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Can You Picture God's Kingdom?

by Pastor
Mary Kaye Ashley



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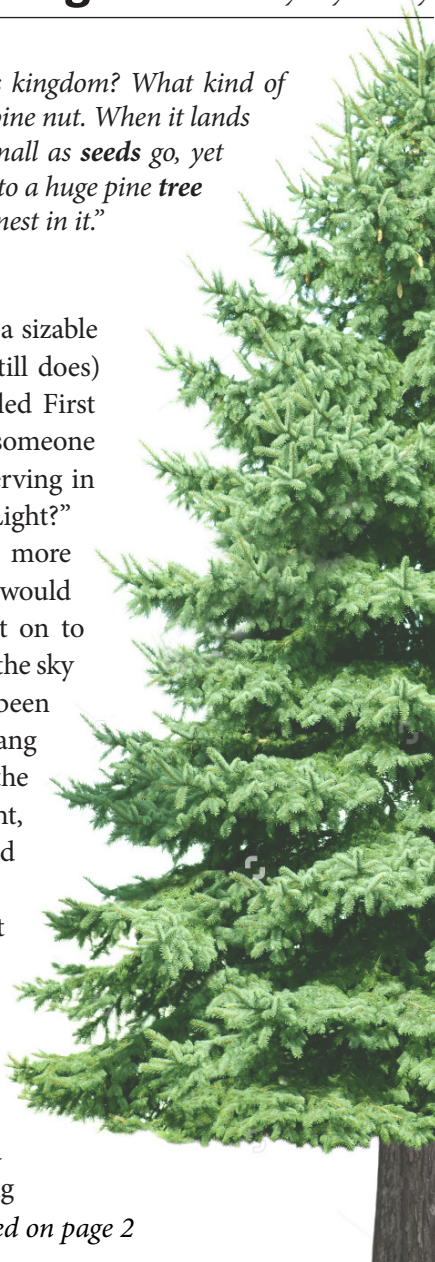
*"How can we picture God's kingdom? What kind of story can we use? It's like a pine nut. When it lands on the ground it is quite small as **seeds** go, yet once it is planted it grows into a huge pine **tree** with thick branches. Eagles nest in it."*

~The Message

In Burnsville, Prince of Peace Lutheran, a sizable congregation, has/had (I'm unsure if it still does) a hundred-ish voice touring youth choir called First Light. In my first paying job in youth ministry, someone in the small mission congregation I began serving in asked, "Can we have a youth choir like First Light?" I said no, trying to make the expectations more reasonable, but, of course, a better answer would have been, "Yes, but not tomorrow." I went on to explain that God didn't drop First Light out of the sky fully formed, and I knew that, because I had been present the first time a rag-tag group of kids sang in worship, kind of on a whim, as thanks for the congregation's taking us in to sleep overnight, so we could see & hear Concordia Moorhead College's Christmas concert.

The things we do may seem little, but little things grow bigger or deeper with diligent nurturing. Our service (maybe plural) at the Lodge, our upcoming Service of Transition & Healing, some of our community welcoming activities. When we all pitch in to help, it's amazing what a wonderful meal or cantata or faithful reaching out to a neighbor can happen!

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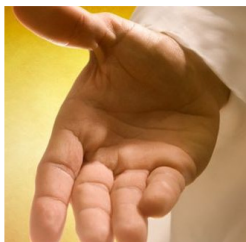
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Watch—even search—for where you can offer your skills, talents, treasures, interests, in order to grow our children, youth & adult ministries, our worship & prayer life, our giving & sharing with our neighbors life.

Maybe you spot someone in town or coming to worship who could seem to use a friend or some TLC today. Maybe you have something you no longer need that can bless someone else. Maybe you can learn something this fall with a confirmation class or a small group study. Be ready to watch what God can make of what is in our hands.

Every blessing,
Pr. Mary Kaye



Service of TRANSITION & HEALING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17th
7:00pm

Are you going back to college?

...moving to a new home?

Do you have new employment?

...ANOTHER NEW ADVENTURE?

...or a new awareness about yourself?

You and our community (young, old, and in-between) are encouraged to come and be renewed with God's healing Word, prayer, and alternative Christian music. Bring friends!

