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Outrageous Goals!

by Pastor
Mary Kaye Ashley

Dear beloved of God,

As our church council looks back over some of our goals, I'm working on a couple that I began my ministry with you with. My goal was to visit with everyone who was part of First Evangelical Lutheran who would be willing to meet with me. I knew that it was an outrageous goal when I voiced it, but I also knew that it was exactly where I wanted to begin in my work with you, learning who you are, what I could of your spiritual and other needs and gifts, and whatever else might be valuable to know. So I'm 2 months short of 2 years, and have met with at least 77 families or parts of families, and have had substantive conversation or learning

with each of them. (And of course, have visited some folks more than once, some many more than once. My privilege.) I would say I'm somewhere between a third and a half way thru the people in our membership listings, and have visited with about 75 percent of the folks who worship with us, or come to other activities. I am learning a lot.

If you know of or ARE people who want to meet with me, please be in touch. I work to find time to meet with everyone, not as often as I would like, but somehow, sometime. I will also continue to work through our lists.

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Romans 9:20-21

Who in the world do you think you are to second-guess God? Do you for one moment suppose any of us knows enough to call God into question? Clay doesn't talk back to the fingers that mold it, saying, "Why did you shape me like this?" Isn't it obvious that a potter has a perfect right to shape one lump of clay into a vase for holding flowers and another into a pot for cooking beans? (The Message)



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We've also been doing some experimenting with worship at other times than on Sunday morning. In July, we led a communion service at the Lodge that was well-received, and we've now committed to being there once a quarter—again in October. In August, a service for transition & healing was put together & done collaboratively with Cheri & Scott Dexter using alternative music, and even though a small number were with us, it seemed meaningful to all present, and we will be repeating this service, both for our senior high youth in October, and also at the Lodge in October, on a different afternoon than our communion service. Some things we try, and they lead to other things.

Watch for some upcoming book study & discussion information coming in soon, and a re-scheduled "God's Work, Our Hands" effort. And be with us on September 11 for blessing of backpacks, students, the beginning of Sunday school, and also of LifeGroup!

Blessings on what you're working on, on the portion of our ministry together that you're taking responsibility for. And yes, I'd love to hear more about it. Call me? (or text, or email, etc.)

in God's hands, as you are,
Pr. Mary Kaye

EDUCATION HOUR *Kick-Off*

Sunday, September 11th

10:15am

*Rally Sunday
for LifeGroup & Sunday School*

****Confirmation will NOT begin until...**

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Sunday, September 25th

10:15am

Confirmation Classes Begin

(It'll be good for y'all to be in worship
the Sundays before, though!)



LIFE GROUP

Life Group will be starting up **Sunday, September 11th**, 10:15-11:15am in the youth room. We welcome all **confirmed or high school and college aged** youth who are looking for a good place to connect deeper in the Scriptures, prayer, and relationships.



Adult **CHOIR** REHEARSAL

Adult Choir will begin rehearsals Tuesday September 13th 7-8:30pm. ALL are welcome to come! We are a very fun welcoming group and would love to have you join us to edify our worship services. Upper Junior high and Senior High students are also very welcome! We love to mentor young singers.

New Member **WELCOME!**

On Sunday, August 21, 2016
First Lutheran officially welcomed into membership:

Lindsey McDonald

Wendy Szczepanski

Joseph Szczepanski

and welcomed through baptism to the
body of Christ:

Rylin William McDonald

~We are so glad you are with us!~

If you are intersted in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley.

SEPT BIRTHDAYS



Carlson, Brent	09/01
Johnson, Joan	09/01
Bjorklund, Ryan	09/02
Schultz, Mary Jane	09/03
Landgreen, Ethan	09/05
Olson, Torger	09/05
Landgreen, Jonah	09/06
Lindgren, Donna	09/07
Bisel, Gavin	09/08
Donahue, David	09/08
Lindgren, Timothy	09/08
Miller, Taylor	09/08
Moberg, Caleb	09/09
Davis, Ollie	09/11
Peterson, Deagan	09/13
Magnuson, Sheldon	09/16
Vitalis, Jeremy	09/16
Zollner, Ashley	09/16
Keto, Ross	09/18
Nelson, Luke	09/18
Hansen, Bailey	09/19
Olson, Ingrid	09/19
Berg, Phyllis	09/21
Clasen, Mark	09/22
Searles, Matthew	09/24
Stomberg, Cleo	09/24
Bjorklund, Ethan	09/27
Shelton, Pastor Wayne	09/27
Lunde, Nichole	09/28
McDonald, Timothy	09/28
Vitalis, Caitlyn	09/29
Landgreen, Joseph	09/30

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

September **COUNCIL** MEETING

Council will meet **Sunday, September 11th, at 10:30am.**

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.

SARAH CIRCLE

Sarah Circle will meet again, **Tuesday, Sept. 6th at 9:30am.** All are welcome!

