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First Evangelical Lutheran Church



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Where do you see God and the Holy Spirit?

By Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley



“They’re speaking our languages,
describing God’s mighty works!”

Acts 2:11 (NRSV)

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
That’s what we have the privilege of
doing, describing God’s mighty
works! Can you talk about where
you see God working in our
world? Can you talk about how
God’s grace is evident in
Creation? Can you tell someone who
asks you why you go to worship how
God “shows up” in your daily
life? Pentecost is our invitation to do
these things! People heard the
disciples speaking in all different
languages, and wondered what was
going on?

What can we tell them about what
is going on with us? Do we speak of
lovingly prepared funeral lunches for
the families of the beloved departed
among us? Can you share about the
48 students at Taylors Falls

Elementary who went home on
weekends with extra food for the
weekend, for them and their families,
packed every week in our
basement? Can you tell about what
happens in Together with Friends all
summer, or why we send our youth
on mission trips, or why we do
worship once a quarter for the folks
at the Lodge? Can you explain why
we have a racial justice team, and
how we try to live as people of
grace? Can you share how someone
in this congregation has stood with
you when you were in need of
compassion, or can you tell how
you’re trying to grow into that
compassionate kind of person? It’s
about God and Jesus and the Holy
Spirit and us, all mixed up together
into something - explosive! Does it
matter that we are here worshipping
together on Sunday mornings? And
if you don’t know the answers to any
of those questions, talk to some
others around here, and see what you
might learn. Here in the love of the
Spirit, Pr. Mary Kaye

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Yes, you can!!!

Our worship planning team (PMK, Michelle Lynch & Pete Lindgren) meets once a month, on a Tues. morning to pray, discern and plan for our congregational worship. If you have any ideas or would like to serve as part of this group, please let any of us know!

New Member
WELCOME!

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

QUILTERS 

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

SARAH CIRCLE

Sarah Circle will meet **Tuesday, June 6th at 9:30am** and will be hosted by Verna Grover. All are welcome!

June
COUNCIL MEETING

Council will meet again, Sunday June 11th, at 10:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS@FELC

Monday-Tuesday-Friday
8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

GIVING SIMPLY SIMPLYGIVING

Did you know that you can fill out a simple form & have an amount transferred from your bank account to FELC's ministries on a schedule that you choose, (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly)? And that you can change that giving amount, or stop it, just as easily? Look for the Simply Giving cards at the bulletin baskets at our worship entrances, or call the church office for assistance. Consistency in giving helps us plan for all the good things we want to have happen here to share God's love. THANKS for the intentionality & faithfulness of your giving!



Sunday July 2

Please join Don and Darlene Muller for coffee after worship service to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



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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, June 11th at 10:30 am in the Library.

Mission Statement

Gather. Grow. Go.

The mission of FELC is to worship God as an intergenerational community, to learn God's word, and to build lasting relationships as we grow in God's love and grace.

(Mission Statement approved 2017)

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

Please send submissions to: parishc@tflutheran.org
Articles due the 10th of each month.



2016-2017

Council/Officers:

- Don Hansen**—President
- Duane Olson**—Vice President
- Joe Landgreen**—Treasurer
- Gayle Langer**—Secretary
- Riley Linngren**
- Sharna Braucks**
- Rose Anderson**
- Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley**

Financial Secretary
Jerry Rhoads

sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please fill in which days you are willing to cover; or you can speak directly to Michelle Lynch. Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with our children this summer!

Junior and Adult Staff Orientation for Together with Friends: Thursday June 8th 9am to Noon at the Baptist Church. Most applications have been mailed to those who have been a part of the program; OR you may pick one up at church by the mailboxes, or from Michelle Lynch. **Application deadline is June 4th.**

Youth Syrup Sales Wannigan Days Weekend!

For the the first time we will be selling our wonderful maple syrup and other maple confections during Wannigan Days! Sales are taking place in St. Croix Falls Friday - Saturday June 9th-10th; and Taylors Falls Saturday June 10th. Each day will be split up into two shifts. ***We are still in need of Saturday 1-5pm in SCF to be covered with sellers.*** At least one adult and 2 youth. All other shifts have been covered by some great volunteers! Thank you! Money raised is going to help with the final payment of the mission trip.

