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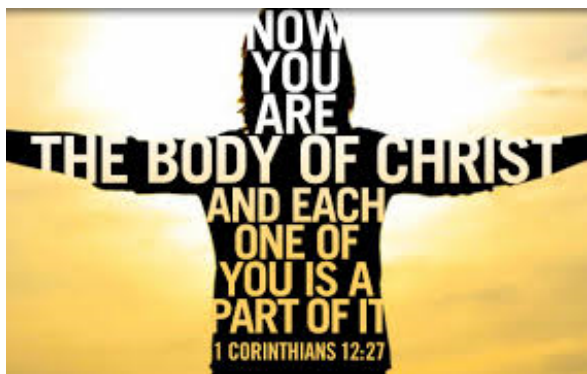
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## Summer Notes from Pastor

Friends in Christ,

What gifts God gives us in the summer, vacation for some, transition for some, beautiful, green luxurious growth for all of us to see in God's creation around us, even as we notice that we need to be cutting the grass every 3 or 4 days.



We who are First Evangelical Lutheran have been privileged to be part of 4 baptisms in the last five weeks, as I write this in June, and each family commented on the congregation's hospitality. We continue to reach out in Christ's love as we are able, and we may not see evidence of the growth in faith that is happening, but God promises that it is there.

I am so grateful for those who took time last month to come have portraits taken for our new picture directory. Thanks to all who gave a ride to help

someone get here, and those who pitched in to help host the process. More hosts will be needed on **July 15**, the Wednesday we will be hoping to fill many more families in the pages of that book that will help us continue to learn names, faces, and help us to pray for each other.

As we look to the fall, we will be looking at ways to accomplish the tasks God calls us to in this place; answering those promises we make each time we are present for a baptism. We have promised:

*...to live and gather with God's faithful people*

*...bring each other to the word of God and the holy supper*

*...teach the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments*

*...hold tight to the holy scriptures*

*...nurture in faith and prayer*

*...learn to know and trust God*

*...proclaim Christ through word and actions*

*...care for others and the world God made*

*...work for justice and peace.*

(Promises paraphrased from page 228 of ELW, Holy Baptism)

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## Summer Notes from Pastor —continued from page 1

We will be looking at some intergenerational ways to continue to grow in our faith & trust in our Savior, and continue to build strong relationships in this community.

I have a favor to ask of each of you - for something I am working on for Labor Day, I would love to know what kind of work you do now, or what kind of work you've done in the past. It would be a blessing to me if you would share your job title, or even a little more about what you do. You may email me, call me, or we can find time to talk in person at FELC, or somewhere else if more convenient for you. Please note that I am not only asking about paid employment, but about your vocations - the things you do that you feel God has called you to - thanks for considering sharing!

Thankful to be in ministry with you,  
*Pr. Mary Kaye*



### T-W-F DATES!

Mark your calendars! The first day of TWF was June 23rd at the Baptist Church. We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 30th. TWF DATES at First Lutheran Church: **June 30, July 2nd, July 7th and 9th.**

Watch for more info in June's newsletter!

*We missed one of our graduates in last month's newsletter, so we have listed them again...*

### CONGRATS 2015 GRADUATES!

Congratulations and God's richest blessings to our 2015 high school graduates: Dustin Valez, Ben Trudeau, Riley Linngren, Jesse Loen, Cody Larson, Bailey Hansen, Tommy Foss.



### BE a PART of Together with Friends !

**Snack providers** and servers are needed!  
(Approx 40 kids)

**Lesson teachers** are needed!

Dates: June 30, July 2, 7 and 9

Time: 9am - 12noon

### New Members WELCOME!

In May and June First Lutheran welcomes into membership:

**Jon Luschen**

(By baptism, Cassidy)

**Karen & Rodney Olson**

(By baptism, Ingrid & Torger )

