God might work in us all in the coming days and weeks.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2, 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY

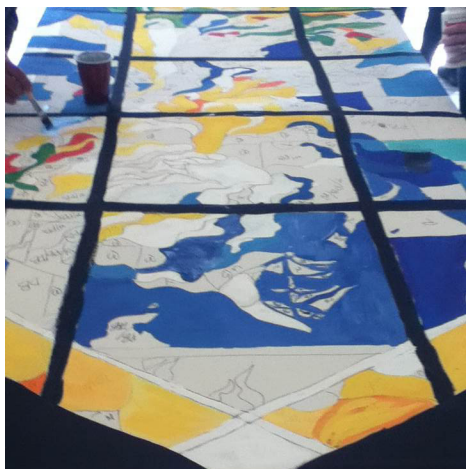
APRIL 3, 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 9:00am

CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

First Lutheran was represented at the Conference Assembly by Julie Magnuson, Don Hansen, Pastor Mary Kaye, and our youth representative, Dustin Valez. Dustin shared some photos of artwork being created on-site. Thank you all for sharing and being a part of the Conference Assembly!



View the newsletter online
to see the photos in color:
[http://www.tflutheran.org/
newsletter.html](http://www.tflutheran.org/newsletter.html)

**Save the Date
for Synod Assembly!**

Fri., April 24—
Sat., April 25, 2015



ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jump Start Your Stewardship, Sat, Apr 11, 8:30-12:00 noon, Shepherd of the Hills, Shoreview, \$10, www.spas-elca.org

St Paul Area Synod Assembly,
April 24-25, Prince of Peace, Burnsville,
register at www.spas-elca.org
Keynote speaker: author Rev Heidi Neumark, Trinity Lutheran of Manhattan's Upper West Side.

ADULT CHOIR

March Choir Schedule

4/1 - OFF

4/3, 10, 17, 24, 31 = 7pm Rehearsals

Singing for worship: 4/8 15, & 29

Holy Week:

April 2nd Maundy Thursday @ 7pm;

April 3rd Good Friday @ 7pm;

April 5th Easter Sunday @ 9am.

We would LOVE to have you sing with us this spring! **Jr. and Sr. High School Youth are invited to come! We love to mentor young singers!**

If you need help with a ride please contact Michelle Lynch.

March & April COUNCIL MEETINGS

The March Council meeting was cancelled due to schedule conflicts and early sapping season. Council will meet again, **Sunday, April 12, at 4:00pm**. The Constitution Meeting will precede it at **2:00pm**.

LENT OFFERINGS

Council voted to share Wednesday Lent service giving equally between the *FELC Samaritan Fund* and the *Food-4-Kids Backpack Program*. Thank you!

May you find
the love of Jesus
this Easter!



SARAH CIRCLE

Sarah Circle will meet, **Tuesday, April 7th, 9:30** @ Edna Curry's. All invited!

MONTHLY GIVING REPORT

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. —2 Cor. 9:7 (NIV)

Budgeted Monthly Expenses: \$ 13,030.00

Needed per week: \$3257.50

03/01 Giving: \$4,132.25

03/08 Giving: 2,946.59

03/15 Giving: 3,039.30

03/22 Giving: 2,626.75

03/29 Giving: n/a

Thank you for your faithful giving. Please contact FELC Treasurer, Joe Landgreen with any questions or concerns at: 715-417-1429 or jlandgreen.jl@gmail.com.

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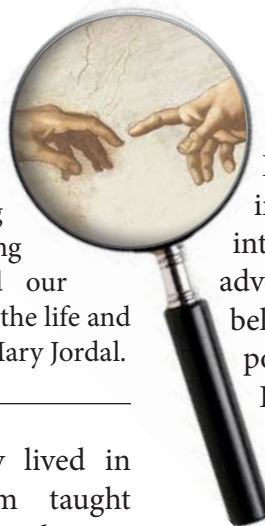
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03/18 150.84

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GOD WATCH

FELC Member Magnifier



This monthly column has the goal of continuing our Lent theme of watching for God among us and our community. We see God in the life and love of members, Jim and Mary Jordal.