SARAH CIRCLE

Sarah Circle will meet again, **Tuesday, August 2nd at 9:30am** and will be hosted by t/b/a. All are welcome!

Thank You,

Dear Sarah Circle Women,

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and encouraging notes. Also, thank you for your gift of \$100. Your gift sent me to my training conference which equipped me to serve as a missionary full-time with CRU!

Thankful for you women!

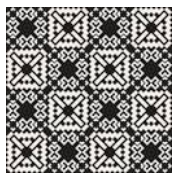
~from a thankful daughter of FELC

Quilter THANK YOU

First Ev. Lutheran Church Quilters,
Thank you all SO much for the donation of quilts! There is something special about a hand-made quilt. Our clients always LOVE them. Thank you for thinking of us!

-The Refuge Network,

a program of Family Pathways



QUILTERS

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



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.

August COUNCIL MEETING

Council will meet **Sunday, August 7th, at 10:30pm.**

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.

AUG BIRTHDAYS



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

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

Sunday, September 11th

following worship

God's Work, Our Hands

Rally Sunday

& Tentative Start Date

for LifeGroup, Sunday School,

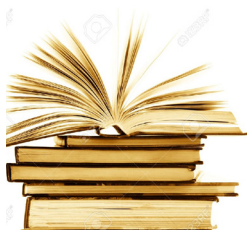
Adult Bible Study

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Sunday, September 25th

10:15am

Confirmation Classes Begin



LIBRARY TREASURES

Fill the summer duldrums with a good book. Come visit the FELC Library. We have many books for young and old in many areas of interest.

Thank you to Julie Valez for maintaining the library so beautifully!

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: \$3158.

07/03 Giving:	2924.61
07/10 Giving:	3019.00
07/17 Giving:	2926.12
07/24 Giving:	1696.40
07/31 Giving:	n/a

Thank you for your faithful giving. Please contact FELC Treasurer, Joe Landgreen with any questions or concerns at:

WOMEN'S RETREAT

The women of Rush City Evangelical Lutheran Church invite you to join them at the All-Women's Retreat **Friday through Sunday, September 23rd-25th**, at the beautiful Retreat Center of **Luther Point Bible Camp** on Wood Lake near Grantsburg, WI.

The Interdenominational retreat will feature a program entitled "God's Stew – Simmering in His Love", led by guest Pastor Beverly Robinson.

The retreat is open to all adult women and you are encouraged to bring a friend. No one is too old or too young! Space is limited to 48 participants, and there is a cost.

If you have questions or would like to register, please call Kathy Olson at 651-248-0243.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION

a ministry of stonecroft.org

Mon • August 15th • 11:30am

\$10.00—inclusive • Chisago Lake Lutheran

1 Summit Ave, Center City, MN 55012

—Special Feature—

Connie Bayle

All you need to know about
Grief Share

—Music—

Carrie Holmquist

—Speaker—

Kay Grudem

*From Castles to Mansions with all the
Hills and Valleys In Between*

RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS NECESSARY.

Please call for reservations at least one week prior.

651-592-7416 (Betty)

715-554-2330 (Mary)

FLY Cass Lake 2016



Our return trip to the Ojibwe Reservation in Cass Lake, MN was a beautiful success. Our Youthworks THEME was “FIRST LOVE” based on 1 John 4:19, “We love because He first loved us”. The trip offered faithbuilding opportunities and deepened our relationship with the Cass Lake community. This year’s team ,members: Adult Staff: Michelle Lynch, Don Hansen, Rose Anderson, Kayla Donahue, Jason Linngren; Youth: Caleb Moberg, Alex Pinto, Chase Lundholm, Lucas Rogers, Ryan Rogers, Ethan Bjorklund, Honey Vodenka-Reed.

Our youth and adults had many ways to show the love of Jesus to the community of Cass Lake through the work projects, Kids Club, Outrageous Sports Camp, plus a variety of smaller service projects throughout the week; visiting nursing homes, adult day care centers, and the full native American Indian Immersion School (lovingly called the “Bug” school because the name is quite long!) in Bena, MN.

We served these communities by working at the Bug School —truly giving them renewed hope and a sense of pride that their school will be ready to open this fall with new learning modules for the high school. Painting floors, installing bathroom walls, scraping/painting benches, taking down and rolling up hundreds of yards of chain link fence, etc. The work project teams really had their hands full this year!

