

Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

The Work of the Spirit

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! *Today we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church, when the Holy Spirit came through the preaching and sharing of Jesus’ life, death & resurrection, into the lives of new believers who heard and were changed. As we hear the Word, week after week, we, too, can be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and invited to share the news of God’s love with our world. If you are a first time visitor, please let an usher know as we have a special gift for you! We would also like to invite you to sign our guest book (and/or a lime green slip found in the pew) and we hope you worship with us again. And Pastor Mary Kaye would love to meet you, too!!*

QUILTERS meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am. Join us!

LAYETTES are needed! Also needed are new or gently used receiving blankets, sleepers, and onesies for infants & up to 3 months.

FAMILY PATHWAYS continues to welcome donations of all kinds. Any boxed or canned food items or household items can be put in the bin in the church entryway if you’d like to donate!!!! The backpack program is wrapping up for the year as the schoolyear comes to an end! Family Pathways does have a Summer Lunch Program that is offered to families with school aged children. Each bag is lovingly filled with child-friendly foods to help relieve some of the pressure families face when extra summer meals are needed. Some examples of needed items: Spaghetti O’s, Mac-N-Cheese, Soup, Canned Veggies or Fruit, Fruit Snacks & other child-friendly snacks are welcome!!!!

If you’d like to request a pastoral visit, please talk to Pastor Mary Kaye today to schedule a time and day that works for you.

COUNCIL MEMBERS		Next Council Meeting TODAY At 10:30am
Don Hansen	Duane Olson	
Joe Landgreen	Gayle Langer	
Wendy Szczepanski	Rose Anderson	
Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley		

CALENDAR

(www.tflutheran.org for full calendar)

Sun May 20 (Pr. Hours:8a-2p)

9a - Worship
10:15a - Life Group
10:30a - Church Council Mtg
2p - Michelle's Music Recital

Tues May 22 (Pr. Hrs:11:15-12:15p)

11:15a - Staff Meeting
7p - Choir Meeting @ Pete & Donna's

Wed May 23 (Pr. Hours:9a-12p)

9a - Worship at Parmly
6p - Youth End of the Year Picnic

Sun May 27 (Pr. Hours:8a-4p)

9a - Worship
10:15a - Life Group
4p - Worship @ The Lodge

UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR!!!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23—American Red Cross Blood Drive at the St. Croix Falls Community American Legion Post 143. 12:30pm to 6:30pm. Call Terry 715-483-3475 to schedule an appointment.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST—Bake-A-Thon hosted by Pastor Mary Kaye at FELC. Sign up has been posted! Check out the bulletin board by the usher stand!!!!

SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND—Bake Sale & Plant Sale 9am to 12pm. Any baked goods or plants that you are willing to donate would be greatly appreciated! There will be a children's table with a fun, simple garden project as well! All funds raised from the bake sale & plant sale will go towards grounds & yard needs and funds raised from the children's table will go towards Sunday School needs. Please talk to Angie Linngren if you are able to donate or have questions!

SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD—We will be celebrating the graduates with our Baccalaureate service at 9am worship. We will have cake and coffee downstairs following worship.

TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS starts up again on Tuesday, June 26th starting at the Baptist Church. There are pamphlets available located at the usher stand on the bulletin board! Our church hosts July 17, 19, 24 & 26; if you are interested in volunteering your time, please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board!

Scripture Readings:

Acts 10:44-48

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'