Jim and Mary formerly lived in Minnetonka where Jim taught economics and American history at Hopkins High School and Mary was a business woman. This is the second marriage for each, and they have six children between them and 13 grandchildren, with a great grandchild due this summer.

They are adventurers at heart and have, since they married in 1985, been active in running, biking, swimming, sailing, triathlons (both were age-group All-Americans in 1990), and rock climbing (much of it done at Taylors Falls). In the later 1980s they joined newspaper columnist Jim Klobuchar's Adventure Travel group and have trekked in Nepal, New Zealand, and to Machu Picchu via the Inca Trail in Peru. They have also been on safari in Africa in the Serengeti plain and Great Rift Valley, ridden bikes in Russia, Italy and Croatia, served as Global Volunteers in Rumania and Ireland, and acted as

Fair Trade coffee emissaries in Nicaragua. They are intellectual and spiritual adventurers as well, since they believe that all things are possible to those who love the Lord and are called by His purpose.

Jim and Mary are members of First Lutheran because they feel the Lord wants them here, perhaps for some as yet unrevealed reason. They were among the founders of the Samaritan Fund and have been active in the church council and various Bible studies over the years. Mary is a food shelf volunteer at Family Pathways and Food for Kids, and has also been a hospice volunteer.

Jim has for over 20 years written a weekly column entitled Winds of Justice for the Chisago County Press, with emphasis on scriptural economic justice.

They see God's hand at work in local charitable efforts and in the deepening crises afflicting our nation as God moves to bring us back to His word and way.

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Jim and Mary Jordal are involved because they feel that humans, churches, and nations can be transformed by God's word and grace responded to in Spirit-directed action. A vision for the future would be that when the time is right we would become a Jubilee church preaching and modeling the various forms of human deliverance mentioned in the Jubilee message.

Jim's favorite Bible verses are Psalm 92:13-14: "They that are planted in the House of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be green and growing." Mary's is Ecclesiastes 3:1: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."

Mary and Jim can truly say that every decade of life gets better and better, even though not everything seems that way at the time. But God is faithful and will, as he says, "Perfect that which concerns me," or us, or you. ■

If you would like to share a bio or story of yourself or another, where you have been on watch and found God in our midst, please contact the church office or Duane Olson.

BOXES NEEDED!

Boxes needed for FLY. The youth are looking for cardboard boxes large to extra large if possible, for their 30-Hour Famine event. We need them by April 17th. Please contact the office or Michelle Lynch for drop-off information.

Chisago Lakes Area
Food Shelf
10586 Liberty Lane
PO Box 45
Chisago City, MN 55013
651-257-1308

Hours:
Monday 9 AM - 6 PM
Tuesday 9 AM - 6 PM
Wednesday 9 AM - 3 PM
Thursday 9 AM - 6 PM

St. Croix Falls Food Shelf
2000 US Highway 8
St Croix Falls, WI 54024
715-483-2920

Hours:
Monday 9AM - 5 PM
Tuesday 9AM - 5 PM
Wednesday 10:30 AM - 6 PM
Thursday 9 AM - 5 PM
Friday 9 AM - 5 PM
Saturday 9 AM—Noon

family
PATHWAYS
BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES
ONE PERSON AT A TIME

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Agar, Tristen	04/02
Bisel, Jenni	04/07
Braucks, Sharna	04/06
Carlson, Amanda	04/01
Casterton, Josiah	04/16
Erdman, Jolene	04/19
Erickson, Sandra	04/10
Fick, Jeanne	04/26
Hasselquist, Gunner	04/08
Herberg, Ethan	04/10
Heyers, Terrance	04/27
Heyers, Justyne	04/05
Jorgensen, Liza	04/23
Keto, Drew	04/07
Lindgren, Marvin	04/03
Lundholm, Carver	04/30
Miller, Nicholas	04/09
Moberg, Molly	04/11
Nelson, Mark	04/09
Olson, Paul	04/24
Peterson, Deanna	04/24
Redland, Tate	04/18
Redland, Amik	04/18
Rhoden, Ashley	04/01
Schrock, Ashley	04/01
Stolp, Loretta	04/28
Swenson, Silas	04/07
Vitalis, Andrew	04/24
Vitalis, Kristian	04/08
Vitalis, Carol	04/14
Vodenka-Reed, Dustin	04/18