The Kids Club was a wonderful time to get to know nearly 30 children and engage with them in play, crafts, skits, Bible lessons, games, and seeing them and their families attend the mid-week cookout. They were so thrilled to see ALL of the SCHOOL DONATIONS that came in from our church! Thank you to Honey Vodenka-Reed for heading that up at CLHS! The highlight for us after **7 years** is to be able to continue to have a relationship with these children and their families. They remember us, they remember our youth, and the bond is instantly renewed when we step out of the car to see them for the first time in the summer!

I want to continue to thank our congregation, council, pastor, parents, and community for supporting this important outreach right here in our own state. As Don Hansen so eloquently put it on our Sunday morning presentation - “When you don’t know what you should do, show God’s Love First”. That is what our youth have been learning all the years we have been doing this mission outreach! A very special thank you to the PARENTS of our youth, our chaperones, Pastor Mary Kaye, Caroline Greene, and the support of our church council and congregation!

Sincerely,
Michelle Lynch,
Youth Minister



T-W-F THANKS YOU!

Thank you to all who gave of time, talent, and support to the 20th anniversary year of Together-with-Friends Summer Day Camp. We had a wonderful turn-out and shared the message of Christ's love to many children in our community.





WRAP UP

As the music director for Together With Friends Bible Day Camp I just want to try to summarize what another amazing summer we had with the campers and junior staff for our 20th Anniversary Year! This summer's theme was "Walking With Jesus" and each Bible lesson told the children of a wonderful story during Jesus' preaching that would leave a lasting impact on them; give them a story they could remember; and

also teach them that no matter what, they are never alone in this world. They will always have the love of their God and Savior. This was taught through object lessons, Bible stories and verses to memorize, games, crafts, and lots and lots of fun music; rotating from the Baptist, to the Methodist, and Lutheran churches.

What I absolutely love about this summer camp is how the churches in this small community are able to come together, unite under the name of Jesus, and reach out to the children and young people of this community. It doesn't matter what church you come from, or even if you attend one. ALL are welcome! And it is very evident ALL are accepted and loved when they are here during Bible camp. I have been blessed to be a part of this camp for 10 out of my 11 years here and plan to continue.

Special missions are chosen every summer and this year our offerings for TWF are being divided up between a daughter of First Lutheran working with CRU and Kara Schumann who are both doing mission work globally and in Colorado. We have been hearing from them every week in videos and the children have been bringing in special offerings every time they come to camp. We had a goal of \$200 for the summer and on July 21st we had \$211.01!!! Way to go TWF campers! They are supporting global mission work for Jesus! There will also be a free-will offering taken at the special **Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday, July 31st, 9am at First Lutheran Church** of Taylors Falls to be given to Emily and Kara.

There is just an incredible number of people who work so hard all summer to make this possible. Trying to list them all I am afraid I would miss someone and feel terrible. If I miss you please forgive me, but know you made a difference! **ADULT STAFF:** Pastor Kevin Schumann, Assistant Director Kayla Donahue, Music Director Michelle Lynch, Crafts: Barb Young, Heidi Glynn, Louise, Amy Reisdorf, Billy, Jake Glynn, Riley Linngren; **ALL JUNIOR STAFF!** Bible Lesson Teachers: Dean Roush, Connie Souder, Cheryl Moberg, Miriam Flyjso, Wendy Szczepanski; **TREATS:** Angie Linngren, Rose Anderson, and **ALL** the wonderful people from the Baptist and Methodist churches I do not know well enough by name! **MUSIC TEAM:** Michelle Lynch, Caleb Moberg, Isaac Moberg, Molly Moberg, Dean Roush, Kevin Schumann, Nia Glynn, Sierra, Olivia, Sarah. Thank you all! ~Michelle Lynch



LIVING PROOF

simulcast

with **BETH MOORE**
and Worship with Travis Cottrell

Saturday, September 17, 2016

Doors Open: 8:30 a.m. Event: 9:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

**Alliance Church of the Valley
1259 State Road 35 ~ St. Croix Falls, WI 54024**

Free Event

Lunch will be provided

**More at Facebook: ACV Women's Ministry
and www.StCroixAlliance.com**

LifeWay Women | events



Luther Point Bible Camp Summer Celebration Live & Silent Auction! Quilt & Craft Sale!



