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Graduation is commencement— not an ending but a beginning!

by Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

About 2 dozen people I know or more, graduated from something this spring! And yes, I do know that there are endings and good-byes in that; some sad good-byes, some daunting “adulthood” to be done, some joyous finishings, and likely every feeling in between. But the word used for most graduations is Commencement - and it means the beginning of something. As we begin whatever that next thing is, for those of us who graduated or not, among other things, we continue to grow as disciples. We are in the season of the year of the church’s growth-not necessarily in numbers, (though that would be great, too; invite your friends to worship and everything else we’re doing this summer!) We join, and re-join, and continue to join God’s mission in this congregation, in this town, in this state, in our country and our world. And because of forgiveness given to us by God in Christ, and because the Holy Spirit lives in us, urging us to grow, we seek out Jesus’ words, and try, strengthened by God’s holy supper, to follow those words. Here are some good ones;

Jesus said: “To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer for that person. If someone slaps you in the face, stand there and take it. If someone grabs your shirt, gift wrap your best coat and make a present of it. If someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more tit-for-tat stuff. Live generously.

Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them! If you only love the lovable, do you expect a pat on the back? Run-of-the-mill sinners do that. If you only help those who help you, do you expect a medal? Garden-variety sinners do that. If you only give for what you hope to get out of it, do you think that’s charity? The stingiest of pawnbrokers does that.

I tell you, love your enemies. Help and give without expecting a return. You’ll never—I promise—regret it. Live out this God-created identity the way our Father lives toward us, generously and graciously, even when we’re at our worst. Our Father is kind; you be kind.

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Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. Don't condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang. Be easy on people; you'll find life a lot easier. Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity."

(The Message) Luke 6: 27-38

Like you, I fail. (If you've been to worship lately, I don't need to tell you that.) And I struggle to do what I intend, to finish what I start, to do what I ought. But also, like you, I have this gift in Christ, that every day, even more often, if necessary, I begin again. Forgiven, loved, full of possibility! Let's keep beginning again together, friends!

In God's love,
Pr. Mary Kaye



POTLUCK PICNIC & CHURCH PHOTOGRAPH

Sunday, June 26th

WORSHIP 9:00AM

GROUP PHOTO 10:00AM

POTLUCK TO FOLLOW.

Join us along with former pastors of First Lutheran in celebrating community & faith with a picnic. All are invited to participate in a group photo arranged by Bachman's Photography.

LAYETTE NEEDS

WELCA/Sarah Circle members are asking for your support in donating new or gently used:

Receiving Blankets

Sleepers &

Quilts or larger blankets.

Donations can be left at the church office. Thank you!



Sunday, June 19th

June **COUNCIL MEETING**

Council will meet again tentatively,
Sunday, July 10th, at 4:00pm.

SARAH CIRCLE

Sarah Circle will have been rescheduled to meet for a potluck picnic **Tuesday, June 14th at 10:30am** and will be hosted by Verna Grover. All are welcome!

Salad Luncheon **WELCA**

First Lutheran in Rush City, MN invites all women to the Annual Salad Luncheon on **Wednesday, June 15th from 11am-1pm.**

First Ev. Lutheran Church
Rush City, MN 55069

Adult **CHOIR THANKS**

A great THANK YOU to our choir musicians for a season of wonderful worship music!

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 Weekly Expenses: \$3114.

05/01 Giving:	2459.76
05/08 Giving:	3496.00
05/15 Giving:	2122.92
05/22 Giving:	2485.05
05/29 Giving:	2537.81

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. -3-

Men's **BIBLE STUDY**

Our Men's Bible Study gathers at the **Chisago House** each **Saturday morning at 8:00am.** Contact Jerry Rhoads with any questions.

QUILTERS

Quilting meets each 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 9:30am. No experience needed to join this enjoyable group!

OFFICE HOURS @ FELC

Monday—Tuesday—Thursday
9:30a-12:30p

(The 3rd week in June office will be open:
Mon, Tue, Wed. (6/20-6/22) the same hours.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Mueller, Donald	06/01
Johnson, Isaiah	06/05
Robinson, Mike	06/05
Rogers, Lucas	06/06
Schumann, Kevin	06/07
Dexter, Scott	06/08
Kalisch, Lyndsay	06/08
Anderson, Robert	06/10
Carlson, Matthew	06/11
Goranson, Anna	06/13
Robinson, Seth	06/14
Rue, Ann	06/14
Swanson, Helen	06/15
Lagus, Miriam	06/23
Landin, Dorothy	06/23
Rolla, Kelly	06/25
Clasen, Lindsey	06/26
Smith, Leslie	06/27
Anderson, Chad	06/28
Gustafson, Roger	06/29
Gustafson, Laura	06/29
Huntington, Cachael	06/29
Enebak, Cully	06/30

Please contact the church office if there are any errors or omissions. Thank you.