By baptism: Theodore Spreiter

*We are so glad you are with us!*

## JULY BIRTHDAYS



Carlson, Racheal	07/02
Larson, Thomas	07/02
Greene, Erick	07/05
Loen, Jesse	07/06
Linngren, Jason	07/07
Hasselquist, Scott	07/08
Thorson, Daniel	07/08
Peterson, Timothy	07/09
Rhoads, Deborah	07/10
Alexander, Renee	07/11
Rogers, Ryan	07/12
Schumann, Kara	07/12
Bisel, Nathan	07/13
Woeltge, Carmen	07/13
Braucks, Sanora	07/15
Holmberg, Cynthia	07/16
Thorson, Naomi	07/21
Herberg, Leland	07/23
Alden, Ethan	07/24
Shepardson, Janet	07/26
Alexander, Joseph	07/27
Nelson, Tyler	07/27
Rolla, Krystal	07/28
Valez, Dustin	07/28
Lynch, Geary	07/29
Mattson, Joe	07/29
Nelson, Louisa	07/30



## Summer OFFICE HOURS

During the summer months, beginning June 1st the office will be open 3 (three) days each week:

**Monday—Tuesday—Thursday**  
**9:00a-12:00p**

## SARAH CIRCLE

Sarah Circle will meet, **Tuesday, July 7th, 9:30am.** Cynthia Holmberg is scheduled to host. 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

06/07 Giving:	\$3,518.44
06/14 Giving:	2,016.59
06/21 Giving:	2,058.04
06/28 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](mailto:jlandgreen.jl@gmail.com).



## TALENTSHOW!

First Lutheran invites all members and friends, young and old, to join in a talent show and potluck dinner on **Friday, July 10th from 6:00 to 8:30pm**. Bring a dish to pass and any talent from glow-stick-air-guitar to a synchronized clap routine (anything goes). Share your hidden talent during a relaxed evening of fellowship and fun. Look online for creative ideas! You can sign up on the rear entrance bulletin board.



## LAYETTESUPPLIES

The women of FELC are putting together layettes for local hospitals. We are in need of **receiving blankets**. Please search out gently used or new blankets and bring them to the church office. Thank you!

## WELCA North Cluster Gathering

### SAVE THE DATE!

2015 North Cluster Gathering  
Saturday, September 26th, 2015  
8:30 - 11:30am

(First Ev. Lutheran Church–Rush City)



## MOWING Sign-up

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

## ALLMEMBERS

Dear Members,  
Please be on the lookout for a Discipleship Team Leader to be contacting you to assist with different worship related opportunities for one month out of the year. We will be trying this new system to give each member new opportunities to serve. Please welcome their call!



## GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Don Hansen will be the project leader for the *A Brush With Kindness* (ABWK) project for the Curry/Winter household for this summer. The project is to build a wheelchair ramp, accessible deck, and lawn beautification at the home on Chestnut Street in Taylors Falls. All supplies are provided by ABWK. Contact Don if you would like to support this project with your time or resources! c: 612-201-1086





# You are invited to Capture Memories for a lifetime

**NEW DATE:**  
**Wednesday, July 15th!**  
It's not too late to  
be included!

Please be a part of our new family  
directory program—we need YOU to  
make our new family album complete!

Let's put names with faces. We have chosen to  
partner with Lifetouch for professional photography  
that will connect our members and tell our story.

**Wednesday, July 15th.**

Sign up online at: [www.tflutheran.org](http://www.tflutheran.org)  
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE



Each family will receive a  
complimentary 8x10 portrait  
and directory for participating

## COUNCIL MEETING

The June Council Meeting will be held  
on **Sunday, July 12th at 4:00pm.**

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

## SIMPLY GIVING

Did you know that you are able to direct  
deposit your giving to First Lutheran?  
With one simple phone call or a quick  
form to fill out, your giving can arrive  
confidentially, regularly, and safely at  
whatever intervals or amounts that you  
set. Changing or cancelling the service  
is as simple as another phone call to the  
church office. Help us to keep the salaries  
& utilities paid with your regular giving.

*family*  
**PATHWAYS**  
BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES  
ONE PERSON AT A TIME

## 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

*Schedule*



YOUTH, GRADES 6-12 WELCOME!

## WOODSPLITTING DAY!

We have scheduled our annual wood splitting event at Pete Lindgren's farm on **Saturday, July 18th from 9 til noon**. Lunch will be provided at noon.