Join in the fun!

Bid on beautiful quilts and other artisan items made by groups and individuals. If you've already got enough quilts, consider offering

financial support to our "Needs and Wants" fund.

Schedule for Sunday, August 7th

11:00 Lunch
Silent Auction
Quilt Viewing
Quilt & Craft Sale
Canteen is Open for Business

12:30 Praise Time led by Summer
Staff

1:00-3:00 Auction!

Money raised at this important fundraiser goes toward everyday expenses as well as helping campers come to camp.

Every dollar raised helps Luther Point

"Form Faith and POINT to Christ"

Interested in Donating?

Monetary donations are always accepted, as well as donations for the live auction, silent auction, and the quilt/craft store.

We appreciate gifts of all kinds as well as prayers for our ministry!

Luther Point Bible Camp & Retreat Center

11525 Luther Point Rd. Grantsburg, WI 54840

Phone: (715) 689-2347 Fax: (715) 689-2348

Email: Info@LutherPoint.org

Did you know that First Lutheran is a supporting church of Luther Point Bible Camp? This means that we support them financially allowing for lower camp rates for FELC kids to attend. We also have the opportunity to have a member representative attend meetings and have a voice at Luther Point. First Lutheran Youth also use the location for their Winter Retreat each year. Contact the church office for more information.



Greetings from Luther Point

July 2016

We love camp—a warm summer hello from program directors Scott Tolzmann & Liz Tomczak! Liz has previously worked at Badlands Ministries as both counselor and summer program director, and Scott has attended camp at Luther Point since 2001, eventually joining the summer staff in 2012. Involvement in the Luther Point community has been very exciting for both of us. It is our goal to continue to build on our core objective, “Forming Faith, Pointing to Christ!”

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries has been a wonderful partner as we work with and adapt its curriculum, “The Jesus Way,” as our summer theme. Each year Lutheran Outdoor Ministries creates curriculum that is widely shared and adapted to fit the context of many different and diverse Bible camps throughout the country. We are pleased that written evaluations this summer have been consistently positive from both parents and campers alike.

One way we are seeking specific feedback is through a partnership with the Effective Camp Research Project: <https://www.vibrantfaith.org/project/ecrp/>. Through the project we are receiving extensive input from campers grades 5-9 on the impact of their time at camp. Camper responses provide valuable information on how various Bible Camps across the Midwest impact youth.

We also offer an opportunity for all adults to provide input through a completely confidential online survey which you can access at: <https://www.research.net/r/LutherPoint2016>. We truly value your wisdom, perspective, suggestions, and prayers for Luther Point. Every response provides valuable information as we listen, learn and improve everyone’s camping experience. Blessings, Scott and Liz

For many years Luther Point has hosted a wonderful Summer Celebration. On Sunday August 7, our day begins at 11:00 AM with lunch and an opportunity to view quilts and other items available in live and silent auctions. At 12:30 PM we host a praise time, and then 1:00 PM is auction time. This fundraiser plays an integral role in helping with expenses at camp, raising monies for special purchases, as well as making camp financially accessible for anyone who wishes to attend. Mark the date and join us. Come for lunch, stay for the auction and enjoy our beautiful location along the shores of Wood Lake. This is a great opportunity to bring your kids back to camp to say hello to their favorite counselors, play games, and—weather permitting—swim.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Mark T. Peters, Executive Director

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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, August 7th, 10:30am in the Library.

Mission Statement

Gather. Grow. Go.

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

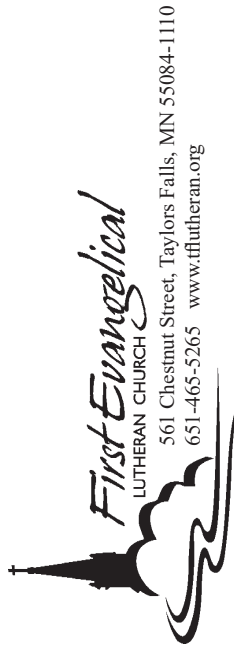
Grow—through the Word of God in faith, understanding, and love with God and
one another;

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

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Articles Due the 15th of each month.



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