GRADUATION WISHES

We invite all members and friends to stop at the little table toward the back of the sanctuary to sign graduation cards for this year's high school seniors:

Ryan Rogers
Dalton Langer
James Goranson
Colton Dexter
Marinda Carlson

We will celebrate with a **Baccalaureate Service** on **Sunday, June 12th** with the giving of quilts and a reception with cake and refreshments after worship.

Ruby's Pantry EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

As a Christian organization ourselves we thought we would reach out to our area churches to see if you have anyone in your congregation that is currently looking for work.

We are looking to hire a part-time time **entry level accountant** and a full time **warehouse position**. We provide a full hiring package including Health Insurance, paid Life Insurance, PTO and paid Holidays with full time employment.

RoxAnn Sahr
Executive Assistant Director
Home and Away Ministries DBA:Ruby's Pantry
5833 Pecan St
North Branch, MN 55056
651-674-0009

TwF NEEDS!

-Teachers Needed-

July 12, 14, 19 or 21st

Choose one, a few, or all...

25 minute lesson time (3x/date)

The curriculum is all set and copies will be available in the church office.

-Treats & Servers-

Sign up on bulletin board.

-Plastic Coffee containers needed for TwF crafts this year. Please bring clean empty containers to the church office.



MISSION TRIP

Mandatory Last Mission Trip Meeting for Chaperones, Parents and Trippers: **Sunday, June 12th from 11:30-12:30** (after the Baccalaureate Reception).

Tea Luncheon

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION

a ministry of stonecroft.org

Mon • June 20th • 11:30am

\$10.00—inclusive • Chisago Lakes Lutheran

1 Summit Ave, Center City, MN

—Music—

Kim Glenna & Elizabeth

—Speaker & Special Feature—

Carol Mohr

Music & Movement

What a Drama Queen Knows

RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS NECESSARY.

Please call for reservations at least one week prior.

651-592-7416 (Betty)

715-554-2330 (Mary)



School Supplies **COLLECTION**

Cleaning out your locker or desk and need to get rid of some unused stuff?

DONATE IT!

First Lutheran Church of Taylors Falls is collecting ALL UNUSED SCHOOL SUPPLIES to donate to Cass Lake Indian Reservation while on their Mission Trip in June! **We are asking ALL students, teachers, and friends to place any unused school supplies in the bin at First Lutheran near the office.** Your donations are GREATLY appreciated and will help kids from elementary through high school ages succeed next year!

Donation Examples:

- Backpacks
- Pencil Bags
- Notebooks & Binders
- Pencils/Pens
- Scissors, Glue, Rulers
- Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils
- Loose Leaf Paper
- etc.

Please have donations to FELC by

Sunday, June 19th.

Thank You!



MANYTHANKS!

Thank you to the Adult Choir, Kids-On-Board, & Michelle Caneday for all of their hard work and dedication to beautifying our worship services with their gifts and talents. It is an absolute joy working with you throughout the year and collaborating on worship music. Thank you to the following who have brought so much joy to our music: Michelle Caneday, Julie Valez, Eleanore Collins, Natalie Landgreen, Miriam & Arne Lagus, Miriam Flyjso, Carol Olson, Carol Nelson, Pete & Donna Lindgren, Kathy Carlsted, Don Hansen & Sydney Paredes, Rita Johnson, Caleb, Isaac, and Molly Moberg, and Riley Linngren.



MOWING Sign-up

This season's mowing sign-up is posted on the bulletin board. If you are able, please sign up, as many hands will lighten the task.

Sweet, **COLD & COMMUNITY!**

Every week, in our bulletin announcements, PMK is going to announce a group that is invited at Schoony's for ice cream! Be in worship every week, or go online to read if you're out of town. (A one scoop cone might even be free to someone in the group invited!)

Look for PMK on Wednesday, June 22 @ 2pm,

Invited:

People 11 years old and under and their drivers!

Who is welcome? C'mon, have you met PMK?

All are welcome!

Who gets a free cone? One or more people who show up from that day's invited group.

How many times will PMK do this? Up to a dozen, probably depends on how many people show up each time.

When & who next?

Tuesday, 6/28 1p; retired people

Friday, 7/1 11am; high school students

Wednesday, 7/6 4pm; confirmation students & their parents

Thursday, 7/7 6pm people that aren't official members of FELC and may not want to be.

Can we bring friends? PLEASE bring friends!

What if no one comes? I still get ice cream! Best food for sermon preparation study!

