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## Encouraging! That's the one I forgot!

A few weeks ago, in the middle of a sermon, I tried to recite seven faith practices that the ELCA, (that would be us!) is encouraging us to be faithful around. I only got to six, and could not, mid-sermon, recall the 7th - but it's an important one!

In 2000, the ELCA introduced a Faith Practices Initiative called, "Living the Faith – Call to Discipleship." From that program came the following seven faith practices to guide our discipleship: invite, pray, study, worship, give, encourage and serve. These seven practices continue to be used by individuals and congregations as we strive to be followers of Christ. (These practices were not "new" in 2000, and they're not "old" now :)

If you look in your Bible for the words, "Fear not!" or "Do not be afraid!", you'll find that Jesus and many messengers of God open with these words. Encouraging (putting courage into, or giving courage to) is that same reminder.

Our world is a very scary place sometimes. And those are the things that get the biggest press, the most tweets,

the biggest attention. But the persons who work together to serve a meal in love to the family of a beloved departed, those who quietly help others celebrate and worship, those who practice music or fix things, or talk about their faith in God to others, those who work with young children most of the summer to share God's love; these don't get the acclaim or press. But we can take courage in the presence of God seen in



all those things, and in Creation, and in Sabbath, and in having vocations of service that we get to live out. In all these things, we are reminded that God's care for us is shown, God's presence is real, God's work for us in serving our neighbor is clear.

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## Encouraging! —continued from page 1

Some people don't need lots of encouragement to do what God would have them do, and others need a lot. "Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10: 24-25)

Let us, as we move into our annual meeting and fall planning, consider how we can encourage each other, and to find encouragement in all the gifts God has given us.

Grateful with you, Pr. Mary Kaye

## Pie & ICE CREAM Community Social:

FELC will host a community ice cream social on Friday, **August 14th, 5-7pm**. Bring your own pie &/or toppings...and invite a neighbor or friend!

## COUNCIL MEETING

The June Council Meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 9th at 4:00pm**.

## ANNUAL MEETING

All members are asked to attend the Annual Meeting of First Evangelical Lutheran Church on **Sunday, August 16th at 10:00am** (following 9:00am worship).



## T-W-F 2015!

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers and staff members who made the summer of 2015 another successful season of sharing God's message of love and forgiveness through Together with Friends Day Camp!

## ECUMENICAL WORSHIP

Following our 9:00am worship on **Sunday, August 2nd at 10:00am** the Together with Friends kids will provide song and skits at an ecumenical service at the Methodist Church in TF followed by a potluck lunch. All are invited!

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation parents and students, watch for an invitation for a meeting to discuss confirmation classes, times and opportunities.

*New Members*  
**WELCOME!**

In August First Lutheran will officially welcome into membership:

**Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley and  
Rebecca Hulden**

Join us in celebrating on Sunday, August 30th following 9am worship.

If you are interested in joining, contact Pastor Mary Kaye.

## FALL Bible Study & Learning

Some of us are planning a new form of experiential learning for adult study on Sunday following the regular service, beginning in the last part of September. Talk to Jim Jordal or Jerry Rhoads for more. We'll have a fuller account in upcoming bulletins. Jim Jordal

## 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)

## AUG BIRTHDAYS



Anderson, Amy	08/05
Boucher, John	08/06
Carlsted, Kathleen	08/19
Davids, Patty	08/24
Dexter, Cheri	08/25
Donahue, John	08/07
Elliott Olson, Carol	08/22
Fors, Doris	08/13
Gustafson, Chad	08/24
Hansen, Thomas	08/23
Heyers, Tana	08/23
Johnson, Kinslee	08/05
Jorgenson, Ben	08/11
Keto, Dennis	08/19
Kirchoff, Lindsey	08/09
Lagus, Arne	08/16
Lamb, Kenneth	08/15
Lamb, Travis	08/12
Linngren, Riley	08/11
Lundsted, Andrew	08/14
Luschen, Jonathan	08/25
Lynch, Dylan	08/05
Moberg, Michael	08/26
Mueller, Darlene	08/09
Nelson, Jeanne	08/03
Nelson, Lacey	08/18
Nelson, Susan	08/19
Nelson, Deb	08/04
Olson, Tessa	08/19
Robinson, Danita	08/02
Rogers, Marcielle	08/30
Sampson, Jean	08/21
Slattengren, Cheryl	08/10
Valez, Julie	08/26
Vitalis, Wade	08/17
Vitalis, Gwen	08/07

## SARAH CIRCLE

Sarah Circle will meet, **Tuesday, August 4th, 9:30am.** Verna Grover and Fern Anderson are scheduled to host. All invited!

## Peace in the Valley

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION**  
a ministry of [stonecroft.org](http://stonecroft.org)

*Mon • August 17<sup>th</sup> • 11:30am*

\$10.00—inclusive • Chisago Lake Lutheran  
1 Summit Ave. Center City, MN 55012

—Special Feature—

Kathy White  
Field Director from Stonecroft

—Music—

Diane Merchant & Mary Matz

—Speaker—

Nancy Brydges  
The Challenge of New  
Beginnings

RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS NECESSARY.

Please call for reservations at least one week prior.