Please let the office know of errors or



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™

Chisago Lindstrom Community Blood Drive

Thursday, April 9th

12:30 – 6:30 pm

Friday, April 10th

7:30 am – 1:30 pm

Location: Community Center

10825 Lake Blvd, Chisago City

For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767

Or visit www.redcrossblood.org and
search Sponsor Code: Chisago

American Red Cross

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

WOMEN'S CONVENTION

St. Paul Area

Synodical Women's Convention

May 1 & 2, 2015

Registration begins at 11am on Friday
and 8am on Saturday

Trinity Lutheran Church

38460 Lincoln Trail

North Branch, MN

55056

REGISTRATION DUE APRIL 23

Contact: Donna Lindgren for more
information and forms.

Non Delegate for full weekend: \$65
(2 days all meals and registration)

Friday or Saturday prices available.



Monthly Sunday Bible Study & Lunch

Noon-1:30pm, Apr. 26.

Bring your own lunch.

*Open for all ages, but especially appropriate
for Senior High through adult.*

Watch bulletins for April foci. Meet in
the Library.



FIRST COMMUNION

Hey! Some of us will be getting ready to
learn about and receive our first experi-
ence of communion in the next month
or so, and while the day for the prepa-
ration class is not solid at this writing,
if you and your child want to be part of
this group, please let Pr. Mary Kaye or
the church office know. Thanks!

CONNECT

to a Christian Community;

INVITE

into the life and love of God;

EQUIP

*to make God-honoring choices
in their lives and to put their
faith into practice.*

First Lutheran Youth

*April
Schedule*



YOUTH, GRADES 6-12 WELCOME!

APRIL YOUTH SCHEDULE

NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES Wednesday, April 1st

Regular Youth Group Activities Resuming Wednesdays:

April 8th, 15th, and 22nd, 6:30-8pm

Guide Meeting Wednesday, April 29th, 7pm

Special Youth Event Coming Up! World Vision's **30 Hour Famine!**

Friday, April 17th, 7pm (stay overnight at the church)

Event ends at 5pm on Saturday, April 18th

Youth will need to be signed up by March 25th and make sure they have their information booklets and donation collection envelopes. We have a "FLY Team" page on World Vision 30 Hour Famine:

www.youth.worldvision.org/team/6854 where you can go to make a donation to support those youth who are going 30 hours without food to raise awareness and important funds to feed the millions of children who go hungry around the world.

- A few more adults/parents are needed to help with this event. Please let Michelle Lynch know if you are able to offer your help.
- Community Service! We will be lining up community service events to do on Saturday April 18th. If you are in need of help, or know of someone who could use some extra help this spring, please contact Michelle Lynch 715-220-2782.

Kids on Board: Your next worship date is being looked at for Sunday, April 12th. Would this group be able to get together after school on Friday April 10th to rehearse?

HOLYHANDS - PUPPETEERS

Present: *The Easter Tree* (Easter Story)

Saturday, April 4 @ 4pm

At TF United Methodist Church

FREE ADMISSION

followed by

EASTER EGG HUNT (rain or shine)

SUMMERCAMP DISCOUNTS!

Summer camp registration is open at
Luther Point Bible Camp.

Early bird discount until April 1st!

Many discounts available: Early bird—
bring a friend—First Time Camper—
New Creation Award—Syrup Ministry
tuition assistance.

Register at: **www.lutherpoint.org**
Contact Michelle Lynch with questions.

2015



First Lutheran Youth SAPPING SEASON



Many days of 1300-1500
gallon sap harvests make for
strong harvesters!