Call or email me if you are able to serve that day. Our wood consumption will be reduced by 60-75% next year because of the acquisition of a Reverse Osmosis machine.

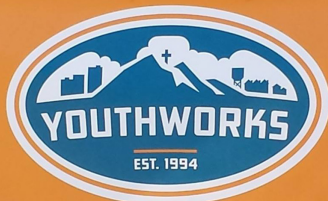
Blessings,

*Don Hansen*

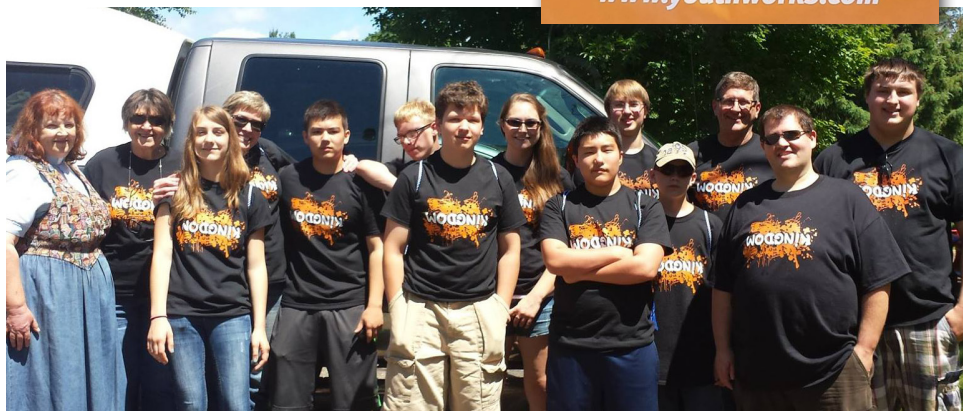
## TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS DAY CAMP and Junior Staff:

Day Camp began **Tuesday June 23rd** and meets Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 30th from **9am-12pm**. Campers will be at First Lutheran June 30th, July 2nd, 7th and 9th. We will need volunteers to help with setting up, serving, and cleaning up snack time. Lesson leaders are also needed. Sign up sheets are on the rear entrance bulletin board. Campers can pick up a brochure and sign-up in advance or sign-up when they arrive.

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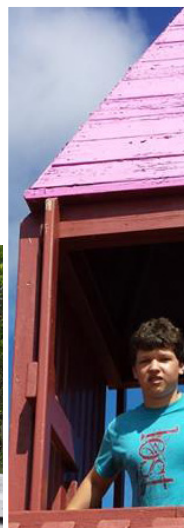
[www.youthworks.com](http://www.youthworks.com)



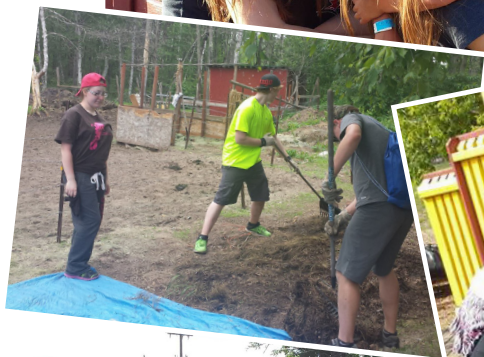




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# GOD WATCH

## *FELC Member Magnifier*

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This monthly column has the goal of continuing our 2015 Lent theme of watching for God among us and our community. We see God through the eyes of our member, Jackie Bjork.

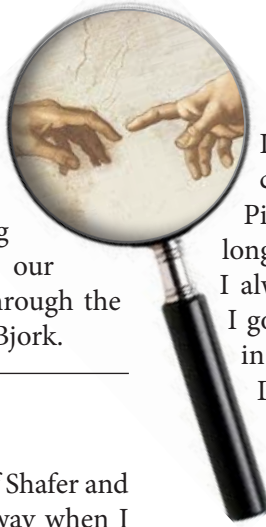
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### **Jackie Bjork**

I grew up on a farm north of Shafer and moved only 1-1/2 miles away when I got married to Russell Rue in 1968. I was widowed in 1973. I married Roger Bjork in 1975. I lost Roger to cancer in 2014. I am still living in the same place and have no plans to leave it. I mow a LOT of grass as Roger loved his yard and kept making it larger!