Thank You,

*Dear women of First Lutheran,
Your generous donation to the quilt
and silent auction at Luther Point Bible
Camp's 28th annual fundraising auction
realized \$348 (quilt & breakfast basket).
For this we are extremely grateful!
Your support is much appreciated.
—The LBPC Auction Committee*



QUILTERS

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

Swedish Meatballs FOR PARMLY

**Thursday, September 22, 2016
4:00-6:30pm**

Elim Lutheran Church, Scandia, MN
~plus~

Scandinavian Auction, 4-6pm
Drawings begin at 6:15pm

MENU

Swedish meatballs with gravy
Mashed potatoes
Green peas with pearl onions
Lefse, butter & brown sugar
Rye bread & butter, Lingonberries,
Dessert, Milk, water, coffee

TICKETS:

14yrs+ \$8 in advance / \$10 at the door
7-13yrs: \$5 6yrs and under: FREE

Available at:

Ecumen Parmly Life Pointes

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.

Treasures & Adventures

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION
a ministry of stonecroft.org

Mon • September 19th • 11:30am

\$10.00—inclusive • Oak Forest Retreat Center
2824 130th St. Frederic, WI

—Special Feature—

Deann Alsaker
Recycled Clothing
(Wear your favorite recycled clothes!)

—Music—
Joe Lund

—Speaker—
Barbara Hoffner
Are You Ready for Adventure?

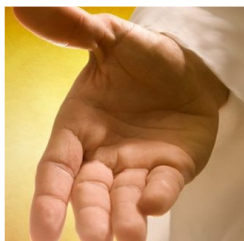
RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS NECESSARY.

Please call for reservations at least one week prior.

**651-592-7416 (Betty)
715-554-2330 (Mary)**

We are doing it again at the Lodge!

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



Service of TRANSITION & HEALING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd
2:00pm

JOIN
US AT...

The Lodge of Taylors Falls
1051 Mulberry St, Taylors Falls, MN 55084

Are you going back to college?

...moving to a new home?

Do you have new employment?

...ANOTHER NEW ADVENTURE?

...or new awarenesses about yourself?



First Evangelical
LUTHERAN CHURCH of TAYLORS FALLS

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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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September Youth Events

W 9/7: ADULT LEADER MEETING 7PM YOUTH ROOM

W 9/14: 6:30-8pm KICKOFF!! “No Limits” Session 1

W 9/21: UNITED YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT at the Alliance Church in St. Croix Falls
(meet at our church 6:30; return 8:15)

Guest Speaker Alaina Mathias, Graduate of SCF;

Starting off the year challenging our students to “Be the Light” in their schools.

W 9/28: Regular Youth Night 6:30pm “No Limits” Session 2
(*this is a change; normally this would be an adult leader meeting night)

October Youth Events

W 10/5: Youth 6:30-8pm “No Limits” Session 3

W 10/12: Youth Worship Service of Transition and Healing 6:30pm

W 10/19: Youth Bonfire 6:00-8pm @ Lundholm’s (meet @ FELC)

W 10/26: Adult Leader Meeting 7pm; NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES



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**KEEP
CALM
AND GO TO
YOUTH
GROUP**

YOUTH KICKOFF Wed. Sept. 14th! 6:30-8PM

All youth grades 6-12 are welcome and invited to come to Youth Group the first 3 Wednesdays of every month ~ and feel free to invite a friend!

Our Mission is to **CONNECT** youth to a Christian Community; **INVITE** youth into the love and life of God; and **EQUIP** youth to make God-honoring choices with their lives and put their faith into action. We do this through a wide variety of activities, special events, games, music, small group time, and a chosen relevant curriculum that reaches youth and connects them to the Word of God.

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Our OVERALL SCRIPTURE FOCUS this year is Psalm 139:1-16 with special emphasis on verses 13-16. (NIV and The Message translations):

Psalm 139: 13-16 (The Message)
*Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out;
you formed me in my mother's womb.
I thank you, High God -- you're breathtaking!
Body and soul, I am marvelously made!
I worship in adoration -- what a creation!
You know me inside and out,
you know every bone in my body;
You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit,
how I was sculpted from nothing into something.
Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception
to birth; all the days of my life were spread out before you,
The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day.*

Our first series/topic is called "NO LIMITS"

When you were little, what did you dream about becoming? An astronaut? A ballerina? A professional wrestler? Whatever it was, chances are it was something that you felt was important. Something big. That's the thing about little kids - they dream big because no one has told them that they can't do something yet. They literally have no limits. But it's different when we get older, isn't it? In middle school and high school we start to see the areas we lack for the first time. We're not the most popular or influential. We aren't the most talented. And eventually we start to wonder if we can ever do or be anything significant. The big-dreaming days of our childhood feel long gone under the weight of our all-too-limiting reality. That's exactly what happened in the life of a guy named Moses. With a tough past and not many real skills, he had no reason to believe that his life would be used to do anything extraordinary. But after a few encounters with God, Moses' perspective changed completely. He found that, with God, there is no limit to what you can do.