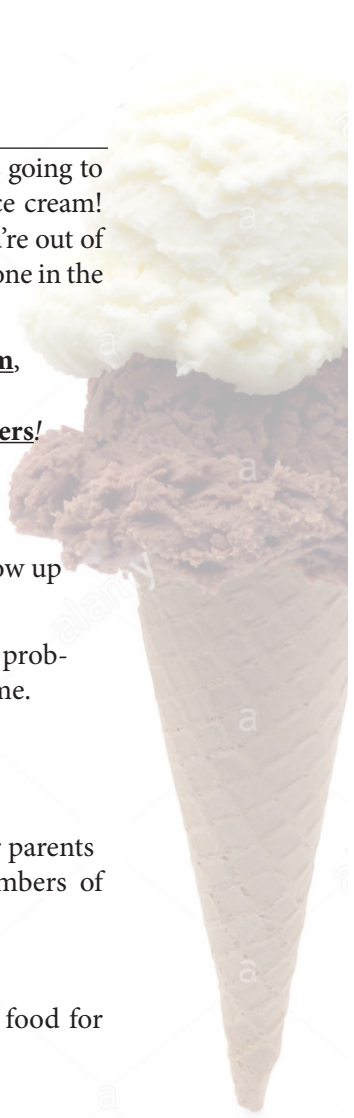
THANKYOU!

Thanks to Pastor Mary Kay and to the entire congregation of First Lutheran for remembering Pastor Ron on the 50th anniversary of his ordination. We truly appreciate the wonderful afternoon with so many friends and well wishers. The plant is beautiful as well. The cards, messages and shared verbal remembrances were special to us. We love the people at First Lutheran and Taylors Falls. We lived there for 14 years and our children did much of their growing up in that town and church.

Incidentally, someone left a royal blue Patagonia hooded jacket on our porch. I hope someone will miss it and remember where it might be. I will be happy to bring it up to TF if anyone claims it.

Once again, thanks to all for a special day and also for many years of friendship and memories. We always pray for the congregation at First Lutheran. You are special in our hearts.

~Miriam Hackmann (and PR)



First Lutheran Youth

YOUTH, GRADES 6-12 WELCOME!

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.*

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Sunday, June 12, 9am

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Honoring our graduates: Marinda Carlson, Colton Dexter, James Goranson, Dalton Langer, and Ryan Rogers. Each graduate will receive a handmade quilt from the church. A reception offering cake and refreshments will follow worship in the fellowship hall.

Sunday, June 12, 11:30am -12:30pm

MANDATORY

MISSION TRIP MEETING

for all chaperones, parents, and trippers! This is our last meeting before our departure. Be sure to be in attendance to finalize details!

RESERVE OUR YOUTH WINTER RETREAT DATES FOR 2017!!

The Winter Retreat at Luther Point Bible Camp has already been reserved for **February 3-5th, 2017!** Get it on your calendars!



20th Anniversary of Together With Friends will kick off in June!

20 years ago this wonderful, summer community ministry was launched and is still going strong! We will be celebrating 20 years of teaching the good news of Jesus as a united body of Christ here in Taylors Falls. If you are 6th-12th grade and wish to be on the Junior Staff -- your orientation day will be Tuesday June 14th 9am-12pm at the Baptist Church.

The first day of camp will be a BIG CELEBRATION WITH A BOUNCY HOUSE AND OTHER INFLATABLE FUN ITEMS! **Thursday June 16th @ Baptist Church;** Adult staff reports at 8:15am; Junior Staff 8:30am; Campers 9-12.

TWF Bible Camp will be at First Lutheran July 12th, 14th, 19th and 21st: We would like to be working ahead to assure that we have enough volunteers to supply & serve a morning snack; and also anyone interested in teaching the bible lessons on those days. There will be a sign up on the bulletin board; or you may speak with Michelle Lynch or Pastor Kevin Schuman (Director of TWF) 651-465-6792

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please be in prayer over our 2016 Summer Mission Trip Team as they embark on their 7th return trip to the Leech Lake Indian Reservation in Cass Lake, MN June 19th-24th.

Team Leaders: Michelle Lynch, Rose Anderson, Kayla Donahue, Don Hansen, Jason Linngren.

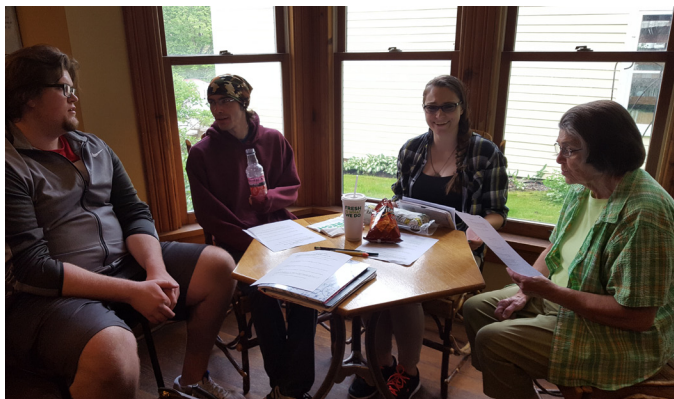
Youth: Honey Vodenka-Reed, Alex Pinto, Ethan Bjorklund, Caleb Moberg, Chase Lundholm, Ryan Rogers, and Luke Rogers.