I have four children: Tom (Anne) of Taylors Falls, Janet (Robert) of Centuria, Randy (Crissy) of Ham Lake, and Michelle (Tom) of Pine City. I have ten awesome grandkids: Bryce, Michael, Laura, Steven, Brittney, Mitchell, Rachel, Chandler, Nicholas, and Mikayla.

I recently retired from St. Croix Regional Medical Center after 45 plus years as a Medical Laboratory Technician. I am looking forward to doing some volunteer work in my church and community.



I enjoy aviation and motorcycling. I earned my Private Pilot license in 1982. I am no longer current on my license, but I always have one eye on the sky! I got my motorcycle endorsement in 2009. I ride a 2010 Harley Davidson Heritage Classic. I've put over 34,000 miles on it! I enjoy riding for relaxation and enjoying God's beauty around me.

God's presence in my life is the only way I survived when I was widowed at age 23 with 3 small children. I began my faith journey in the Chisago Lakes Lutheran church, being baptized and confirmed there. I became a member of First Lutheran in the mid 1970's. All four of my kids were confirmed here. Being a member of First Lutheran is a blessing in my life. The faithful, caring, and supportive members help me to be a better Christian.

My favorite Bible verse is Pslam 118:24, "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." I try to remember this verse everyday. ■

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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.



# Greetings from Luther Point

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June 2015

**There's Still Time to Register for Summer Camp.** Although the waiting lists for some camp offerings are growing, there is still a good selection of choices for you and your family. Please visit our website and register now for best availability.

**Summer Staff Are All Hired!** We now have a full summer staff and will begin training on May 31. Over half our staff are returning counselors. They bring valuable experience and familiar faces. We also have a great lineup of new counselors. Six of our new counselors were previously a part of B.U.D.D.I.E.S., our high school program for improving leadership skills. I know that each one of them will be great leaders and role models for every camper that comes to camp this summer!

**Luther Point Brings Camp to Churches with Day Camp Program.** Throughout the summer, we have the opportunity to send a group of counselors out to different churches to lead their Vacation Bible School. This is a chance to bring all the fun and enriching experiences of camp straight to kids in their home environment. We are working with twelve churches using this program throughout the summer.

**A Mighty Thank You to Volunteers!** We simply couldn't prepare camp for the arrival of campers without these work weekends - God's Work, Our Hands! Many hands make quick work. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church from Pine City brought a work team of 16 (perhaps a record?) to tackle work tasks and tend the Pentecost Camper Cabin which they clean every year. Many others also joined together to make significant progress on defined work projects such as cleaning cabins, clearing trails, splitting wood, etc... If you or your congregation missed out on these scheduled dates we welcome you to contact our office to find another time to help complete the many projects that still remain.

On the Horizon Sunday, June 14th - First day of Summer Camp (Sign up now for best selection!)

**Sunday, August 9th - End of Summer Celebration Quilt and Craft Auction** This is a day of fun, food, music and fellowship for families of all kinds. Funds raised will support the ongoing ministry of the camp. Please keep this event in your thoughts and prayers and consider contributing quilts, handcrafted items, pottery, woodwork crafts, artwork, theme baskets, maple syrup, baked items (especially pies) and other items you might imagine or make. Visit our website for more details.

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Mark T. Peters  
Executive Director

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## **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**

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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, July 12 @ 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!

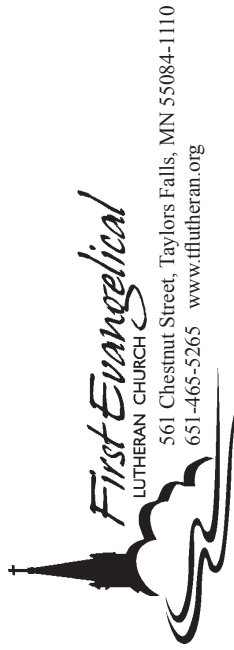
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*"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations." Psalm 90:1*

Please send submissions to: [parishc@tflutheran.org](mailto:parishc@tflutheran.org)  
Articles Due the 15th of each month.





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