Session 1 9/14: Big influence starts with a small step.

Session 2 9/21: With God there's no limit to what you can do.

Session 3 10/5: If you want to make your days count, count your days.



PROPERTY UPDATE

You may have noticed another property improvement taking place at First Lutheran. The fellowship hall/basement window project has been going on much of the summer. The windows were rotten and much of the window opening substructure needed repair and rebuilding.

Many thanks to Bruce Carlsted for taking the lead on this project and for the many hours put in by both Bruce and Don Hansen in rebuilding the window openings and in the repair of the surrounding brick and mortar structure. At the time of this publication, Indianhead Glass has nearly completed the replacement on the north side of the building and the project should soon be completed.

Much of the project cost has been covered, but over \$1,000 is still needed to complete our obligations.

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.

08/07 Giving:	3779.87
08/14 Giving:	2022.00
08/21 Giving:	3113.61
08/28 Giving:	1873.26
Klinke Gift:	\$10,000.00

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

-8- 715-417-1429 or jlandgreen.jl@gmail.com.

North Cluster FALL GATHERING

Saint Paul Area Synodical Women of the ELCA fall gathering will be held:

Saturday, October 1, 2016

8:30a Registration and Refreshments

9:00–11:00a Program

Local Social Outreach Ministry
Opportunities

This will be an inspiring morning of worship, fellowship, and sharing information about what our congregational units are doing to help people in our own communities.

Women of all ages are invited to attend!

Location:

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
1 Summit Avenue
Center City, Minnesota 55045
651-257-6300

Host Churches:

Calvary Lutheran, Stanchfield
Chisago Lake Lutheran, Center City
Trinity Lutheran, North Branch
Zion Lutheran, Chisago City

Event Coordinator:
Barbara Wikelius
651-257-5892

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Carol Johnson
651-257-5918



LAYETTE NEEDS

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

- Receiving Blankets
- Sleepers (boy & girl)
- Receiving blankets
- Quilts or larger blankets.
- Newborn diapers

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



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

BOOKSHELF NEEDED

We are looking for a sturdy bookshelf for the youth room to create a parent and youth resource center. If you might have a piece that you would like to donate, please contact Youth Minister Michelle Lynch or the church office.

COMMUNITY DINNERS

Chisago Lakes Area
COMMUNITY DINNERS

start again
SEPTEMBER 12
at ZION in Chisago City!
4:00-6:00 p.m.

Come for FUN! FOOD!
FELLOWSHIP!

Want to help with a donation?
Make checks to your church;
"Community Dinners" on the
memo line.

Want to help with serving or
making bars? Contact your
church office.

THANK YOU!

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Greetings from Luther Point

September 2016

Summer is ending, but the echo of laughter of campers and the splash of water can still be heard at Luther Point Bible Camp. Thirty-two young adults made up our energetic summer staff and shared their stories of faith and lovingly cared for our 900+ summer campers. Family campers enjoyed a week of relaxing, learning and growing in faith. We are thankful for a safe, full and fun-filled summer of Bible camp learning and growing in relationship with our loving God.

These days, we are cleaning up, planning for next year, and celebrating a fantastic summer of ministry. We are welcoming retreat groups to the camp and sharing gracious hospitality. We hope you consider Luther Point when planning your congregational retreats and learning events. We are a dedicated partner in your congregational faith formation and community building.

Luther Point is at an important place in the history of the organization as we plan for the future and freshly imagine our place in the impactful world of outdoor ministry. An important aspect of discerning and planning for the future is taking an honest look at where we are now. This involves listening carefully to all those connected to our ministry. In short, we need to hear from you!

To this end, we are asking if you would give us approximately 10 minutes of your time to complete a survey called The Impact Assessment which will allow you to share your perspectives about Luther Point. It is easy to take and covers topics such as the effectiveness of programming, communication, financial management, and facilities. It will also give you the opportunity to identify priorities for the camp over the next three to five years.

Please take a few minutes to help shape the future of Luther Point, your voice matters. The Survey is online - <https://www.research.net/r/LutherPoint2016>
Thank you for your input!

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

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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, September 11, 10:30am in the Library.

Mission Statement

Gather. Grow. Go.

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

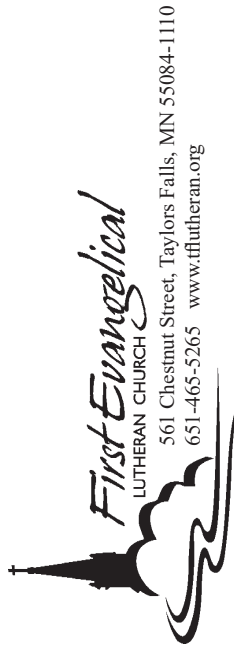
Grow—through the Word of God in faith, understanding, and love with God and
one another;

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

Please send submissions to: parishc@tflutheran.org
Articles Due the 15th of each month.



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