If you can help please contact Michelle Lynch.



Thanks to Benjamin, Ethan, Jonah and Natalie Landgreen for all your hard work to label the bottles of Maple Syrup!



Jonah Landgreen learns bread baking and about Holy Communion.

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: \$3,114.00

05/01 Giving:	\$2,128.40
5/07 Giving:	\$3,323.00
5/14 Giving:	\$2,107.04
5/21 Giving:	\$2,273.75

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.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Mueller, Don	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.

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

YOUTH, GRADES 6-12 WELCOME!

FLY Schedule

Sunday, June 4th, 9am
Baccalaureate

Honoring our graduates: Each graduate will receive a handmade quilt from the church. Cake & refreshments to follow.

21st Anniversary of Together With Friends will kick off in June!

June 8th

9a Jr. Staff Orientation

June 20th

9a First day of camp at Baptist Church



Mission trip team will present their experience in Worship on Sunday June 18th.

DINNERWithPastor

Last summer, I invited people in unique groups to meet me for ice cream about once a week. It was really fun! This summer, welcome to dinner with the pastor! 6-8 people are welcome to sign up for one of the following six evenings; Sunday, June 4 OR Tuesday, June 6 OR Monday, July 17 OR Tuesday, July 18 OR Thursday, August 17 OR Friday, August 18. Watch for the signup sheet on the bulletin board, or call or email PMK.

You don't need to bring anything, but you can if you want to. Here's what I hope you'll bring; a friend. But sign up & come, friend or no. We'll have a good meal, time to get to know each other, and maybe some valuable sharing about things that matter. (There will be 6 more opportunities over the summer, but please choose one, so I can get to talk to many people. Call or email me, and I'll let you know if the list is full, (and if you want to bring something, let me know that, too.) (And also, please, if you have any food allergies, food intolerances, or strong preferences.) This will be fun!



HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

Parent-child classes for children whose parents would like them to learn about & receive holy communion are scheduled for 2 Mondays, June 5 and June 19, 5p-7p. If you can't come to either or both, talk with Pr. Mary Kaye about scheduling dates when you can come. (*If you can just come to one of those dates, come, and we'll figure out when you can come for the other section of the class.*) Please let PMK know if you're coming, so we have enough materials. (Friends from outside the congregation, with their parents, are welcome, too!)

FREE Child Care

A gift for parents! FREE Child care Looking for unique ways to bless with my time & gifts, and also to get to know families better, here's an offer: 4 hours of free child care to every family with children 14 & under - to be used between now and end 2017. I'll bring crafts &/or games &/books, as you or your children indicate. My schedule is not enormously open, so pipe up soon with an intended date, if you'd like one. I'd prefer not to watch kids sit at computers, play video games, or watch TV or movies, but am happy to bake or cook with them. You know how to find me :) Love, PMK



Are you artistic? Do you like to draw? If you're interested in doing art for our worship guide covers, we'd love to see your work. This invitation is for children, youth, and adults. It could be photography, drawing, or graphics, but needs to be something appropriately related to the Sunday scriptures (starting July 9). You could do one, or many, but we'd need the cover art by 3 Sundays prior, and you need to own the artwork, (meaning you either created it, or have permission to use.) Talk to Pr. Mary Kaye if interested. *Your talents matter!*



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:

Sanora Braucks

Nia Glynn

In memory of Addi Moberg

We will celebrate with a Baccalaureate Service on Sunday

June 4, 2017

with the giving of quilts and a reception with cake and refreshments after worship.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Golf Scramble: Do you need a good excuse to golf? Luther Point fundraiser at Frederic Golf Course on June 5. Check out the flyer on our bulletin board, or register online www.LutherPoint.org



Together With Friends Summer Bible Daycamp Volunteers Needed:

Together With Friends will be at First Lutheran Church the following dates this summer: June 27, 29, July 6 & 11. We will need volunteers to help out with providing and serving the morning snack (usually prep is around 10:30am; Serving approximately 10:50-11:10am then clean up) and also anyone willing to teach the bible lesson for any of those days. There is a

Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 2, 2017

Members Present: Joe Landgreen, Gayle Langer, Pastor Mary Kaye, Don Hansen, , Sharna Braucks
Rose Anderson **Members Absent** Riley Linngren, Duane Olson

A. Opening Prayer- PMK

B. Mission Statement- The mission of FELC is to worship God as an intergenerational community, learning Gods Word, and building lasting relationships as we grow in God's love and grace

C. Strategic Planning-Sharna gave an update of the March 26th strategic session and scheduled one more session following this April 2 session to complete the work.

D. Pastor's Report- Visited 10 households this week,

E. President's Report- Synod Assembly- PMK, Don, Rose, Michelle Lynch indicated that they would be willing to attend the 2 day Synod Assembly meeting in May.

F. Property Committee- Thank-you to Bruce and Kathy on completion of the Fellowship Hall work.

G. Finance Report- Joe distributed the financial summary report. Joe indicated that giving has been less than budgeted, however all bills are paid. The mild winter has helped with utilities. Don will send Joe the Maple sales report so that a transfer may be made to youth account.

H. Other Business- None

Respectfully Submitted, Don Hansen
FELC Council President

May 7, 2017

Members Present: Joe Landgreen, Gayle Langer, Duane Olson Pastor Mary Kaye, Don Hansen, Sharna Braucks, **Members Absent:** Riley Linngren, Rose Anderson

A. Opening Prayer- Don

B. Mission Statement- The mission of FELC is to worship God as an intergenerational community, learning Gods Word, and building lasting relationships as we grow in God's love and grace.

C. Strategic Planning Session -Don will give an summary to congregation on May 14 regarding the Council's 3 day strategic planning sessions and a handout explaining the process and results. On behalf of the the Council will ask for input and volunteers to assist with the 3 events planned for this year which include the Summer Picnic/Ice Cream Social, Harvest Festival, Lefsa making.

D. President's Report-PMK, Don Hansen, Rose Anderson and Michelle Lynch will be attending Synod Assembly the 19th and 20th.. Annual meeting date set for June 25th. A special Council meeting to prepare the 2018 budget was set for May 21 at 11:30.

E. Pastor Report-PMK asked City of Taylors Falls about a sign for First Lutheran Church at the corner of Highways 37 and 20. Joe will follow-up and get a bid for the sign and will get in touch with Caroline for logo. The State of MN has expressed an interest in making a donation for the sign. PMK requested fathers day Sunday as a vacation day and has used her 4 Sundays vacation for 2017. PMK requested the use of one of her 4 Sundays from 2018 for fathers day Sunday. Council consensus approved the vacation day substitution. Communion practice: PMK will provide education sessions for children, with parental consent and involvement, in order for children to receive communion.

F. Property Committee- Spring Cleanup, Thanks to all that helped. Joe and Wendy Szczepanski volunteered to mow the church yard all summer.

G. Finance Report- Joe All bills are current and up to date.

H. Other Business- Council member candidates. Don to call Riley/Duane about continuing with Council. Gayle will contact other members of the nominating committee for new council member candidates.

Respectfully Submitted, Don Hansen
FELC Council President



First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ministry Coordinator

Jun 2017 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				Discipleship Group (2 mo) 5pm - Micro Grant Gustavus		9:30am - Kids on Board
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Baccalaureate Service Pentecost Sunday-WEAR RED! 9am - Worship-Kids on Board 10:15am - Confirmation 5pm - Dinner with Pastor	5pm - Holy Communion Class	Bookkeeper In 10:30am - Staff Meeting				NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
MISSION TRIP				Syrup Disbursement to FLY prep		
9am - Worship 10:30am - Council Meeting	10:30am - Staff Meeting					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9am - Worship	5pm - Holy Communion Class	Bookkeeper In 10:30am - Staff Meeting				
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
9am - Worship 10:15am - FELC Annual Mtg.		Together with Friends@ First 10:30am - Staff Meeting		Together with Friends@ First		