Our theme this year is

“First Love”

1 John 4:19 ~ *We love, because He first loved us.*

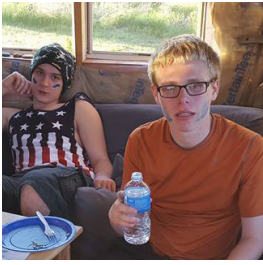
We are looking forward to reconnecting with the children of the Cass Lake Community through Kids Club and getting to know many more residents as we work to restore homes, businesses, parks, and gardens. Please pray for safe travels, and good health this summer! (no lake itch!!)



Thank You, YOUTH LEADERS

Most of the Adult leaders were there for our final wrap up meeting at coffeetalk! Missing were Jason Linngren, PMK, & Sally Lundholm. I want to extend a sincere and HUGE heartfelt THANK YOU to ALL these wonderfully talented, caring, and giving people who give so much of themselves to our youth and the ministry week in and week out. And to the MANY parent volunteers! We couldn't run this program without you.

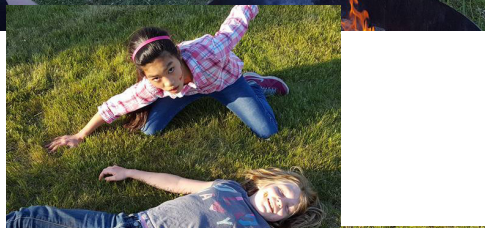
This year our focus was on John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; apart from me you can do nothing". Our youth group is small but close. They grew deeper in God's Word, their relationship with Him and His Son Jesus, and with each other. Thank you for a wonderful year everyone! Looking forward to our 2016 Summer Mission Trip! "First Love" 1 John 4:19



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Greetings from Luther Point

June 2016

It's not too late to register for summer camp!

While this coming summer is filling up, we still have registration open for various sessions and for all ages! Adventure filled options for on and off site camp programs include Outpost Pioneers and the 35-40 Mile Canoe Trip on the Saint Croix River. Younger campers, who want to experience camp but not commit to staying an entire week away from family, can be signed up for options such as Day at Camp and 1st/2nd Grade Overnight Camp. Senior High Camp opportunities include Night Life, Horse, and Lake Superior Kayak Trip. For these camps we offer a wider variety of atypical camp activities, off site as well as onsite. Family Camps are for the whole family, including Grandparents! Try out our weeklong camp, or consider our weekend camp, if you cannot dedicate an entire week.

Contact our program staff who are glad to help you navigate your choices and/or visit www.LutherPoint.org to view a brochure and to register.

Everyone should be able to afford to go to camp!

A core belief of Luther Point is that everyone can go to camp, regardless of their ability to pay. To help make this a reality we established a "Campership" fund. To help defray the cost of camp, families can apply for a full or partial scholarship, based on need. All requests are confidential. Applications are available on our website, keywords: **CAMPERSHIP FUND**. Camperships have allowed countless families to attend camp, and it is through continued support from our generous donors and member congregations that this is made possible. We invite you to prayerfully consider a donation to Luther Point benefiting camperships.

Check our website for our new Spring/Summer Newsletter for 2016!

Save the date! Our annual Quilt Auction and Summer Celebration is Sunday, August 7th. Stay tuned!

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

For More Information

Be sure to visit www.LutherPoint.org for more information!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Mark T. Peters, Executive Director

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2016-2017
Council/Officers:

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Rose Anderson
Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley

Financial Secretary
Jerry Rhoads

Please hold the ministers and council members 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, June 12th, 4:00pm in the Library.

Mission Statement

Gather. Grow. Go.

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

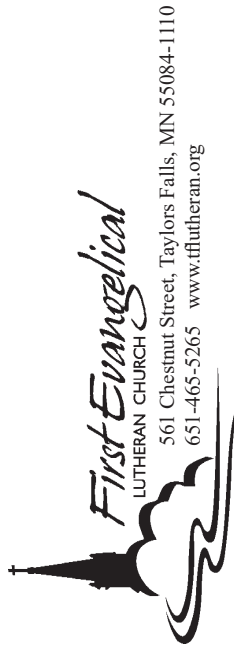
Grow—through the Word of God in faith, understanding, and love with God and
one another;

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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