**651-257-4741 (Carrie)**

**715-554-2330 (Mary)**

## 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)*

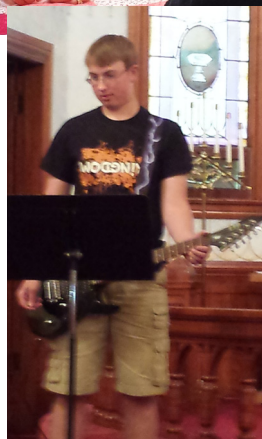
Budgeted Monthly Expenses: \$ 13,030.00  
Needed per week: \$3257.50

07/05 Giving:	3,350.34
07/12 Giving:	4,116.00
07/19 Giving:	1,931.00
07/26 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).

# First Ev. Lutheran Church TALENT SHOW 2015

First Lutheran invited all friends and families to participate in a Talent show on Friday, July 10th. Take a look at some of the extraordinary talents we have hidden at FELC!



## KIDS-ON-BOARD

We invite KOB to lead worship again on **Sunday August 16th @9am**. Rehearsal will be **Saturday August 15th @9am**.

## THANKYOU

Thank you to Don Hansen for coordinating and all who provided time, abilities, funds, and food for the Habitat for Humanity, A Brush With Kindness (ABWK) wheel chair ramp project for the Curry/Winter household on Saturday, July 25th. Thank you for being a blessing to our community!



# GOD WATCH

## *Seeing God's Hand at FELC*

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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 members.

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### **Bruce & Kathy Carlsted**

We are Bruce and Kathy Carlsted also known as Ole and Lena. We live in a reconstructed 150 year old log house near Franconia. We've been married 41 years and members of First Lutheran for over 20 years. We have two children; Anika is married to Jake and lives north of Stillwater with 2 goats, 2 dogs, 3 cats, and 6 Guinea fowl. Kristofer lives in Breckenridge, Colorado where he bikes and skis and oh yes works!

Bruce grew up near Almelund and graduated from Lindstrom High School. He attended St Paul TVI and became a Master electrician. He had his own business for 12 years. He is now retired and busy with his many projects and hobbies. Kathy grew up in Osceola after living in Spooner, Wisconsin for 5 years. She went to St Mary's Jr. College (now part of St Kate's) in Minneapolis. worked most of 40 years as a Physical Therapy Assistant in nursing homes and rehab centers. Kathy is also retired and enjoys not driving to the cities for work.



We love to travel and like many outdoor activities. We are very involved in the Taylors Falls Historical Society. We enjoy demonstrating old time crafts especially to children both at the Almelund Threshing Show and the Apple Festival. Bruce likes woodworking and working on anything mechanical. He has been involved with the Boy Scouts for over 20 years, is a downhill skier and has raced quite a few years at Trollhaugen. Kathy enjoys sewing, handwork and crafts, reading and singing in the choir.

We belong to First Lutheran for the convenience, the small-town environment and it's casualness. We have both been on the council, worked with the youth, volunteered with activities and property work. We see God's work in the church's outreach in the community especially with the youth of the area. God's work is also evident in the deep caring seen for one another in the church family. ■



# Greetings from Luther Point

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August 2015

**Sunday, August 9th** - Join us for our annual **“Summer Celebration and Quilt and Craft Auction.”** Mark your calendars and come and enjoy a day of food, fun, and fellowship while financially supporting camp!

Logistics: Chapel worship begins our day at 10:00 followed by a tasty lunch and viewing of auction items starting at 11:00. The auction starts at 1:00. Live music and entertainment will also be part of the day. Please visit our website for updated information, promotional flyers and bulletin inserts, and turn-in cards for donated items at [www.lutherpoint.org](http://www.lutherpoint.org).

## **The 2015 Auction will focus on four areas:**

High-quality Quilts - with minimum bids in order to honor the hard work that is put into each of them.

Artisan Crafts - quality, hand-crafted items such as wood-crafted pieces, pottery, artwork, jewelry, etc.

Specialty Baskets - these are theme baskets, such as; spa, sports, hunting, etc. for either the silent auction or the auction block.

Needs Auction - new this year is a Needs Auction. Sometimes you just don't need any more “stuff.” The needs auction will allow guests to support Luther Point directly by bidding on needed items for the camp.

P.S. - Bring your kids back to camp to say hello their favorite counselors, play games, and-weather permitting-do some swimming!

Wondering how to make this summer the best ever for you and your family? We still have a few remaining slots for “Families of All Shapes and Sizes Camp” and “Family Camp for Youth with Developmental Disabilities” the first week in August. Please contact our office to register.

## **Summers not over yet. Plan an easy “Get-A-Way” in our family cabins!**

The Pine Cove Family Cabins are nestled down along Akermark Bay of Big Wood Lake and are an excellent place for you, your family, and your friends to get away and renew and reconnect. Each of these cabins are newly remodeled and fully winterized for year-round use. Each cabin has a kitchen where you can cook your own meals. Please visit our website to learn more.

Our 2015 LPBC Summer Newsletter is posted at [www.lutherpoint.org](http://www.lutherpoint.org)

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, August 9th @ 4pm in the Library.**  
**ANNUAL MEETING, Sunday, August 16th at 10:00am**

## *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)

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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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**FELC Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, August 16th**  
**10:00am**

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