Greetings from Luther Point

April 2015

The March Elementary Weekend Camp was booked to capacity. Many “first time” campers were provided a “foretaste” of what they will experience during summer overnight camp. I was especially grateful to spend this weekend at camp with my 5th grade son. Our experienced counselors led Bible studies, worship, and music focused on the Psalms. Campers in t-shirts played games like “Mighty, Mighty” in our big field against the backdrop of blue sky, people fishing on a frozen lake, and the great north woods. I poignantly observed how younger siblings who wanted to stay at camp were tearful and jealous as they went home with their parents. Their chance will soon come as summer camp approaches.

Summer camp registration is off to a strong start. Reports of this new and improved on-line system indicate that sign-up has never been easier - all you have to do is click on the “Register Online Now” link at www.lutherpoint.org and create an account to begin. We welcome any and all suggestions for “tweaking” this process in order to improve your experience. Brochures are available at www.lutherpoint.org.

Prayer Shawl & Knitting Ministries Retreat, Thursday, April 23, 2015. Join knitters from 9am-3pm for a fun day of fellowship! This is an excellent opportunity to gain new skills and ideas for prayer shawls and other knitting ministries. Enjoy devotions and fellowship in the comfort and stillness of Luther Point Bible Camp. Cost is \$30/knitter and includes a delicious camp meal! Visit our website to register on-line and don't forget to bring a friend.

Luther Point Friends and **Volunteer Appreciation Banquet - Sunday, April 26.**

Join Luther Point for the Annual Pancake Breakfast and **Break-in-the-Lake** on **Saturday, May 9th!** Come for tasty pancakes from 8 - 11am and then join many other brave souls who will be the first to jump into Big Wood Lake at 11:00. A free will offering will support Camperships to support those who can't afford camp. Please visit our website for more details. Free t-shirts for all who jump in the lake. Many people use this as an extra or alternative Work Weekend.

Spring into a Luther Point Volunteer Work Weekend - Sat. May 16. Please contact us in advance to plan specific projects and plan for necessary materials to prepare and clean buildings and grounds for summer campers. PLUS arrive EARLY, stay LATE option on Friday and/or Sunday projects for either weekend. Cabins can be reserved on a first-come basis according to group size and availability.

Grace and Peace, Rev. Mark T. Peters,
Executive Director
www.lutherpoint.org

Church Office
651-465-5265
www.tflutheran.org



Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley
c: 612-532-7083
felcpastor.mk@gmail.com

Michelle Lynch,
Youth Minister/Choir Director
c: 715-220-2782
felcyouthminister@gmail.com

Caroline Greene
Ministry Coordinator,
parishc@tflutheran.org

2014-2015 Council/Officers:

Don Hansen—President
Sharna Braucks—Vice President
Joe Landgreen—Treasurer
Gayle Langer —Secretary
Julie Valez
Duane Olson
Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley

Financial Secretary
Jerry Rhoads

Please hold the ministers and officers in your prayers that God would give them the wisdom, strength, courage, patience and perseverance to serve this community of faith as they lead us in our mission for the sake of the world and the glory of God.

Next council meeting is **Sunday, April 12th @ 4pm** in the Library.

Mission Statement

Gather. Grow. Go.

Gather—all people into the saving faith through Jesus Christ
and to worship together;

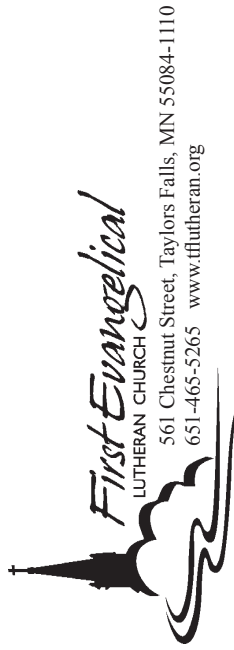
Grow—through the Word of God in faith, understanding, and love with God and
one another;

Go—as the Holy Spirit sends us to care, serve, and witness;
For the sake of the world & for the glory of God!

(Mission Statement approved 2009)

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations." Psalm 90:1

Please send submissions to: parishc@tflutheran.org
Articles Due the 15th of each month.



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